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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Society Members,

Greetings to all! I hope you are enjoying this fabulous weather. The trees will soon turn their fall colors and the sound of Grandview Heights High School band will resound in the neighborhood playing our fight song during games and band practices. And let's not forget the Buckeyes!

The Society has been working on the usual items: keeping the website updated, making sure you are informed with ViewPoints, handling day to day requests for information, and continuing to add to our archives.

I offer the following highlights:

Music on the Lawn: We were a presence at all the summer concerts and made some new friends, as well as selling publications and decks of cards. Many thanks to Win Keller, Jeri Diehl Cusack, and Ruthanne James for manning our station all summer. Incidentally, if you would like to purchase cards or publications, please contact me or one of our board members.

Farmer's Market: Jane Harris and I managed a GH/MCHS table at the annual Farmer's Market Community Day Showcase on Grandview Avenue. Regular farmers sell their home grown products, and there were several local organizations represented. We did very well, making significant sales and gaining some new memberships. We will definitely be part of this event again in 2010.

Annual Meeting: Please plan to attend our annual meeting. We love visiting with you! See the article in column right for details.

Tour of Homes 2010: We will soon begin planning for this triennial event, which is our main fundraiser, and will be held on Mothers' Day next May. Please contact me or any board member if you can participate. We always need docents and extra help for this.

Finally, I implore all members with email addresses to please provide us with them. This information will be put in a data base, and will enable us to contact you between annual meetings and Viewpoints publication dates. Send directly to me at: tliberat@wowway.com.

See you at the annual meeting October 26!

Sincerely,

Tracy Liberatore
President

Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society Annual Meeting

REMNISCENCES OF THE ROOSEVELTS

presented by Jeri Diehl Cusack
Society Life Member and Trustee

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY

6:30 P.M. – GATHERING

6:45 P.M. – SOCIETY ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

7:00 P.M. – PROGRAM

In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the birth of Eleanor Roosevelt on October 11, 1884, Society Trustee Jeri Diehl Cusack will share her insights into the lives of "ER" and her intriguing family: husband Franklin (FDR), our only four-time elected President of the United States, his mother Sara Delano, daughter of a wealthy trader who made not one but two fortunes dealing in Chinese opium, Eleanor's Uncle Teddy ("TR") who gave her away in marriage for his deceased brother and even chose the wedding date, based on his commitment to be in NYC for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade, and "TR"'s daughter Alice, Eleanor's first cousin who was eight months older, but whose life ran anything but parallel to ER's.



ER, FDR, and JDC at Hyde Park, New York

Jeri Diehl Cusack is a longtime collector of Roosevelt memorabilia, a frequent visitor to Roosevelt family historical sites, and a participant in Roosevelt commemorative events. In this presentation, she will draw from her considerable knowledge and extensive book collection.

Please note the new time schedule, planned to accommodate the library's new hours. Seasonal refreshments will be served. As always, the entire community is invited to attend.

This issue sponsored

IN MEMORY OF LORNA "SKIP" DONALDSON KARLOVEC





THE AMAZING SARGENT FA

The Sargent name looms large in early 20th Century United States golf history, but few remember the 12-member family's 1919-1932 residence in Grandview Heights. Several recent golf club monthly newsletters, including Scioto Country Club and Atlanta Country Club, have marked the 100th anniversary of the 1909 U.S. Open tournament with the story of George Sargent's "upset" win.

Sargent (1882-1962) was born on the outskirts of London, England and at the age of 12 was apprenticed to Head Pro Tom McWhit at the Golf Club at Epsom Downs. At age 17 he became an assistant at the Ganton Golf Club in Yorkshire under Harry Vardon, one of the early great English players. Under Vardon Sargent learned to design and manage golf courses, as well as how to play and teach the game. He competed in the The British Open in 1900 and finished fourth. Vardon encouraged Sargent to emigrate to the United States.

In 1907 Sargent married Beatrice Marguerite Pearse and in 1908 they moved to Canada, where Sargent worked at the Royal Ottawa Club. In 1909 they moved to Sudbury, Vermont and while playing out of the Hyde Manor Club there George won the 1909 U.S. Open at the Englewood Golf Club in New Jersey, where as an unknown he came from behind on the final day to win the title.

Following the 1909 win George was invited as head pro at the Chevy Chase Country Club where he served four years, followed by four years at Interlachen in Minneapolis. From 1909 through much of the 1910s he was perhaps the most successful professional golfer in the U.S., winning the Canadian Open in 1912 and finishing in the top 10 in a number of other important tournaments. When the Professional Golf Association was created in 1916 Sargent was a charter member and was elected Vice President.

In 1919 George Sargent succeeded Arthur Smith, another player from England, as the second professional at Scioto Country Club. (Smith lived at the southeast corner of First Avenue and Wyandotte Road.) From 1920 to 1925 the Sargents owned the home at 1520 Wyandotte Road, and from 1925 to 1932 they owned 1346 Lincoln Road.

Sargent served five consecutive terms as the 3rd PGA President 1921-1926.

In 1926 he was instrumental in capturing the U.S. Open for Scioto Country Club. Bobby Jones won the 1926 title, coming from behind in the final round.

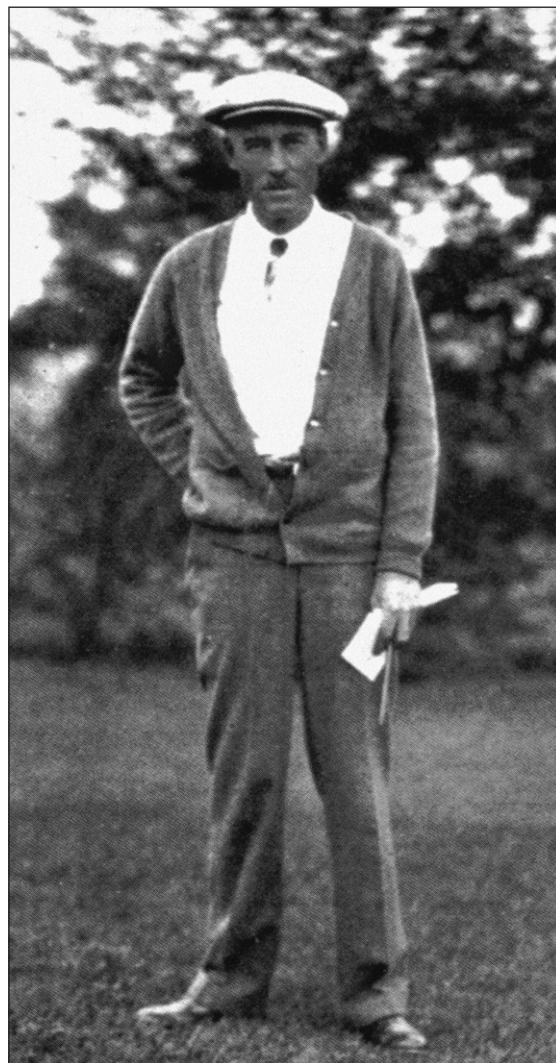
Jones asked Sargent to move to Atlanta and become head pro at his country club, but Sargent declined, until 1932 when he finally accepted Jones' repeated invitations and moved to Atlanta's East Lakes Country Club.

During his years at Scioto George Sargent had considerable influence on many Tri-Village young men, including Joe Thomas. Sargent introduced innovations into the golf world, including his 1926 radio golf lessons (repeated by Joe Thomas in the 1930s to help Marble Cliff's Aladdin Country Club raise

funds) and the introduction of golf lessons in silent movies with Bobby Jones, Joyce Wethered, and Harry Vardon.

Another Sargent protege was Louis Montenaro of Grandview. Montenaro was with Sargent at Scioto for six years and with his help became a good golfer. Upon winning the 1934 governor's trophy, emblematic of the golf championship of all employees of the State of Ohio, Louis Montenaro was quoted in a local newspaper, "Gee, I'm glad you want my picture. The reason is that I want to send the clipping down to George Sargent. He'll be glad I won."

George Sargent is a member of the PGA Hall of Fame and was inducted into the Georgia Hall of Fame on January 7, 1995.



George Sargent, 1909 Open Champion, Scioto's second Pro and President of PGA of America. He brought the 1926 Open to Scioto.



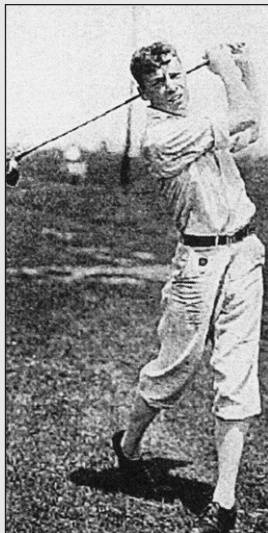
FAMILY: THE GRANDVIEW YEARS

by Terry Smith

Sargents in Grandview Heights

Of the ten Sargent children, only the last three were born in Columbus, but all attended Grandview Schools. Several had outstanding careers in golf and other sports while at GHHS and afterward.

Alfred Sargent (1908-1947) GHHS 1926, played football and basketball all four years and golf and baseball his final three years, acted in several plays, and was Student Council president his senior year. As a 15-year-old sophomore, Alfred captained Grandview's first high school golf team which won the Franklin County Golf League season. In the summer of 1923 he competed in the Franklin County Golf Tournament, a tournament in Athens (on a course George Sargent laid out), and the Westmoreland Country Club in Chicago. Following his 1926 high school graduation Alfred entered the field at the U. S. Open at Scioto.



Alfred Sargent played in the 1926 Open

He enrolled at Ohio State, became captain of the freshman golf team and earned his Varsity "O" as a sophomore as part of the varsity foursome who won the Western Conference championship. He was golf pro at Inverness in Toledo from 1932 to 1939. Alfred died tragically in 1947.

Nina Millicent Sargent (1910-1989), GHHS 1927, attended Ohio State and worked as assistant librarian to Josephine Swinehart at Grandview Library. In 1933 she married Sam Garwood, GHHS 1927, and they lived in the Sargent home on Lincoln Road until their mid-1940s divorce, after which Nina moved to Atlanta, remarried, and worked as a librarian.

Marguerite Mary Sargent (1911-1963) withdrew from Grandview High School before graduation.

Gladys Sargent (1912-2004) GHHS 1931, was active in high school tennis and basketball. She moved to Atlanta with her family. Over the years in Atlanta she won 12 club ladies golf championships, finally losing to one of her daughters.

Harold Lester Sargent (1913-1990) GHHS 1932, did not graduate. In February 1932 he moved to Atlanta with his father while the rest of the family remained in Grandview until the end of the school year. He served as head golf pro at Atlanta Athletic Club, succeeding his father (again at the request of Bobby Jones). Harold was national chair of PGA Teaching Committee 1951-1957 and PGA president 1958-60, and honorary PGA president 1961-63. Harold Sargent and his father George Sargent are the only father-son presidents of the PGA.

Donald Sargent (1914-1998), GHHS 1932, considered by his family probably the best golfer in the family, became a chemist and worked for a soft drink company.

Evelyn Lucy Sargent (1915-?), would have been GHHS 1933, but moved to Atlanta with her family for her senior year.

George Thomas Sargent (1922-1962) was a pilot in World War II and later with the Strategic Air Command.

Jack Sargent (1924-1985) was a 27-year member of the PGA, serving 12 years as assistant to his brother Harold at Peachtree Golf Club in Atlanta. 10 years at Pensacola Country Club in Florida, and 7 years at Atlanta Athletic Club.

Bernice Ruth Sargent (1925-1989) was the youngest of the Sargent children.

George, Harold and Jack Sargent are all members of the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame.

Sources: GHMCHS archives, GHHS Highlanders, *Community News* and *Tri-Village News*, Scioto Country Club, Inverness Country Club, Interlachen Country Club, Sargent family, and Bonnie Jean Martin McCullough.



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Thanks!

The GHMCHS continues to welcome donations of historical material on a regular basis. Several significant surprise contributions have been received this year.

Yvonne Frey Oppenheimer mailed a large box containing her brother, Gerard "Bud" Frey's sports memorabilia to the high school office. The material was subsequently entrusted to the Society. Bud was a member of the class of 1948 and an outstanding athlete. Jeanne Jones Holder forwarded another large box of photographs and notes compiled by her mother, the late Alleyne Higgs Jones, including a meticulously organized series of notes and correspondence she collected over 35 years ago from her friends and classmates from the GHHS Class of 1922. Alleyne and her friends were all members of Grandview Heights' and Marble Cliff's first families and their recollections add greatly to our knowledge base regarding life in the community during its formative years. Alleyne was an early member of the Society and her penchant for saving things has also provided us with wonderfully preserved street car tickets, programs from sports, plays and commencements, party favors, obituaries, and even 86-year-old GHHS football tickets.

Please remember that GHMCHS welcomes donations of historical materials of any kind and in any amount!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society membership year is from October 1 to September 30. If you are an annual member, it's time to renew your membership. Your current membership status is on this *ViewPoints* mailing label. Use the form on this page, or the application in the mailing which will soon be sent to you.

Please also consider a lifetime membership: never another reminder!



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