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UPCOMING EVENTS

"At a Glance"

Please Save these Dates

Monday Evening

October 28, 2013

Program Meeting

Guest Speaker: DAVID CHANG

7:00 pm

Manistee Ranch

(see page 4 for driving directions)



Saturday Afternoon

November 16, 2013

**GAHS 40th Anniversary Picnic
to honor our "Old Timers"**

Noon to 4 pm

Manistee Ranch

(watch your mail and e-mail for details)



Sunday Afternoon

December 15, 2013

Christmas Party

2 pm to 5 pm

Manistee Ranch

(watch your mail and e-mail for details)



Nov. 2013 - Jan. 2014

"Reach Out"

Membership Drive

(watch your mail and e-mail for details)



President's Message

Faces are changing at the Society's office. We've bid a fond farewell to Anita Erwin, who has resigned as secretary. On behalf of the board, I wish to thank Anita for her service to the Society for more than a year. She did an excellent job setting up over 100 Rose Garden weddings. Last year, 78 weddings were held, up from just 46 the previous year. There have been or scheduled 65 weddings for 2013 and 18 for 2014. Also, Anita was active in helping people with their inquiries about Glendale history. This has resulted in extra financial donations.

Please join us in welcoming our new secretary, Carol Hook, who began on September 1, 2013.

Already a GAHS member, Carol was previously the Society's secretary for over a year. She is excited to be back at the Guest House. Carol has been an important part of the oral history committee and is very knowledgeable about the wedding procedures, library and operation of the Society. The Board welcomes Carol and looks forward to her contribution as our new GAHS office secretary.



Ron Short, President
Board of Directors

GAHS Gets a New Look

by Gary Hirsch, Chair, Membership/Marketing Committee

We are pleased to introduce the "new look" of the Glendale Arizona Historical Society. After more than 17 years with the last logo, the board was anxious for a new image. Our committee went to work and came up with what you see on the masthead at the top of this newsletter. Now that membership and marketing have become one, we will help bring the GAHS message to members, prospective members and our community. You'll be seeing our sunshine-backed town clock image all over the place!



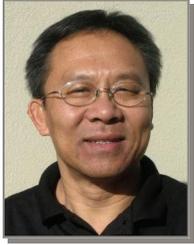
Examples of the new logo created by the GAHS Membership/Marketing Committee

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Ruth Byrne Award Winner is October's Speaker



David Chang

We're in for a real treat at our upcoming October 28th meeting, at which we are welcoming **David Chang** as our guest speaker.

David was awarded the 2013 Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award, and is owner of Chang Investments, Inc. A leading Glendale businessman, David is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Glendale's historic resources, including the Coury Building (1940), the Gillett Building (1909) and the Humphrey and Davidson Building (1895).

With a vision for these buildings, David invested his money into a

beautiful restoration and adaptive reuse of the Coury Building, and opened it as Zang's Asian Bistro. Next, he carefully restored Glendale's oldest commercial building, using the wood in the flooring to decorate the interior and saving, cleaning and repairing its tin ceiling. It opened as Zing's restaurant. David kept the exterior of the Gillett Building as

it was, and changed nothing in its second level office space. With energy and vision, David is now restoring the store adjacent to the Humphrey and Davidson Building, soon to open as the Star Venue Theater for live performances. David's downtown transformation expresses his dedication to preserving its historic character.



The Humphrey and Davidson Building in our early days (left) and today (right)

New Life Member *Elaine Scruggs*



Elaine M. Scruggs
Past Mayor of Glendale
GAHS Lifetime Member

Welcome to Elaine Scruggs who joined the Society with a life membership.

We are looking forward to Elaine's participation. She has expressed an interest in helping with oral histories and the wedding belles. Elaine also

provided a \$500 donation to the Society. The Board appreciates her generosity.

Historic District Signs

Glendale has ten historic districts on the National Register of Historic Places. The first six have historic district street signs, funded by the city, but there was no funding available for the other four.

The Glendale Arizona Historical Society applied for and received grants for historic district street signs from the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors for Thunderbird Estates/McDonald Addition, Sands Estates, Glendale Gardens and Sages Acres. The City of Glendale's sign shop installed all the signs.

The partnership of the Glendale Arizona Historical Society, the Civic Pride Ambassadors and the City of Glendale has resulted in beautiful historic district street signs, which allow residents and visitors to identify and enjoy Glendale's history at a glance.



What's in a Report Card

by Ron Short, President of the Board

Eighty-one years ago in 1932, Glendale Public Schools issued a report card to a 9 year old young man in the 4th grade, which meant he could be promoted to the 5th grade. This report card not only graded the student's scholarship - his writing, English, spelling, arithmetic, geography and U.S. History, but it also graded his obedience, behavior, dependability, courtesy, cleanliness, care of property, health and hygiene, and work habits. This boy was excellent in all areas except work habits. The card also had a Physical Record section to record the student's weight and vision: 10-10 normal, 8-10 somewhat defective, and 6-10 or lower to be tested by an optometrist. Following is an unusual inclusion on the report card called "Rules of the Health Game."

- ✓ **A tub bath more than once a week.**
- ✓ **Brush the teeth in the morning and night.**
- ✓ **Long hours of sleep with windows open.**
- ✓ **Drink all the milk possible, but no tea or coffee.**
- ✓ **Eat vegetables and fruit every day.**
- ✓ **Drink a glass of water before breakfast and three or more times during the day.**
- ✓ **Lots of sunshine and play.**
- ✓ **A bowel movement every day.**
- ✓ **Take three or four deep breaths, completely filling the lungs, on your way to and from school.**
- ✓ **Wash hands before meals.**
- ✓ **No candy or sweets between meals.**

This particular report card was for Harold Smith, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harold W. Smith. Smith was Superintendent of Glendale Schools from 1925 to 1964. Isn't it amazing what's in a report card?

Oral Histories - "What a Hoot"



Ruth Byrne, Carol Hook and Mary Renner (clockwise from left) participate in our 320th Oral Histories interview

The GAHS Oral Histories Committee, comprised of Kathy Palmer, Chair, Ruth Byrne and Carol Hook, held training classes, read oral history books and, thanks to a financial donation from Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack, bought state-of-the-art recording equipment (a Handy Recorder, two microphones and mike stands).

The committee sent out their requests to various people they wanted to interview, and Mary Renner responded. Ruth Byrne interviewed Mary for 45 minutes, and it was a hoot. Mary had many funny and intriguing stories about growing up in Glendale, like how advanced she was for her grade, which meant she was years younger than her classmates. A transcript made of this and other Oral History recordings are kept with the Society.

If you or someone you know could be a candidate to have an oral history done, please contact our GAHS secretary, Carol Hook, at 623-435-0072.

Military Exhibit Open Oct. 13th



This year's annual Military Exhibit, which begins on October 13th, features a new addition — a uniform from the Korean conflict worn by Vie Lowman of Glendale. A special thanks to the volun-

teers who helped with the Military Exhibit - Carol Hook, Martha Cole, Martha Dennis, Jessica Koory, Julia Phillips, and a very special thanks to Carl Watson, for sharing his extensive military expertise.

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Our next membership meeting will be held:
October 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern

Please enter the driveway to Manistee Ranch from 51st Avenue, just south of Walgreen's. Proceed through the parking lot, and continue through the open vehicle gate. Then keep right, and park along the dirt driveway.

Welcome New Members

Rosetta L Ayers
Holly & Azzedine Azouz
Nelson & Judy Butler
Debra & John Carter
Kerry Dewberry
John & Julie Froke
Al & Nancy Lenox
Elaine Scruggs
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SAHUARO NOTES from Julia Phillips

The Guest House at Sahuaro Ranch will open for the fall season on October 13th with its annual Military Exhibit. Its scheduled public tours are held between **1:00 pm - 3:30 pm** each **Sunday Afternoon** (*the last tour begins at 3:00 pm*). If you are interested in scheduling a private tour for your church group, club, school or other organization, call us at 623-435-0072. In addition to the Military and other exhibits we stage throughout the season, you'll want to make plans now to visit our spring Wedding Exhibit, for which we are still in need of a donation of a 1930's era wedding dress. The tour schedule for Manistee remains the same as last year - the first and third Saturdays of each month with a couple of exceptions. Following is this season's schedule:

October 5 and 19, 2013	February 1 and 15, 2014
November 9 and 23, 2013	March 1 and 15, 2014
December 7, 2013	April 5 and 19, 2014
January 4 and 18, 2014	May 3, 2014 (season finale)

If you would like to volunteer to help with tours either signing in guests or acting as a docent please call the Sahuaro Ranch Guest House at 623-435-0072 or Manistee Ranch at 623-931-8848.