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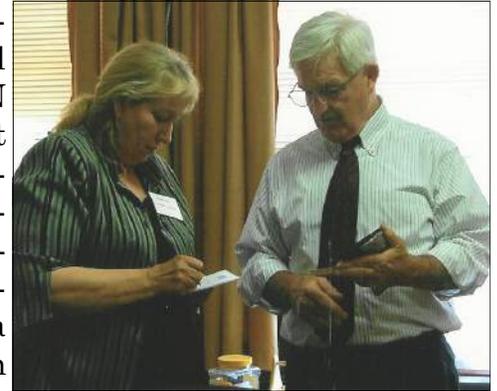
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STATE GRANT RECEIVED

The Grant championed by Senator Bob Robbins has been received and deposited into our special **SECOND FLOOR RENOVATION** account. The \$20,000 account, not expected before October 1st, will allow us to start the electrical renovation four months earlier than anticipated. The task of moving the electrical box from the basement to a box on the second floor was begun on May 24 by volunteers Dean Kildoo and Gary Forsythe.



Please thank Senator Robbins when you see him or jot him a special Thank You note for his continued interest and support of the Grove City Area Historical Society.

USIS GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



Sixteen employees of USIS spent Saturday, May 31, preparing and painting the walls of the GCAHS kitchen. This community service was a part of their team building process. They also put up the remaining ceiling tile and carried a massive amount of historic goods to either the basement storage rooms or to the second floor display rooms.

Their help saved us many, many dollars and several old people a number of aches and pains. The entire Society thanks USIS for their willingness to help the Society finish up the renovation of the first floor.



The Farmers Market has been relocated to College Avenue from Broad Street to the alley beside the Society's Building. Starting June 5 through October from 3 pm to 6 pm. If enough volunteers can be found the Society will stay open until 7 pm every Thursday hoping to attract people to our displays.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By the time you receive this Newsletter, we will already be in our 6th month of 2008. This Newsletter is our 6 month report. Once again thanks to our gracious volunteers, we have experienced a very active Spring season of events. Like a patchwork quilt I will share with you the many events that the GCAHS participated in or is about to take part in during the summer.

We held our membership drive, which although our target date of April 19th has now passed, the membership fees continue to arrive. Lets keep encouraging new members to join with us to preserve Grove City area history. Please be reminded that we extend our invitation, not just to the core area of Grove City Borough and its surrounding townships of Pine, Wolf Creek, Liberty and Springfield, but to any individual or group interested in our history. Society membership offers the use of our building for public research through the use of our Library which houses many local and county histories, a collection of GCHS and GCC yearbooks, newspaper clipping files, a growing computer file, almost 20 family genealogies, 5 Amish genealogy collection books, a photo history of Grove City's activities, DAR directories, plus several other types of research materials. The Society has one of the most complete collections dealing with Grove City's early aluminum industry. This year's major displays consist of historic memories from the Arthur Amour Aluminum business, Howe's Coffee Company, Alice McDowell - our local genealogist's history, Nelson's Floral Shop, Kocher's Floral Company, The Grove City Scouting movement, a Church and a Military Hall, a special Tribute Display to our Volunteer Firemen and Brad Holmes - our communities latest hero, and last but not least, we continue to feature a display of many of our home town artists. New accessions are being added weekly to our display. Believe it or not, our first floor is overflowing and we anxiously await our second floor renovation so that we can move some of our displays and make a room designated for certain themes such as agriculture, religion, veterans, etc. Memberships also provide you with a quarterly newspaper (perhaps 5 or 6 this year), and an up to date first notice of special activities which vary monthly. We hold several open houses, a Christmas Party, and an Annual Banquet yearly. Oh, I forgot to mention the friendly atmosphere whereby you can visit with your neighbors. I could go on and on about the benefits of being a member of the GCAHS.

Let me review a few of our most successful activities since January 2008:

ANTIQUÉ SEMINAR

First there was the 4 weekly Antique Seminars offered by Jack Squires. They attracted approximately 30 attendees each week. Each person who shared their opinions about the course were very positive in their responses. One member even came the night before just to get a front row seat. She gladly returned the next night with her goblets in hand. Jack Squires' donation of his time and talents brought us a real economic boost for our general funds and a 10% increase for our endowment fund of his total intake.

JACK, when you read this newsletter, let me tell you once again on behalf of the Society, how much we appreciate your selfless donation.

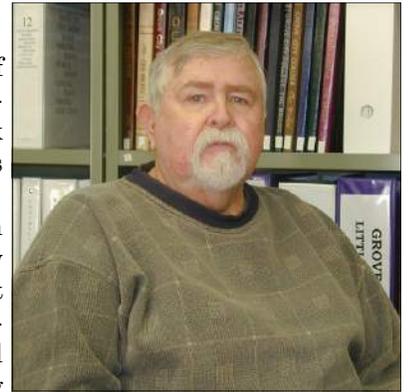
NINTH ANNUAL BANQUET

We had a great banquet with 92 members and 5 guests attending. Most of the credit for its huge success goes to our hostess Mary "Skip" Sample and our own special hometown guest historian, Lillian Reeher, the Grove City Barber-shop Quartet, and not to be forgotten, the Cameron Catering who provided us with an excellent buffet dinner.

Lillian's speech filled the hall with humor and laughter as she recounted people and events which made living in Grove City a series of images deeply entrenched in her mind and which she now finds much enjoyment in sharing those events with today's audiences. The audience requested that Lillian be asked to speak again at our 10th Annual Banquet, and that she continue sharing her oral mental pictures of Grove City, a life along Wolf Creek. She has agreed. My only warning to the membership is plan to get your tickets early so that you might hear first hand what impression your image has left with Lillian. She speaks and word paints our history.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS EVENT

On May 15, we were featured as the monthly host of the Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours Program. We welcomed local businesses and their employees to the Society with tours, goodies, and punch. The refreshments were prepared by Cameron Catering. All who attended seemed to enjoy the cordial atmosphere and were amazed at our many displays and work projects. Some even visited our friendly ghost in the basement and on the second floor. Once again we must give Becky May a big Thank You for hosting the event and the many volunteers who helped make the afternoon social a successful one. Becky now plans to have her Committee visit each business individually and seek their membership.



Cameron Catering

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RED HAT SOCIETY

The Red Hat Society met at our Headquarters for a dinner meeting on April 21. What a "Red Gala" event that was! The Red Hat hostesses, Darlene Shaner and Joan Foster, had all the tables and centerpieces adorned in red. It was probably the brightest that our middle room has ever looked. The ladies in their bright red and purple outfits with hats to match brought the room to life. All nineteen seemed to enjoy the night out at the GCAHS. Thanks again to Cameron Catering who served the dinner.



G. C. AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S GC MIDDLE SCHOOL HISTORICAL ESSAY CONTEST

The Essay Contest was under the direction of educator Christine Martuccio. It is now complete. The contest had many entries and the winners are:

First: Sean Mackey

Second: Autumn McBride

Third: Danny McBryan

A special thanks to Christine for her annual historical unit and visit to the GCAHS with her classes, and another thank you for coordinating the historical contest for us.

STRAWBERRY DAYS ART SHOW

Our next event is our Art Show to be held in connection with downtown Strawberry events. (June 6 -10 am to 8 pm, June 7 same time, June 8 - 12 pm to 4 pm). We have invited Lillian Reeher and Sally Brandon (both are Grove City artists), and the members of the Lake Area Art Guild to display their various paintings and other art media, including pottery and photography.

Rather than to continue this message from the President's Corner, I'll depend upon the chairman of the coming summer events to announce their programs. I just urge you to stop in and see the progress of our ongoing projects at the Society during the summer months.

Ed Carlson

Your 2008 President

NEW STANDING RULES

1. Since our Society is a non profit organization, it is felt that we should not have any Political affiliation. It was therefore recommended and passed that no political Information/material of any kind will be available at the Society's headquarters or at Any Society sponsored activity, the exception being historic political artifacts, such as documents, posters, campaign buttons for display, etc.
2. The following is our building "user policy."
 - a. A society member must be present at all functions and is responsible to write a report on the activity and submit it within 7 days of the event.
 - b. There will be no fee charged for building usage. Donations are encouraged.
3. A new membership form is being prepared by Marty St. John, asking members where they wish to direct their donations. Donations may be made to the General Fund (basic expenses/monthly projects, etc), the Endowment Fund, the Kitchen Renovation (soon to be completed), the Second Floor Renovation, the Arthur Armour Fund, Genealogical Library, the Don Beightol Memorial Fund, and/or other future projects.

The Endowment Fund is to assure the future operation of the Society. When possible, the Society will place a minimum of \$1,000 in it yearly.

The Arthur Armour Fund has been asked to clarify its purpose and how it is designated to be used in the future. In the next issue we will print the purpose of this fund.

SOCIETY WANT ADS

1. We need a 1979 Wendell August Forge pewter Christmas Plate to complete our plate Collection.
2. Our second floor renovation program has received \$3,000 in donations, still \$47,000 shy of our goal to complete the second floor rooms with drywall, paint, storage shelving, flooring, displays, and computerized power point programs for use by the handicapped and the elderly of our community who cannot climb the large number of steps to the basement and the second floor. Our 2008 Soft Pledge Campaign doesn't end until October 1st. Any amount will keep our dreams alive.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNING ENTRIES

1st Place - Sean Mackey

The Cunninghams were very good friends with the Cornelius family. When the Cunninghams moved to the area in 1798, they named it Pine Grove. The Cornelius family decided to follow them once they heard how wonderful the area was to raise a family.

Squire Cunningham and Loyd Cornelius were best friends and they just loved to discover what the wilderness around them had to offer. They had a lot of time to devote to this hobby. This virtue would end with a terrible tragedy.

Their fathers, Valentine Cunningham and Paul Cornelius, were both adventurous as boys too.

As the boys were sitting around the fire they wondered why the creek was named Wolf Creek. Valentine said he named it after the wolf packs that would come down to drink from it at night.

Loyd said, "Wouldn't it be fun to go see the wolves tonight?" Squire agreed. So they got away that night without being caught.

That night they didn't see any wolves. They were very disappointed. They really thought they were going to see some. They did see some deer however.

They got back in their house undetected. Loyd had dreams of himself and Squire observing the wolves, but he realized it was only a dream when he woke up.

A bridge was being built over Wolf Creek and both Loyd and Squire were curious of the work that was being done. They met a friendly worker who was called Old Tom.

Old Tom would tell stories to the workers and anyone who would listen. Old Tom was telling a story about the wolves that drink from the creek.

Loyd said, "Where can you find those wolves?"

Old Tom said, "They drink along the creek downstream."

Loyd said, "When are they usually out drinking?"

Old Tom said, "Practically every night, but you must be very quiet."

Loyd said, "Thank you, mister, for your helpful advice."

Old Tom said, "You are just boys. You shouldn't mess around with wolves."

Old Tom then went on telling another story after the boys left. They decided to go on their adventure that night.

As they are packing for this adventure Loyd's younger brother, Austin, and Squire's younger brother, Edward, ask where they were going. They tell them not thinking they would want to come with them. Well, after they tell them, of course, they say they want to. The older brothers say it would be too dangerous for them.

The younger boys protested, but eventually they were overruled. That night, as both sets of parents are frantically woken up by both younger boys, they realize Loyd and Squire went on that adventure.

Meanwhile, Loyd and Squire are already having a blast looking at the wolves drinking from the creek. Loyd wanted to go up closer to see them better. He must have gotten too close because the wolves felt threatened. They attacked him. Squire ended up saving Loyd by throwing rocks at the pack. The pack scattered, but it may have been too late. Loyd didn't move. He looked dead. Squire checked if he was still breathing. Amazingly, he was alive.

The parents by now were asking the younger brothers if they knew which way they went along the creek. The younger boys said, "They told us they were going downstream." So the parents ran as fast as they could downstream. They came upon Squire and rushed him home. He had wounds that were bleeding profusely. Mina, Loyd's mother covered his wounds with cloth. She was trying to stop the bleeding. Martha, Squire's mother went into town to get the doctor. The doctor came with some medicines. He stopped the bleeding.

It seemed Loyd was getting better in the next weeks that followed, but unfortunately he ended up dying from infections caused by the open wounds.

This was a horrible tragedy and both families grieved for weeks over the loss of Loyd. Loyd was remembered all across Pine Grove as his story was told by his loyal and brave friend Squire.

2nd Place - Autumn McBride

What local history means to me

Local history means a lot to me. It tells me what our town use to be and I can compare it to what the town is now. Grove City, has a big history which is very fascinating to me. Knowing what happened at what time and what your grandparents went through just means a whole lot to me.

Local history means to me, were I have came from. In Grove City I can know that there are businesses out there that were here before my great grandma. It also shows me that things have changed over the time. For example a change in how people wear there clothes. In our local history the students of the town had a specific dress code such as, a girl would wear a dress, and a boy would wear tan pants (slacks) and a white shirt. Which has changed to what ever you want to wear.

Local history also means to me, a change in what our society was like. Our society used to be very calm, and you could buy things for very cheap. Now things are very scares, which means there is a limited quantity left in things. Gasoline in our history used to be cheap but now it is very expensive, it used to be under a dollar, now it four dollars.

Our local history is all around us. Like the moving of the house over or under the bridge, bye the Bessemer. Which was a very big thing in our history. Which the house is still were it was moved.

I really enjoy the local history of our town. It really means a lot to me, and, hopefully means a lot to the people who live in the town. I really like how there's a big difference in our community, from when it was back in the time, and now, but still is the same.

3rd Place - Danny McBryan**The Filer Story**

"Hey Joe! Get over here. How about a game of ball, eh? It'll be fun!" said Robert Filer. Robert Filer was the son of Dolly Harper, a sewer working at Grove City's Five Filer Brothers. Dolly and Robert are kin, but they have different last names because Dolly wanted to use her maiden name when she and her husband broke up.

The town they lived in was indeed Grove City, PA. They lived right on the street of Dolly's work; Kinder Avenue. She did not have any work before her divorce, because her husband worked for all the money. When he left, he took everything but his son. So Dolly needed a job to support Robert. Joseph Filer, the founder of Five Filer Brothers, graciously offered this desperate mother a job. And after that, Dolly and Joseph became friends.

But Dolly was not the only friend of this family to Joseph. Robert would occasionally play a game or two of baseball. It excited him very much, because he did not have anyone else who could play with him.

"Sorry, Robby," said Joe, "I am swamped with work. But I promise I will play with you later."

That's fine, but if you're swamped, is there anything I can do to help?" said Robert.

"Uh, no, no, that is alright," said Joe, "I think my workers and I are pretty good on time. But thank you for your offer."

"Oh, please! I love going in there, and I am really good at fixin' stuff, and-" "Alright, alright, but I've got a big order, it's worth lots of money, so you can take an inventory check with Jean, but stay away from the main floor. I'll send Jean to meet you in front of the building, and she'll take you to the bottom floor's back room. Is that okay?"

"Oh, that would be great! Thank you, thank you, and thank you!"

"Don't sweat it. You can start at two o'clock."

It was one o'clock now. Robert waited anxiously.

"Uh, Jean? Is your name Jean? I'm Robert. You were goin'a take me to inventory? Is that right?"

"Yes child, my name is Jean." Jean had an accent. It was foreign to Robert, but he like it. He warmed up to her very quickly. "Don't worry, inventory is fun. Here, let's go."

Jean and Robert walked into Five Filer Brothers' front door. They walked straight through the door, past the offices, and then made a sudden left turn. They were just about to enter the basement door, when Robert said, "Wow, neat! A slide! Can I go on it? Please?"

"Uh," said Jean, "I'm not so sure if I can ..." Robert was actually looking at a conveyer belt used to send packages to the bottom floor. Robert's eyes were beaming at her. "You know what? We have a push scooter down stairs. How about if you work with me for an hour, you can ride the scooter. Do you like that idea?"

"You have a scooter? Nifty! Sounds great to me, but I really would like to slide down the slide."

They both walked down to the basement's back room.

"Child, you have worked long and hard. You can go ahead and ride the scooter. Just tell Joe you're going to do it, okay?" said Jean, an hour later.

"Okay," said Robert, "You got it!"

Robert ran to the office he passed when he walked into work earlier today. Joe was sealing a deal with one of his best customers. Robert noticed this, and listened in to the conversation.

"Five hundred, no less John. Come on, I have to make a living to."

"That must be Joe talking," said Robert, "Who is John?"

There was something bumping on the floor. It was actually more of a vibration. It was the sewing machines, all working at the same time. Now Robert could only hear a partial part of the conversation.

"No... Wait a second." Robert heard someone say.

"Darn ... Joe ... I'll... Shoot... You..." That was all Robert heard. He was stunned. He ran out.

"Mom!" cried Robert, "Mommy!" Robert ran to Dolly. "Mommy! Some in that room over there threatened to kill Joe!"

"Honey," said Dolly, "You must have misunderstood. A man named John is discussing a business order he made with Joe. I don't think anyone is going to do that."

"Mom! But I know what he said! I know what he said! And I'll prove it!" Robert ran to Joe's office door and banged in. "You get away from Joe!" Then, Robert pushed John. It was a little push, so it didn't hurt. "Don't worry Joe! I'll protect you."

"Uh, I sorry about that, John," Joe said, "This is Robert, and he's my helper for the day. Robert, you must have heard something wrong. I am discussing an order with one of my clients."

"But I heard him! He said he'd shoot you."

"I am sorry if I scared you Robert, but you merely took the words I said out of context. How could you have heard me anyway, though? Weren't you working?" said John.

"Yah, John, your right. What were you doin' listening to us anyway?" asked Joe.

"Mm, I've got to go. Bye!" Robert ran outside and back to his house.

"You know Joe," said John, "He reminds of you a little."

"I think your being silly." said Joe.

Dolly walked in to the office. "Hey Joe, where did Robert go? He told me some crazy story, and I wanted to see if he is okay."

"He ran outside. I think he went running to your house." said Joe

"Oh, not again."

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH**Frank M. Hoffman - April**

Frank is our Computer Man who is in charge of all accessions brought to the Society. He gives it a number, takes its picture if possible, and then places it in the proper room. He takes his job very seriously. He enjoys visiting with our guests and they enjoy his friendly charm.

Frank was born in Kittanning, PA on November 28, 1939. He grew up in East Brady, PA and graduated from East Brady High School in 1957. While in high school he was involved in many school activities (marching band, drama, yearbook, etc). Frank earned his B.S. degree in Biology from Grove City College in 1961, M.S. degree in Botany from Syracuse University in 1965. Frank substituted as an Associate Professor of Biology at SUNY Oswego during the 1965-1966 academic year. Frank was hired as an Assistant Professor of Biology at Slippery Rock State College during the summer of 1966. While teaching at SRU he earned a Ph. D. in Botany from the Pennsylvania State University in 1975 and didn't retire from SRU as Professor of Biology until January 1999 after 32 and ½ years.

Since retirement, Frank has been active as a student and instructor in the Institute for Learning in Retirement, SRU. He has served as the group's Vice President and President. He and his wife Ruth volunteer at the Grove City Area Historical Society the fourth Saturday of each month. He has served as GCAHS's second VP and as a member of the Accessions Committee. Currently he is serving as its Chair and as well as a Board Member. Frank also finds time to be a Trustee of the Slippery Rock United Methodist Church. He loves to travel, garden, read mystery and thriller novels and spoil his grandchildren. His friendly smile, coupled with his highly academic background and charming personality make Frank a valuable asset to our Society. Thanks Frank, for your many volunteer hours.

Anita Durgam DeMarco - May

Anita has served as a gracious volunteer at the GCAHS since the year 2000. She has been proud to serve as First Vice President, Designer of the Historical Memory Album, and in charge of Volunteers, and numerous other duties. Anita makes sure the Society has volunteers to man it every day it is open.

The DeMarco Family consists of husband (Pat), and sons (Donald, Gerald and David). Anita has 4 grandchildren (Joseph, Michael, Nicholas DeMarco and Brooke DeMarco Pakulski). She has 3 great grandchildren (Alexander and Julia DeMarco and Owen Pakulski). She graduated from New Castle High School in 1950 and furthered her education with a B. S. Degree, a Masters Degree and Reading Specialist and Supervisor Degree from SRU. In the field of education, she has served as a Reading Specialist, an elementary and middle school teacher, teacher of gifted and teaching English as a Second Language Teacher. Anita has also taught graduate courses for the Intermediate Unit in Grove City.

In her professional career, she has been recognized by Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the East, Who's Who in American Women, Who's Who Among American Teachers, and Who's Who of Professional and Business Women-International. In 1975 she was nominated as an Outstanding Elementary Teacher in America. She has authored the Readiness Help book -Inspirations-Tomorrow's Memories. She was awarded the National Grand Prize from Scholastic, New York as her students were involved in a program with Head Start. In 1992 she served as an Educational Consultant for Family Circle Magazine. Her favorite pastimes are playing bridge and scrap booking. She is a member of the International Society of Bridge Teachers and has taught bridge for many years. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma - Alpha Tau Chapter and has served as President and on many State Committees. She has served with the National Association of Storytellers and has presented her storytelling to many schools throughout the state. Memberships include the Alumni Association of SRU, Mercer County Historical Society, Western PA Genealogical Society, Mercer County Genealogical Society, Grove City Library, NEA, PSEA, Franklin Area Education Association, Grove City Hospital Auxiliary, and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary.

Anita's talents are many. Her dedication and professionalism is seen in every task in which she serves. Her radiant smile and penetrating sparkling eyes put everyone at ease. Thanks, Anita, for Jobs Well Done!

Marty St. John - June

We at the Society like to think of Marty as our "joyful giver". She is constantly giving of her time and talent to help someone in need. Marty has a unique talent to recognize a need. She has a way of helping in the most humble ways. Her cheerful smile and attitude brings a joyful welcoming to those who receive Meals on Wheels.

Marty was born and raised in Beaver, PA and graduated in 1958 from Beaver High School. She then attended a 1 year business training college. She married Bob on October 14, 1961 and has lived in Beaver and Leechburg, PA, then Bob was transferred to Grove City in June 1970. As their boys were growing up, she was active in PTA and was a Cub Scout leader.

She has always been active in Tower Presbyterian Church having served on the Board of Deacons, Session, and now on the Board of Trustees. She is also Treasurer of the Presbyterian Women. She worked at the Church for 10 years in the financial office.

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Marty began volunteering for Grove City Meals on Wheels in 1974. She has served as its Project Coordinator 2 different times and is presently a driver and in charge of scheduling the weekly drivers schedule.

Marty is the mother of 2 sons: Stephen is married to Debbie and they have 2 children, Laural and Micah. They live in Sandy Lake. Debbie is the Editor for our Newsletter. Tom is married to Stevie and they live in Springfield Township.

She got involved in the GCAHS and she remembers her first assignment. Darlene Shaner and she sold pencils in front of Langley's during Street Fair days. She has served as 2nd and now 1st Vice President as well as on the Museum Committee. Presently she takes care of the memberships, posting our new members and renewals in the computer and sending out notices for those who need to renew their memberships. She has enjoyed working at the Society and meeting so many kind people. Also, not being raised in GC, she likes to fade into the background and listen to the stories about GC years ago. When several visitors are gathered together talking of their memories, she says their faces and the excitement in their voices tell it all. She says that they are so fascinating because everyone has their own story about growing up here. She states that, "It has been wonderful and very fulfilling to have watched the Society grow in the last 6 years".

Marty, we all know how much you have made the Society grow. Marty really is a "Watch Dog" keeping the Society's work going forward. Marty, Thank You for that and thank you for the love you share with Grove City.



Georgia McIntire - July

Georgia's training allows her as the Society's secretary to keep excellent books. She has our By Laws memorized and doesn't allow us to stray from the intent of the Society's founders. If the Officers or Board needs knowledge of past action, we just call upon Georgia. She is always calm and resourceful. To be honest with you, I just don't know how we could function so smoothly without her dedication to GCAHS.

Georgia was born in Dubois, PA, but has lived almost her entire life in Grove City. She has 3 sisters and 3 brothers, all of whom live in Grove City. Georgia graduated from Grove City High School and began her working career at Cristy's Insurance Agency going on to Harshaw's Insurance and Sundahl Insurance. She retired March 1, 2003. Following her retirement, she began doing volunteer/service work. Georgia is our Secretary. She is also Secretary for the Masonic

Lodge and Treasurer for the VFW #7465 Ladies Auxiliary. She is also an AARP member and is their local bus tour committee chairman. Georgia is a member of the Eastern Star and White Shrine and Tower Presbyterian Church. At home, she loves her pet cats. Georgia, "Thanks for all those letters, minutes, and notes you send each of us." and to think you do it all with a smile.



Lillian Millsop - August

Lillian is everyone's friend and has a wealth of knowledge regarding the citizens of our community. Some say she is a walking history book and a willing helper to everyone.

She was born in Grove City and raised on the corner of North and McConnell Street. Lillian graduated from GCHS in 1946 and GCC in 1950. She taught school in Eastbrook from 1950 to 1953. Lil taught Latin in the high school. In 1956 she became a Bell Telephone Operator in Grove City and Mercer until 1962 when Grove City went dial. She is extremely proud of her brother "Bud" and the fact that he was a Marine.

Lillian is very active as a volunteer at the Grace Methodist Church. She assists the Church Secretary Mary K. Mattocks with folding the weekly Bulletins, helping to get the Monthly Newsletter put together and anything else that she is asked to do. Of course, Lil is most famous

for keeping the Geraniums weeded in front of the Church. She is known as "The Gardener of Broad Street". Lil is also known to stop at her neighbors and weed their gardens!

She is also a long time volunteer in the Meals on Wheels Program as a weekly packer and also rides along as a visitor who takes the Meals to their clients.

Lil is a great help to the GCAHS and volunteering once a month, willing to help with anything she sees that needs done. Her knowledge of Grove City is invaluable and a great resource to the Society. Lillian is a good and loyal friend to all who know her and we greatly appreciate her time spent with us at the Society. Lillian, "Mr. Ed says Thanks for everything".Sure wish you would write a book about the people of Grove City.

"There are two lasting gifts we can give our children. One is roots, the other is wings."

(author unknown)

The GCAHS is offering three workshops on June 10, July 8 and August 12 as a fundraiser for the society. The cost for each workshop is \$30. You will leave these workshops with the necessary tools to sift through a maze of documents and microfilm, maneuver through blockades and juggle numerous names, dates and places so you can piece together your family's history.

Class one will teach you the science of research and how to evaluate evidence. Class two will cover record searching in Pennsylvania. In class three you will learn the evolution of county and township boundaries. Refreshments will be served at each seminar.

Please sign up now for an excellent opportunity to learn while helping to raise money. Seats are limited, so register early. See registration form on the next page.

ATTENTION: GENEALOGISTS, RESEARCHERS & FAMILY HISTORIANS

We are asking for your help in a grassroots effort to make older Pennsylvania state death certificates available online.

We are trying to get the Pennsylvania state death certificates that are at least 50 years old (currently that means from 1906-1957) available online similar to how several other states like Arizona, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Utah and West Virginia already have done. The states of Louisiana, New Hampshire and Vermont are in the process of doing so. For numerous other states there are online indexes for their death records. We are sure many of you have experienced the frustration of having to provide several pieces of information (including when and where the person died) when quite often the very information you are asked to supply is the very information you are looking for and the very reason for your wanting the death certificate. Probably many of you have either have been told the death certificate couldn't be found or sent the wrong certificate. In general, because of the many burdensome and paradoxical restrictions the public has not able to use these historic records as much as they should be able to. Worst of all these restrictions are true for all state death certificates regardless of how long ago the person died.

Because the only way this is ever likely to happen we are asking you, including out of state residents, to contact certain Pennsylvania state officials, preferably in writing or in person since it will have the most impact, but at least by phone or email. If you live in Pennsylvania please contact **both your state senator and your state representative** in person, by letter, by phone or at the very least by email. Everyone, including out of state residents, should write, phone or at the very least email **the Governor** and even the Division of Vital Records. Naturally the more letters and other forms of contact that are made and the more people involved the better. Do nothing and nothing will get done.

Addresses, FAQ, sample letters, forms, links and considerably more information can be found at: users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access

If you have any questions please contact the spokesperson for PaHR-Access: Tim Gruber 610-791-9294 or timarg@rcn.com

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

WHEN: JUNE 10, 2008 6PM TO 8PM

JULY 8, 2008 6PM TO 8PM

AUGUST 12, 2008 6PM TO 8PM

WHERE: GROVE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 111 COLLEGE AVE., GROVE CITY, PA

COST: \$30 PER WORKSHOP (includes class and materials)

_____ plan to attend the Family History Workshop.

Please check which workshops you will be attending:

June 10

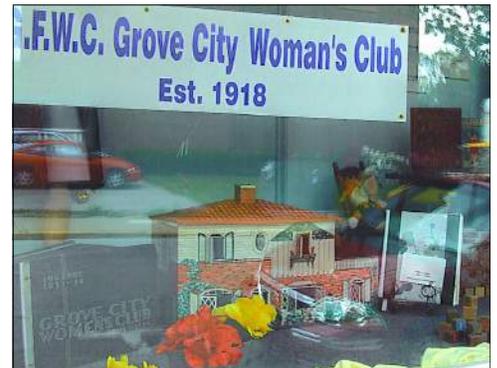
July 8

August 12

I am enclosing a check for \$_____



The Grove City Women's Club is celebrating their 90th anniversary this year. Their board of directors chose to have their anniversary meeting at the GCAHS. The display window currently features scrapbooks from the Women's Club along with other memorabilia. The club was established in 1918 with Mrs. B.A. Montgomery as the first president. The current president is Mrs. Raymond Filer.



Lillian Reeher stands with son, Jason, by one of her paintings during the Society Art Show that was run in conjunction with Grove City Strawberry Days. Many beautiful works of art by local artists were on display in the headquarters. Due to lack of proper advertisement, the show wasn't as well attended as we would have like to see, but we really appreciate the time taken by the artists to make the wonderful displays.



The Grove City Borough employees put the finishing touches on the frames for our new sidewalk. It was in much need of repair. We thank the borough for a job well done.



This year, the Grove City Area Historical Society sponsored the first in what will be an annual Historical Essay Contest. Pictured are Dr. Tom Armour, past president; Sean Mackey, 1st place winner; Danny McBryan, 3rd place winner; Autumn McBride, 2nd place winner; Christine Martuccio, coordinator and Ed Carlson, current GCAHS president. Winning essays can be read on pages 4 and 5.



The GCAHS recently received a monetary gift from John Gilliland, manager of the Mercer County State Bank. They are featuring historic pictures of Grove City throughout their new building.

Congratulations to our 2008 graduates! We are proud of you!

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Founding and Life Memberships are payable over 3 years.

Make Checks Payable To: Grove City Area Historical Society

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!**

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	Life	\$500.00
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	Student / Senior	\$10.00
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