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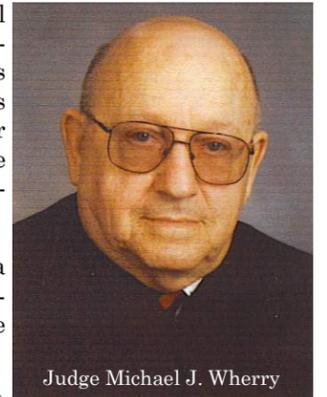
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Judge Wherry and Committee Make 6th Annual Banquet Another Success

Skip Sample and the banquet committee did a wonderful job at making the 6th annual banquet another roaring success. Tom Armour filled the role of master of ceremonies as well as creating the placemats that contained various views of Grove City's past. Tom also created brochures for the upcoming "The Way We Were," a book about Grove City. Martha St. John and Ginny Filer took care of registration and tickets.



Judge Michael J. Wherry

The evening began at the Historical Society building for a Wine and Cheese reception. The directors prepared delicious hors d'oeuvres and Skip Sample provided the wine for the 56 attendees.

Following the reception, the banquet commenced at East Main Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall. After the wonderful catered dinner, the 102 members and guests were entertained by the Carmen Singing Group. The highlight of the evening was when Judge Michael J. Wherry (35th Judicial District) spoke on the topic of Grove City: The Way It Was After the First World War.

The six retiring directors were presented with aluminum plates engraved with their names and dates of service. Anita DeMarco was honored for her service to the society with a bronze bowl. A special aluminum plate was presented to Judge Wherry and each of the Carmen members received an aluminum Christmas ornament. All of the awards were made at Armour's Aluminum Workshop by Tom Armour with help by John Sample and Jim Vincent.

A wonderful time was had by all and plans are already being made to make next year's banquet even better than before.

The Museum Shoppe is now selling Central School bricks which have a photo magnet of the school that was built in 1900.

The bricks were donated by Bernie and Barb Shaffer. These would make a great gift or souvenir for anyone who attended Central School. The bricks are being sold for \$10.00 each.



Congratulations!

To our newsletter editor, Debbie St. John and husband Steve on the birth of their daughter. Laural Elisabeth Noelle was born on April 29, 2005. Laural is now 9 pounds, learning to smile and is the youngest member of the society!

The organizing of the wedding photo collection from Paul (Dusty) Rhoads is nearing completion. Darlene Shaner and Madeleine McBride have been working for months to sort and arrange the photos alphabetically by the brides maiden name. The collection is on display at the Historical Society in the library. Come see all the different bridal gowns worn by area brides over the years.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP ENSURES OUR SUCCESS

Make Checks Payable To: Grove City Area Historical Society

To join or renew your membership, please send your payment along with your name, address, phone number and email address to the Grove City Area Historical Society.

Founding and Life Memberships are payable over 3 years.

DONATIONS:

\$	_____
Student / Senior	\$10.00
Individual	\$20.00
Family	\$40.00
Corporate	\$250.00
Life	\$500.00
Founding	\$1,000.00

GCAHS is a tax exempt charitable 501c3 organization. All membership contributions are tax deductible to the extent of the law. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PLEASE CIRCLE: new member renewal change of address

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THERE IS A HEAVEN FOR VOLUNTEERS

Many will be shocked to find when the judgment nears; There's a special place in Heaven set aside for VOLUNTEERS;

Furnished with big recliners, satin couches, and footstools,
Where there's no Committee Chairman, no group leaders, no car pools,

No eager team that needs a coach, no bazaar and no bake sale.
There will be nothing to staple not one thing to fold or mail,

Telephone lists will be outlawed, but a finger snap will bring
cool drinks and gourmet dinners and rare treats fit for a King.

WHO'LL SERVE THOSE PRIVILEGED FEW AND WORK FOR
ALL THEY'RE WORTH?

WHY — ALL THOSE REAPED THE BENEFITS AND NOT ONCE
VOLUNTEERED ON EARTH.

...Author Unknown

Thanks to some of our current volunteers:

CATHY YOUNGO is currently abstracting and recording the names of the new births in Grove City.

BONNIE FEIGHTNER is currently abstracting and recording the death records of local residents.

BECKY MOORE is abstracting and recording the sports photos and information about the athletic achievements of our residents.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- Abstract and record all local anniversary info.
- Abstract and record all bridal info
- Abstract and record all 1st year photos.

This work can be handled in the comfort of your home. The follow-up can be handled at the Society Building.

Building Committee Report

On April 18, 2005, GCAHS received a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$9000. The society thanks Sen. Bob Robbins and Rep. Dick Stevenson very, very much for their help in securing the grant. The money was used to cover some of the cost of replacing 17 double hung windows with screens, three large plate glass Low E windows in the library and the trimming of these. We were also able to complete the rear handicapped entrance with sub-flooring and ramp, finish flooring and wall coverings. The total cost of these improvements was \$27,204.32. After the grant money, the balance was paid from donations made to the society, memberships and our savings account. We feel that these were important improvements to our building and are excited to have them completed. John K. Moon Builder was the contractor for this project. There are still seven windows that need installed and trimmed and it would be ideal to have this done before winter. Donations toward this important project would be very much appreciated.

Grove City Area Historical Society (GCAHS) is asking people in their 70s, 80s or beyond who grew up or spent a good part of their lives in the Grove City area to share their memories of what it was like in the first half of the 20th century.

GCAHS has a good collection of historical artifacts. Contributions of memories can complement and greatly enrich these artifacts. Memories, such as what your mother cooked for dinner when you were a kid, the games you played, or the general routine of life 50 or more years ago are important to the proper understanding of the history of the community. The society is looking for memories of daily life, leisure and recreation, work and jobs, school and education, church and religion, and downtown.

Contact the historical society by mail at P.O. Box 764, 11 College Ave., Grove City, by e-mail at gcahs@zoominternet.net.

Neurology Report

Sympathy is extended to the families of:

*Robert L. St. John ~ March 22, 2005 ~
Life Member*

*Dr. Ronald P. Renouf ~ April 2, 2005 ~ son
of Mrs. Letha Cimblin ~ Senior Member*

*Miss Betty McCracken ~ April 7, 2005 ~
Senior Member*

*David L. Filer ~ May 24, 2005 ~ Senior
Member*

*"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love
leaves a memory no one can steal" ~ from a headstone
in Ireland*

GRANDPA'S DRUG PROBLEM

My generation just might have been lucky. I had a "drug" problem when I was young, but I turned out all right anyway.

- * I was drug to Church
- * I was drug to family reunions
- * I was drug out of bed in the early morning
- * I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful
- * I was drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents.

Those "drugs" still run through my veins and they affect my behavior, everything I do, say or think.

Signed: Grandpa

The Way We Were Nearing Completion

The Publications Committee of the Grove City Area Historical Society is getting ready to send *The Way We Were* to the printer. The committee has been meeting weekly for more than a year to produce a beautiful hardback book of photos and text. When Society President Tom Armour approached Lillian Reynolds Reeher about this project, she agreed to undertake it, only if she could choose a committee. "That committee has turned out to be the joy to work with I initially anticipated," she said. "They are dedicated to saving the area's history, and are not afraid of hard work. We all have a sense of humor, and that makes the time fly," she added. Members of the committee are all members of the society and include: Armour, Donald Beightol, Willie Caldwell, Ed and Jean Carlson, and John Hummel, in addition to Reeher.

The group have sorted more than 800 photos and come up with about 250 which show various aspects of the community from founding until the 1960s. Most of the pictures have not been published before, and much of the text is fresh and new. Sepia tone photos will add to the book's vintage look.

The text will include inspirational quotes, an index, and a time-line. In addition. Don Beightol, former Public Works Manager and Fire Chief, has researched and mapped local schools and mines. Because Nathan DePew of Earth Sun Moon has offered Curt Hazlett's help with page design, this volume will be especially attractive and one that those who take pride in the area will be very proud to own and to give as gifts.

There is opportunity for patrons to get involved and receive recognition within the book. There is also opportunity for people to memorialize deceased friends and relatives. "Everyone should be eager to help with this project," Dr. Armour said. Grove City is a very special place to live. The efforts of the Publications Committee are directed towards saving all the information that has been given them.

As the book says, "The images in this album are symbols of Grove City as that "good place to live." Whether depicting work or leisure, schools or churches, wars or celebrations, these pictures are about people, the young and the old in our sight, or in our memories. And especially, this book is about those people who before us, worked in and on this community, giving it and us, like the pine tree, roots, diversified branches in balance with each other and the global community, and like those who have come before us, the ability to reach for the sky.

"To all of those who have given all of us the gift of community, and to all of those who have shared their very personal images of it, we dedicate this album and hope you enjoy it as much as we have enjoyed watching it grow."

From time to time town people have asked us, "What is it you would like for the Society?" That is a good question so here is a list of some items, (suggestions?)

Grove City High School and Grove City College Yearbooks & Grove City College Alumni Yearbooks. Class pictures from grade school and reunions. One room school pictures and their history. Photo's from around the area, family reunions and weddings.

Old toys, hats, coats, dresses, suits and military uniforms or military paraphernalia. Articles that were given out by businesses in Grove City and the townships such as key chains, license plate holders, pot holders, thermometers, etc. Old calendars and phone books, R. L. Polk Directories, church photographs and directories.

Pictures or memorabilia from Grove City area parades, festivities, etc.

You may have items that are not listed but you think we might like. Please feel free to come in and ask us or call us at 724-458-1798.



A special thank-you to Jon Baker for creating our current window display from his collection of American military items.

We invite **YOU** to assist in the continuing development of the GCAHS! Remember the Society in the following ways:

- **BECOME A LIFE OR FOUNDING MEMBER**
- **ADD THE GCAHS TO YOUR WILL OR LIVING TRUST**
- **MAKE A DONATION TO ASSIST IN OUR PROGRESS**
- **VOLUNTEER YOUR SERVICES**

We invite you to meet one or two of these challenges. Please make your donation so that the important task of preserving our heritage can continue!