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THE GROVE CITY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS A FRIEND IN ALCOA



Last December when the Historical Society closed for the winter the activity level in the building increased. One of the reasons for the increase in activity was that we received a grant from The Alcoa Foundation for \$6500 to refurbish what is now the accessions office.

In the last newsletter we told you about a venture grant from Alcoa

that provided labor from 12 of their employees, PLUS, giving us \$3,000.

Well, the process continues. We received another venture grant – this time for \$1500, plus the labor of several employees. Both times the Alcoa employees painted. With the first venture grant, 5 rooms were painted. This time the people primed and painted the upstairs halls. What a great program! They do work for us – AND they pay us. This is a true win, win arrangement.



Now we are planning another large project. We are going to refurbish the kitchen with another grant from The Alcoa Foundation. This one is for \$5000. We plan to combine money from the two venture grants with the Foundation grant to get the project started.

We are going to remove some kitchen cabinets, replace the ceiling and lighting, hook up the sink, and give the room a coat of paint. When this project is completed, the entire first floor of the headquarters will have been renovated. We hope to be able to use the new area for more displays as well as have an area for meetings.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



As this year comes to an end so does my term as a board member. Our By-Laws have a limit of two, three year terms. A person can be re-elected after at least a year. I also have served five years as your president. During the next year I will continue to serve as an ex-officio member of the board and executive committee as past president.

Over the past six years the Society has made significant progress in establishing a place to preserve and display items from our common heritage. This has only happened because of the support of so many people in this community. The Society has become a symbol of this community's enthusiasm to preserve the stories of our past. We are actively collecting and providing a place to preserve and display items related to our heritage. These activities give our community a sense of our place in time. We can never expect to be able to capture everything from our past, but we can uncover snapshots of former times and place them in the "Album of the Grove City Area".

As I leave my position on the Board may those who come after me continue to strive to fulfill our mission to collect, preserve, and display the documented stories of our past. We must never forget the vision that our past families sought after, fought for, and accomplished. We have been blessed to live in a society where we are free to serve others and in so doing bring glory to Almighty God, for He is the giver of every good and perfect gift, including Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. If we ever lose sight of this we will lose our liberty and will have forgotten the sacrifice that has gone before us.

LOCAL ARTIST FEATURED AT GCAHS



On Sunday afternoon, October 14th an art exhibit of works by Margaret Williams was hosted at the Society. Member, Chuck Bestwick, shared his collection along with loans from others in the community. Ms. Williams was art instructor at Grove City College from 1920 To 1954. Some of her art work, on loan from the Grove City Library, remains on display at the Society.



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Old Towne Grove City will be celebrating the beginning of the Christmas Holiday Season on Saturday, December 1, 2007 with the usual Downtown events. The Historical Society will also participate in the fun time. We plan to be open for the afternoon.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND A MEMBER WINE AND CHEESE FROM 4:00 PM TO 5:00 PM AT THE HEADQUARTERS

Santa Claus will come! Join your neighbors and friends for a pleasant holiday afternoon.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

There are just 32 days until Christmas, but only 23 days until the Historical Society will be closed for the winter and you will have missed the opportunity to purchase fine quality Historical Society gifts for that special person on your shopping list. The Museum Shoppe offers many books by local authors, crockery, jewelry items, t-shirts and much more! **"The Way We Were" would make a great gift!** So mark your calendars! The society building will be closed after December 15th. The re-opening date is scheduled for April 8, 2008. May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year and we will see you in the spring!

COMING EVENT NEXT APRIL

LECTURE SERIES ON ANTIQUES TAUGHT BY JACK SQUIRES AT THE HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECTS: FURNITURE, CHINA, PORCELIN, GLASS/LIGHTING, METALS

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

The mission of the Grove City Area Historical Society is to preserve the history, heritage and supporting artifacts of the Grove City area.

Sharing the history of our community and the “treasures” of our museum are part of that mission. This fall we have been particularly busy. We had our usual tours with the 8th graders from the Grove City Middle School. Classes this year are larger than in previous years, so we had about 200 students. They were very well mannered and enjoyed seeing all the “neat” things we have from our past as well as hearing some of the stories of our hauntings.



The next group to come was a cub scout Tiger pack of 12 boys. They wanted to find out what life was like when they grandmas and grandpas were little. One boy found a picture of his great-grandpa in the book “THE WAY WE WERE!” Their excited faces were a treat to see as they looked all around.

A group of student who are a “little older” came as part of their 35th high school class reunion celebration. The class of 1972 was surprised to see all the memorabilia that was on display. They plan to return when they have their next reunion!



Teachers of all these students also came for an evening. The educational sorority Delta Kappa Gamma spent an evening enjoying a tour, hearing the history of the Society and having dessert and coffee.

Finally, members of the Daughters of the American Colonists spent an afternoon hearing about our brief history and seeing the exhibits that are on display.



Opening our doors to groups is an important part of our mission to THE GROVE CITY AREA.

BOOK SIGNING HELD AT GCAHS

Award-winning author Jane Gardner Birch visited Grove City for a book signing. Her recently completed work, “They Flew Proud,” details the Civilian Pilot Training Program, which found its wings at the former Grove City Airport and at Grove City College. Through stories of the instructors and fledgling pilots that learned about life, love and liftoff through the program, Birch captures one of the often forgotten pieces of World War II history.

According to Birch, “The Society was very helpful and supportive in providing research material and advice for ‘They Flew Proud.’” The Society was pleased to assist Birch. This is a fine example of how the Society can provide historical research material for use by the community. **Published by Evangel Press, “They Flew Proud” is available in our Museum Shoppe.**

On September 24, 2007 Birch was awarded the National Aviation Hall of Fame’s 2007 Combs Gates Award which included a \$20,000 cash prize for her extensive research and writing of “They Flew Proud”. The annual juried Combs Gates Award prominently recognizes excellence in historic aviation preservation.



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