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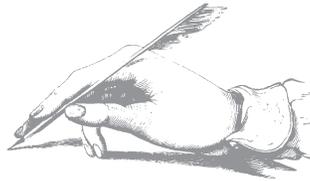
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Society Members and Friends,

I hope all of you had a wonderful fun-filled summer! Soon it will be fall, with its changes of color, students back at school, and football games!

Even though the Board takes a meeting break in July, we have continued the work on many projects. Our annual meeting on Sunday, September 14 is being planned as our last celebratory event in honor of Ohio's Bicentennial. Read all about it in this newsletter! I hope to see everyone there.

Kudos to Wayne Carlson and Tom DeMaria for their presentation at the June luncheon of the Grandview Chamber of Commerce. They challenged Chamber members to become more aware of community history and the work of your Society.

Have you noticed the Bicentennial Community Flag flying at City Hall and the Ohio Bicentennial Banners on Grandview Avenue? These were donated to the city by Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society. Don't they look wonderful!

Recent months have seen several significant donations to our historical archives. We welcome anything, which will add to the record of our community history. See page 3 for a more detailed report on Society activities during 2002-2003.

Welcome to new society members Rosemary Linn Wood of Sylvania, Ohio and Robert Wasner of Upper Arlington!

We always welcome questions or comments. Please feel free to email me at any time: TPENNL@AOL.COM

See you at the annual meeting!

Sincerely,
Tracy Liberatore, President

Society Annual Meeting to Mark OHIO BICENTENNIAL



The Annual Meeting of the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society is planned for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, September 14, in the meeting room of the Grandview Heights Public Library.

We are honored to host as keynote speaker Adena site manager and curator, Mary Ann Brown, who will tell the story of the restoration of the Benjamin Latrobe-designed 1807 Chillicothe mansion of Thomas Worthington (1773-1827), "Father of Ohio Statehood", and Ohio's 5th governor. Ms. Brown has been associated with the Ohio Historical Society site for more than forty years, and is Ohio's most knowledgeable student of Adena and the Worthington family.

The two-year restoration project was completed in time for Adena's reopening on March 1, 2003 as the show-piece of Ohio's Bicentennial Celebration. Today's research technology, along with new archaeological studies and several exciting new discoveries have made it possible to present the mansion and gardens of Adena to visitors in their authentic 1820s appearance.



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Charlie Salzgaber's Story: **THE DEVELOPMENT OF GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS EAST OF GRANDVIEW AVENUE (Part Two)**

(The following is from the Ohio State Journal, February 21, 1933)

*W*hen farmers retire, they usually move to town. But Charles Salzgaber stayed in the commodious house he built 30 years ago at what is now 1192 Grandview Ave., and the life of the city, with its conveniences, its hustle and bustle, came to him.

For "Charlie" was born on a farm on Walcutt Road, since named Grandview Ave. And he married Mary Schwartz, who lived on a neighboring farm, and they went to live in a little frame house of Charlie's fashioning which still stands at 1196 Grandview Ave. [Now many years gone-Ed.] By dint of thrift and hard work, he acquired 20 acres surrounding the original plot.

And through the sale of these within the last 17 years, he's seen the farm and woodland of his memories transformed into the thriving business center and residential district at Grandview and First.

Charlie's land originally extended from what is now Second Ave., to half a block south of First Ave., east to Avondale Ave., and the community business center on the west side of Grandview.

He sold the first portion of his land in 1916, when First Ave. was "cut through" to Grandview. The east portion was the next concession to the encroaching of the city, and in 1921 he sold the four acres on the west side of Grandview Ave., which have since literally brought "town" to his door.

But two plots of land Charlie did not part with. One is the home in which he and his wife still live, and the other is the cozy, three-room little frame house next door to which he brought his bride 47 years ago.

The house boasted only two rooms in those days. Charlie had built most of it himself, and by utilizing every spare moment, and every rainy day that released him from his duties on his truck farm, he managed within a year to add a kitchen and pantry. After 17 years they built the larger and more convenient home next door in which they've lived ever since. Life was picturesque in those days, but it was hard, too, Charlie and Mary reminisced. They well remember the weekly trudge to Broad and Front Sts., where each Saturday Mary exchanged the butter that she had made herself for groceries at the old Kierner store [sic: Koerner, 47 West Broad]. And until 1900, when Station A, RFD No. 2, was made one of the network of rural delivery routes, they called for their mail at the same place.

Every Sunday, Charlie and Mary walked to the old Grace Lutheran Church, formerly situated on Fourth St. between Fulton and Mound. And when St. Mark's Lutheran Church was built at Dennison and Fifth Ave. for the convenience of north end parishioners, the Salzgaber's rejoiced because they'd no longer have to "walk so far" to church.

"Life is easier now, and it's better," they agreed. "And I'm glad that I sold my land to the right people, because see what they've done with it," Charlie said proudly, as he waved a hand to indicate the flourishing Grandview, which since his retirement, has brought "town" to his door.



When Charles Salzgaber built his honeymoon house at what is now 1192 Grandview Ave. it was in the midst of a farm. Now the city surrounds it.

(In Part Three we will continue the story of the Thompson brothers' Northwest Boulevard Addition. If any reader can furnish information about the Willard and Haines families, it will be much appreciated. Please contact *ViewPoints* editor at 279-6665 or email pmooney@columbus.rr.com)



2002-2003 GH/MCHS Report to Members

It's been a busy year! Here are some of the highlights:

- ❑ 2002 Annual Meeting featured Dick and Margie Barrett in "A Visit to Columbus circa 1910" illustrated with historic postcards and photographs from Dick's extensive collection.
- ❑ Board member Wayne Carlson received Educational Excellence Award from Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums for his work in designing, developing and maintaining the GH/MCHS webpage.
- ❑ Society board members participated in "Franklin County, Ohio: Bits and Pieces", an Ohio Bicentennial event sponsored by Columbus Metropolitan Main Library.
- ❑ Joined nearly forty other societies to provide exhibits and information at Franklin County Fairgrounds in celebration of Franklin County Bicentennial.
- ❑ Board members Pat Mooney and Terry Smith wrote chapters on Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff for a book of Franklin County, scheduled for publication in October 2003.
- ❑ Board member Joe Miller represented GH/MCHS at the Arbor Day planting of a Grandview Heights Bicentennial Grove at Wyman Woods.
- ❑ Board members provided resources on the history of the 2003 Columbus Decorator's Show House at 1087 Lincoln Road, which boasted the largest attendance in the history of the event. Board member Tom DeMaria was a speaker at the Show House preview, and was featured in a TV segment about the house.
- ❑ The GH/MCHS historic car in the Grandview Memorial Day Parade hosted Mrs. Laura Titus, representing Gold Star and Blue Star Mothers.
- ❑ Board members Wayne Carlson and Tom DeMaria presented a program at the June luncheon meeting of the Grandview Chamber, highlighting the work of the society, especially in its promotion of the Tri-Village area.
- ❑ GH/MCHS gave the City of Grandview Heights Ohio Bicentennial banners for Grandview Avenue between First and Third and a Bicentennial community flag to fly at City Hall.
- ❑ Longtime board members Win Keller and Lorna "Skip" Karlovec were officially designated "Trustees Emerita."
- ❑ ViewPoints newsletter was published on a regular basis with community sponsorship, and design and production provided gratis by Melissa Rady.
- ❑ Current membership is 169 individuals in 117 memberships, of which 39 are life memberships.
- ❑ Financial statement for FY (1/03 to date) shows total income of \$2113, expenses \$1633, net income \$480. Checking account balance is \$11,396. Note: Less than half the income is from membership dues; the balance is from generous newsletter sponsors.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

Tom DeMaria "officially" moved to Grandview Heights with his wife in 1979, but his history with the community started much earlier. Tom's dad was a heating and cooling industry executive responsible for the acquisition and development of the old Armstrong Furnace and subsequently Magic Chef complex between Third Avenue and Goodale Boulevard. The area is now the Big Bear Warehouse complex. Tom would frequently accompany his father on business trips from his hometown in northern Ohio in the early 1960's and stay in Grandview Heights for extended periods of time during summer breaks from school. When he was recruited by OSU twenty years later he instinctively gravitated back to the community.

Tom has been on board for ten years and is currently GH/MCHS treasurer. He writes the "New Discoveries" column for ViewPoints and has previously chaired the society's home tours. It goes without saying that Tom is a history enthusiast and is most excited by the increasing impact GH/MCHS has on the promotion

of our community. He feels that the website, newsletter, and determination of the board have added new dimensions to the society's mission.

Tom is a Professor of Otolaryngology in the OSU College of Medicine. He is Director of Ear Research and teaches resident physicians and medical students. His primary research interest is middle ear infections in children. In his spare time, Tom also serves as a member of the Grandview Heights Board of Health, runs a tableware matching service named "Grandview Fine Tableware" and enthusiastically studies the pipe organ.

Tom is married to Grandview Heights school board member Kathy Lithgow. Their son Ben is a junior at the College of William and Mary and daughter Becca is junior at Grandview Heights High School.

Tom was recently surprised to learn that he is the senior member of the board and feels that it simply affirms that time really does fly when you are having fun!



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Reminder to Annual Members

Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society membership year runs from October through the following September. You will soon receive a mailing with a membership form for your convenience in renewing your Membership.

Society Annual Meeting... *CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1*

In celebration of the Ohio Bicentennial a state-of-the-art visitor center and museum was built on the Adena grounds, which makes it possible for the first time to exhibit the story of Thomas Worthington and his family and his leadership in battling adverse political forces to create Ohio as the 17th state of the union. Adena can be visited online at www.ohiohistory.org/places/adena/

The Grandview Heights/ Marble Cliff Historical Society annual meeting will also feature “Johnny Appleseed activities” for children, an audiovisual program of excerpts from the society website, a display of historical materials, and 19th century refreshments. The society’s room in the reference section of the library will be open for visitors.

Grandview Avenue/Bank Block habitués should check the “breezeway” display cases for new annual meeting related exhibits.

Plan to be an active member of your society on September 14. Invite a guest! All are welcome!

MANY THANKS

- From GH/MCHS to Lloyd Herd for his recent donation of a priceless trove, including memorabilia from Grandview Heights Public Library, Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Bobcat Boosters, Grandview Heights High School, Grandview Heights 50th Anniversary, and Upper Arlington. The most unique of Mr. Herd’s gifts is a video containing the 1920’s home movies of his uncle, E. Ray Evans, who built many early Grandview and Upper Arlington homes. The video includes a 1988 commentary made by Evans’ daughter, Florence Evans Davis.
- From GH/MCHS to Galen Gonser for his continuing donation of historic photographs.

The Grandview Heights Touchdown Club has recently completed a tower to house the Grandview Heights High School victory bell. The bell was manufactured in the 1880s in Hillsboro, Ohio, but knowledge is lacking about its acquisition by the TDC about forty years ago. Can our readers provide any information?

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