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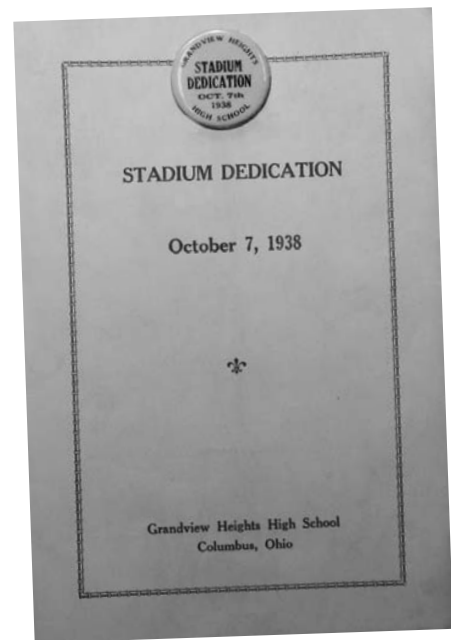
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## From the Archives The Tiniest Items

by Terry Smith



*I*n *ViewPoints* December 2005 this column ended with “Next Issue: The Tiniest Items in Our Collection.” Here at last, pictured above are: Black Mask pin (GHHS drama club) and a class ring, both from Edna Waterman ‘24; a small tennis medal, a badminton medal, and (below) a Grandview Stadium dedication pin attached to an original Dedication Program from Fall, 1938.



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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Members,

Happy Holidays! I love these times: Very demanding but well worth it. I love having my family over for the holiday meals, seeing all those dishes (not so fun but they do mark the occasion), and laughing together at past holidays' events. Sometimes, we just sit around the table for a long time and remember things and giggle endlessly. Our family has carried on traditions from our parents, and their parents. I hope you consider doing the same, and making your own traditions to be carried on!

I want to alert you to a few items the Society will be involved with in the Coming months:

- **Holiday Sales:** We will again be selling book bundles, single publications, and historical playing cards at the Grandview Heights Public Library. Be checking the library website and this newsletter for dates. Many of our items are already wrapped, ready for giving, which is very handy. The playing cards make a great stocking stuffer!
- **Bank Block Breezeway:** Be checking the breezeway for updates. Plans have been made to spruce up the permanent case (which features Bank Block history) and to add additional items to the Urlin display case as well. The remaining two display cases will be totally redone with new and interesting items.
- **Society Room at Library:** Plans have begun to redesign and refile all of our collections for easier access and research. Jeri Diehl Cusack is heading up this effort and we are looking forward to it! Appointments can be made with a board member to view collections.
- **Grandview Heights High School:** If you were unable to attend the Society's annual Meeting in October, we encourage you to visit the high school to see wonderful improvements. The Society display case is in the front lobby, directly to your right as you enter. Class composites from the early decades have been matted and framed and are on the walls. They are wonderful!

As always, I welcome your comments, questions or suggestions at any time. Feel free to Email me at [tliberat@wowway.com](mailto:tliberat@wowway.com) or visit our website where there is a general mailbox link.

Happy Holidays!

Tracy Liberatore  
President

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A more recent donation from Nancy Walter includes a nail from the Urlin Mansion, pictured with newspaper ad and photo of 1945 razing.

### Recent Collections Received:

- *Roy Obnsman, GHHS '25:*  
*Scrapbook and other ephemera.*

Roy was from one of the earliest families to locate in Grandview. He was a fine athlete, particularly a baseball pitcher. After high school he married Anna Parker GHHS '26. Anna passed away in December 2008 at age 101. Their daughters, Barbara, GHHS '54 and Nancy, GHHS '58 generously donated an assortment of memorabilia. The collection includes a 1928 summer baseball league trophy and a 1925 class composite.

- *Keitz Scrapbooks:*

Bob Keitz, GHHS '39, died this past spring and his widow, Jean, donated his scrapbook, which basically covers the football year 1938.

Bob's brother, Don Keitz, GHHS '43, also donated his scrapbook of sports articles from the 1942-43 era.



- *Jeanne Jones Holder Scrapbooks:*

Jeanne has previously donated a number of scrapbooks from her mother Alleyne Higgs Jones, GHHS '22. We recently received 1940s sports and school activities material from Jeanne's personal scrapbooks. Of particular interest is a copy of her mother's 1913 promotion certificate from the Primary Department to the Junior Department of the Congregational Sunday School (predecessor of First Community Church). In 1913 the church was still meeting at the old Harding School, now the site of the former Grandview Kindergarten building. Also of interest is an original Order of Worship from the 1924 dedication of the new First community Church, and a number of interesting photos.

All of the above collections have been indexed and archived. Material from each of these collections will be used in future Moment in Time features in *ThisWeek Grandview* as well as in *ViewPoints*.

- *The Bobcat:*

From the high school we have received two bound volumes of the Grandview Heights High School newspaper, *The Bobcat*, from the years 1947-1961. There are also two photographs, one from the 1920s and the other showing 12 girls from the class of 1947 in varsity football uniforms, an idea conceived by Miss Emily Peterson, longtime Grandview girls' athletic advisor. Also included are photos of the high school building under construction in 1922-23 and information concerning the closing of the 1919 school year 6 weeks early due to the Spanish flu pandemic that year.

- *Barbara Campbell Durant, GHHS '43:*

The Grandview Heights Alumni Association recently received a letter detailing Barbara's 35-year professional career as a violinist with the Los Angeles Symphony. Barbara's classmates were delighted but not at all surprised to hear of her many accomplishments. Barbara's parents were the chauffeur and cook for the G. Edwin Smith family at 1179 Fairview Avenue. Receipt of this letter prompted research into the Smith family, and revealed a granddaughter living in Prescott Place in Marble Cliff. From her we have received copies of a 50th anniversary booklet of the G. Edwin Smith Shoe Company, as well as a pamphlet honoring the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Columbus YMCA. Other items include a Smith family photo taken inside the Fairview home, as well as a drawing of G. Edwin Smith that hung for many years over the bar at Scioto Country Club. A future *ViewPoints* article on the Smith family will outline the many accomplishments of this distinguished former Grandview resident.

## Grandview Civic 90th Anniversary

Happy 90th Birthday to Grandview Civic Welfare Club, the longest continuously operating community organization in the Tri-Village area! At the club's monthly meeting on October 13 Grandview Mayor Ray DeGraw proclaimed the day "Grandview Civic Welfare Day." Founded in September 1920 by eleven Grandview women, the current membership of 80-plus contributed more than \$6,000 this year in cash and in kind donations to various community projects.

## Touchdown!

A new feature on the Society website sports a historical record of GHHS football, including the score of every game played from 1915 through 2007. Compiled by Grandview area resident Rich Perrine, who has spent the past four years compiling a historic record of Central Ohio football, Grandview data are accessed by clicking on "GHHS Football Statistics" at [ghmchs.org](http://ghmchs.org).



## 2009-2010 GH/MCHS Report to Members

### Highlights of a year of special accomplishments!

- GH/MCHS Annual Meeting, "Celebrating Our Schools," at Grandview Heights High School October 3, 2010 featured the recently completed Society Historical Showcase and decades of restored and remade graduation class composite photographs. Both projects were the culmination of several years of work by the society, school leaders and students, and community volunteers.



Tracy Liberatore, Joan Klitch, Ruthanne James, and Jeri Diehl Cusack, at 1163 Broadview Avenue.

- Tour of Homes 2010, On Mother's Day, May 10, was an immensely successful event. More than 500 area residents, friends, and family turned out on a brisk and brilliant afternoon to take the trolley, ramble Broadview Avenue, renew acquaintances, remember the past, and explore four fascinating historic residences. Many thanks to all who helped with this triennial event, our major fundraiser.



Wayne and Pam Carlson at 1179 Broadview Avenue.

- The society maintained its visibility at summer community events through the dedication of Win Keller, Jeri Diehl Cusack, Ruthanne James, Karen Riggs and Tracy Liberatore.
- Officers for 2009-2010 were Tracy Liberatore, President; Wayne Carlson, Vice-president; Jane Harris, Secretary, and Tom DeMaria, Treasurer. Other Board members were Jeri Diehl Cusack, Ruthanne James, Win Keller, Sally Kosnik, Patrick Mooney, and Karen Riggs. While ex officio, former Board Member Terry Smith continues as volunteer archivist of new collections.
- Several important donations of historical materials were received during 2009-2010. (See article this issue.)
- Wayne Carlson and Tom Demaria continued their popular photo feature, "Moment in Time," in *ThisWeek Grandview*.
- Publication of *ViewPoints* and the Home Tour booklet continued under Patrick Mooney's editorship. We are again grateful to Grandview resident Melissa Rady for her in kind donation of layout and production.
- Treasurer DeMaria reports the Society in excellent financial health. Several large anonymous "Benefactor" donations were received this year. These helped fund such major projects as the high school display case and graduation class composite photographs.
- Membership Chair Karen Riggs reports a current membership of 171 individuals, in 70 Annual and 60 Lifetime/Benefactor memberships. New Lifetime Members for the year were Lilian Glazier, Marjorie Schloss, and Jane Davis Gladwin. In addition to a strong contingent of members in central Ohio, our members live in Indiana, California, Florida, Maine, Texas, Washington, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, and South Carolina.

## Rooks Fund High School Media Center Renovation

Members of The Brotherhood of the Rook, a former Grandview Heights High School fraternity, founded in 1915 and ended in 1961 when high school fraternities were banned in Ohio, recently continued their long history of community support by funding the renovation of the high school media center. Funds remaining from the 1960s sale of the Rooks former club house were provided to the high school for upgrading the former library. A new floor and ceiling were installed, a wall moved to provide more appropriate space for today's technology, and a new

multipurpose room created. Improvements also included a new circulation desk and an informal read and study area for students. During its history, more than 500 GHHS students were members of The Brotherhood of the Rook. A reception at the high school in early October gave former Rooks an opportunity to see the results of their contribution, which will benefit many students in the years ahead. Community members are welcome to check in at the school office and take a look at the new media center.



## BECOME A MEMBER

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## A Nod to Nog

The following appeared in *The Community News* of December 29, 1922. (The *Community News* was the community's first weekly newspaper, published by First Community Church.)

Here are some beverages which will give the finishing touch to your New Year's celebration, harmless though they be.

### George Washington Egg-Nog

Three quarts of milk, one dozen eggs, one and one-fourth pound finely powdered sugar. Use any desired flavoring. Mix sugar and egg yolks to a cream, then add stiffly beaten whites and milk. Make and use the same day.

### Mock Champagne

Slice a large lemon and bruise an ounce of ginger root. Pour two quarts boiling water over this and stand it away until cooled to a blood heat. Add an ounce of tartaric acid and half a cake of yeast. Put in sun for a day and at night put in bottles and fasten the corks down with wire. It will be ready for use in two or three days. Serve with cracked ice.

## Holiday Sales

Society publications, in pre-wrapped bundles and separately, including historical scene playing cards, will be available for your holiday giving at Grandview Heights Public Library on Saturday, December 18 and Monday, December 20, from 1:00 to 4:30 each day.

Thanks to Board members Ruthanne James and Jeri Diehl Cusack for heading this project. Items can be ordered anytime by calling Ruthanne at (614) 486-6456.

## Membership Renewal Time!

Annual members who have not responded since receiving a recent reminder mailing are asked to renew their relationship with the Society for the 2010-2011 membership year.

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