

## LEGACY 2006 Information Inside

### President's Corner By Mary Seeger

Why does it seem that Michigan summers pass far more quickly than Michigan winters? Perhaps it's because the board of your Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council has not taken its usual summer break. We are preparing for our triennial LEGACY celebration of Women's History month. March 2006 will be upon us before we know it.

The Kickoff for LEGACY 2006 was held on Friday, August 26, at the Gerald R. Ford Museum. We are now in the process of sending out the LEGACY information packets. A participant form, which is part of the information packet, is on pages 5 and 6 the newsletter. If you need help or have questions, please email [information@ggrwhc.org](mailto:information@ggrwhc.org) or call the office at 616/234-3603.

We have lost some friends this summer. Helen Claytor passed away on May 10. Rosemary Scott on May 24 and Judy Lloyd, GGRWHC Treasurer, on June 1. All of these women have left their marks on Grand Rapids and they will be missed (see page 11 for more information.)

*Mary A. Seeger*

### Rosemary Scott Remembered By Gloria Slykhouse

In 1947 when women attorneys were still a rarity in Grand Rapids, Rosemary Scott opened her successful law practice that spanned over 50 years until her death in 2005. She co-founded the Grand Rapids Civic Ballet in 1972. Both events have become a part of our local history.

Rosemary's dream to become a lawyer was inspired by her high school debate coach, a man who attended law school while coaching the state winning debate team. "I became an attorney because I enjoy people and I enjoy finding solutions to problems," she explained. Although valedictorian of her class, she received little financial help and had to work to pay for most of her education. She received a nomination to Phi Beta Kappa and earned her master's degree in six months. She was the only woman in her 1946 University of Michigan Law School class and taught high school while she attended law school. She became the second woman to work as a law research clerk for the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Grand Rapids.

She opened her law office the next year because there were no openings for her in the local firms. Until she became established, she worked the night shift at American Seating and practiced law during the day. She became the first woman (the only woman for 50 years) chair of the Junior Bar Section of the Michigan State Bar. In 1951-52, this section was the winner of the American Bar Association Award of Merit. She became active in the Grand Rapids Urban League, a daring move at that time, a move that cost her other memberships. Children were a dominant interest and she became president and founder in 1969 of the Michigan Council on Children & Youth.

Rosemary's artistic interests led her to taking piano and ballet lessons. As there was no local ballet company, she became involved in forming the Grand Rapids Civic Ballet with Sally Seven, the artistic director. Rosemary served as president and executive secretary from 1972-88. "My feeling is that we all have artistic outlets," she said. "Dance and movement is a way of expression that I enjoy seeing and creating."

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## LEGACY 2006 Kickoff and Women's Equality Day Celebration



Helen Kinsworthy and Mary Jane Keeler, from AAUW, served Cracker Jack® and soda to the attendees.

Dressed in the parading suffragists' white accented by purple and bright yellow, Co-chairs Vernis Schad and Jo Ellyn Clarey, with committee members Melissa Anderson, Mary Jane Keeler, Helen Kinsworthy, and Sandra Wright, greeted the 90 attendees of the LEGACY 2006 Kickoff and Women's Equality Day Celebration held on Friday, August 26. Also costumed were members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, representing their 1913 founders and African American suffragists.

Prior to the program, a videotape of the 1999 reenactment of the 1899 national suffrage meeting in Grand Rapids played in the auditorium. The Mackinaw Island Honor Scouts of Michigan Trails Girl Scouts presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. James Kratsas, Deputy Director of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, welcomed guests and addressed the museum policy that left 22 exhibiting organizations unable to present their displays.

Mary Seeger, President of the Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council nevertheless kicked-off LEGACY 2006. She announced that LEGACY packets would be mailed to groups signing up for them that night.

The program fell into three segments: honoring Kent County clerks specifically for their efforts in civic education; honoring six area women's groups for their dynamic voter registration and get-out-the-vote efforts in 2004; and honoring women candidates for office.

Jo Ellyn Clarey offered a "history minute" about early women's suffrage and civic organizations. Our county clerks are among

their inheritors as civic educators. Grand Rapids City Clerk Terri Hegarty shared heartwarming stories about registering new voters at an alternative high school, and Kent County Clerk Mary Hollinrake acknowledged the multiple roles of the 35 clerks county-wide.

In the second segment, Vernis Schad paid tribute to volunteer organizations—Girl Scouts of Michigan Trails, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Kent County Democratic Women's Club, Gerald R. Ford Republican Women, Republican Women's Forum, and the Progressive Women's Alliance—by reporting on their specific efforts recruiting new voters and getting citizens to the polls on election day. Girl Scout Kayla Vance testified to the triumphs and tribulations of registering voters at public events.

Finally, former Grand Rapids City Clerk Sandra Wright acknowledged our forebearers running for elective office by reporting on research attempting to locate them. She then asked women in the audience who had ever run for an office to stand and be recognized. Primary among women willing to put themselves up for office was former Kent County Clerk and current Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. She told listeners it is never too late to run for elective office, no position is too small, and running is what matters—not winning or losing. It is important that more women's voices enter public conversation.

Special thanks to Nokomis Foundation for underwriting the celebration, AAUW members for helping to plan and carry it through, Presto Print for services above and beyond the call, McLoughlin Communications & Public Relations for help with publicity—and all the numerous individuals who played a part.



JoEllyn Clarey and Terri Lynn Land

## 2005 Great Lakes History Conference Friday and Saturday, October 28-29, 2005

The Thirtieth Annual Great Lakes History Conference, sponsored by Grand Valley State University, will be held Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29, 2005, at GVSU's Eberhard Center in downtown Grand Rapids. The conference features panels on a variety of historical topics. (For the full program, see [www.gvsu.edu/history](http://www.gvsu.edu/history).) Co-sponsored by the **Ryerson Foundation of the Grand Rapids Public Library**, **Grand Rapids Historical Commission**, **Grand Rapids Historical Society**, and **Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council**, the GLHC provides unique opportunity for exchange between local and academic historians. Because of local underwriting, area citizens can attend the conference for a modest fee (the general public for \$20 and sponsoring group members for \$15) which includes lunch on Saturday, continental breakfast on Saturday morning, a reception that afternoon, and snacks in-between. The Grand Rapids local history panels are scheduled only on Saturday, but conferees are welcome to attend all conference events on both days.

### 2005 Conference Theme: World History in the Twenty-First Century

The two keynote speakers are leading specialists in world history: **Professor Jerry Bentley** from the University of Hawaii (founding member of the World History Association, author of *Traditions and Encounters: A Global Perspective on the Past*, and editor of the *Journal of World History*), and **Professor David Christian** from San Diego State University (founder of 'big history' and author of *Maps of Time*). In addition to presenting lectures on issues in world history, Professors Bentley and Christian will also lead workshops and roundtable discussions where audience participants can discuss themes related to the scholarship and the teaching of global history.

### Grand Rapids History Panels: Saturday, October 29, 2005

#### 8:30-10:00 -- Archival Riches: Doing Ethnic History in Grand Rapids

"Showcasing Early African-American History: The Grand Rapids Public Library's Unusual Collection"  
**Ruth Van Stee, Grand Rapids Public Library**  
"Issues in Documentation: Recording the Recent Immigration of the Vietnamese to West Michigan"  
**Gordon Olson, Grand Rapids City Historian, Emeritus**  
"From Fur Traders to Lost Boys: Patterns of Ethnicity and Immigration in West Michigan"  
**Christian G. Carron, Public Museum of Grand Rapids**

Chair: Randal Jelks, Calvin College

#### 10:15-11:45 -- Grand Ambitions: Luring the World to West Michigan

"Boosterism and the Early History of the West Michigan Tourist Association"  
**M. Christine Byron, Grand Rapids Public Library**  
"The Evolution of a Form: Art as Advertising in Grand Rapids, 1830-1930"  
**Rebecca Mayne, Grand Rapids Public Library**  
"Noble Failure: A Mid-Century Dream of Furniture City as a Modern 'HomeStyle' Utopia"  
**Curt Wozniak, Grand Rapids Magazine**

Chair: Tim Gleisner, Grand Rapids Public Library

#### 1:45-3:15 -- Private Faces Behind Public Institutions: Progressive Era Women in Grand Rapids

"West Michigan, Bay View, and the Federation of Women's Clubs"  
**Mary Jane Doerr, Bay View Association**  
"Emily Clark: A Woman's Places in the Home, or Housing Children, Art, and the Elderly"  
**Jennifer Morrison, Grand Rapids Public Library**  
"At Home in the World of Plants: Botanist and Teacher Emma Cole"  
**Julie Christianson Stivers, Public Museum of Grand Rapids**

Chair: Carolyn Shapiro Shapin, Grand Valley State U.

#### 3:30-5:00 -- Saga of a Family Business in a Global Economy: A Century of the Irwin Seating Co.

"The Irwin Family: Not to be Upstaged in a World Market"  
**John Morrison, AfterWord Professional Historians**  
"Grand Rapids' Liberal Political Legacy: Early-Century Strikes and Irwin Seating Company"  
**Michael Johnston, Labor Heritage Society of West Michigan**

Chair: Matthew Daley, Grand Valley State University

For the full program, see <http://www.gvsu.edu/history>

**Registration fees**  
(includes breakfast, lunch and reception on Saturday)

GVSU Students, Faculty and Staff	no charge
Members of the Grand Rapids Historical Society, Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council, the Grand Rapids Historical Commission, and employees of the Grand Rapids Public Library	\$15.00
General Public	\$20.00

**For more information contact Ms. Shelby Hughes, Department of History, Grand Valley State University, One Campus Drive, Allendale, MI 49401, 616/331-3298. The website for the conference is <http://www.gvsu.edu/history>**

**Please register me for the 2005 Great Lakes History Conference.**

***Please Print***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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|---|-------|-------------|
| I am a GVSU faculty or staff member or student                    | _____ | No charge   |
| I am a member of the Grand Rapids Historical Society              | _____ | Fee \$15.00 |
| I am a member of the Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council | _____ | Fee \$15.00 |
| I am a member of the Grand Rapids Historical Commission           | _____ | Fee \$15.00 |
| I am an employee of the Grand Rapids Public Library               | _____ | Fee \$15.00 |
| I am a member of the community                                    | _____ | Fee \$20.00 |

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information on the Grand Rapids Historical Society \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information on the Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information on the Grand Rapids Historical Commission \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information on the Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Center, GRPL \_\_\_\_\_

**Return the registration form to: Ms. Shelby Hughes, Department of History, Grand Valley State University, One Campus Drive, Allendale, MI 49401**

## LEGACY 2006 Participant Sign-up Form

LEGACY is sponsored tri-annually by the Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council to celebrate the achievements of women. To register as a LEGACY 2006 event participant, complete the following form in full. If you need more information, email us at [information@ggrwhc.org](mailto:information@ggrwhc.org) or leave a message for GGRWHC at 616/234-3603. We will respond as quickly as possible. To meet our publication deadline, your form must be received by the LEGACY Information Coordinator (see address below) by **December 1, 2005**. **New this year, you can complete your form on the web at [www.ggrwhc.org/LEGACY](http://www.ggrwhc.org/LEGACY). The completed form can be emailed to [information@ggrwhc.org](mailto:information@ggrwhc.org) by clicking the submit form button at the bottom of page 2.**

### Organization Information

This information will be used to contact you for further public relations functions or questions.

Organization(s)		Name of Person Submitting Information	
Street Address			
City/State/Zip			
Daytime Phone	Fax	Email Address (one is required)	
Public Relations Contact Name	Daytime Phone	Email Address (one is required)	

### Event Information

This information will be used in the LEGACY 2006 calendar and web site. Please make sure it is complete and accurate before submitting this form.

**Event Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief description (25 words or less) stating how this event illustrates women's role in history** \_\_\_\_\_

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Date(s) of Event		Time(s) of the Event	
Location of Event			
Cost to Public			
Ticket Sales Contact Name	Daytime Phone Number	Email Address (one is required)	

Intended audience for event (circle all that apply):

Adults      Seniors      Family      Children K-6      Young adults/teens

**Mail your completed form to:** LEGACY Information Coordinator, GGRWHC, 17520 Sherman Blvd, Casnovia, MI 49318 or fax it to 616/675-5086.

**Please turn over**

Check out our changing web site [www.ggrwhc.org](http://www.ggrwhc.org)



## **Conference for Personal Historians: Furnishing Your Business with the Tools for Success**

The Association of Personal Historians is a group of people helping others preserve their memories and life stories. This year the Association of Personal Historians will hold its annual conference in Grand Rapids. From November 2 through 6 the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel will be the gathering place for personal historians coming from as far away as England and Buenos Aires. The conference will highlight interview techniques as well as audio, video, and book technology and more. Playing on West Michigan's connection to the furniture trade and Michigan's history as a manufacturing state, the theme of the conference is *Furnishing Your Business with the Tools for Success*. Throughout the conference, attendees will learn how to run a successful personal historian business as well as have the opportunity to network with others doing this meaningful work.

Following is an intro to the strong lineup of workshops, speakers, and special events for this conference. People may register for the whole conference or for specific days of the conference. **For detailed information or to register, visit the APH website at [www.personalhistorians.org](http://www.personalhistorians.org) or call John Morrison at 616/248-2706.**

### **Conference Speakers**

Keynote Address

Thursday, November 3, 9:00 a.m.

*Sarah Anne Johnson*

The Art of the Interview

Sarah Anne Johnson is the author of *Conversations with American Women Writers* (University Press of New England, 2004), *The Art of the Author Interview* (UPNE, March 2005), and *More Conversations with American Writers* (UPNE 2006). Learn more about Ms. Johnson at [sarahannejohnson.com](http://sarahannejohnson.com). In addition to her Keynote Address, Sarah Anne Johnson will also teach two hands-on workshops: Transcript to Manuscript and Art of the Interview.

Saturday, November 5, 8:30 a.m.

*Gordon Olson*

Confessions of a City Historian

Gordon Olson served for 25 years as the Grand Rapids City Historian, a valuable and much utilized addition to the city's resources. Gordon will let us look at the city and its environs through many lenses: that of personal history, ethnic history, community history, business and government history, and more.

Sunday, November 6, 8:30 a.m.

*Jennifer Morrison*

A Walk with Gwen Frostic

Born in 1906, in her first year of life Gwen Frostic contracted a mysterious illness that left her with such a profound physical handicap that teachers predicted she would never write her own name. Jennifer will take listeners on a journey through Frostic's life to see how that handicapped child became a successful artist with a well-known and recognized signature.

### **Summary of Conference Workshops**

Thursday Workshops

- Personal History University: a daylong workshop covering the essentials of starting a personal history business
- Manage the Details: managing the many details of doing personal history and running a small business
- Expanding the Personal History Market Through Cooperative Efforts: working with other personal historians to create a public awareness of the importance of preserving personal histories
- If You Build It (Right), They Will Come: essentials for building and designing your website
- Transcript to Manuscript: turning a transcribed interview into a well-written personal history
- Tradeshow Savvy: Raise Public Awareness and Get Results: learn how to successfully promote your personal history business in trade shows
- You've Got Questions – We've Got Answers: a Q&A session for videographers

- Listening to Ghosts: Touching Ancestors Through the Recovery of Family Oral Tradition: a look at analytical tools to assist personal historians and genealogists with stories about people who are deceased
- Thirty Ways to Get Free Publicity: good ways to publicize your personal history business
- Graphic Design for Writers: Creating the Look You Want: participants will leave with layout ideas they can use immediately

#### Friday Workshops

- Art of the Interview: participants will become familiar with the art and craft of the interview and leave ready to conduct their own interviews
- Dialogue that Delivers: the secrets to bringing personal histories to life on the printed page
- When You're Thrown for a Loop, How do You Land on Your Feet?: a look at how to handle a variety of situations that can go awry in the personal history business
- De-Mystifying Digital Audio: a look at what it takes to switch from analog to digital audio recordings, and what you can do with those recordings
- Intro to Book Production: take your project from a typeset manuscript to a printed and bound book
- Promoting Your Passion: public speaking to promote your personal history business
- Post-WWII U.S. Through Music, Storytelling, and Photography: take a journey through the last 50 years of American history using folk music, stories, and photography
- Why Use Video to Tell Stories: The Scientific Research in a Nutshell: learn to help your clients understand the impact of video as a medium for remembering

#### Saturday Workshops

- Selling Skills for Entrepreneurs: learn the selling skills that will engage your customers and close more sales
- Did You HEAR That?: a look at various audio products for personal history clients
- The Colors of APH America: a discussion of cultural sensitivities, customs, traditions, and taboos that will help participants develop knowledge and confidence to approach and present to non-white segments of the population
- If You Build it (Right), They Will Buy: learn how to turn your website visitors into paying clients
- Thinking Outside the Tool Box: Creative Strategies for Getting off the Treadmill: how to do the work you love AND pay the bills
- Pricing for Profit: learn how to price your product (note: we cannot discuss or recommend specific prices for services or products)
- Listening to Ghosts: Touching Ancestors Through the Recovery of Family Oral Tradition: a repeat of the Thursday workshop
- Final Cut Pro...and More!: using Final Cut Pro to edit your video personal history projects

#### Other Conference Highlights

##### *Town Square: Where Colleagues Meet to Share Ideas*

In Town Square members of the Association of Personal Historians will display their creative personal historian projects. Different areas will highlight books, audio, video, multimedia, and other disciplines, and vendors will have products and services available that are useful to personal historians.

##### *Community Forum*

Gordon Olson and noted local business and government leaders will discuss in an open forum the variety of ways personal historians can expand their services in useful ways in the community.

##### *Saturday Night Live, circa 1890*

APH tradition is that after several days of intense workshops we relax with a party. Saturday evening we'll loosen up with some good food, dancing, raffles, and more on the first floor of the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

## New Faces on the GGRWHC Board

**Enid Gaddis** currently serves as the Director of Human Resources for Clark Retirement Community. She has a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Grand Valley State University. She is currently pursuing her Masters Degree in Counseling from Spring Arbor University. She is active in her church and also volunteers her time with several community organizations including Women's History Council, Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, School to Career Progressions, Women's Resource Center and Catholic Human Development Outreach.

**Gayle R. Davis**, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, joined Grand Valley State University on July 1, 2002. She also holds the rank of Professor of History. Dr. Davis is Chair of the Academic Affairs Officers Committee of the Presidents Council of State Universities of Michigan. She also serves on the Board of Art and Museum Commissioners for the City of Grand Rapids and the Huntington National Bank Women's Initiative Advisory Council. Prior to joining the University, Dr. Davis was Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Wichita State University in Kansas, a position she held from 1994. Dr. Davis was a faculty member in the Department of Women's Studies at Wichita State and served as Chairperson from 1992-1995. She served on the Board of Directors for the Kansas State Historical Society and the Kansas Humanities Council, serving both boards as president at various times. Dr. Davis received her Ph.D. in American Studies and a Master of Arts degree in Art History from Michigan State University. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in French from Muskingum College.

**Marilynn Momber**—mother of 5 ages 12 to 18. Marilynn is the daughter of a tool and dye maker/fruit farmer father and mother who is a R.N. She is the wife of Dick, a life time farmer from the "Ridge" in Sparta who specialized in dairy (retired) and cash crops. He jointly purchased the nearly centennial farm (97 years) in 1988. Marilynn worked at St. Mary's Hospital 11 years in health care as well as worked jointly on the family farm with Dick and her family. She is active in National Sustainable Agriculture on the social justice & concentration committees. Marilynn is President of Michigan Farmers Union and serves on the board of the National Farmers Union. She is Vice President of Michigan Farmers Union Foundation and serves on the board of the Michigan Catholic Rural Coalition. She was Volunteer of the year in 2001 for Sparta Area Schools. She, along with her husband and children, received over a dozen Top Quality Dairy awards from Independent Milk Producers Association including the 1996 #1 Quality Dairy Award in Michigan. Marilynn also received an Executive Declaration by Gov. John Engler in 1997 for being named Dairy Farmers of the year.

**Sandra Springer** is the Michigan State University representative in Grand Rapids. She promotes off-campus, on-line and certificate programs on behalf of MSU. Her responsibilities also include serving as liaison between campus and eleven county offices. Sandra serves as a diversity facilitator for Michigan State University Extension. She has been a volunteer for Junior Achievement in the classroom for twenty years and spends time mentoring young adult women pursuing higher education. She has a Master of Management degree from Aquinas College. Sandra enjoys reading books about extraordinary people and sharing her presentation about the Underground Railroad Quilt Code and the history of quilt patterns.

### Membership Campaign

Our membership campaign begins in June. If your address label has an asterisk, your membership is now due.

Membership rates:

Sponsor	\$100.00
Contributor	\$50.00
Basic	\$25.00
Student	\$10.00

**History in the Future  
2005-2006 Calendar of Events**

**September 23 and 24**

State History Conference  
Kellogg Center, MSU, East Lansing  
More information at [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

**October 25, 6 pm**

Women's Hall of Fame Dinner  
Kellogg Center, MSU, East Lansing  
GGRWHC's nominee, Margaret Sellers Walker  
to be honored. More information at  
[www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org](http://www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org)

**October 28 and 29**

Great Lakes History Conference,  
Eberhard Center, GVSU  
More information on pages 3 and 4 or at  
[www.gvsu.edu/history](http://www.gvsu.edu/history) or [www.ggrwhc.org](http://www.ggrwhc.org)

**November 2-6**

Conference for Personal Historians  
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel  
More information on pages 7 and 8 or at  
[www.personalhistorians.org](http://www.personalhistorians.org)

**March 9 7:30 pm**

Gerald R. Ford Museum  
Women's History Month Program in  
conjunction with the Grand Rapids Historical  
Society

**GGRWHC Board Meeting**

October 11  
November 8  
December 13  
January 10  
February 14  
March 14  
April 11  
May 9 (Annual Meeting)  
4 pm  
The Michigan Room, Gerald R. Ford Museum

**Grand Rapids Historical Society  
Partial 2005-2006 Calendar of Events  
Co-sponsored by the Gerald R. Ford Museum**

All programs meet at the Gerald R. Ford Museum at 7:30 pm.

**October**

**October 13**

*The  
Horrigan*

*n Case: An Irish-German Confrontation*  
Bill Seeger, professor emeritus, Grand Valley  
State University  
In 1875, two immigrant communities rise  
against each other over the stabbing death of  
an Irish immigrant at a German  
saloon. Murder, mystery, trial, a pardon and  
history.

**November 10,**

*Michigan Troops at the Battle of Antietam*  
Perry Jamieson, author of *Death in  
September—The Antietam Campaign*, and  
several other studies in military history,  
particularly of the Civil War. This program is  
presented in cooperation with Grand Rapids  
Civil War Round Table.

Check future GGRWHC Newsletters and the GGRWHC web page, [www.ggrwhc.org](http://www.ggrwhc.org) for meetings not listed.

**March 9**

Women's History Month Program in  
conjunction with the Greater Grand Rapids  
Women's History Council

**April 13**

*Grand Rapids History Through Vintage  
Postcards*  
Thomas Dilley, Grand Rapids Historical Society  
Board Member and local attorney, postcard  
collector, and author of recently published  
book, *Grand Rapids in Vintage Postcards, 1890  
- 1940*, will use his extensive postcard  
collection as historical documents illustrating  
Grand Rapids history.

**May 11**

Time and location to be determined.  
Grand Rapids Historical Society Annual  
Meeting and Banquet

### Oral History Interviewers Needed

Are you interested in preparing oral histories, but don't know how to get started?

Would you like to do an oral history, but don't know who to interview?

Collecting oral histories is an important component of the Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council.

**We desperately need people who would like to learn how to interview so that our interviewing process can continue and be ongoing.**

We will gladly train you as to the materials we use and on our equipment. If you are interested, please call Barbara Robinson at 616/949-4986.

### Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, October 25, 6 pm

#### Women's Hall of Fame Dinner

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

This year they will be honoring the GGRWHC's inductee Margaret Sellers Walker. Go to [www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org](http://www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org) for more information.

### Woman Pins®

#### Have you purchased your pin yet?

Your purchase of this pin benefits the Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council, an organization dedicated to celebrating the legacies of local women, preserving knowledge of their past, and inspiring visions for their future. Our projects include a bibliography of materials on local women, an extensive oral history project, LEGACY (a triennial celebration of Women's History Month) and support of other local history projects.



**Four new types of Woman Pins®, Golf pins, Red Hat pins, office setting pins and pins representing people in the medical field, are now available.**

No two pins are alike. The women portrayed on the pins are multi-cultural and represent a variety of activities. These very colorful pins are only \$14.00. Pins may be purchased at Betsy Ratzsch's Pottery, 584 Ada Drive, in Ada or at the Women's Resource Center, 678 Front St NW, Grand Rapids. Or you can call the office 616/234-3603 for more information.

### In Memoriam

**Helen Claytor**, civil rights leader, passed away on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. She was the first African American president of a community YWCA when she became president of the Grand Rapids YWCA. She was a charter member of the Human Relations Commission and felt this was a "lasting contribution I've made to the City of Grand Rapids," according to a web article on the City of Grand Rapids web page. **Judith Claytor**, Helen's daughter, was a recent member of the GGRWHC Board. Our sympathies go out to Judith and her family.

**Rosemary Scott** was among the first women to open a law office in Grand Rapids, passed away on Tuesday, May 24. She was a lawyer for over 50 years. The family has asked for contributions be made to scholarships for University of Michigan students. There is more information about Rosemary Scott on the first page of the newsletter.

**Judy Lloyd**, GGRWHC Treasurer, community activist and volunteer passed away on Wednesday, June 1, from injuries she suffered in an automobile accident on May 24. Judy was active in the YWCA, Mary Free Bed, the Historical Society of Michigan, Grand Rapids Public Museum and Meijer Gardens. She was always willing to do any job that needed to be done. Judy will be missed by many people. The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Women and Girls Leadership Development Fund to benefit the YWCA of Grand Rapids.

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Merry Malfroid



Women from the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in costumes of early activists.

From left to right: Marcy Hamilton (dressed as Hester Jerome Jeffrey), Yvonne Sims (Ida B. Wells Barnette), Mary Williams (Mary Church Terrell), Bettye Burton (Josephine Ruffin), Ingrid Scott Weekley (Mary Ann Shadd Cary), Ellen James (Francis Ellen Watkins Harper), Bonita Harvey (Angelina Weld Grimke), Dorothy Jo Butler (Sojourner Truth) Leownie McNeal (Mary Talbert), Lauri Parks (Adella Hunt-Logan)