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Glendale Heritage Preservation Newsletter

"Preserving the Past for the Future"

From the President's Desk

By Nancy Macenko

This just in.

Researchers at Carnegie Mellon University conducted a study of adults who volunteered on a regular basis. They found both men and women who give their time to others, for as little as two hours a week, had lower blood pressure than non-volunteers.

Another national service study turned up even better news for the more seasoned among us. It concluded, "those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer."

Who knew? Here we thought we were just having fun.

Even for this village, which former Mayor Dr. Tom Todd tagged "Volunteersville," Glendale Heritage Preservation is fortunate to have some of the most dedicated volunteers and supporters around. People like Bob Galbraith, who changed zipcodes some time ago, but still manages our newsletter and website. Or Dan Regenold, who never says no to us. Or Jenny Dennis, who makes sure we have fresh cookies from her bakery in each of our "Welcome" bags for new homeowners. Or the good people at Access, who look after our most precious documents and artifacts.

And then there are the GHP trustees and members of the executive committee, the dozens of Thursday and Saturday volunteers who staff the gift shop and museum, and the Friday band of loyal archivists. Together, they make up the engine of this organization.

If your New Year's resolution is to improve your health, shoot me an email (nmacenko@gmail.com) or give me a call (771-0025). We have a number of opportunities for even more volunteers at Glendale Heritage Preservation. We especially need heads and hands for exhibits, communications, office operations, building maintenance, membership development and special programs. Just a couple of hours will do it.

It will be much more fun than going to the gym.

Here's to your health!

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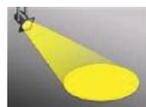
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GHP Museum Hours
Thursday & Saturday
11am - 3pm

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GHP Donor Spotlight

By Joanne Goode



In this issue of our newsletter we would like to shine our Donor Spotlight once again on Ken and Sharon Broenner for their recent donation of photographs taken in the late 1880s-90s. Ken is a descendant of the Verdin family. These photographs, reproduced from glass plates, portray a glimpse back in time to c. 1880s-90s. One shows passengers waiting for the train at the Glendale depot. Other than the classic train photograph taken c.1865, this is the only other photograph of passengers waiting at the Depot that we have.



Train at Glendale Station

Another unique scene is a man walking past Holy Rood Cemetery. This cemetery belonged to St. Gabriel's Parish and it was full by the time Oak Hill Cemetery had been established. Some families started burying their dead in the Catholic section of Oak Hill and some also moved family members to Oak Hill. This photograph shows the cemetery as it looked in the late 1800s.



Man walking past Holy Rood Cemetery

Donations like these allow GHP to grow and enrich the Glendale archive collections. If you have materials relating to Glendale consider donating them to us. We can scan documents and photographs if you prefer not to donate the originals.

Thank you to the following recent donors:
Chief Dave Warman
Frank Schuster



Two men walking west on Washington Ave.

Black Fire Trucks?

Have you ever wondered why Glendale has black fire equipment? Fire Chief Jim Kloth had been impressed by a black engine he saw at a convention in San Francisco, so when Glendale was ready for a new pumper in 1980 of course the color was discussed. The black truck with gold lettering was distinctive and a hit with residents. All Glendale Fire Department vehicles since 1980 have been painted black.



“Nuxhall Delights a Standing Room Crowd at Annual Meeting

By Nancy Macenko

Every chair in the house was filled at the Glendale Heritage Preservation Annual Meeting on November 10th. For the second year in a row, we held the meeting in the warm and roomy gathering space at Christ Church Glendale. The place was packed with more than 135 friends who came to listen to the keynote speaker for our Annual Meeting -- Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum's Historian, the popular Phil Nuxhall.



Once tagged the "Don of the Dead," Phil told little known narratives behind those who are buried at Spring Grove Cemetery and why. He also showed guests some of the beautiful art surrounding the more than 200,000 souls who lie in rest at the second largest cemetery in the country. We closed out the evening

knowing we'll never again think of Spring Grove as just a pretty place to walk, to jog, to bike or to bury.

Some Glendale Notables Buried in Spring Grove Cemetery

David Babbitt, brother of Daguerreotypist Platt Babbitt
Senator Warner Bateman, state Senator and Judge
Harry Whiting Brown, prominent citizen
Charles H. Burchenall Sr., Chairman of Cambridge Tile Manufacturing Co.
Robert Clarke, book publisher and dealer
James Harlan Cleveland, US District Attorney
Judge Joseph Cox, Judge of First Judicial Circuit of Ohio
Robert Crawford, merchant and first mayor
Dr. Charles W. Dabney, president of University of Cincinnati
Edward and Anna Danson, grandparents of Actor Ted Danson
William Hartshorne Ellis, Jr., general contractor of Ingalls Building on 4th Street
Frederick "Woodie" Garber, architect
Hugh Glenn, led expedition to establish trade with tribes of southern

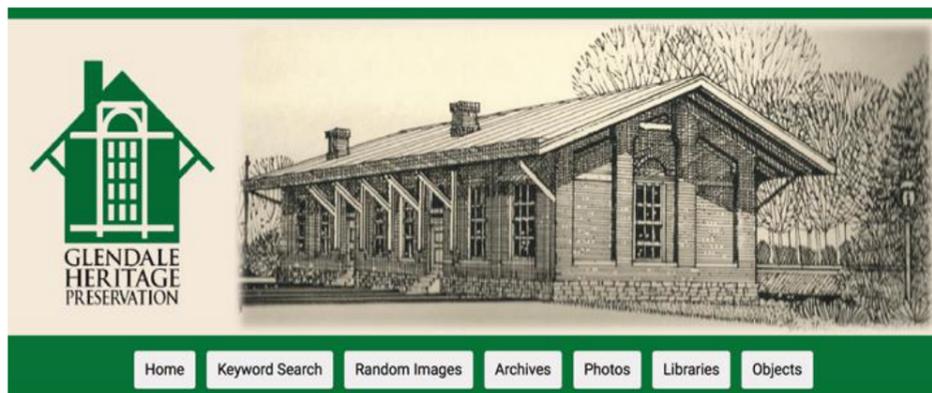
plains
R.J. Haldeman, president Lockland paper mill
Anthony Harkness, one of the founders of Glendale and Mayor
Stanley Matthews, Supreme Court Justice, US Senator and architect
Daniel McLaren, railroad superintendent
James McLaughlin, architect and designer of Glendale lamp-posts
Dr. Reuben D. Mussey, surgeon and professor of surgery
Robert Phillips, civil engineer who laid out the village of Glendale
Reverend David Pise, Jr., Pastor of Christ Church Glendale
William A. Procter, Jr., founding family of Procter & Gamble
Charles Sawyer, Secretary of Commerce, Ambassador to Belgium
Adolph Strauch, landscape designer
Henry Neill Wilson, son of architect James Keyes Wilson

GHP Web site: www.glendaleheritage.org

GHP's Database is now available online. It can be accessed from our website, www.glendaleheritage.org and clicking on the Research tab or directly at <http://glendalemuseum.pastperfectonline.com>.

The database is in its early stages of development and currently represents a portion of the collections. It will be updated on a regular basis. If you don't find what you are looking for or just want to learn more about what might be in our collections, please contact us. If you wish to use some of the materials in our archives, visit the museum during our open hours 11:00-3:00 on Thursdays and Saturdays

Our museum and collections are dedicated to preserving the history of Glendale, Ohio. GHP maintains an archive collection of photographs, documents, objects and other materials that tell the story of Glendale's people and places. The largest portion of our collection is photographs. We maintain a Family File and a Structure File.



The Village Crèche

By Joan Wengler

As the sun rose over the quiet, sleeping Village of Glendale, few of its residents were aware of what occurred during the evening hours of the previous night. It was Christmas morning, 1995, and, although the cold nipped at one's cheeks, the day held the promise of warmer hours ahead. The Nativity display had been in place for several weeks on a small plot of land at the south end of the depot. Earlier that year, the statues had been professionally refinished, referencing oil paintings from the middle ages for accuracy of color and detail. With humility, the reverent figures now wore their new coat of colors.

Just hours before, diligent carpenters worked steadily throughout Christmas Eve day and night to construct a magnificent shelter of Gothic design to shelter the Nativity from the harshness of the winter weather. The final coat of paint was applied approaching midnight. Exhausted, the workmen remained in the garage workshop overnight, sleeping on the bales of straw purchased to surround the statues in the Crèche. It was now early Christmas morning and permission was received from the mayor to move the structure to its new location, where it was carefully assembled. As the straw was being spread, a displaced "Christmas mouse" scrambled out of its sanctuary, seeking refuge in the snow! The Nativity was then moved to its new home at the front of Rogan Park in the village square.



The time and talent to design and oversee the construction of this shelter was donated by a resident architect. Also, other individuals and businesses added their support and services to the success of the project.

Excepting the few instances of childish pranks, i.e., when baby Jesus went on hiatus for a few days and one of the animals, somehow, wandered onto the train tracks, the Crèche has been respected and revered by the community.

On December 20, 2013, an injured and abandoned pit bull sought refuge under the protective shelter of the Crèche. A resident walking her dog discovered him lying beside the manger and reported this to the village office staff. In their effort to lure him from the cold and into the warmth of the administration building, they successfully tempted him with bits of cheese. He was vetted, received the needed medical care and was released. Named after the Angel Gabriel, who foretold the birth of Jesus, he was adopted by a loving family and now Gabriel enjoys his forever home.

Twenty years later on this coming Christmas Day, the Crèche will once again claim its traditional home at the south end of the village square, emanating the heavenly aura of faith, promise and tranquility to those, who pass by.

The inspiration and basic resources to build this shelter has been the privilege and pleasure of The Glendale Garden Club.



Please visit the Black Squirrel Gift Shop -- new Squirrel and Locomotive Ornaments.



Attention Villagers of Glendale!

The GHP is seeking an interested person to serve the Village in one of the great volunteer events in Glendale year-in and year-out. We are looking for a Coordinator for the annual Pancake Breakfast, the unofficial start of Springtime in Glendale. In April 2016 we will be celebrating our 25th Annual Breakfast and hope to make it one for the books. The Coordinator's role is one that pulls together a small army of seasoned GHP volunteers that stand ready to deliver the biggest social event of the year in the Village. We need someone with team-leading skills and an enterprising spirit, not to mention an affection for Glendale, its people & its outstanding traditions. Here's your chance to defeat the February "blahs" and serve the Village in a deeply satisfying way. Please contact Pres. Nancy Macenko if this strikes your fancy

