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

Dear Members,

We're thrilled to **kick off 2024 with some exciting news**. Our logo now acknowledges a significant Society event - **our 50th anniversary!** We're gearing up for a **celebration starting in May**, the same month the Society was officially established in 1974. **Keep an eye out for updates** on all the exciting activities we have planned.

In this edition, we invite you to:

- Learn about **an inspiring project by students** at Grandview Heights High School (GHHS) in collaboration with our Society.
- Join us in celebrating another significant anniversary as the **Grandview Heights Public Library (GHPL) turns 100!**
- Find out how you can become a Society Trustee.
- Enjoy a **glimpse into history** with our "Moment In Time Revisited" feature, drawn from our archives.
- **Volunteer** to help shape and frame our Society's **50th Anniversary** celebration in 2024.

We want to **express our gratitude** to members whose support is invaluable to us. A **thank you to Diana Arthur, Mark Corna, Norman Essey, Janet Foss, Annette Guy, Bill and Robin Hall, A.K. Pierce, and Leslie Woodruff for their generous donations**. We also extend a **special thanks to Mike and Sharon Curtin for their Benefactor level donation** in 2023. Your support provides us with the resources we need to share our story.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support and for being a part of our journey.

**Kent Studebaker**  
President

# **GHHS Cold Case: Society's Showcase Sparks Student Interest**



**What's happened to the large wooden showcase filled with Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff history which adorned the school's main hallway for many years? It's been relocated to the high school's second-floor study area, marking the inception of a new student project.**

## **GHHS students**

**Keelyn Stackhouse (above left) and Maura Yates (above right) recognized that many students were unaware of the history of our two communities. With the assistance of GHHS faculty Marc Alter (Explore Program Director), Society archivists Debbie Farynowski and Jill Kuyper, and Trustee Emeritus Tom DeMaria, the two students intend to showcase people, events, and decisions that have helped shape our communities. Their first display highlights the history of Grandview Heights High School.**

Keelyn, an 11th grader, reflects, "This project is interesting to me because I get to learn new facts about the city that I didn't know before. It's like story time when Maura and I discover all of these surprising and fun facts about Grandview Heights." She emphasizes the importance of sharing the city's history with her peers, ensuring it isn't forgotten.

Maura, a 9th grader, shares Keelyn's sentiment,

expressing, "I was interested in this project because I love history, but didn't know much about Grandview Height's history. Throughout this project I have just scratched the surface of the stories that go along with our town." Together, the students' goal is to help fellow students realize the part history plays in the creation of a community.





During the process, Maura invited University Archivist for The Ohio State University (and Grandview Heights parent) Tamar Chute to meet with the group, to give feedback and advice on how to refine the display (photo above right).

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## ***A Moment In Time Revisited*** **Supporting the Community and Beyond**



These **GHHS senior girls** were photographed after volunteering to process gas ration booklets during WWII, and were featured in the **September 19, 1944 edition of the Columbus Dispatch**. Pictured are (front left to right) Peggy Gammill, Shirley Close, Angela McGrath, and Pat Donovan, and (back) Shirley Ann Arthur, Judy Cash, and Ann Devlin. Unbeknownst to these students **the picture and their home addresses were**

**also published in the Columbus Dispatch Service Edition**, which was mailed to combat troops from Franklin County. All of the young **women received a deluge of letters** from soldiers, sailors, and marines from all over the world. None of the letters reportedly contained any marriage proposals. However, Judy Cash received the official title of "Dream Girl of the 163rd Company", a company of seamen from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois.

*Moment in Time* - reprint from October 21, 2008

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

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## **Join Us in Preparing for** **Our 50th Anniversary Celebration!**

As we commemorate this significant milestone, we are **calling for volunteers to join us in various celebratory activities** throughout the year. Whether it's the Society's participation in the Memorial Day Parade, GHPL Music on the Lawn, or Holiday in the Heights, there's an opportunity for you to get involved.

**To sign up and become a part of our volunteer team**, simply shoot us an email at [\*\*\*ghmchs@gmail.com\*\*\*](mailto:ghmchs@gmail.com). Don't forget to include your name and contact information, and let us know if you have events with which you're interested in helping.

We'd love to have you join us in making the celebration of our 50 years

memorable!

## Grandview Heights Public Library Celebrates 100 Years

The Grandview Heights Public Library (GHPL) celebrates 100 years of serving the community in 2024!



In June 1924, the library opened their doors in a room in the Grandview Heights

High School. After moving to four different rented sites on First Avenue, the library moved to the present location in September 1936. The original building (shown above) was built with WPA funds on land donated by George Cambridge Urlin, one of the founding fathers of Grandview Heights. Learn more about the library's history at [ghpl.org/100](https://ghpl.org/100).

To commemorate this milestone birthday, the library will be kicking off the 38th Annual Music on the Lawn summer concert series with the dedication of a **new permanent outdoor pavilion** and **site improvements** to their east lawn, drive-thru, parking, and pedestrian pathways.

The library and the Society are also inviting the entire community to commemorate both their 100th and 50th anniversaries, respectively, with a **new collaboration!**

**You are invited to share your photos** with captions/recollections of your cherished memories and unforgettable experiences at the library throughout the years.



Library staff and Society archivists will use **selected photos** as part of a **new digital GHPL Historical Timeline** created by the library and the Society. This timeline will be added to the existing digital touchscreen (along with our current collaborative timelines) on the library's second level. Online access will also be available from the library's digital

Local History collection at [ghpl.org/localhistory](https://ghpl.org/localhistory).

Join us in **preserving the stories and memories** that have shaped our community and will inspire generations to come. Email your photos with captions/recollections to [pr@ghpl.org](mailto:pr@ghpl.org). You can also **bring** physical photos to

the library for staff to scan and return to you.

**Submit your photos and memories today.** Together, let's create a commemorative collection that not only honors the past but also celebrates the enduring legacies of the library and the Society.

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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 and desirability?**

Responsibilities of a Trustee include:

- attend a monthly Board meeting
- assist with Society events
- lead at least 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 be a Society member and **serve a three-year renewable term (or the remainder of an unexpired 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).



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