

November GPS

Update by Richard English

As store shelves fill with Halloween candy, Thanksgiving decorations, and artificial Christmas trees (yes, they are already on sale at Lowes! ), our thoughts turn to preparation for the holidays. At our last meeting, Virginia reported on the robust sales of our photographic history book. Many people have already purchased the book for themselves or family members, and the feedback has been very positive. Some GPS members may still want to purchase the book as a unique gift for a friend or loved one. To make that purchase easier, an order form is included in the paper copy of this newsletter. The order form has also been made easily accessible on our website at <http://galwaypubliclibrary.org/gps>. Anyone who values bringing history to

life through images and narrative will surely appreciate receiving this book as a gift. Everyone deserves the opportunity to experience the history of our hometown in an engaging way!

We enjoyed an interesting program in October presented by Dave Hubbard on "Baseball and the Civil War." We learned how the game originated, what caused it to become so popular, and how it bridged the gap between officers and enlisted men during the war. Dave also cleared up some popular misconceptions about the role of Abner Doubleday and Alexander Cartwright in the early development of the game. Dave is the site manager at the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage in the Town of Moreau in Wilton. This state historic site is where our late president was living at the time of his death and displays furnishings, decorations, and personal

***Calendar***

***November 2  
GPS Meeting  
Galway Town Hall  
7-7 :30 Social Half Hour***

***7 :30 Business Meeting***

***8 :00 Program***

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**items just as they were during Grant ' s stay. It is** surrounded by bucolic grounds that provide wonderful views of the countryside. When it reopens in the spring, it will definitely be on my list of places to visit.

The GPS Board of Trustees met in October to discuss several items of business. We established a committee to actively solicit content for our newsletter, with Mary Cuffe Perez serving as our initial coordinator. We decided to continue reserving the funds for the pledge to the Galway Library Capital Fund, to give the Library Board an opportunity to develop an alternative proposal.

**We approved a member ' s suggestion to list**

Board member names and titles on the GPS **website. Lastly, we considered a member ' s** suggestion to schedule summer meetings in lieu of those typically held in January and February.

This last suggestion will be presented to the membership at the November meeting for input

to determine if we should modify the schedule for the 2016-2017 program year. Board meetings are held quarterly and are open to all members. The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13th, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, November 2nd. We are continuing our Civil War theme with a talk by George Malinoski **from the Sons of Union Veterans entitled "Civil War Mystery. " I won ' t spoil any of the mystery** by providing too many details about our program. But it definitely promises to be engaging and interactive, so we are hoping for a great turnout.

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