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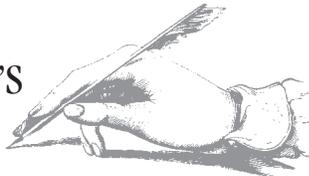
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*A* N OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS/MARBLE CLIFF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Members:

*Fall is upon us! It certainly was a wonderful but warm summer: I, personally, am looking forward to the somewhat warm but comfortable days ahead, when I can open my doors and windows, and enjoy my newly restored wicker! It has been in my family for many years, and is now so beautiful I cannot stop admiring it!*

*Football, girl's tennis and soccer are in full swing, so enjoy a few games this season!*

*The board is still working dutifully! The Archives Committee is in the room at least two days a week and has been plugging along beautifully. Thank you to Win Keller, Jill Kuyper, and Debbie Farynowski who have been constant in their effort! Our goal, remember, is to make it all available to you and the general public!*

*We have also been busy in preparation for our Annual Meeting on October 24. (Please see article in this issue.) We are excited to welcome Tim Sells, descendant of John Sells, founder of Dublin, Ohio. His stories are fascinating! Tim is a wonderful soul and we welcome him to share all he knows! The Board will have donuts and cider available for everyone at the meeting.*

*Welcome to new life members Mr. & Mrs. Daniel (Mary) Ludlum and Floradelle Pfabl.*

*As always, if any of you, or anyone you know, would be interested in either donating your Abstract of Title, or lending it to us for copying, please let one of us know. Abstracts are an invaluable tool for researching. We can have it copied and returned—usually within the same day. If you have any other items you feel would contribute, please contact the Archives Committee, or feel free to email me at [tliberat@wowway.com](mailto:tliberat@wowway.com). We now have a form to complete the process, for our record of donations.*

*Finally, I wish to welcome our newest Board member, Jill Kuyper. We are so very, very happy about the addition to our "family." Jill is 100% behind our efforts and has put in hours of time volunteering. We're so lucky to have her!*

*As usual, comments and questions are always welcome! See you at the Annual Meeting!*

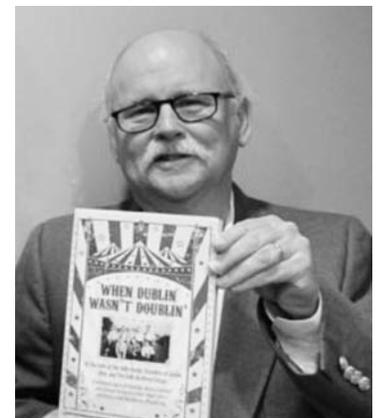
*Sincerely,  
Tracy Liberatore, President*

## Society Annual Meeting to Feature TIM SELLS and *When Dublin Wasn't Dublin*

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society will be Thursday, October 24 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of Grandview Heights Public Library.

Open to the public as always, this year's meeting will double as an offering in the Library's fall programs. A short society business meeting will precede the program.

Tim Sells, author of *When Dublin Wasn't Dublin*, and descendant of John Sells, founder of Dublin, Ohio in 1810, will bring his wealth of story to the evening. "I wrote this book sociologically and economically speaking on the transition from a small village to metropolis," Sells said. "Many small villages lost their flavor and character by osmosis as they were consumed by cities. I wanted to capture what it was like growing up on the banks of the Scioto River"



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## Membership Renewal Time!

Grandview Heights/MarbleCliff Historical Society membership year runs from October 1 through September 30. Annual memberships are renewable now. For your membership status see the mailing label on this newsletter. Life memberships are a convenience for members, and significant support for the society. May we hear from you soon?

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# TOUR DE GRANDVIEW 2013



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Billed as Ohio's Premier Cycling Event, Tour de Grandview attracts an international field of more than 100 professional cyclists to our community each year, as well as cycling enthusiasts and spectators from throughout the Midwest.

Celebrating its 18th year on June 28, 2013 the event is organized by the nonprofit Grandview Community Association with the

support of the City of Grandview Heights and a host of local volunteers and corporate sponsors.

The GCA is a 100% volunteer organization, founded in 2005, that depends on countless residents and business people to put on the races, the street party, the kids' sprints, and all the other events that make the Tour de Grandview such a fantastic event.

## Society Annual Meeting to Feature **TIM SELLS** and *When Dublin Wasn't Dublin*'

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Sells grew up on a family farm where Dublin Friendship Village now stands. Tim was one of eight brothers and his father was one of fifteen children, so siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, adventures and stories abounded. We will hear about Tecumseh, Chief Leatherlips, Revolutionary War heroes, the fabulous Sells Circus, and much more about life in an earlier Dublin.

We will also hear of how the book came to be, "with a little help from friends." Copies will be available (\$20).

Join us to enjoy the program, meet new board members, access society publications, sample cider and donuts, and support Central Ohio's local historical society with the largest membership. Please plan to join or renew on October 24th and help swell the numbers!





## 2013 Home Tour A Great Success



Board members *Jeri Diehl Cusack* and *Ruthanne James* at *Trinity United Methodist Church* atrium.



*GH/MCHS* founder and current board member *Win Keller* welcomes guests to the *Leach* residence. *Susan Studebaker* at the registration table



Reception desk at the *Evans* residence.

Photo credit: *Karen Riggs*

## BOARD MEMBER PROFILE *KENT STUDEBAKER*

The GH/MCHS 2013 House Tour was the impetus for Kent Studebaker to join the Society's board. Kent, Mayor of the Village of Marble Cliff, was intrigued by the Tour's focus on Marble Cliff homes with a connection to Columbus artist George Bellows. Kent worked with the Society, the Grandview Heights Public Library and the Columbus Museum of Art to bring broader public notice to the Society and the Village.

Kent and his wife Susan moved from German Village to Marble Cliff in 1993 with their two sons, Aaron and Colin. Kent and Susan remain in their historic Frank Packard designed home.

Kent grew up on a farm in rural Clark County Ohio. He holds an undergraduate degree from Miami University and graduate degree from Central Michigan University. Kent is retired from professional life, which included positions as staff in the Ohio Senate and an executive with the Ohio State Medical Association, which represents Ohio's physicians. Kent's active involvement in local Village government began with joining Village Council in 1995 and then assuming the role of Mayor in 2009.

## BOARD MEMBER PROFILE *JILL KUYPER*

Grandview Heights has always been my home. My first memory is being picked up for kindergarten in a neighbor's station wagon along with several other children around Palmer Road. It was too long a walk for young children to the kindergarten building on Fairview Avenue. After first to third grade at Robert Louis Stevenson School my family moved to Goodale Boulevard, from which I walked to Edison Elementary through sixth grade, attended Grandview Junior High School, and graduated from Grandview Heights High School.

My teaching career began at Tremont School in Upper Arlington after receiving my B.S. in Education from OSU. I traveled to Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. In 1975 I married my high school classmate, Brian Kuyper. After the arrival of three daughters, Courtney, Erin, and Kellyn, I was able to stay home for several years.

While the girls were still young I taught preschool for several years, and when they were older, I returned to full time teaching at Edison Elementary, where I taught second and then third grade. When the district was restructured, I moved to Stevenson School to teach third grade, the same grade I left as a third grader nearly fifty years before!

I recently retired after teaching thirty-one years. I am currently enjoying reading and exercising, serving on the board of Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society, being a member of Grandview Civic Welfare Club, helping with creating Moment in Time for *Tri-Village News*, and volunteering at the Grandview Library.



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## Victorian Society to Visit Marble Cliff & Grandview

The Annual Fall Study Tour of the Victorian Society in America will be held in Columbus and Mansfield, Ohio on Thursday, October 31 through Sunday, November 3.

Marble Cliff and Grandview are included in the program for Sunday, November 3, which will concentrate on Ohio architect Frank Packard and Ohio author/New Yorker cartoonist James Thurber. Tour guide will be architectural historian Barbara Powers of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.

The group will visit homes in both Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff, where Packard's Arts and Crafts designs represent a significant part of these turn-of-the century suburban communities. GH/MCHS board member and Marble Cliff Mayor Kent Studebaker and board member Wayne Carlson have facilitated the Victorian Society's visit to our communities.

The Victorian Society in America was founded in 1966 as a sister organization to the Victorian Society in the U. K., and is the only national non-profit organization committed to historic preservation, protection, understanding, education, and enjoyment of our nineteenth century heritage.

For more information visit: [www.victoriansociety.org](http://www.victoriansociety.org)

## Help Wanted!

Win Keller of the Archives Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the ongoing project of organizing the GH/MC Historical Society's files. Anyone interested in learning more about this opportunity should contact Win at [winifredkeller@gmail.com](mailto:winifredkeller@gmail.com) or 614-488-9142

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