



# ViewPoints



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AN OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS/MARBLE CLIFF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## MARBLE CLIFF Holiday CELEBRATION

December 2000 will mark the 20th annual gathering of Marble Cliff residents for food, fun and fellowship of the season since its inauguration in 1981 by then Marble Cliff Council member Frank M. Monaco, who now holds the office of Mayor of the village. His idea was to develop community relationships in the village by inviting residents to become better acquainted in a social setting.

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The first Village Christmas Party was held in the fellowship hall of Trinity United Methodist Church, following the lighting of a Christmas tree at Arlington Circle and the singing of carols by parents, children and other residents. Accordionist Esther Crow provided the music, Santa and Mrs. Santa presided, along with Mr. Snowman, and had their pictures taken with the children. Refreshments were served, more carols were sung, every child received a gift, and each family took home one of the red poinsettias which decorated the hall. Residents of St. Raphael's home attended the gathering, along with many other village residents. Horse

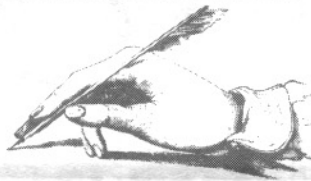
A photo from a 1987 Marble Cliff newsletter showing visiting Santa and Mrs. Claus at the 6th Annual Christmas Celebration which was held in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity United Methodist Church.

### Welcome, New Members!

- Randy and Connie Anderson
- Betty Angelcore
- Maureen Damiani
- Bruce Duncan
- Sue Hexter Fodor
- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Guitteau
- Nan Loos
- Joan Hunter Neal
- Margaret Price
- Sal and Bonnie Salrin

New Life Member:  
Mrs. Charles Mulbach

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Greetings, Members and Friends!

I hope all of you have enjoyed the beautiful colors and delightful days of this warmer than usual fall in Central Ohio. To those of you who attended the Annual Meeting on September 10, our thanks--it was wonderful to see so many faces! Special thanks to Caroline Van Deusen for her fascinating program.

At the October Board meeting, the following positions were filled for 2000-2001:

President:	Tracy Liberatore
Vice-President:	JoAnn Curry
Treasurer:	Tom DeMaria
Secretary:	Sally Kosnik

Before updating you on current events, I thought I might tell you a bit about myself! My interest in history was sparked by my mother-an active founder of the Ohio Village Volunteer Association-as well as my family's love for the past and historic preservation. I have two children, aged 13 and 10, and husband of 18 years, Jack. I have grown to love this community and its small-town atmosphere, and wish to preserve, contribute to and to protect it!

Your Society has been busy with many worthwhile projects:

- We continue to work on the 2001 Home Tour. See more in this issue.
- We continue to file and log our precious documents and photographs, both hard copy and electronically. Wayne Carlson has diligently been scanning selected items to our website. Please visit us at [www.gbmchs.org](http://www.gbmchs.org). We are also working with Grandview Heights Public Library Director Carol Pelz towards digitizing holdings to CD Roms available for public use. This will not only make our materials more widely available, but will ensure the safety of original items, many of which are fragile.
- The Ohio Bicentennial is approaching in 2003. As you may know, Grandview Avenue Bank Block was awarded an Ohio Historical Marker. The marker is now complete and is being shipped. Dedication and installation will be in Spring 2001.
- Be on the lookout for a new display in the Bank Block "Breezeway". The theme will be "Early Grandview Sports".

As always, we welcome your enthusiasm and comments. If you need to contact me at any time, please call 488-0425 or email at [TpennL@aol.com](mailto:TpennL@aol.com).

I am, Yours Sincerely,  
Tracy Liberatore



# TOUR of HOMES 2001

The Grandview Heights/ Marble Cliff Historical Society will once again sponsor a tour of homes on Mother's Day, May 13, 2001. Focus will be on the homes and history of the Village of Marble Cliff, to coincide with the village's celebration of the centennial of its incorporation in November 1901.

The home tour may seem far in the future, but the Society is currently looking for help from its members. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Win Keller at 488-9142 or Ruthanne James, Home Tour Chair, at 486-6456, or email: ARTRAJ@msn.com.

Four families, along with Our Lady of Victory Convent, have graciously agreed to host the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Tour of Homes 2001. Anyone with historical information on these sites may contact the house captains, whose names are listed below.

This tour, which is advertised only locally, has not only captured the interest of new residents who have moved into this "Grand View" and Marble Cliff Village, but offers new and interesting historical insights to those born and raised in the Tri-Village area.

## 2001 TOUR HOMES/CAPTAINS

Jim and Ann Lachey 1445 Roxbury Road	Captain: Patrick Mooney 279-6665
Richard and Linda Murray 2000 West Third Avenue	Captain: Tracy Liberatore 488-0425
Kent and Susan Studebaker 1492 Roxbury Road	Captain: Wayne Carlson 486-6626
Dirk and Sharon Voelker 2041 West Third Avenue	Captain: Win Keller 488-9142
Our Lady of Vistory Church Roxbury Road	Captain: Tom DeMaria 486-3509

## LOCAL LINCOLN CONNECTION

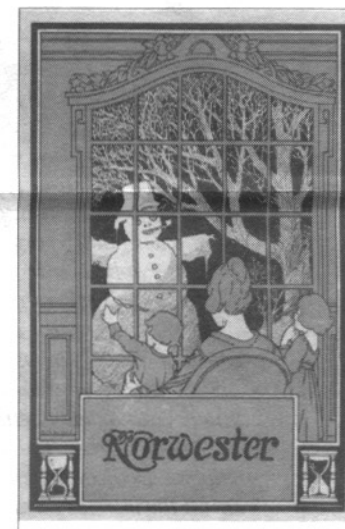
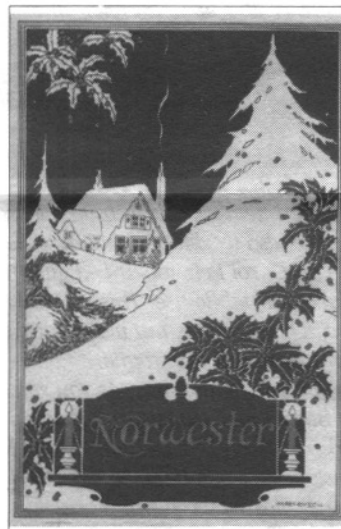
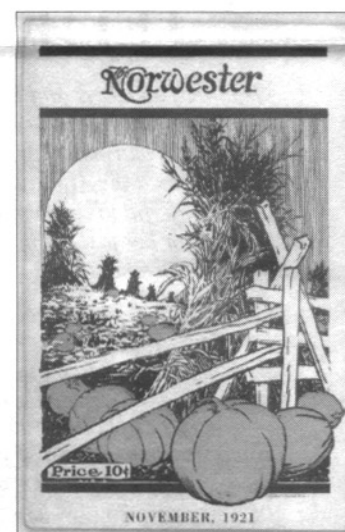
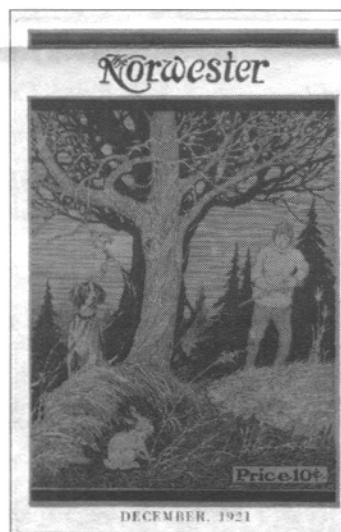
### HIGHLIGHT OF ANNUAL MEETING by TOM DEMARIA

The Lincoln presidency, his final hours, Civil War Washington, DC Society, and family history took on a whole new meaning for the 50 members and friends in attendance at the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society annual meeting Sunday, September 10. Local resident Caroline Welling Van Duesen shared family memorabilia and memoirs of her great-great-grandmother Elizabeth Dixon, wife of Connecticut Senator James Dixon and close friend of the Lincolns. Attendees marvelled at the very personal reminiscences of this rich family history collection, complete with a vast array of photographs and autographs from such figures as the Lincolns, Charles Dickens and General McClellan.

The Society is indebted to Caroline for her masterful, personal and intimate presentation and to her great great grandmother Elizabeth whose detailed journal entries thrill us 125 years after her death. Special thanks are due Tracy Liberatore for organizing the program and baking the authentic Mary Todd Lincoln recipe cinna-

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## A LOOK AT THE PAST Seasonal Events and Celebrations



Seasonal covers of *The Norwester* (published monthly 1917-1922)-- Columbus artist and designer Mark Russell (1887-1967), who did these *Norwester* covers, is credited with the murals in the Leveque-Lincoln lobby, and taught for many years in Columbus Public Schools and Columbus Art School.

## LINCOLN HEIGHTS CHURCH HAS CHRISTMAS SERVICE

*Godman Guild Folk Help Fifth Avenue Church Plan Program.*

The Lincoln Heights Colored M. E. Church, West Fifth Avenue and Starr Road, through the help and cooperation of Mr. J.W. Wheeler of the Godman Guild, had a beautiful community Christmas tree and program December 24.

Miss Georgia Shaffer of the Godman Guild, assisted by Mrs. Emmett Corwin, three girls who were in the play at the Guild, and children of the church and community gave a fine exercise. Mrs. Emmett Corwin, who plays the chimes at King Avenue M. E. Church, gave a brief talk on the construction and operation of the chimes. Each person present at the service was given a present.

*(from Community News 1923)*

## 1921 ELECTION RESULTS

The successful candidates for the various offices which were to be filled at the November election are as follows:

### MARBLE CLIFF

Mayor - John Nau  
 Clerk - C. C. Moelchert  
 Treasurer - W. E. Rex  
 Marshal - Philip Skeeel  
 Council - F. H. Auld, C. W. Bellows, S. P. Bush, E. B. Doremous, W. H. Lanman, Carl Lindenberg

### GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS

Mayor - John Ryder  
 Clerk - Walter Whissen  
 Treasurer - C. C. Hall  
 Marshall - H. Jeanson  
 Council - E. F. Claggett, F. C. Dean, G. M. Hoefner, Henry Howe, H. Sharitt, John Young  
 Board of Education - C. E. Silbernagle, E. J. Haywood, J. H. Nau

### UPPER ARLINGTON

City Commission - Wm. Kern, W. H. Palmer  
 Board of Education - R. M. Royer, Hazel D. Pontius  
 Grandview Heights rejected the proposition to be annexed to Columbus by a vote of 540 against to 37 for. Upper Arlington approved the levying of a two-mill school tax by a vote of 111 for to 20 against.

*(from Norwester, December 1921)*

## OLD TIME XMAS SPIRIT MUCH IN EVIDENCE

*The New Year Will Be Welcomed Sunday Night--A New Year of Even Greater Accomplishment*

Christmas in the community was one of the best ever witnessed if the activity of residents is an indication. During the war and during those years which followed Christmas interest lagged or took a new turn, but this year the old time Christmas spirit returned with its old time vigor... Beautiful Christmas services were held in all three churches, embracing the special service of the Community Church at the tree Saturday night, midnight mass in Our Lady of Victory Chapel Christmas Eve, the special Sunday morning service in the Grandview M. E. Church Sunday morning, and the Christmas service of the Community Church Sunday afternoon. ...on Sunday evening the community will ring out the old and in the new with the knowledge that much has been accomplished during 1922 and even greater accomplishments lie ahead for the new year.

*(from Community News, 29 December 1922)*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE IS WELL ATTENDED THANKSGIVING MORNING

Dr. Vernon S. Phillips Delivers Thanksgiving Sermon, "The Tasks of America", in New Grandview Methodist Church Building to General Audience

*(from Community News, 28 November 1924)*

## METHODIST CHOIR RENDERS MUSICAL PROGRAM

Minister Traces Achievement in Part, and Enumerates Three Tasks of Present Generation: International Good-Will, A Sympathetic Democracy, and a Vital Religion.



## GRANDVIEW MARKET CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Saturday and All Next Week Till Christmas

### Turkeys, Chickens and Ducks at Less Price Than Anywhere

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|---|---|
| Diamond brand English Walnuts, 34c lb., 3 lbs. \$1.00 | Extra Large California Oranges, per doz. .... 60c |
| Paper Shell Pecans, per lb. 65c                       | Extra Large Florida Oranges, per doz. .... 75c    |
| Paper Shell Almonds, per lb. 34c                      | Others at 50c and 60c doz.                        |
| <b>CANDY</b>  | Extra Large Grapefruit, each 10c                  |
| Creams, per lb. .... 22c                              | Delicious Apples, per lb. .... 10c                |
| Hard Mixed, per lb. .... 18c                          | Spitzenberg Apples, 3 lbs. .... 25c               |
| Peanut Clusters, per lb. .... 24c                     | Large Tangerines, per doz. .... 50c               |
| Jellies, per lb. .... 19c                             |   |

We've got the finest lot of Christmas trees ever known, ranging from 50c each up. Early call brings early delivery. Randolph 0224 First Ave. at Oakland Ave. Citizen 10699

Merry Christmas

**THESE STORES---CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON GRANDVIEW AVE. ARE SANTA'S HEADQUARTERS**

---Here You May Buy Gift Things Immeasurable Without The Inconvenience of Jostling Crowds.

---Here you may find Plenty of Parking Space.

---Here you will find helpful service. Buy from the Merchants in this block.

## BECOME A MEMBER

*of the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society!*

Please complete the information below and send with your check made out to: **GH/MC Historical Society** Mail or drop off at the **Grandview Heights Library, 1685 West First Avenue, Columbus, OH 43212**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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(IF COUPLE MEMBERSHIP) \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check the appropriate membership box:

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

YEARLY DUES (OCT. 1-SEPT. 30)

- Single \$5.00
- Couple \$8.00
- Organization \$15.00

### LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP

ONE-TIME PAYMENT

- Single \$100.00
- Couple \$150.00
- Organization \$500.00
- Benefactor \$1000.00

## MARBLE CLIFF HOLIDAY...

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plans for the celebration after questions were raised about the legality of spending public funds for a function with religious overtones. The village solicitor was asked to review similar cases on record. Some villagers protested the suspension. The village solicitor reported that council could indeed hold a party as long as

its purpose was secular and not religious. On November 15, 1993 Marble Cliff Village Council voted to continue the planning of a "Holiday Party", with a volunteer committee of residents to determine its style and details.

Marble Cliff Villagers, old and new, continue to look forward each December to the opportunity to greet one another, celebrate together, and extend to one and all the Best of the Season and warm Wishes for the New Year!

## LOCAL LINCOLN...

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mon, almond and vanilla cakes, as well as Abraham Lincoln's favorite molasses cookies. Board member Wayne Carlson scanned the memorabilia onto a CD, designed the slides used during the presentation, and has added them to the Society's website. Finally, special thanks to the following stu-

dents from Lin Bensen's Grandview Heights Middle School Family and Consumer Science class, who assisted with setup, directed guests, and served refreshments: Max Bornheim, Ollie Cook, Mike Crabtree, Becca DeMaria, Ethan Hawk, Phillip Jones, Geoff Moran, Anna Snider, and Hannah Trapp.

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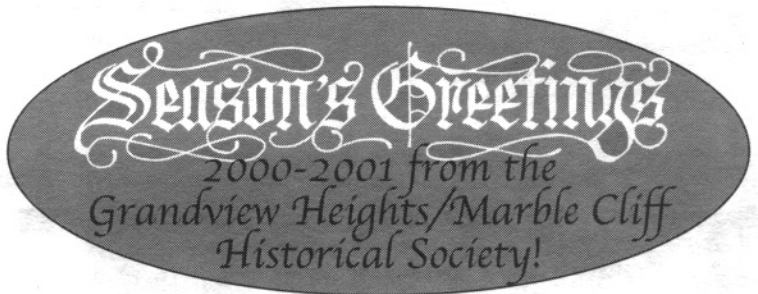
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