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.

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 Samp 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.
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