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## History is Our Story, and Our Story is Your Story

Dear Members,

Hard to believe the Summer of 2023 is nearing its end and that many students are heading to school! With that comes a new set of local activities and events in which to engage and celebrate. Many will contribute to our **communities' stories**.

In this edition, you can:

- register to attend ***Stauf's Java Journey*** on September 12, as we highlight Stauf's 35 years in business at the Society's Annual Meeting.
- discover how **students learn about and share our local history**.
- learn how to **join the Society's board** as a Trustee.
- read a ***Moment in Time*** gleaned from the Society's archives (*Moment In Time Revisited*).
- **volunteer** to help frame the Society's **50th Anniversary celebration** in 2024.
- join us in **thanking all who supported** the Society's recent ***Poker on the Avenue***.

Many Society resources are accessed through both the Society's website at [www.ghmchs.org](http://www.ghmchs.org) and the **Society's digital collection** online [here](#).

Again, thank you for your continued support and being part of our story.

Kent Studebaker  
President

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# Enjoy Some Coffee With A Slice of History



Join us on Tuesday, September 12 to learn about **Stauf's history as Columbus' first micro roaster** and how their business has changed in 35 years at their original Grandview Heights location (in the nationally-recognized Bank Block building).

**Free admission** and refreshments (including delicious Stauf's coffee). Seats are limited, so **registration is required [here](#)**

**Mark Swanson**, President of Stauf's Coffee Roasters and Cup O' Joe, will be the **featured speaker**.

This event, which starts at 6:30 pm, is hosted by the Society as our Annual Meeting.

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## Students of History



History is a main subject in a student's curriculum. The classroom is routinely where most of us learn the history of our world, nation, and community. However, **history can be learned in different settings**. Following are **local examples** of how the Society has supported learning about the history of our communities.

### Third Grade Walkabout

Former Grandview Heights elementary teacher and current Society Trustee, Jill Kuyper, shared insights into the **Grandview Heights walkabouts** that

are part of the third-grade social studies curriculum.

"The walks are not anything like the walkabouts of the Australian Aboriginal Society in either scope or intent, although some students think the walks are much longer than they ever imagined. In preparation for the walks, **students study maps, read about the history of people and places in Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff**, view a slideshow, watch the Tri-Village segment of [WOSU's Columbus Neighborhoods](#), and watch "Grandview 101" (see below).

The culminating events are two morning walks led by classroom teachers equipped with megaphones. One walk focuses on the **Bank Block** and the second covers as **much of Goodale Blvd. and Marble Cliff** as possible. Dry throats and tired feet are sometimes remedied by parents providing rest stops along the way complete with water and a possible snack. These walkabouts **help eight and nine-year-old children realize how Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff came to be.**"

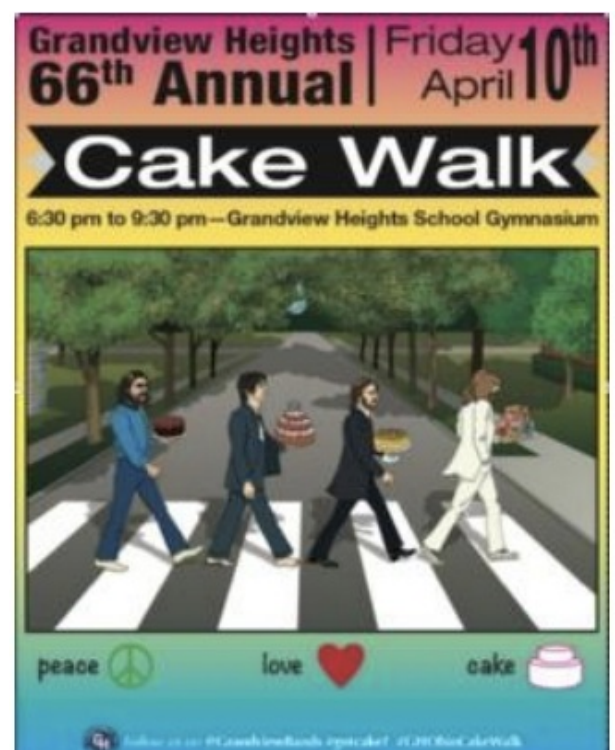
## Grandview 101

Grandview 101 is a video developed by **Edison Intermediate School students** under the direction of teachers Tami Biandudi, Jean Gartland, and Marc Alter, and with input from the Society. This **oral history** features individual vignettes including: community history, school history, Grandview Heights traditions, Bobcat athletics, and "what makes Grandview unique." The students used Society resources as source material, developed all content, and narrated and starred in the production. The video also features cameo appearances by former Grandview Heights Schools' teachers and staff. The 30-minute video can be viewed by clicking [here](#).



## A Young Local Historian

Meghan Watters begins her 2019 book, ***Keeping Tradition Alive in Grandview Heights: A 70-Year History of the Cake Walk***, with a *TriVillage News* (11/11/48) article, "Did You Ever See A Cake Walk?". In the article, local citizens "were invited to share in the fun at the Cake Walk in the Grandview High School Auditorium, November 22, 1948, at 8:00 pm....The entire family will enjoy the fun and the delicious homemade cakes you may win." The Cake Walk has remained the "social event of the season" to this day, sponsored by the Grandview Band Parents Association, with music provided by Grandview Heights School Bands.



Meghan (Grandview High School 2020 alum) **created the book as a Girl**

**Scout Gold Award project.** A feature article on Meghan's book can be read in a past Society newsletter [here](#). Her paperback book and Kindle versions are available on [Amazon](#). In her narrative on Amazon, Meghan states a reason for her project, "I also want to promote the idea that history is an important part of who we are as a community – it defines us and shapes our future."

## History Walks: Kid's History Hike

The tour, one of 11 available in the free [History Walks](#) app, is **designed especially for children to understand how Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff, and the people living in these communities, have changed over time.** The tour was developed through a collaboration of the Society, Grandview Heights Public Library, and Grandview Heights Schools.

Grandview Heights High School (GHHS) students Les Campbell and Luke Clark Moody provided narration, GHHS student Meeks Reese was the audio engineer/producer. Additional narration was provided by Jenni Betz. The tour is enjoyable for both children and adults. **You can access the tour [here](#).**



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## We Want You... To Join the Society Board

**Want to learn more** about Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff and **help preserve our communities' heritage?**

Responsibilities of a Trustee include:

- attend a monthly Board meeting
- assist with Society events
- lead one Society activity/effort
- promote the Society's mission

An in-depth knowledge of Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff history is not essential; however, an interest in **learning about our communities' history** is important. Computer proficiency is required. Trustees must join the Society (if not already a member) and **serve a three-year term.**

**If you are interested** in becoming a Trustee, please send an expression of interest, contact information, and a short summary of your background to Kent Studebaker, President, at [ghmchs@gmail.com](mailto:ghmchs@gmail.com) by September 8, 2023.

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# *A Moment In Time Revisited*

## Robert Louis Stevenson 3rd Grade Opera

The 3rd grade class from Stevenson Elementary presented an original opera entitled *Choices, Changes, Rearranges* on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 in the school auditorium. Their opera was written to celebrate Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff history, and



the setting was the Grandview Library. The title reinforces the concept that choices people made yesterday affect our lives today and the choices we make today can affect tomorrow. All 71 students created and participated in the multimedia presentation which included original songs, a slide show, and various dance routines. Operas and operettas are a long-standing tradition at R.L. Stevenson Elementary School dating back to the school's opening in 1927 when they were used as fundraisers.

*Moment in Time* - reprint from May 31, 2007

To see the Society's collection of *Moment in Time*, [click here](#).

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## Thank You for Supporting Poker on the Avenue



On July 20, 48 individuals attended the Society's *Poker on the Avenue* event. At each of four Grandview Avenue businesses (Visual Comfort & Co., Sorrell & Co., The Avenue Steak Tavern, and Trattoria Roma) participants enjoyed themed treats, fellowship, received a sealed

poker card, and learned a bit of local history. The evening was capped off with prizes awarded for winning poker hands.

**Thanks to sponsors: Visual Comfort & Co., Sorrell & Co., K.A. Menendian Rug Gallery, and Fourth Home.** And to volunteers: Liz Arndt, Jodie Bair, Mike and Elizabeth Bockbrader, John Brooks, Ron Cameron, Wayne Carlson, Janet Mangini, Kevin McAllister, Kevin Readey, Becky Ryan, Don and Debbie Sisinger, Molly Tanner, Brad Williams, and the staff

of Visual Comfort & Co.

The evening was also supported with contributions from The Avenue Steak Tavern, The Ohio Taproom, Grandview Theater and Draffhouse, and EstateAffairs.

Special thanks to the evening's planners Kim Sides, Joanie Veri and Teri Williams.



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## Help the Society Prepare for a 50th Anniversary Celebration

Help prepare for Society's 50th Anniversary in 2024 by **volunteering now** to join the **organizing committee**. The committee is **creating a plan for the Society's golden anniversary**. To participate, please e-mail the Society at [ghmchs@gmail.com](mailto:ghmchs@gmail.com) with your name and contact information.



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