



Calendar

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May GPS Update

From Virginia Sawicki and Bonnie Donnan

May 6

GPS Meeting
**Stimson House Not
Town Hall**

7:00 Social Half Hour

7:30 Business Meeting

8:00 Program

Happy spring! Green is again becoming part of the landscape. The leaves are breaking bud and returning for their six month stay with us.

The speaker for the April 1st meeting was Paul Perrault, Town of Malta Historian. His subject was Bertha Denton Snell of Galway, a pioneer in many ways and a woman ahead of her time. The May 6th meeting and program will take place **at the Stimson House at the corner of Perth Road and Lake Road.** The program presenters, Phyllis Keeler and Craig Suprenant, will treat us to a history of the house and a tour. The public is invited.

We note with great sadness the passing of Ann David. She was an active member and officer for years and truly a joy to work with.

Election of officers will take place at the May meeting. Phyllis Keeler, chair of the nominating committee, will present the slate and will take nominations from the floor. The nominees are: Bonnie Donnan, president; Virginia Sawicki, vice president; Martha Brandow, secretary; Linda Carpenter, treasurer; Marjorie Hall, board of trustees. It is important to be there to vote. We need a quorum for the election to be valid, and we just might nominate you for an office if you're absent.

Arlene and Dusty Rhodes have graciously invited us to their home for our

members' picnic on June 3rd. Thank you!

We are seeking volunteers and will be passing sign up lists. We have opportunities to be a marcher in the Memorial Day parade, a tender of the GPS table in the park on Memorial Day, or a supplier of your favorite picnic dish for our annual picnic on June 3rd.

New GPS note cards have been printed and will be available at our table in the park on Memorial Day. Two new designs have been added. Thanks to Don Carpenter for his Mosher plow drawing and to Herb Kopper for the drawing of the water trough in the park with the replaced finial. Thanks also to Ted Chamberlin for his drawings retained from the original set of cards. Also, a very big thank you to Mary Lynn Kopper who made this all happen.

The Family Heirloom exhibit is in place in the lobby at Town Hall. Take time to check it out. If you are inspired by the display to share a story about an item in your family that reminds you of a relative, a family event, or the origins of your family, please write it up to share in this newsletter. If you are concerned about the quality of your prose Evelyn Hanna has volunteered to help you out.

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Remembering Ann

She Came to Galway to Garden

Lured by slim long leaves
 poking through overgrowth
 at her mother-in-law's,
 she worked patch by weedy patch
 until she freed daylilies and daffodils,
 clearing space in the shade, in the sun,
 finding the design
 of the garden
 hidden in the curve
 of stones she uncovered.

As she dug in the dirt
 her trowel unearthed
 shards of pottery, chips and bits
 of broken dishes, a cup handle, Blue
 Willow and Wedgewood,
 each piece an echo
 of the plants above.

She gathered the shards
 in her garden basket,
 then bleached away the earth and age,
 the etched and painted vines and flowers
 a reminder to hold onto in the dark
 cold days till spring.

-----Story by Ann David, poem by Evelyn
 Frank Hanna, reprinted from *Story Quilt: Poems of a Place* with permission from the Galway Public Library.

Ann David may have come to Galway to garden, but she certainly did not stay in her garden. Neither did her plants; Ann was generous in sharing her perennials with new gardeners, and she was very generous in sharing her time with Galway organizations. She was a long-time member of the Galway Preservation Society and a vital part of the Friends of the Galway Public Library.

Ann didn't miss many GPS meetings, and she didn't miss any opportunity to make newcomers feel welcome. She was GPS treasurer for seven years, served on various committees, and participated in our collaboration with the Galway Public Library's Story Quilt project. Ann and her husband Ray hosted the June picnic for members several times, and one year she gave a very interesting presentation on the history of their house. She also shared some of her miniatures collection for a GPS display at Galway Town Hall.

A member of the Board of the Friends of the Galway Public Library since 2001, Ann served as secretary, treasurer, and Vice-Chair. She supported the library in so many ways, from its very beginning, including her work with the Book Sort Committee, designing the library's Memorial Day float to involve children in the parade, and donating her famous and always delicious chocolate cake to the Friends' Taste of Chocolate fundraisers.

Ann gave much to the Galway community with her willingness to help GPS and the library in whatever ways she could. Most importantly, she made it *fun* to work alongside her, because she was always so interested in other people. Ann David: 6/29/37 - 4/19/13.



Ann and Ray David
Photograph by Patricia Kay

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Letter To the Editor:

Dear Sir,

I enjoyed Tom Cwiakala's article about the importance of radio in its early days. I remember, as a boy, in western Ohio listening to WLW the 50, 000 watt station out of Cincinnati Ohio. My day on the farm began and ended with WLW.

At 5:30 a.m. I woke to listen to the Brown's Ferry Four sing spirituals for a half hour, *Sponsored by the Dow, Gallager, Grey, Wahlgreen and Weinberger Drug Stores.* Unfortunately, they were always preceded by an elderly woman with a harsh soprano singing "I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses—"

In the evening when we returned from the barn, my Grandfather would pour himself a glass of bourbon and water and lecture me sternly, "That you should smoke only when you are young and drink only when you are old." He would then sit in his chair, light a cigar and turn on the evening news. I have since spent many hours in meetings with General Electric VP's but have never seen such authority emanate from a room as when my Grandfather communed with H.V. Kaltenborn.

This is why I was particularly distressed on the morning after the 1948 election. At that time, Harry Truman mimicked Mr. Kaltenborn who had stated, the night before, that the election had been won by Thomas E. Dewey.

Don R. Johnston



H.V. Kaltenborn

