

**GRAND LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Annual Report June 14, 2017**

**Smith Eslick Cottage Camp**

Take a look at the Smith Eslick Cottage Court, so close to being completely restored to its early condition, funded in part by a grant from History Colorado - State Historical Fund. The floors have been authentically replaced or restored, walls look like they once did, the exterior is almost completely restored with repaired or authentically replaced barkie siding, and all the window frames and doors are in process of being sanded, repaired with epoxy if needed and replaced where they belong. Some things have been slightly altered, like the single hanging bulb lights added ca.1935, now stabilized so the Court meets code. This work is being done by Maple Street Builders,.

The Smith Eslick Cottage Court building site was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in August, 2016. The Smith Eslick Cottage Court joins only two other nationally designated local buildings, the Kauffman House and the Grand Lake Lodge! The Cottage Court is a humble, but very special site.



What's next? This summer, the Cottage Camp Planning Committee, working with Traub Design Associates, will complete plans for exhibits, and continue work to secure funding for weather-resistant and informative exhibits and displays. So many stories to tell. The Cottage Court itself is a marvel, as it's thought to be the oldest original condition rustic motor court, and has stories of its unique architecture, the work of the GLAHS to preserve, restore and protect it, the advent of automobile tourism and how it affected the economies of our area and the entire West, the many ways automobiles changed how we live, and the people whose ingenuity and hard work made it all happen. An interpretive panel about the Cairns #3 Ditch which fronts the Cottage Court property is already being built, and is expected to be installed in late August. This was funded by the Grand Foundation and the Town of Grand Lake, and we are very grateful for their support. Plans for a display of the last remnant of the Cairns #3 Ditch itself are in process of being revised, hopefully to be less complicated. Stay tuned!

We owe so much to an extremely generous anonymous donor who provided and maintains irrigation and the lovely lawn and trees surrounding the Court. Work will soon begin to finalize plans and to fund the completion of other aspects at the site... community event areas, installation of electricity and other utilities, a welcome center and more.

Much of what is planned for the Cottage Camp site, including the Smith Eslick Cottage Court museum and the adjacent property, will entail hands-on local help. The Rotary Club of Grand Lake has donated \$500 as a challenge to others to join their funding to rehabilitate a local \$3,100 Model A to be displayed in a Cottage Court carport. It will have a "seized engine", so it can't be driven, but will be complete in all other ways so visitors can sit in it, look under the hood, imagine taking a trip to the West back in the day. Other elements of the plan will call for donations of lumber and other materials, and some skilled craftsmen or others willing to learn on the job! Contact us if you'd be able to help. We need you!

## Displays and Exhibits

Kathy Means and her hard working volunteers develop displays and exhibits at the Kauffman House Museum. Last year's "Dolls for Guys and Gals" featured hundreds of antique, vintage and more modern dolls, action figures, a lovely dollhouse, paper dolls and many more fun toys for kids of all ages. It all came together with the help of many local doll and toy collectors who helped make the entire exhibit fascinating and beautiful.

During the winter holidays, the House was festively decorated for several Open-Museum days, featuring treats and tours, in November and December. Featured around the House were a number of "Wizard of Oz" items from local collector Katie McManus. Additional Open-Museum days were held in January, February and March.

This season's new exhibit is really a series of smaller displays arranged to enhance "A Walk Back in Time". Included are displays of early camping, hunting and fishing, textiles, The Corner Cupboard complex, juniper berry

jewelry, Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre, and much, much more. Many of the displays have accompanying notebooks of historical articles and pictures to further inform the visitor. These smaller displays are meant to be semi-permanent, and some will be changed to offer new topics each season. Already suggested for a future small display is one featuring local artists and craftsmen of the past like wood burners using tools "before electricity". We'd welcome other suggestions... let us know what you'd like to see.



The Gallery of the Museum features short "movies" chosen by visitors, and shown on a large flat screen at the back of the space. These include the slide show originally made for the Kauffman House and narrated by Patience Kemp, a lovely history of Grand Lake titled *Saga of Spirit Lake*, a brief history of the Grand Lake Yacht Club, and a short 1947 film of men working to make the Adams Tunnel as part of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project.



## Gardens



Lynne Ludwig, sometimes assisted by Tom Ludwig, has taken on the job of pampering the gardens around the Kauffman House. She weeds and manicures at least weekly, and has added lupine and other native plants; he is the resident weed whacker. It's a big job, caring for the flower beds in front of the Kauffman House veranda, the Pioneer Garden along Lake Avenue east and below the House, and the strip of plants along Lake Street directly across from the marina. It looks wonderful, so we owe Lynne and Tom huge thanks. Caring for the

Pioneer Garden has become much more difficult with the addition of the Steve Cormey Memorial since visitors often climb into the garden to read it and stress the plants or strew trash. We'd love to give Lynne some more help. If you like to be outdoors, and can spare a little time, please contact our office, and we'll give you all the information you need to join the team. 970/627-8324, Working with Lynne is fun!

## Outreach and Education

The Historical Society sent a Spring Newsletter, with a lead article written by Board member Steve Batty, to Grand Lake post office boxes, the postal route along highway 34, and about 100 other members and friends living away from Grand Lake. We also send monthly E-Blasts with news of historical interest and news of upcoming events. Sarai Childs at Holdens Hard Drive has been publishing these for the GLAHS. If you are not receiving our monthly news flashes, please do send your e-mail address to us at [historygrandlake@gmail.com](mailto:historygrandlake@gmail.com), so we can add you to our list.



Special tours at the Kauffman House this past year included a group of Mitchell family members; the Mitchell family is the subject of “Survivors”, excerpts of which can be read or downloaded on our website, [www.grandlakehistory.org](http://www.grandlakehistory.org). Dave Lively hosted a group from History Colorado, and the newly trained volunteers of Rocky Mountain National

Park toured recently.

Informative presentations with GLAHS volunteer staff members were given to the Rotary Club of Grand Lake, Grand Lake Women’s Club, and several other groups. Please contact us if your organization or group of friends would like us to speak; this gives us an opportunity to discuss our favorite topic, Grand Lake history, and to explain what the GLAHS is all about.

Geoff Elliott organized an impressive band for the annual Town Tree Lighting event on the evening of November 25th, and we enjoyed amazing music in the Community House as we dressed a huge crowd of folks in costumes so they could be photographed with Father Christmas, Tracy Temple. We participated in the Grand Beginning’s annual Children’s Fair, which was great fun; kids making play dough biscuits and baking them in a cardboard wood stove, trying out a rotary dial phone, and more as they lived a bit of history old and more recent. We try to open the Kauffman House whenever there are Town sponsored events, and offered free admission to the museum from 3:00 - 4:00 on June 9th, as we Celebrated our Colorful Creatives. We will donate a wooden “quilt block” for the Grand Quilts Trail a project of the Heritage Coalition and the Grand Quilters, partnering with the Grand County Historical Association in which quilt patterns will be displayed at county businesses, and visitors will be encouraged to go around to find them. Similarly, both the Kauffman House and Cottage Camp are geo-cache sites for visitors to find.



The Grand Lake Area Historical Society is often asked for advice, photographs, historical information about historic properties, artifacts, people, and we help as we can. We also offer support for other historical concerns or projects, often in a letter or by donations of books or other Gift Shop merchandise for their benefit events.

## Finance

Patti Stahl, Deb Bondi, and Frank Reardon form this committee, with occasional advice from Diane LeDuc Accounting Services, Jan Knisley at Edward Jones, and Attorney Frank Parker. During the past year, the committee has worked diligently to develop a general investment policy, to conduct the annual informal audit, and to prepare many varieties of reports as needed. The Grand Lake Area Historical Society, an all-volunteer 501(c)3, receives its operation and project funding from essential memberships, admissions at the Kauffman House, and invaluable generous donations and grants.

## Office

Your Historical Society is continually adding to its historical information data and growing its collections. Now that we have doubled the space of our modular office, 610 Center Drive, we have added much-needed room for work spaces and shelving to hold all our collection and fundraising storage. We could certainly use more free-standing metal shelving, so if you should come across some, please let us know: 970/627-8324, [historygrandlake@gmail.com](mailto:historygrandlake@gmail.com).

## Website

The web master is Kathy Means. Kathy regularly adds photographs, historical information, complete records of past exhibits, recent emails, newsletters and more to the site. You can become a Member or Donate via PayPal to either the Cottage Camp Project or the GLAHS General Fund. You can scroll through wonderful historical pictures, explore genealogies, purchase books, and download the “Walking Tour of Grand Lake” or various historical pieces like “Survivors”. This is a terrific source for our area’s fascinating history. The site has received much praise, and has become very popular. Take a look! [www.grandlakehistory.org](http://www.grandlakehistory.org)

## Buildings

Following the completion of the exterior restoration of the Kauffman House, replacing and repairing logs and chink, and re-staining the outside, Jim Peterson of Grand Design-A Painting Company filled and sanded the trim, and re-glazed windows before painting it all in the summer of 2016.

Looks good!



Not all projects at the Kauffman House or the Cottage Court are large. There’s the occasional bulb that needs replacing, or paint touch-up when an exhibit item is moved, and the like. There are also some building concerns that are a little more complex, and someone has to make the call to get hold of a plumber or other service person for repairs. If you are a bit handy around a house, please consider helping out. It’s best if there are a couple of folks on hand for these sorts of chores, so two volunteers or more would be wonderful. We slightly less handy volunteers will assist whenever you ask us. You will receive absolutely zero pay, but will have the everlasting gratitude of the Grand Lake community and maybe, very possibly, many hugs. Let us know if you are a person we so very much need: 970/627-8324, [historygrandlake@gmail.com](mailto:historygrandlake@gmail.com).

## Books and Merchandise

Malene Mortenson serves as Chair of this committee, which purchases books and other merchandise for the small Gift Shop at the Kauffman House. Malene also has devised a four-fold brochure, a mini “Walking Tour of Historic Grand Lake”, which offers visitors information primarily about Grand Avenue historic properties. These “Tours” cost 50¢ each, and are available at many locations around town. Sharon King handles distribution of the “Tours” when Malene is away.

A larger, more inclusive *Walking Tour of Historic Grand Lake* can be purchased from the museum gift shop for \$5.00. Recent additions to the merchandise in the Gift Shop include the Gary Coover book *Memories of the Grand Lake Lodge 1924 - 1926*. Historic photographs, many taken from glass negatives, and various maps are also available.

## Collections and Accessions

Kathy Means serves as the Collections Manager; she has able assistance from Rudy Perez who donates a morning each week to accession items into the computer data base. There are still many items in our collection which need further research. If you are interested and want to help with learning more about the historic items in the Kauffman House or in our collections, please contact us.

During the last year, we have received and accessioned many more wonderful items into the collection. We are reminded that history is being made every day. Items that we remember being used in our own homes or those of our parents will amaze and educate the younger folks of today.

Many items were donated by Martha Boehner, including family photos and memorabilia, various books and paintings, news articles and maps, a collection of desk blotters, a darning egg, a photo album and more. Cecelia and Jack Bender also donated many items including a mirror, floor console radio, rotary dial telephone, christening dress, Holstein cow bell, a 1920s-30s table, handmade pillows and a three-drawer walnut sewing table.



A 1930s table scarf and four napkins were donated by Mary Harward, and a spiral bound book "Elected and Appointed Officials of Grand County, Colorado 1874-1990" was given by former county commissioner Duane Dailey.

Cathy Jeffery donated three postcards showing the El Navajo lodge's exterior and dining room scenes, all of which were shared with tonight's presenter. Also immediately useful was the small pot belly stove donated by Al and Virginia Downing, and once owned by Terry and Katie Gailey, and soon to be displayed at the Smith Eslick Cottage Court.



Nancy Nickel contributed a lovely 1958 wedding dress, a 1930s children's tea set, and assorted children's and household items from the 1940s and beyond. A small Grace Putnam doll in a cradle was donated by Daviana Rowe, and has been permanently placed in the Kauffman House following its being in the "Dolls" exhibit. Two other vintage dolls which belonged to her family were donated by Karen Sommerfield. Bob Scott donated a lovely vintage Westmoreland Glass child's punch bowl set and linen tablecloth to the collections, and lent several items now displayed in the Kauffman

House Gallery.

Jim Stromberg donated vintage piano sheet music written by John Thompson whose *Modern Course for the Piano* was long the preferred way to learn, and who summered in Grand Lake. Gary Coover, author of *Memories of the Grand Lake Lodge 1924-1926*, donated a copy. This book is also now for sale at the Kauffman House. Books were also donated by Judy Forman, along with a vintage black and white enamel coffee percolator.

We received a 1925 postcard of the Yacht Club from Pam Tyrrell, and a 1960s color photo of Shadow Mountain Marina from Ray Christensen. Scott and Tonya Munn are sharing their Yacht Club collection which we will copy, digitize and return. The Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce has donated a large number of photographs, some in albums, and newspaper articles which we will archive.

The Historical Society accepts donations which have historical significance to the Grand Lake area. We are able to help you preserve your family history by digitizing photos and records if you are willing to share them with the historical society and you can keep the originals.

## Special Events

These events are sponsored by the Historical Society, with a Board appointed committee. We are presently hoping to find someone to lead this effort. It's mostly a matter of helping to decide dates, checking to see if more supplies must be purchased, and perhaps calling folks to pitch in. If you are able and interested to take this on, please contact us at 970/627-8324, or [historygrandlake@gmail.com](mailto:historygrandlake@gmail.com).

In 2016, admission all day was only \$1.00 for History Day at the Kauffman House. The annual "thank you" dinner for GLAHS volunteers was held in conjunction with the Community Chicken Dinner in 2016, but will again be a separate event in 2017. The Kauffman House was open 1:00 pm - 4:00 for several special Town events during the off season: Thanksgiving weekend, November 25th and 26th; Winter holidays, December 27th and 28th; Saturdays in 2017 - January 14<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup> (Winter Carnival), and March 18th. Treats were served at all of these special occasions, and guests enjoyed their visits. The Kauffman House was also open 10:00 pm to Midnight on New Year's Eve, as we awaited the fireworks over the lake.

There are more "special events" which support the Smith Eslick Cottage Camp Campaign, and those are organized by the Cottage Camp Fundraising/Campaign Committee: Deb Bondi, Elin Capps, Jim Cervenka, Lesley Janusz, Sandy Kukoy, Lynne Ludwig, Kathy Means, Patti Stahl and lots of wonderful helpers.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 24th, 5:30 pm - 9**, "Souper Stars for the Cottage Camp Goes Western!", an evening of delicious food, adult beverages, excellent music from Tight Like That, a live auction of unique items... all to benefit the Smith Eslick Cottage Camp Project. Hosted by the Ludwigs in Tom's brand new barn. \$50. For directions, and to Reserve: [historygrandlake@gmail.com](mailto:historygrandlake@gmail.com), 970/627-8324.

**July 19th, 2:00 pm - 4**, Victorian Tea at the Historic Rapids Lodge \$20 to benefit the Cottage Camp Project. Reserve by July 15th at [historygrandlake@gmail.com](mailto:historygrandlake@gmail.com), 970/627-8324, or Rapids 970/627-3707.

**July 29th, 1:00 pm - 4**, History Day at the Kauffman House. Museum admission is just \$1.00 all day!

**August 20th, 5:30 pm - 9**, Grand Lake Area Historical Society Annual Chicken Dinner, at the Cottage Camp, 729 Lake Avenue. The public is invited to share chicken dinner (chicken cooked on site, and lots and lots of side dishes), campfire marshmallows, wonderful music, antique and vintage auto rides and more! Dinner is \$10 Adults, \$5 Kids 12 and Younger. Drinks sold separately. For more information, 970/627-8324, [historygrandlake@gmail.com](mailto:historygrandlake@gmail.com)

**September 4th, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**. The Kauffman House Museum begins "open-weekends-only through September. Note - special tours can be arranged whenever possible throughout the year- give us a call! 970/627-8324.

**November 24th and 25th**, festively decorated Kauffman House Museum open 1:00 pm - 4 pm. Tours and treats included in admission. Adults \$5, Free to Children 12 and Younger, Active Military and GLAHS Members.

**November 24th and 25th**, look for the Historical Society at the Olde Fashioned Craft Bazaar!

**December 26th and 27<sup>th</sup>**, festively decorated Kauffman House Museum open 1:00 pm - 4 pm. Tours and treats included in admission. Adults \$5, Free to Children 12 and Younger, Active Military and GLAHS Members.

**December 31st, Kauffman House Museum open 10:00 pm - Midnight** as we await the fireworks over the lake. \$5.00 per person, treats and tours included.

## **Nominations to the Board of Directors**

The three year terms of Elin Capps, Frank Reardon, and Patti Stahl have been completed at this time. All three will continue as board members. Two additional board positions remain unfilled, and *we would sincerely welcome nominations from the floor this evening*. GLAHS board members are volunteers, and the Board of Directors meets at 7:00 pm on each second Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the modular office facility, 610 Center Drive, just south of the post office; meetings generally last about an hour or so. Ours is a working board, with each board member choosing to assume responsibility for some aspect of our work, and working with the others to give overall direction to what we do.

The President of the Board position must also be filled this evening. This position is an elected position, separate from the board members. Other offices, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, are filled by sitting board members.

## **Associations**

The GLAHS holds memberships in the Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce, the Grand County Historical Association, the American Alliance of Museums, the American Association for State and Local History, the Colorado Nonprofit Association, History Colorado, and Colorado Preservation, Inc. We are also founding members of the Grand County Heritage Coalition, which strives to promote History, Culture and Heritage Tourism of Grand County, Colorado through education and collaboration with history and tourism based organizations. Current projects include a printed map of county historical sites distributed for visitors, other work with Colorado Tourism to encourage visitors to try less visited historical offerings, and a county-wide walking tour now in development. Additionally, a GLAHS board member represents us on the Colorado River Headwaters & Scenic Byways Committee.

## **Membership**

Sharon King is Membership Chairperson, and works diligently and successfully to make new and renewing members feel welcome. One focus of her work is to continually encourage business owners, especially new ones, to join the team. As our population has been aging of late, we are also making a special effort to find younger folks, discussing the importance of Grand Lake's history and unusual architecture as a driver of the Town's economy. You can help by simply asking young people you know to share their e-mail addresses with the GLAHS, so we can keep them "in the loop".

GLAHS annual Memberships are: Individual \$25, Family \$40, Business \$50, and Benefactor level \$100-\$1000. Members receive free admission to the Kauffman House Museum. Business Members are also offered discounts on any books or other merchandise purchased for resale. Also available is an annual \$175 Grand County Heritage Coalition Membership combining the Grand Lake Area Historical Society with several other historical groups in the County.

## **We Were Saddened...**

... by the death of Martha Zook, Life Member, past president of the Historical Society Board of Directors, and longtime Kauffman House docent. We will also dearly miss Life Member Romaine Wilcinski who with husband George was for years a Kauffman House docent. We lost longtime member Joan Canon and friends and supporters Doris Braun, and Sue James. Maryan Pharo, who spent summers at Cold Springs Ranch and shared her memories of the landscapes now under Granby Reservoir with us, also died and will be missed.

## Volunteers

The Kauffman House Museum was visited by people from 47 states, and 31 countries during the last year! Docent Coordinator Frank Reardon and the volunteer docents at the Kauffman House are incredibly valuable people, the very reason our remarkable museum is open to the public. They welcome and enhance the history experience for each and every visitor. Docents at the Kauffman House this summer are a wonderful group: Melody Anders, Sally Bertoli, Deb Bondi, Bill Bruton, Sandia Bruton, Elin Capps, Jim Capps, Liza Cervenka, Merrie Coolen, Dirk Gress, Deb Mathieu, Allison Mayfield, Therese McGraw, Melinda McKinney, Bob Means, Kathy Means, Malene Mortenson, Ron Pace, Rudy Perez, Frank Reardon, Patti Stahl, Mike Turnquist, Jan Wharton, Pat Wishart. and substitute docents Steve Batty, Sally Bertoli, Jim Cervenka, Chuck Chladek, Judy Chladek, Lucy Fitch, Muriel Johnson, Kathy Klutsch, Dottie Kuster, Nancy McGuffy, Rudy Perez, Ann Romshek, and Patti Stahl. We still need more docents for this summer... there should be two people working for each three hour, once-a-week shift, for a total of 28 remarkable, very much appreciated folks each week! We encourage you to contact us for more information: [frankreardon@gmail.com](mailto:frankreardon@gmail.com), (cell) 301/980-9081.

Our Grand Lake Area Historical Society is a completely volunteer organization. Volunteers over the past year.... folks working on special events, collections and exhibits, fundraising, planning committees, and board member work... logged thousands of hours! THANK YOU to everyone who has helped.

### GLAHS VOLUNTEERS – The World’s Best!

Carolyn Alcorn	Bruce Crutcher	Diane LeDuc	Jim Peterson
Janet Aley	Joe Cunningham	Randy Lewis	Brittany Pettitt
Jeff Aley	Julie Cunningham	Janet Line	Brad Pregeant
Keith Aley	Don Dailey	Mark Line	Pat Raney
Melody Anders	Cheryl Dale	Corinne Lively	Frank Reardon
Steve Batty	Bill Elliott	Dave Lively	Mikeleen Reed
Nate Bechard	Geoff Elliott	Maegan Lokteff	Joel Rogers
Sally Bertoli	Lucy Fitch	Mike Long	Sue Rogers
Ted Bertoli	Betty Fredrickson	Lynne Ludwig	Ann Romshek
Jane Binford	Mike Fredrickson	Max Ludwig	Karen Rugen
Brent Bitz	Ken Fucik	Tatyana Ludwig	Bill Schulz
Faith Bitz	Fred Garrett	Tom Ludwig	Marilyn Schulz
Brian Blumenfeld	Paul Gilbert	Lou Lybrand	Bob Scott
Lee Boehner	Lynnea Godriaux	Donna Lyons	Michele Simmons
Martha Boehner	Keith Graham	Patty Madison	Harold Skramstad
Deb Bondi	Grand Lake Women’s Club	Suzi Maki	Rita Snock
Larry Burks	Dirk Gress	Deb Mathieu	Dennis Stafford
Sandia Bruton	Paul Harrington	Allison Mayfield	Patti Stahl
Joey Busch	David Heil	Bernie McGinn	Judy Stanfill
Valerie Busch	Wes House	Dan McGrail	Phyllis Stephens
Gary Calder	Dennis Humphries	Renita McGrail	Jane Stotts
Toni Campbell	Lesley Janusz	Therese McGraw	Sharon Teal
Elin Capps	Muriel Johnson	Nancy McGuffy	Tracy Temple
Jim Capps	Jane Kemp	Melinda McKinney	Jackie Tompkins
Jim Cervenka	Sharon King	Bob Means	Mike Tompkins
Liza Cervenka	Kathy Klutsch	Kathy Means	Daryl Troute
Sarai Childs	Jim Kroepfl	Malene Mortenson	Linda Troute
Chuck Chladek	Sandy Kukoy	Jessie Mullinex	Mike Turnquist
Judy Chladek	Jim Kunc	Alice Nordloh	Lauren Webb
Sarah Clements	Kathy Kunc	Joan Ophaug	Jan Wharton
Rosemary Collins	Dottie Kuster	Ron Pace	Pat Wishart
Merrie Coolen	Nancy Lavington	Jeri Peirce	Faith Zak
	Haley Lawson	Rudy Perez	

## President's Letter

I have been privileged to serve as the Society's president for about 10 years. We have seen plenty of progress in that period, including expanding the focus of the Society beyond our signature museum, the Kauffman House. We are nearing completion of the restoration of the Cottage Court, and will be opening this new museum to visitation. The land it sits on will include gathering places and interpretation of the area's history. A program to bestow recognition to significant structures and places with a "bragging rights" designation is in the plans. Presenting events to celebrate our heritage is another reason to be proud of what the Society contributes to the community. None of these accomplishments would be possible without the dedication, hard work, and many hours of contributed work from our board members, docents and friends. Thank you. Especially deserving of thanks are our officers and board: Elin Capps, Kathy Means, Patty Stahl, Deb Bondi, Steve Batty, Frank Reardon and Gary Calder. Dennis Humphries, Paul Harrington, Diane LeDuc and George Davis contribute far beyond any compensation they might receive.

With your financial help, we plan to install a good-looking, non-functional Model A at the Cottage Court. The Grand Lake Rotary Club kicked off the fundraising with a challenge grant. Please help.



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Our board members whose terms expire this year (Elin Capps, Patty Stahl and Frank Reardon) have each agreed to continue. Please vote to return them so they can continue to serve us all. While I am willing to serve again as board president, I believe that fresh faces and ideas are healthy for any organization. I welcome anyone who has their heart in the right place to serve as president. Likewise, we are always looking to add to the board those who want to help preserve, protect and promote the history of the Grand Lake area. Self-nominations to the board are welcome!

I am enjoying my first summer vacation in over a decade, and am sorry to miss tonight's presentation and meeting. Thank you Nancy Zoller and all the volunteers who made this evening possible.

Jim Cervenka

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June 8, 2016 7:00 pm

20 Members Were Present: Jim Cervenka, Frank Reardon, Kathy Means, Deb Bondi, Rudy Perez, Elin and Jim Capps, Steve Batty, Patti Stahl, Kenn and Muriel Johnson, Gary Calder, Carolyn Alcorn, Paul Gilbert, Lynne and Tom Ludwig, Nancy and Bob Lavington, Joe and Julie Cunningham. An additional 27 non-members were present for the presentation.

President Jim Cervenka welcomed the attendees. He continued by telling a bit of “what we’ve been up to and how YOU can help preserve, protect and promote the history of the Grand Lake , Colorado area”. The Kauffman House Museum, in operation since 1973, receives up to 5,000 visitors from all over the country and the world each year; Jim encouraged attendees to volunteer three hours a week as docents. He added that, by volunteering even three hours a year, for example selling refreshments at the annual chicken dinner, one can support GLAHS. He noted that lists of items we need, ranging from paper products to full exhibits, were on a nearby table, and encouraged folks to consider donating an item as another way of supporting the GLAHS.

The Kauffman House exterior was fully restored last summer, and windows and trim will be repaired this summer; all of this takes money. The Smith Eslick Cottage Court has been placed on its first-ever permanent foundation, has had flooring restored in two units, and will be restored in the coming months; the foundation and restoration are funded in part by grants from History Colorado - State Historical Fund. Jim explained that both grants require matching funds, and asked attendees to consider contributing. Finally, Jim asked attendees to consider volunteering to serve on the GLAHS board which meets at 7:00 pm every second Wednesday of the month, for about two hours, at the modular office south of the post office.

President Cervenka introduced presenter Hoppe Southway and his wife Cindy. Hoppe presented “The Adventures of Frank and Mona Southway” with pictures and stories about his folks who traveled the world with heavy construction machinery and pipeline work, and owned the Stagecoach Inn before opening the Southway Lodge. Hoppe entertained and educated us with tales of his mom’s and dad’s work at the Southway Lodge, which hosted the first Grand Lake Buffalo Barbecue, and struggled to make a living while having a lot of fun. Hoppe also explained a bit about his dad’s pipeline work, particularly in Israel and Capetown, S. Africa, and shared his own experiences growing up in Grand Lake in the 1960s and ‘70s.

After intermission, President Jim Cervenka opened the Annual Meeting. Steve Batty moved, Deb Bondi seconded, all agreed to approve the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting. Nominations to the Board of Directors: Sharon King must leave the board, but will remain as Membership Chair. Gary Calder has agreed to join the board, Kathy Means and Deb Bondi have agreed to remain for another three year term on the board. There were no nominations from the floor. Elin moved, Frank seconded, all agreed to the election of Gary, Kathy and Deb to the Board. Jim explained that the president is not a member of the board, but is elected annually. Jim Cervenka has been nominated; there were no additional nominations from the floor. Kathy Means moved, Gary Calder seconded, all agreed to the election of Jim Cervenka as President.

Jim reported that we need to get a grant application to the Town of Grand Lake, approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 or so. Deb suggested we asked for a grant match for the restoration of the Cottage Court. With no additional business, Patti moved to adjourn, Deb seconded, all agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elin Capps, Secretary

**Next Annual Meeting is June 14th, 2017, 7:00 PM, at the GL Community House.**