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# The Grove City Area Historical Society Newsletter

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## Reaching Out



In any organization one of the most important aspects of public relations is reaching out to the community. Letting the community know what is available at the Grove City Area Historical Society is one of our major challenges. Inviting individuals and/or groups into the society headquarters is a way to educate young and old about what the organization is doing and what resources are available. Recently two groups of young people

toured the building: cub scouts from The Church of the Beloved Disciple and The Bookworm Club from the Grove City Community Library. Besides seeing the headquarters and learning what is available, everyone had the opportunity to explore the building, learn its history and hear some of the interesting stories surrounding the former "Traveler's Hotel."

If you have a group that you would like to have tour the Headquarters you may call Mary Sample 724-458-8413 to schedule an event, or you are welcome to stop in anytime and browse at your leisure. The headquarters will reopen on April 5, 2005. It will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 AM to 3 PM.

## Armour World Map Tray Donated to Society



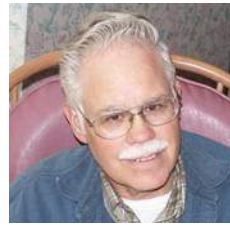
A recent addition to the museum is an aluminum tray made by Arthur Armour in his aluminum shop circa 1938. Mr. Armour recognized the need for an alternative to silver during the depression. The society thanks Mrs. Cherry S. Peurifoy for her thoughtful contribution. The tray originally belonged to her father.

This World Map Tray, along with many other wonderful items that depict the history of Grove City, can be seen in the Society Museum.

**Attention:** The Historical Society Museum and Museum Shoppe will be re-opening on April 5, 2005. Hours will be 11am to 3pm each Tuesday through Saturday. We look forward to seeing you there!

## President's Corner

The January elections have come and gone. As a result, I am still on the board and will be serving as your president for another year. With the dedicated help of fellow officers and newly re-elected and continuing board members, along with faithful volunteers, the society will have a great year of service to the community.



The Genealogy workshop promises to be a help for those of you searching for your roots. I would encourage any of you with a flicker of interest or with a desire to expand your research to come.

When our library, museum shop and museum displays open on April 5th, we will need continued support from many volunteers. We still need many more so call Anita DeMarco and she will find a time for you.

The Accessions committee has almost completed logging the 160 gifts received last year. Each gift is important to the society and the community. Along with it's story, each item provides an inside look at our past. If you have any items [objects, papers, photos, anything] that are related to the community's story, please consider donating it to the society.

This is where our past can be preserved for future generations to explore.

We need your support to accomplish these and other services and I hope to see you at the society this year!

Dr. Thomas Armour  
President

## Genealogy Workshop

It is not too late to send in your reservation. An interesting program has been planned for you!

DATE: April 16, 2005  
TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Penn Grove Hotel  
East Pine Street  
Grove City, PA 16127

The program begins with registration; coffee and donuts; a presentation on the assassination of JFK by Dr. Thomas Percy; Dr. R. W. Hinds will lead the group in exploring "how to" develop your family history; Ginny Filer and Susan Ferrandiz will present current views on what is taking place at the Genealogy Library. Following this, we will be served a combination salad luncheon plate and DESSERT!

The highlight of the afternoon will be working in your unique one-family memories album. Cindy Stewart, Creative Memories Consultant, will explain and demonstrate the use of materials to make your history record a memorable keepsake. She will also have materials for you to purchase.

REMEMBER, your ALBUM and your LUNCH is included as part of your registration fee of \$30.00. Deadline for registration is April 10, 2005. Contact Anita DeMarco at (724) 458 9499 for questions or registration.

## Kudos!

- Jean Behringer, Family Member, who was the honoree for the Mercer County-Grove City American Heart Walk 2004.
- Milford McBride, Life Member, who was honored to receive the Florence E. MacKenzie Campus-Community Award.
- Richard Bestwick, Senior Member, who received special recognition as he was inducted into the Chick-fil-A/Peach Bowl Hall of Fame.
- David Dayton, Family Member, who was honored to receive the Community Service Award from the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Diane Grundy, Librarian at Grove City College who continually supports the Historical Society with needed books and supplies.
- David Cashdollar, Founder Member, who has sponsored the Genealogy Workshop and Seminar for the past two years.

## NECROLOGY REPORT

Mr. Richard Grank Kauffman, Senior Member  
September 24, 2004

Mrs. Grace Alberth Eaton, Senior Member  
November 6, 2004

### Sympathy is also extended to:

Mrs. Virginia Filer, Founder Member  
Brother: Mr. Merle 'Gene' Filer  
Nephew: Mr. Christopher J. Messina

Mr. Franklin Horam, Senior Member  
Wife: Mrs. Jane Lloyd Horam

Mr. Chester Coulter, Life Member  
Wife: Mrs. Clara McCandless Coulter

"Don't count the years,  
count the memories..."

### LETTERS, WE LIKE TO GET LETTERS!

We would like to hear from you to ensure that our newsletter portrays the richness of our membership. Please write to us and comment on---or take issue with---something you have read, something you would like to share, or a suggestion to help the development of the Society. We welcome your ideas.

## Building Committee Report

**Even though** the Society has been closed these past 4 months, work has continued to improve the appearance of our building both inside and out.

**John Kurtz** had the less than glamorous job of preparing and cleaning the firewalls so they could be primed and painted. Thanks, John, for a job well done.



**Tamara Dypsky**, Jessie Condon, Sarah Bray, Megan Keiser and Craig Mackaness of Grove City College's "Helping Hands", and Scott Snyder, Mike Schleigh, Corey Lemmon, Cindy Burdette, Danielle Polito, Adnan Mahmood and Yvonne Ganble, members of General Electric's "Elfuns", worked very hard and long to prime and paint the firewalls. It was tiring work but all seemed to enjoy the challenge and painted with happy faces! Gary Forsythe was there to help organize and answer any questions the volunteers had. Our thanks and appreciation to these hard workers who worked on this project.

**Dean Kildoo** came in after the walls were finished and installed the drop ceiling in the handicapped hallway at the rear of the building. Thanks, Dean.



**John K. Moon** Builders installed the low E large pane windows in the library and the double hung replacement windows on the first and second floor. We still have 5 more windows on the second floor to replace but felt that we should not spend any more money at this time. The new windows really are making a big difference. You can actually sit beside a window and not feel the wind coming through. When the weather breaks, John will wrap the outside of all the windows. Thank you, John and crew.

**Gary Forsythe** also primed and painted the fire door along the alleyway. He and Bob St. John also painted the walls around the coat hangers and down the center stairwell to the basement. The fresh coat of paint really improved that area. Thanks, Gary and Bob.

**Lois Armour** picked out the wallpaper for the handicapped bathroom and then papered the walls. It now looks beautiful and is such a nice touch to a formerly sterile-looking room. Thank you, Lois.



## New Books In the Library

Do you have a favorite teacher, doctor, military person, etc. or maybe a relative or friend that you would like included in our history books of Grove City?

Are you a graduate of G.C. High School or have been in Grove City for many years? We want all of you to participate in our history.

Have you seen the pictures on the wall at the society building? We have Grove City natives elected to public office, some award winners, movie stars and singers. Is your picture there? If you haven't seen them you must do so this year. We would like to include all of you in our books for future reading.

We would like a short biography and picture (no larger than 8 1/2 x 11. Did a relative of yours own a store in the early days of G.C.? We will include all that are sent to us.

Our latest photo and biography came from Linda Hughes-Thomssen, a graduate of GCHS class of 1965. She is a violinist with the Kansas City Orchestra.

We have many pictures, but we want more! Please write to us at the address on this newsletter or drop in for a first hand look at our many G.C. memories. Mark any submissions Attention: MJ Hummel.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To Lifetime Society members, **Richard and Louise Ballantine** on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary!

## Grove City Memories Project

The Society is pleased to announce its first Grove City Memories Project. Former and present residents of the greater Grove City area are invited and encouraged to participate by submitting their memories of what was happening in the area prior to 1950. The six categories in which memories are being solicited are: daily life; leisure and recreation; work and jobs; school and education; church and religion; and the downtown scene. The collated memories will complement the society's many artifacts and be of value to the casual visitor as well as the serious researcher. We hope that the members of the GCAHS will not only submit some of their own memories, but also encourage friends to do so as well.

For guidelines, consent form or questions, contact the society.