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Glendale Heritage Preservation Newsletter

"Preserving the Past for the Future"

From the President's Desk

By Nancy Macenko

The French writer Cocteau once wrote, "Light always follows the path of the beautiful. Take a commonplace, clean it and polish it, light it ... and you have done a poet's job." Well, Glendale Heritage Preservation and the Village Service Department are teaming up to embark on a poet's journey. Together, we're going to restore some of Glendale's historic gas lamp posts.

It's a perfect preservation project. Lead by Former GHP President Rachel Schmid (see related story page x) and Glendale's Street Foreman Tom Aldefer, a group of GHP volunteers will fan out in the coming weeks to prime and paint lamp posts in the historic district. We'll start with the first dozen most in need of repair. Each cast metal post will be professionally sandblasted, and then the poets will come in with metal primer and a coat of high quality oil-based paint. We'll get started as soon as the weather is a little more accommodating, and along the way we'll gather photos and information about the posts we refurbish and share everything with you in upcoming newsletters.

Looking ahead a bit further, you may want to make an entry in your calendar for Saturday, May 21. That's the day of the 25th Annual Glendale Heritage Preservation Pancake Breakfast. It's a little later than usual this year to give the snowbirds a chance to experience this classic Glendale event one more time. Tickets are still just \$5 for adults for all the cakes you can eat. And, as usual, kids under 6 eat free. GHP volunteers will start serving at 8 at Historic Town Hall.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast is a tradition that is more than just fun. Proceeds from the event help Glendale Heritage Preservation to continue operating our museum, archives and gift shop in the historic depot -- and for taking on the work of poets from time to time. See you there!

Cheers,

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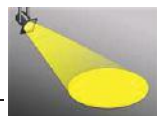
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GHP Donor Spotlight

By Joanne Goode



In this issue of our newsletter we would like to shine our Donor Spotlight on Rob Morgan for his donation of a metal token issued by the Sulfstede Bakery which once operated in Glendale.

Engraved on the front of the token is: Sulfstede Bakery, Glendale, Ohio. On the back of the token: "Good for one loaf of bread". The token was found by the donor using a metal detector.

The donation has led to curiosity about where the bakery was located. An 1880 Manufacturing Report of Cincinnati reveals an F. Sulfstede owning a bakery in Cincinnati. A 1910 census record shows a Sulfstede family living on Greenville Avenue. August, the head of the household, is listed with the occupation of Baker and as owning the business. His daughter, Emma, is listed as being the Storekeeper. There was also a Sulfsted Bakery in Middletown. Although the spelling is different, it is perhaps the same family.

If you have information about the Sulfstede Bakery

please let us know.

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.



About Our Gas Lamp Project

By Nancy Macenko

There are 105 original gas lamp posts in the Village, and everyone agrees 77 of them need sprucing up. It's a tedious project, but one that Glendale Heritage Preservation is pleased to take on in partnership with the Village Service Department -- and with GHP Member Rachel Schmid heading up the volunteer side of things.

Rachel became the Glendale Historic Light Post Expert purely by accident last year. It was after she received the go-ahead to fix up the lamp post at the end of her driveway on Greenville. She said, "The paint on the lamp by our home was badly peeling and flaking. There was no way to do a quality restoration job by painting over what was there. It had to be stripped down to the bare metal."

So that's what she did. Rachel sanded and scraped the post, then put on a coat of metal primer and finished it off with quality oil-based paint. When she finished, her post looked so great, she headed up Greenville and refinished the next three lamps on the street.

In the doing, she noticed each post was different, which "made me curious about what was really going on and what condition each post was in. I just printed out a village map and slowly drove around the entire village, marking where the posts were and what the condition was. Turns out the majority of lamps were in need of some work."



Then things got interesting. Rachel noticed each post was different. "Some are simple fluted columns, others have elaborate climbing flower motifs. The bottoms and tops are also different. In addition, many poles have lead tags indicating the gas lamp number. Others show manufacturing dates from the late 1800s."

As we learn more about this unique piece of our heritage, we'll be sure to share the stories.

The photo is a post at Greenville and Albion and has the date 1896 when it was cast, and the name of the manufacturer running up the side.

Preservation Pancakes: Our 25th Anniversary

By Jack Buescher

Back in 1991, Stan Grueninger (1926 - 2008), a local auto dealer and one of the most enthusiastic members of Glendale Heritage Preservation, floated the idea of a village pancake breakfast. It would be dedicated to the furtherance of preservation activities and support Glendale Heritage Preservation.

Here we are, 25 years later, gearing up to flip the cakes one more time on May 21.

According to Debbie Grueninger, her late husband got the idea to hold the breakfast from the Woodlawn Kiwanis Club. "He borrowed their griddles and started organizing everything. The night before the breakfast, when he was setting up, Fire Chief Latta told him he couldn't have propane tanks inside the building. So he figured out a way to hang them out the windows.

"He befriended Margaret Pusch from Pusch's Restaurant in Fairfield," Debbie continued. "Margaret supplied all the pancake batter, syrup, etc. He went to Bob Evans and got the sausage donated. He contacted Wallingford Coffee in Sharonville and they supplied all the coffee, coffee pots and cups. The milk and juice were donated by Trauth Dairy. Stan was a master at getting people to donate."

Debbie said Stan's strength was, "His great vision for ideas and the things done." His

ness was planning on to get it done with help." weakness surfaced the morning of the first breakfast. "Stan came in about 7:00 AM, took a look around and said 'I forgot to get plates.' He ran down to Kroger and bought every plate they had."

In those early breakfast days, Debbie held a position of

great power. As she put it, "I was in the little kitchen in Town Hall, cooking sausage links on the electric griddle I brought from home."

Since that first breakfast, the village tradition has grown in size, features and complexity. Over the years many changes and improvements were made and efficiency improved. Our local merchants and village residents generously provided items for the door prizes, the raffle and later the silent auction. Then we were joined by other village organizations, each setting up in the fire house lower level, making the breakfast a true community event.

Our volunteers, about 60 working two shifts, have been the secret to the breakfast. They organize, publicize, gather, pander and cook. They set up, take down, clean up and deliver. The breakfast wouldn't exist without them.

Come join us for our 25th Preservation Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 21st between 8 and noon.

