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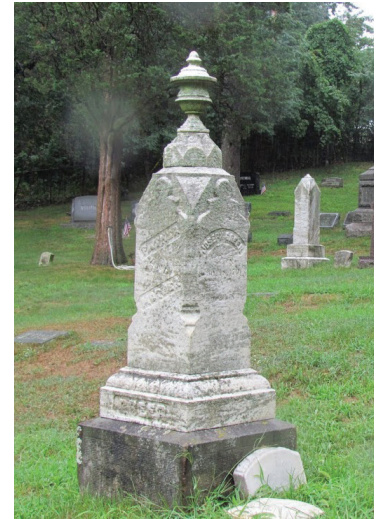
History Matters

Keego Harbor • Orchard Lake • Sylvan Lake • West Bloomfield

Pine Lake Cemetery Tour Features Stories of Prominent Local Citizens

This biennial event takes place Saturday, October 8, from 10 a.m.- noon at Pine Lake Cemetery (northeast corner of Lone Pine & Middlebelt Roads).

The tour provides the public with an opportunity to explore this historic 1833 cemetery and learn more about those buried there. The graves of many early settlers of the area are found here, including first postmaster John Ellenwood and members of the Durkee family. Others buried in the cemetery include football hero Nick Pietrosante and Evangeline Lodge Land Lindbergh, the mother of Charles A. Lindbergh. For more about this event, see page 3 or visit www.gwbhs.org/events.



Learn the History of Kit Homes

Kit homes enthusiasts Andrew and Wendy Mutch explore the fascinating history of kit and catalog homes in Michigan at West Bloomfield Library on Wednesday, September 28 at 7 p.m. For more about this event, see page 3 or visit www.gwbhs.org/events.



Save the Date for the 2017 Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting & *This Place Matters* Presentation

Saturday, January 28, 2017 10 a.m. - noon

Orchard Lake Schools

3535 Commerce Rd., Dining Hall, Bldg. 15

Annual meeting and *This Place Matters* presentation by Ron Campbell. \$15 includes brunch. Reservations by January 24 at www.gwbhs.org/events, rsvp@gwbhs.org or 248.518.0871. No annual meeting charge.



Apple Island visitors display the *This Place Matters* banner in May 2016.

GWBHS Participates in *This Place Matters*

This Place Matters is a campaign of the National Trust for Historic Preservation that "encourages people to celebrate the places that are meaningful to them and to their communities."

This spring, GWBHS volunteers took photos at Apple Island and Orchard Lake Museum.

Watch for photos to be posted on Facebook and Twitter with the hashtag #ThisPlaceMatters. More information about the campaign is at www.savingplaces.org/this-place-matters.

From the Desk of President Gina Gregory...

As the days grow shorter and cooler, the transition to autumn and the passing of time are undeniable. This year, the changing of seasons makes me think of the changes all around us, those beyond our control, as well as the things we have worked so hard to achieve.

For the first time, GWBHS joined the **Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce** (GWBCC). This forum provides a network for the community to become more familiar with GWBHS, and for us to meet community members and explore opportunities. I participated in the September GWBCC Lunch & Learn event, and gave the GWBHS Overview & 2015 Highlights presentation (www.gwbhs.org/about-us/annual-reviews).

A new high was reached with **spring fundraising** efforts. We appreciate the community and member support from Jerry's Salon, Nectars/Vintage Wine Shop, Orchard Lake Auto Repair, and Orchard Shell. These funds support programs and a more dynamic website, fulfilling the GWBHS mission to stimulate and share interest in history.

A new one day record was reached for **Apple Island Tours**, with attendance of 296 people on Sunday. High attendance and new sponsorships led to a positive outcome, after expenses, for Apple Island Tours finances. Thank you to our sponsors: Kirsten's Essential Oils, Judith Graham, and Gina Gregory.



Christy Forhan was nominated by GWBHS and received a Michigan Week Lifetime Volunteer Leadership Award for her work with the *Our School History* exhibit panels and her many other volunteer efforts.

Long-time GWBHS volunteer **Helen McAllister**, was nominated by Sylvan Lake Garden Club and received a Michigan Week Lifetime Volunteer Leadership Award for her volunteerism with Sylvan Lake and GWBHS.



GWBHS hosted its first **Appreciation Reception** in July. Our board recognizes that GWBHS volunteers, members and supporters are our most important asset. Without them, this organization would not exist! We were pleased with the positive feedback from the 47 people who attended. Guests enjoyed re-

freshments, door prizes, and conversation, while Matt Chaffin played classical guitar. We enjoyed being together and celebrating our commitment to sharing and preserving local history. Some members met each other for the first time.

As I reflect on our shared successes, I am reminded that the highs and lows of life often come close together. After the passing this summer of early GWBHS volunteers, Jerry Bonneville and Betty Bradbury, we have taken time to reflect on their contributions. You can read about the Bonneilles and Bradburys on page 5.



Jeanne and Merrill Miller at Family Fun Day in 2011

Long time volunteers, Merrill and Jeanne Miller, have moved to Florida. Merrill is remembered for his Greater West Bloomfield first land owners map, presentations given, and being a board member, treasurer, and event volunteer. Jeanne is remembered as an Apple Island greeter during many annual tours.

We will miss these long-time volunteers who were so committed to preserving local history.



Doris and Jerry Bonneville stopped by the museum to drop off materials in 2012.



In the fall of 2013, Betty Bradbury, then 87 years old, raked fall leaves at the museum with her niece, Nancy Kolarik.

2016-2017 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER-JANUARY

Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society hosts and sponsors programs covering a wide variety of local history topics throughout the year. Visit gwbhs.org for more information and final event details.



The Modern Miracle—Complete for \$656



Kit Homes in Michigan

Wednesday, September 28, 7 p.m.

WB Library Main Meeting Room, 4600 Walnut Lake Road

Join Sears kit homeowners and enthusiasts Andrew and Wendy Mutch as they explore the fascinating history of kit and catalog homes. Learn about Michigan's role in the kit house industry and see examples from vintage catalogs. See a photographic tour of the many kit homes located in West Bloomfield area communities. Sponsored with West Bloomfield Township Library. No charge.

Pine Lake Cemetery Tour

Saturday, October 8, 10 - noon

Northeast corner of Lone Pine & Middlebelt Roads



Learn about prominent, deceased local residents buried at Pine Lake Cemetery and hear their personal life stories. Graves include: football hero Nick Pietrosante, Marjorie Ward Strong, and Evangeline Lodge Land Lindbergh. \$5. Optional restaurant stop following.

Autumn Nature Walk

Sunday, October 16, 2 p.m.

Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary, 4700 Pontiac Trail

Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided tour. Walk through rolling terrain and explore seasonal autumn beauty. Sponsored with City of Orchard Lake Village. No charge.

Monthly Open Houses

Second Sundays, 1-4 p.m.

Orchard Lake Museum 3951 Orchard Lake Road

Enjoy temporary and permanent exhibits interpreting area history and culture. Hands on activities. Occasionally guest presenters share their interests. No charge.



October 9

Antique Saws

November 13

Bring Your
Military Memorabilia

January 8

Ice Harvesting

(left) Jim and Gwynne Cherfoli
during a recent Open House

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Orchard Lake Museum News



(Left): Kate Fox donates her arrowhead.
(Right) The card says:
"This arrowhead was found by Catherine (Kate) Fox in her vegetable garden spring 1960."

New to the Collection

In May 2016, Catherine (Kate) Fox donated an arrowhead found in her vegetable garden in Orchard Lake Village in 1960.

Have something to donate?

If you own something related to area history that you would like to donate to the GWBHS collection, bring it to an Open House or contact us at contact@gwbhs.org or 248.757.2451. We also encourage you to share your memories and digital photos via email to archives@gwbhs.org.

Thank You

GWBHS could not do so much good work without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Thank you to those who have recently given their time and helped out.

Celebrating Our School History

Diane Eanes, Gina Gregory, Sue Grifor, Rob Laskey, Paul Mellerowicz, Tanya Sharon

Our School History Project

Christy Forhan (Chair), Hannah Dagg, Gina Gregory, Helen Jane Peters, DuAnne Sonnevile

Ambassador Packet Assembly

Mary Dunkley, Carol Fink, Christian Sonnevile

History Lives in Grandma's Button Basket

Anita MacSorley, Lila Titus, Jonathan Zhang, Julie Zhu

Museum/Apple Island Clean Up

Steve Briggs, Matt Chaffin, Carol Fink, Gina & Rob Gregory, Glen King, Natalie Larkin, Rob Laskey, Jake Louzon, Sue Williams

Apple Island Tours

Ella Baker, Phyllis Berryman-Massighi, Doug Boos, Ye Chen, Hannah Dagg, Mary Dunckley, Diane Eanes, Karen Faett, David Ferrio, Carol Fink, Gary & Christy Forhan, Rob & Gina Gregory, Sue Grifor, Laurie Kaufman, Linda Kidd, Glen King, Natalie Larkin, John Linemeyer, Anita MacSorley, Steve Massighi, Bill McIsaac, Paul Mellerowicz, Ron Montgomery, Don Newman, Helen Jane Peters, Anita Pinson, Cindy Pryda, Karen Pushie, Molly Rozycki, Christian & DuAnne Sonnevile, Larry Weisman, Eric Wiegand, Sue Williams, Jonathan Zhang, Julie Zhu

GWBHS Ambassadors (community awareness/fundraising)

Jackie Beach, Hannah Dagg, Mary Dunckley, Karen Faett, Carol Fink, Gina Gregory, Dan & Barb Krause, Ron Montgomery, Sue Murphy, Christian & DuAnne Sonnevile, Eric Wiegand, Sue Williams

Memorial Day Parade

Hailey, Keaton, & Kevin Douglass, Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass, Gretchen Dickerson, Gary & Christy Forhan, Rishabh Parekh, Owen & Cameron Peters, Blake Rubenstein, Christian & DuAnne Sonnevile, Kendrin Sonnevile, Jon & Julie Zhang

National Trail Day Walk

Kate Carlin, Bill McIsaac

Appreciation Reception

GWBHS board members, Gwynne Cherfoli, Rob Gregory

Group Tour Docents

Jim Cherfoli, Carol Fink, Rob Gregory, MaryAnne Lisac, Tanya Sharon, Paul Thwaite, Larry Weisman

Open Houses (April - August)

Speakers: Gwynne Cherfoli

Docents: Jim Cherfoli, Larry Weisman

PastPerfect

Reese McCaskill, Jr., Jonathan Zhang

Honoring Longtime Volunteers

In recognition of the passing this summer of longtime volunteers Betty Bradbury and Jerry Bonneville, this issue's history feature is a retrospective on the contributions of the Bradburys and Bonneilles to GWBHS since the 1970s.

Betty and Dave Bradbury

By Gina Gregory

I experienced Betty's welcoming attitude the first time I came to the museum in 1989. She was always upbeat, interested in other people and liked to share her interest in history. While not a founding member (she did miss the first few meetings) she actively supported GWBHS for 42 years. She cared for the museum grounds, wound the grandfather clock weekly, volunteered as an Apple Island Tours guide, was a board member, chaired the Open House Committee, wrote newsletters, and always pitched in wherever she was needed. She also volunteered with many other organizations. Betty and Dave received the GWBHS Distinguished Service Award in 2010. She last volunteered for the March 2016 Open House. Betty passed away this summer, days after her 90th birthday.

Dave was heavily involved with the City of Orchard Lake, serving eleven terms on the City Planning Commission, six years on the City council and three years as Mayor. He was a founding member and first Chair of the Planning Commission and instrumental in development of the City's master plan. He volunteered with GWBHS and in later years demonstrated the grinding wheel during many Apple Island Tours.



Betty Bradbury tends to gardens, 2002.



Dave and Betty Bradbury receive the Michigan Week Lifetime Volunteer Leadership Award, 2010. L to R: Rob Gregory, Dave, Betty, Gina Gregory, Helen McAllister

Doris and Jerry Bonneville

By Sally Wenczel

Doris and Jerry were original GWBHS members going back to 1974. They devoted countless hours over the years to volunteering. Doris served as Secretary of the first Board of Directors, and they both helped collect local artifacts so they could be preserved and protected.

Serving as GWBHS Treasurer and President, Doris did a little bit of everything. "I don't think there's anything she hasn't been," said Nancy Salo, long-time member and friend of Doris. "She was always there when anybody needed anything."



Jerry was an engineer at General Motors for over 30 years and had an interest in vintage automobiles and automotive history. He and Doris enjoyed sharing their vintage cars with the public every now and then. In the archives at the museum, you'll find photos of Jerry and Doris driving their family's classic cars in the Keego Harbor Memorial Day Parade - a GWBHS banner hung on the side.

Doris is still a member, but sadly we lost her partner a day after the summer solstice this year. Jerry passed away June 22, 2016 at his home.



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GWBHS Mission Statement

The Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that collects, preserves, researches and stimulates public interest in the history of Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake, Sylvan Lake and West Bloomfield.

GWBHS Tribute Donations

Make a donation in honor of someone with a love for local history. www.gwbhs.org/donate



Membership & Donation Form

Membership Year: Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

- ☐ I prefer to receive my newsletter by email link.
☐ Please contact me about volunteering with GWBHS.

Please make checks payable to GWBHS. Credit card payments are accepted through PayPal at gwbhs.org.

GWBHS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible according to IRS regulations.

Membership includes access to Time Travelers reciprocal membership network

Mail to: GWBHS 3951 Orchard Lake Road Orchard Lake, MI 48323.

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