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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Society Members,

Fall greetings to all! What crazy weather we have had this summer. I always grow heirloom tomatoes and a lot of them didn't make it due to the high temperatures, then severe rainfall, followed by more rain again. I certainly missed my summer porch evenings as well. It was simply too warm.

We are very excited for our Annual Meeting this year at the Grandview Theater & Drafthouse. It promises to be truly interesting as well as interactive. Please refer to the Annual Meeting article within this newsletter.

As usual, we will be taking membership renewals at the registration table at our Annual Meeting. For your convenience, while we still accept check payments, we can also now process credit card payments for dues and other purchases.

We are discussing adding a few ideas for activities for the general membership. We will have our Home Tour as usual, but we would very much like to have our members participate in new and different ideas.

Be sure to stop by the Bank Block Breezeway (to the right of Stauf's on Grandview Avenue) and check out the Society's new Fall display. Thank you to Ruthanne James and Jane Harris for their work on the breezeway!

For any of you who haven't provided an email address for electronic receipt of our newsletter, please send it to: ghmchs@gmail.com. Since the Society has "Gone Green", the newsletter is now only distributed electronically.

As always, I welcome your thoughts, suggestions or comments.

Sincerely,

Tracy Liberatore, President

ANNUAL MEETING

Grandview Theater &
Drafthouse
1247 Grandview Ave.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018
1:30-3:30 p.m.

Featured Talk:

Franklinton: Where Columbus Began
First Person Presentation by Leslie
Blankenship (Trustee, Franklinton
Historical Society)

The Franklinton Historical Society was founded in 1993 by two women - one the president of the Franklinton Board of Trade and the other the president of Columbus' first downtown Neighborhood Association and the Chair of the Franklinton Area Commission. They believed a knowledge of local history could instill in residents a pride of place and could rekindle a community's spirit.

At that time, Franklinton was known as "The Bottoms", a topographical term that had become a derogatory nickname angering residents. These women recharged the image of the "near west side" into "Franklinton-the first settlement", given it was established 15 years before Columbus



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was founded. With new development finally coming to the peninsula, the Franklinton Historical Society is working to preserve and maintain the few remaining Franklinton heritage sites in the inner city.

Leslie Blankenship joined the Franklinton Historical Society in 1995



Featured Annual Meeting speaker, Leslie Blankenship (left), in period costume.

to help plan the 1997 Franklinton 200th Anniversary Celebration “From Bison to Bicentennial”. She has been telling stories of Franklinton’s importance in the foundational history of the state and the nation ever since.

Men from Franklinton founded Ohio’s capital Columbus. The footprint of Franklinton’s original plat was a land grant survey for a Revolutionary War veteran.

Franklinton was the northernmost Virginia Military District settlement in 1797, the site of Franklin County’s first courthouse, the headquarters of the U.S. Army of the North West during the second war with Great Britain 1812-1814, and the scene of a tragic flood in 1913 whose aftermath hampered Franklinton’s economic viability into modern times.

Join us on October 21 to hear more about our interesting across-the-Scioto neighbor! A short Society business meeting which is also open to the public will precede the featured talk.



The Harrison House, dates from the early 1800s, and is one of the few original Franklinton structures still standing.

Local Restaurants Tap Into Society’s Archives

What’s old is new! The Society recently provided materials from our archives to two area restaurants wanting to make a connection to GH/MC’s history.

One of the newest restaurants in Grandview is Harvest Tavern & Pizzeria (Harvest) which replaced The Old Bag of Nails at 1099 W. First Avenue. The Grandview location was selected due to the relationship between Harvest owner Chris Crader and Tony Tanner, who is the owner of The Butcher and Grocer, located in the same shopping plaza. Bethany Lovell is also an owner of Harvest. Specialty cheeses and salamis are provided by Tanner for Harvest’s charcuterie board. Another reason for the Grandview location is the proximity to parks, schools, and homes. Wood-fired pizza is Harvest’s featured menu item, baked in a three way process – with baking stones, gas fire, and wood fire, the latter

which needs to be tended to maintain the correct temperature. In addition to a full dining menu, Harvest offers a combination of craft beers, wine, and cocktails.

The restaurant evokes a “harvest” theme by using farm photographs, wood interiors, and brick walls. Several graffiti-carved wood planks donated by the Society are displayed in a glass-enclosed window at the back of the Harvest dining area. The planks came from the walls of a former restaurant landmark, Stew Harrison’s, which had been located at the northeast corner of West Fifth and Grandview Avenues, from 1932 to 1984. Initials, college names, devotions to sweethearts, and other notes were carved into the planks by patrons dining at Stew Harrison’s. In addition to the planks, the original ceiling from the Old Bag of Nails was kept by Harvest.



Planks from historic Stew Harrison’s restaurant similar to those on display in new Harvest.



New Harvest Tavern & Pizzeria on First Avenue.

A second restaurant, Cap City Fine Diner and Bar (Cap City) located at 1299 Olentangy River Road,

re-opened on August 9, 2018, after an extensive remodel and renovation. The restaurant has always had a retro vibe and offers “Classic Comfort Food Made Modern”. In the recent renovation, Cap City strengthened their proximity and ties to nearby GH/MC communities. Six framed historical photos, provided by the Society, are now displayed in the main dining area of Cap City Grandview, including:

- Grandview Theater
- Historic Bank Block on Grandview Avenue
- George Urlin, a founding GH citizen
- Alice Urlin, George’s wife, also helped found GH
- Urlin Mansion, their home on Goodale Boulevard, where Summit Chase sits today
- 1919 Grandview Heights football team

We commend these restaurants for their attention to local history. Stop by and see the Society materials on display while enjoying wonderful food and drink. The Society has also worked with the management of The Avenue, Grandview Cafe, and the Knotty Pine to place historic photos in their venues.



Photos displayed on wall near Cap City counter show Grandview Theater and Bank Block.



Former Stew Harrison’s restaurant at Fifth/Grandview Avenues circa 1950s (now site of Winking Lizard restaurant).



Remodeled Cap City counter with historical GH/MC photos displayed on wall to left.



True Blue and Solid Gold – GH/MC Military Moms

In recognition of upcoming Veteran’s Day on Monday, November 12 (observed) and Grandview Height’s planned dedication of an addition to the city’s Memorial Park, historical background on the Blue Star Mother’s organization and local involvement is provided.

of servicemen to reply. Over 1,000 responses to the notice were received, and on February 1, 1943, 300 mothers met at the Durant Hotel in Flint. Captain George H. Maines, who conceived the idea for the group acted as chair of the first meeting.

With so many responses, it was decided that the group should become a permanent organization, and on February 6, 1943, the organization was reported on the Congressional record. Chapters were formed in Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, California, Iowa and Washington. The organization was chartered by Congress in June, 1960.

The organization’s name came from a service banner designed in 1917 by World War I Army Captain Robert Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry. A blue star was included in the middle for each family member actively serving in the Armed Forces. Captain Queissner had two sons serving on the front lines in

BLUE STAR MOTHERS	
MOTHER'S NAME _____	
ADDRESS _____	PHONE _____
How Many Boys in Army? _____	Name _____
	Navy? _____ Name _____
	Marines? _____ Name _____
Do You Wish to Have Regular Meetings of the "Blue Star Mothers?" _____	What Day? _____
Morning or Afternoon? _____	
Mail or bring this coupon to the "Defense Editor," in care of the Flint News-Advertiser. A blue star to be placed in your window will be mailed to you.	

Notice from January 23, 1942, Flint (MI) News-Advertiser which initiated the Blue Star Mothers organization.

On January 23, 1942, in the midst of World War II (WWII), the Flint (MI) News Advertiser printed a notice asking mothers





Europe, and he – and others like him – hung the service banner in a window of their home. A Blue Star becomes a Gold Star if a service member is killed or dies while on active duty. The significance of the star colors is: blue is for hope and pride; gold is for sacrifice for the cause of liberty and freedom.

The Tri-Village Unit of the Blue Star Mothers was organized on October 6, 1943. There were more than 80 members in the group with 50 active members. Their purpose was to aid servicemen and women any way they could. They sent Christmas cards, held dinners for servicemen, provided and served coffee and donuts at the USO, and helped needy families of servicemen at Christmas. They held bake sales at the Grandview Heights Public Library to support their efforts, and a Valentine's Party for servicemen's wives and sweethearts. The Tri-Village Unit held their first Memorial Day service at the Honor Roll Board then located at the east end of the library. Over 150 names were on the original board at

the dedication. Names of those entering service after the erection of the Honor Roll were added periodically. The dedication service was held on March 26, 1944.



Service banner deployed at Ohio Senate building.
<http://www.ohiostatehouse.org/about/capitol-square/senate-building>



Crowd at 1948 dedication of original Memorial Park located on Grandview Library grounds (photo from Society Final Salute publication).



Laura Titus, co-founder of Tri Village Unit of Blue Star Mothers (photo circa 2000, Ken Frick Photography; Historical Society Archives)



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