

Grayslake Historical Society

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SUMMARIZING

The fall session of programs for the Grayslake Historical Society were outstanding. Here are reviews:

September 14, 2016 - The Grayslake Historical Society program, "Who's Behind the Words: The Story of Grayslake Publishers" was presented by Linda Willhite.

Three people with connections to Grayslake were publishers of national magazines. The first magazine was *The Searchlight* which was started in 1912 by William Ellis who had a very fancy home on the west side of the lake. When built in 1906, the home had a full set of servants in full uniform. William had been in publishing for years and when he lost his job as a railroad special representative, he turned the home into his publishing business. His staff included his second wife, Hallie Lee, C. Arthur Miller, the Grayslake Congregational Church minister, Francis Lane, a Grayslake resident, and his son, Kenneth. William was very concerned with politics, and hated Follette of Wisconsin and Teddy Roosevelt and socialism, so he used the new magazine to rail against them. The first two years he made over \$50,000 a year, but then circulation went down and he stopped publishing in 1916 and turned the garage into a printing business. He was then offered a job, as attorney for the railroad commission in Washington, D.C. He left Grayslake and the house was auctioned in 1918 to pay off the mortgage. He later moved to Woodstock and died in 1929.

The second publisher was Maud Weeks who owned and published *Milk Plant Monthly*, a trade magazine for dairies. She was the only woman owner of a trade magazine at the time. Maud was born in Centerville, Michigan in 1877, but lived in Grayslake for forty years. She purchased the magazine in 1913 for \$1500 and by 1927 it was worth \$125,000. The magazine had seventy-two pages and forty of those were ads that Maude sold herself. The magazine had articles on the importance of milk, pasteurization, and milk expos. She was a good businesswoman and later changed the name of the magazine to *The Creamery and Milk Plant Monthly* so she could expand to

ads and articles about butter, buttermilk, and ice cream as well. Her sister Pearl became her partner in 1919. Maude bought a house in the Tobias subdivision in 1926. While she still worked in Chicago, she spent much of her time in Grayslake. In 1952, she sold the magazine to Boderndieck and associates and moved to Grayslake full time. She was a member of the local United Protestant Church, the Grayslake Woman's Club, and the Eastern Star. She played Mrs. Santa Claus at Christmas. Maud died in 1966 and is buried with her parents in Michigan.

The third publication is *Chicago Country*, published by Mike and Dawn Wright. Dawn is a Grayslake native, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hook. She graduated from Grayslake Community High School. She met her husband, Mike, in Texas and began to like country music. When they returned to Grayslake, Mike worked for various radio stations and they came up with the idea which began as a newsletter and became a magazine. The US99 country music station bought six pages of advertising and the magazine was launched in July/August of 1992. It cost \$15.00 a year and was published bimonthly. The first cover was Garth Brooks with an interview with him done by Dawn at a Denver concert. Mike took care of advertising and Dawn did the set-up on her Mac computer. Printing was done in Woodstock. The radio station sent Dawn and Mike to concerts and fests with a trailer to sell station shirts while the station DJs broadcast from the trailer. Dawn then did interviews with the stars who were there, including Brooks and Dunn, Reba McIntire, and Clint Black. The magazine had many local ads, such as Rockenbach and the Sundance Saloon. The issue had stories about past stars, new stars, and Nashville news, as well as country fashions. The magazine ended in 1995 when the radio station was bought out by Columbia.

October 2, 2016 - The nineteenth annual Living History Tour of the Grayslake Cemetery was held on a cloudy day with rain falling occasionally.

Maria Forvor (Charlotte Renehan) welcomed a good-sized crowd and introduced Irving O. Hook (Shawn Vogel). Hook was very active in the community and served as Grayslake Village Clerk for twenty-three years. He explained to the audience the push and pull factors causing immigration such as religious freedom, lack of land, military conscription, and land opportunities. There are over 500 burials in the small Grayslake cemetery with ten foreign countries represented.

The first person he introduced was Hansena Demuth Hansen (Rhaya Montoya). Hansena was born in Denmark in 1852 and immigrated in 1879. In Kenosha, Wisconsin she married Nicholas Hansen, who was her first cousin. They raised three children and had eighteen acres in Avon Township. She died in 1945.

Hook next introduced Jane Fleming Noble (Krista Holst) who was born in Scotland in 1814. She and her husband Isaac came to the United States soon after they married in 1844. They immigrated for a better life. Unfortunately their life was not always happy. Only two of their six children lived to adulthood. One son died in the Civil War at age eighteen. After Isaac died, Jane lived with her two surviving children but was returned for burial next to Isaac in 1905.

Harry Wallace (Nicholas Ang), who was born in 1839, and his wife Bessie came to the United States from Holland. The Wallaces had six children born in Holland but not all came to the United States nor did the others come at the same time. Harry was

a farmer and cropped the land which is now the location of Grayslake Central High School . He died in 1930.

Theodore Dombiski (Todd Spohnholtz) was born in Poland in 1808. He was banished from Poland and came to the United States where he joined the Army. In New York he married his Irish-born wife. They migrated to Lake County and eventually owned over 200 acres in Avon Township, including today's Misty Hill and Deer Point subdivisions in Hainesville. The Dombiskis had seven children. Theodore died in 1884.

Thyra Carlsen Wicks (Virginia Fitzgerald) was born in Sweden in 1891 and came to the United States as a single woman. She met Lonnie Wicks in Grayslake. He was a descendant of the pioneer Forvor family. She was active in the Grayslake Historical Society and United Protestant Church before she died in 1985.

The last person to greet the cemetery walkers was James Beake (Daniel Graham) who immigrated from England. James was born about 1821 and married Deborah Pitman in 1845. They had nine children before immigrating to the United States in 1866. In 1886 their son Frank's farm became the subdivision of Grayslake. James died in 1910.

October 12, 2016 - Grayslake Historical Society members with friends and relatives of the Rockenbach family were present to hear Doug Rockenbach tell the story of the Rockenbach Chevrolet dealership.

The first Rockenbach garage was in Wheeling, Illinois with Bob Rockenbach and Carl Brasel as partners. The family had a big farm there too. In 1927 they decided to downsize and moved to Crystal Lake where they purchased a farm with 12.5 acres on Virginia Street. One of the family members wrote about the task of moving all the animals, farm equipment, household furnishings and people. While some of the smaller household items were moved by car, brothers George and Rodney drove a horse-drawn wagon full of furniture. They started at 6:00 am and took about six hours to get from Wheeling to Crystal Lake.

Bob and Carl opened the Grayslake Garage in 1925/1926 with three employees. They sold a few cars and had gas pumps. Doug remembered working the gas pumps. The pumps didn't tell how much the customer owed, only how much gas was dispensed. He had to calculate the cost and he was not good at math. In the winter Bob plowed snow and jump started cars.

At the time Doug and his mother were living in Grayslake where they took in boarders. Bob Rockenbach was one of those boarders. Bob may not have been the first boarder, but he was the last. Doug and his sister were welcomed into the Rockenbach family in 1934. He recalled fond memories of a house full of Rockenbachs at Sunday dinners in Crystal Lake.

In about 1936 Rockenbach began busing high school students to nearby communities as Grayslake did not have a high school until 1946. They first got a thirty-six person bus and eventually had several buses. Doug remembered taking out all of the seats, loading the bus with gear and taking it up to Wisconsin to go fishing.

In 1941 the dealership built an addition. Doug described it as being pretty much helter skelter. He worked on the roofs, which he admitted, later leaked.

During WW II the automotive industry shifted to support the war effort and Chevrolet quit making cars. Doug remembered there was a vehicle in the showroom they couldn't sell for a long time because the sale would have to be approved by a

governmental agency. They had access to gas during the war because they were driving trucks.

While he was in school, Doug made a dollar an hour and worked as much as he could. He graduated from high school and very shortly after entered the military. He was in the service from 1943 to 1945. He was overseas when Bob was killed in a plowing accident. Bob had been working on a plow in front of Hook's Drug Store. The plow was operated by chain, not by hydraulic lift. He was beneath the bucket when it came down and killed him immediately. Doug wasn't able to get home in time for the funeral, but he did come home after Bob's passing.

George and Jim took over the dealership. Jim was going to business school so he did the business/office/administrative duties.

After the war, there were twenty to thirty employees. Six or seven of them were volunteer fireman. Doug did not join the fire department as there would be no one left to run the business when there was a fire call.

Rockenbach's was community minded and often lent their truck with no questions asked. Their trucks were used in making the high school's first football field.

In 1946 cars were being built again for the first time since the war. They didn't come with any accessories so items such as heaters had to be added at the dealership. Doug remembered that he was the one who had to do seat covers.

Rockenbach Chevrolet was incorporated in the 1940s. Later Jim and Doug bought out George and the two ran the dealership together. Then in 1978 Doug bought out Jim and Jim became Grayslake's fire chief.

In 1994/1995, the new dealership was built a couple of miles east, still on Belvidere and business really took off. They sold more than 5,500 new and used cars in 1995. They had more than fifty-five employees. Doug's son Gary died that same year.

From 1996 to 2006, they were the number one Chevrolet dealer in Illinois. In that time period they were frequently the top dealer in the Midwest region and often in the top ten in the United States. Doug proclaimed, "We got real big!"

During public comment Doug stated that he wasn't sure why they started selling Chevrolets. He knew that in the 1930s they were a "sub-dealer" and they became a full dealership about 1938. After WW II all sub-dealers became dealers. When asked about his favorite car, he replied, "Every new car was my favorite car." Doug would sell his own car and call it being "unhorsed". However, it was understood that his wife Bonnie's Caprice was NOT for sale.

November 9, 2016 - Grayslake Historical Society Member Daniel I. Graham, Jr., gave a moving presentation of "No Greater Love Than This".

Assisted by the exceptional writing of the staff of the *Grayslake Times*, including Helen Anderson and Chris Brenner, Daniel's presentation focused on a gray January afternoon in 1974 when four village public works employees lost their lives as they tried to rescue one another from a sewer lift station thirty feet below the intersection of Hillside Avenue and Second Street.

On January 17, 1974, Grayslake was a very different place, a village of only about 5,000 people. Among its residents were four men: Wayne Alesi, 21, a 1970 graduate of Grayslake Community High School who was months away from marrying his fiancée; Tommy Dungan, 26, a Vietnam War veteran; John Hertel, 47, a member of

the Catholic Order of Foresters; and Public Works Superintendent James Pech, 40, a Korean War veteran.

They had attempted to loosen impacted sludge in the lift station when they were overcome by toxic fumes. First responders descended into the lift station to save the men, but it was too late.

The community reeled in the wake of the devastating loss with the *Grayslake Times* succinctly capturing the village's heartbreak in two words: "Grayslake Mourns." Members of the community reached out to the victims' families to offer support. Assistance to Grayslake came from surrounding villages. The Lake County Public Works Department and Illinois Bell Telephone sent men to repair the lift station. Police and village trustees stepped in to assist. Even former department employees came out of retirement to help.

The flag at the Village Hall flew at half mast for thirty days. And yet, even as the community struggled to come to terms with the devastating loss, it could not help but marvel at the display of heroic selflessness it had witnessed, from the first responders as well as the victims, whose wake drew capacity crowds.

Only a week after the accident, the Grayslake Village Board expressed its desire that one day, when a new village hall was built, a special memorial marker would be placed in the hall to pay tribute to the memory of the men who had so bravely given their lives for one another.

In the years following the accident, the lift station was closed. But the story did not end there.

On February 16, 1999, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the tragedy, the Village Board memorialized the men. Flags were again flown at half-staff throughout the village. And on the second floor of the Village Hall, on a wall across from the community room, hangs a framed plaque dedicated by the citizens of Grayslake.

Grayslake kept its word, and it keeps it today. These men are not forgotten. Editor's note: There is also a plaque at the corner of Hillside and Second Streets.

December 4, 2016 - On the first Sunday of December, the Grayslake Historical Society held a program commemorating the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

With the help of six students from Grayslake Central and Grayslake North High Schools, interviews of five Grayslake residents who had served in WWII were reenacted. The students were Rhaya Montoya, Nicholas Ang, Ryan Hunt, Tanner Manley, Alan Turnbull and Jordan Lenz.

The program began with a tribute to Bert Jacobson, a Grayslake native who was killed aboard the *USS Oklahoma*. Bert graduated from Warren High School. After attending boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Base he was assigned to Pearl Harbor, a place he called "paradise". After being up all night, he had likely just turned in when the ship was hit by nine torpedoes. He is buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

John "Bud" Murrie was the first interview. Bud served in the navy aboard the *USS Birmingham*. The ship was involved in the invasion of Saipan and the second battle of the Philippine Sea where he received shrapnel wounds. He expressed thanks for the great support he received from the people of Grayslake.

Jack Richardson served in the Army Air Corps, serving as an aerial gunner. He was taken prisoner when his plane was shot down and he landed on the roof of a German home. After being interrogated, he ended up in a forced 100-mile march to the 7A Mooseburg Camp near Munich. On April 29, 1945, the camp was liberated by American soldiers.

Larry Rouse was trained for anti-aircraft in the gun section, but ended up in the infantry and served under General Patton near the Saar River. He received shrapnel wounds in his arm and ear. The highlight of his service was capturing a German Colonel and taking his pearl-handled pistols.

Allen "Bill" Mogg started his service running five mess halls in Stockton, California, but when he shipped to England, he was a warehouse foreman. He recalled rescuing some prisoners from the slave labor camps and feeding and repatriating them.

Ed Schroeder was a Master Sergeant in the Ordnance Department who served in both England and Germany and was involved in setting up a temporary prisoner of war camp for German troops at the end of the war. He later served on a commission to conduct hearings on payment to countries for war damage.

Audience members Doug Rockenbach and Ted Mueller, who are World War II veterans, also shared memories.

PROMOTING

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 - Search and Share genealogy discussion group. 2:00 pm. Historical Society Archives (lower level of Museum). Free. Share your latest find. Help others search for a lost ancestor.

Thursday, February 9, 2017 - Lake County Civil War Round Table program "Rolling Thunder". 7:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Free. Dave Oberg will share a brief history of Battery H, the group in which his great-great grandfather served at Shiloh and tell of his own experience in moving a cannon at that battle site.

Saturday, February 11, 2017 - Heritage Center program "The Electrifying Nellie Bly". 2:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Free. Actress Lynn Rymarz will portray the fascinating 19th century reporter who raced around the world in less than 80 days, was committed to an insane asylum, joined a chorus line and more.

Saturday, February 18, 2017 - Grayslake Historical Society program "Outdoor Theater". 10:00 am. Heritage Center Community Room. Coffee served. Free. The Grayslake Historical Society will host a reminisce session about the Grayslake Outdoor Theater. Attendees are invited to recall and relate memories of working at and attending the Grayslake Outdoor Theater, which was located at the present site of Jewel-Osco. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, February 19, 2017 - Lake County Folk Club concert. 7:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Admission charged. Museum galleries will be open.

Saturday, February 25, 2017 - Heritage Center program. 2:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Free will donation. Local author John Wasik will discuss his new book *Lightning Strikes Nikola Tesla, Creativity and the Soul of Innovation*. Wasik will use Tesla's life to show how people can spark their own creativity.

Saturday, February 25, 2017 - Grayslake History Museum exhibit "Maps, Motors and Memories" closes. Noon to 4:00 pm. Donation suggested. Last day to experience the history of Grayslake garages, service stations, dealerships and more. Last chance to write the story of your first car. Last opportunity for kids to play "mechanic".

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 - Search and Share genealogy discussion group. 2:00 pm. Society Archives (lower level of Museum). Free. Share your latest find. Help others search for a lost ancestor.

Saturday, March 4, 2017 - Heritage Center concert. 2:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Free will donation. The Cinque Venti Wind Quintet will perform musical selections from European and American composers. Reception will follow.

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - Grayslake Historical Society program. 7:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Refreshments. Free. James Obenauf, a son of Grayslake, a young officer in the new United States Air Force, had a particularly bad day airborne over Texas on April 29th in 1958. What happened to him, how he responded, and what happened in the days that followed is the story to be presented by Grayslake Historical Society board member Jim Rockwell. The Obenauf story was told in a 1959 TV documentary and is the topic of the book *Twenty Seconds to Live*.

Thursday, March 9, 2017 - Lake County Civil War Round Table. 7:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Free. Rich Garling will present a program about the flags of the Confederate States of America.

Saturday, March 11, 2017 - Grayslake Arts Alliance show. 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Free will donation. Museum galleries will be open.

Sunday, March 19, 2017- Lake County Folk Club concert. 7:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Admission charged. Museum galleries will be open.

Saturday, March 25, 2017 - Grayslake History Museum exhibit opens. Noon to 4:00 pm. Free will donation. This new exhibition will highlight entertainment in Grayslake. Learn what the people of Grayslake have done for entertainment through the years. The places and events that people enjoyed during their leisure time will be explored using images, artifacts and stories.

Saturday, April 1, 2017 - Heritage Center program. 2:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Free will donation. To commemorate the U.S. entry into World War I, actor and historian R. J. Lindsey will present a detailed photo story of the *Lusitania*.

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 - Search and Share genealogy discussion group. 2:00 pm. Society Archives (lower level of Museum). Free. Share your latest find. Help others search for a lost ancestor.

Saturday, April 8, 2017 - Heritage Center concert. 2:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Free will donation. Celesti Winds quintet will present a program featuring classical to contemporary music.

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 - Grayslake Historical Society program. 7:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Refreshments. Free. Election of officers and two directors. Officers serve for two years and directors for three years. Nominations can be made from the floor. The program for the evening will feature six local residents sharing a family heirloom and telling its story. Among those presenting are Chris Brenner, Lori Guenther and Jackie Hansen.

Thursday, April 13, 2017 - Lake County Civil War Round Table. 7:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Free. David Noe will discuss the Pennsylvania Home Guard,

Saturday, April 15, 2017 - Grayslake Arts Alliance show. 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room - Free will donation. Museum galleries will be open.

Sunday, April 16, 2017 - Lake County Folk Club 7:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Admission charged. Museum galleries will be open.

Sunday, April 23, 2017 - Grayslake History Museum will be open from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm during Grayslake Lions Club pancake breakfast at the Grayslake Fire Station.

Sunday, April 30, 2017 - Lake County Folk Club. 7:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Admission charged. Museum galleries will be open.

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 - Search and Share genealogy discussion group. 2:00 pm. Society Archives (lower level of Museum). Free. Share your latest find. Help others search for a lost ancestor.

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 - **Grayslake Historical Society** program. 7:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Refreshments. Free. Every family has a history. Some are more interesting than others. The pioneer Edwards family history includes an asphyxiation, a law suit, land ownership, politics and wealth. Members of the family lived in Grayslake and many are buried in the Avon Center Cemetery. Using images and stories, Grayslake Historical Society board member Linda Willhite will share her extensive research on this intriguing family.

Thursday, May 11, 2017 - Lake County Civil War Round Table. 7:00 pm. Heritage Center Community Room. Free.

This calendar is subject to change and additions. Consult www.grayslakehistory.org or visit facebook page Grayslake Historical Society for update. Information is also found at www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com and Grayslake Heritage Center on facebook.

A MEMORY

Former Grayslake resident and now deceased Russell Ewing wrote about what his father did for entertainment. Russell's story is titled, "A Day At The Track".

"It was a day well spent," was the way Dad described it years later. He was talking about the time he pulled off a horse-player's dream - a six race parley.

City bred and raised, Dad knew precious little about horses. He got interested in the animals only after friends persuaded him to go with them to race tracks in the Chicago area. Even so, his interest didn't develop until after he discovered certain people earned their living betting on horses. Always thorough, Dad investigated how they did it and discovered handicapping.

Blessed with a photographic memory and a talent for numbers, Dad was virtually guaranteed success as a handicapper.

In those days, government employees were required to work forty-four hours a week. Consequently, Dad didn't have the luxury of four or five hours to study a race program the morning of the Saturday races. He only had Friday nights to study.

The Daily Racing form, a newspaper devoted to horse racing, lists upcoming races at every major track, plus previous day's race results. It is the handicapper's bible. Besides race results, it also provides a statistical record of each horse listed on the day's program.

By the Spring of 1935, Dad had eight years handicapping experience. Despite not having any big winners, he had earned a reputation for knowing the craft. Friends often called him for tips.

Early Summer, 1935, Dad and two friends went to a Chicago area track for the Saturday races. The day was typical for that time of year. Clear and sunny. The track was "fast" and a full card was scheduled. Dad didn't know it then, but that day his life changed forever.

Sometime afterwards, he said, "I felt lucky. I knew I'd win big."

His first horse pick won its race. Instead of collecting his winnings, Dad bet it all on his second race pick.

Again, his horse won. Once again, he bet his winnings on the next race. By then Dad knew he was on a gambler's roll.

True to his intuition, he had another winner; his third - in race track parlance - a six race parlay! He collected his winnings.

Dad never told his friends, nor anyone else, how much we won that day. I do know that on his way home after celebrating, Dad bought a brand new Oldsmobile. Unfortunately for him, Mom made him take it back. She didn't like the color. Dad's next pick was a Buick whose shiny metallic blue finish was more to my mother's liking.

Two months later, after his race track experience, Dad bought a house at Grayslake, three miles from our summer home at Gage's Lake. He paid cash."

Editor's note: The house he bought was at 167 Westerfield and he paid \$2,400.00 in 1935.

A PAGE FROM THE PAST

Today Grayslake has a balloon fest, a car show, a craft beer festival and other community events for entertainment. In July of 1949, Grayslake hosted a rodeo as described in the *Grayslake Times* on July 9 of that year.

8,000 See Rodeo Despite Heat

A crowd estimated by observers to be near the 8,000 mark braved the heat wave over the 4th of July weekend to watch the rodeo held here to help raise funds for the purchase of Grayslake Park as a community project.

The various organizations backing the project worked hard in the sweltering heat to insure the rodeo's success. The three-day show was staged in an arena at the old Grayslake airport and drew spectators from throughout northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin.

High point of Monday's show was the awarding of the spotted pony "Tango" to young Dickie Qualmann, two year old son of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Qualmann.

All advanced ticket sales and returns should be in Friday night by 9:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to help clean the premises, please call George Rockenbach.

The committee is sure the show was successful but due to the many organizations handling ticket sales and concessions, it will perhaps be two or three weeks before an accounting can be made. We hope to be able to print a complete report in about two weeks.

VOLUNTEERS

The Grayslake Historical Society is grateful for its faithful volunteers. Our 2016 list of workers includes: Lisa Androus, Adriana Bisevac, Chris Brenner, Phil Bruno, Connor Casey, Doris Craig, Jim Crofton, Virginia Fitzgerald, Kitty Flary, Mary Friis, Harold Flood, Marie Frandsen, Will Frank, Evonne D'agostino, Lily Gans, Gail Gloede, Darlene Dorfler, Dan Graham Family, Grayslake Fire Protection District, Grayslake Public Works, Marion Grinnell, Carol Hegner, Jackie Hansen, Emily Hinz, Krista Holst, Daniel Johnson Family, Marjie Jobes, Joanne Lawrence, Ken Lenzen, Cheryl Polly Machek, Paul Nielsen, Terry & Joyce Norton, Dave Oberg, Cory Pearson, Michelle Poe, Nancy Reed, Charlotte Renahan, Nancy Rinker, Doug Rockenbach, Jim Rockwell, Glenn Roeck, Ron Roselli, Adina Salmansohn, John Smiskol, Molly Smith, Todd

Sponholtz, Kathi Starzec, Lou Thoms Family, Jane Tiffany-Hansen, Jane Trump, Linda Willhite, Glenn Winters, Griff Winters, and Patty Yopp. If this list is missing a name, please contact a Society board member.

DONATIONS

The collections of the Grayslake Historical Society continues to grow. Between September 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 the following individuals donated items. Judy Peters - Swedish grammar book, Jubilee Belle button, gold cosmetic case, souvenir playing cards, 1965 train tickets, G.C.H.S. concert tickets, 1949 Home Bureau cook book, 5 G.C. H. S. band records; Michael Rouse - 1946 Lawrence Rouse teaching contract; Sue Ridey Addy - Charles Ridey collection of G.C.H.S. track photos, Charles Ridey teacher's application; Jon Revelle- Grayslake Gelatin Company items; Douglas Rockenbach - 2 thermometers, 2 aerial views, 11 framed photos, invitations, programs, receipts, price lists, ads, newspaper articles; Ron Roselli - 2 USGS survey maps; Libertyville Historical Society - Fred's Green Mill menu; Darlene Dorfler - 50 year Grayslake Gelatin key ring, several Grayslake Lions Club yearbooks; Village of Grayslake - Heartland information; Willhite family - stamped boards from early Grayslake businesses; Connie Dunbar - G.C.H.S. pioneer class guest book, images from pioneer class reunion; Shirley Christian - barber's scissors.

The work of the Grayslake Historical Society is possible due to generous monetary contributions. Donors between September 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 include DelRaye Bonfanti, John Brandstetter, Judith Eagen, Barbara Richardson Cannon, Lawrence & Jennie Clemens, Karen & Mary Hook, Karl & Marcia Molek, Esper A. Petersen Foundation, Charlotte Renehan, Orrell & Marcia Ruth, Friends & Relatives of Virginia Vasey, Linda Willhite, Ken & Pat Yopp, These funds will be used to purchase filing cabinets, to maintain the website, to obtain archival supplies and to furnish office supplies.

Many people choose to help the society by donating stamps, refreshments for programs and specific supplies. In-kind donations between September 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 were received from Darlene Dorfler, Marie Frandsen, Mary Friis, Carol Hagner, Charlotte Renehan, Nancy Rinker, Ron Roselli, Linda Willhite and Patty Yopp.

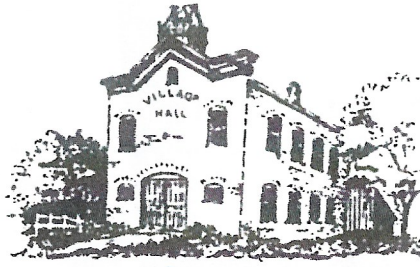
MEMORIALS

The Grayslake Historical Society continues to lose valuable members. Sympathy is expressed to their families and friends. Memorials have been established for Frank Dorfler and Marcella Lenzen and their names will be added to the Society's memorial wall.

MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew your Grayslake Historical Society membership, if your address label says Exp. 2017. Kindly consider an extra donation to help the Society preserve and promote the history of Grayslake. If you have not been receiving e-mails from the Society, send your e-mail address to ChaRenehan@aol.com.

The Grayslake Historical Society board has an opening. The requirements are an up-to-date membership and an interest in preserving and promoting Grayslake's history.



Grayslake Historical Society Membership Form

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

		Quantity	Total
Individual Annual Membership	\$ 10	_____	_____
Individual Annual Senior (65 years and over) Membership	\$ 5	_____	_____
Student Annual	\$ 3	_____	_____
Individual Life Membership	\$ 250	_____	_____
Couple Life Membership	\$ 400	_____	_____
Annual Business Membership	\$ 50	_____	_____
Please accept my additional donation		_____	_____
Total:		_____	_____

Annual Memberships are from
March 1 to February 28

*Make check payable to:
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To become a member of the Grayslake Historical society, please print this form and mail the completed form to:

Membership Chair
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To receive your membership card, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.



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