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www.GibraltarNA.org

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Thursdays thru Sept**
Main Street Farmer's
Market in the 100 Block of
Broadway. Support area
vendors!
- **Sunday, Sept. 22**
**GNA General Meeting
and Potluck Picnic**
Bob & Brenda Johnson's
210 Glendridge Circle
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

GNA Fall Meeting And PICNIC!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Sunday
afternoon, September 22, 2013, from
2:00 to 4:00 please join us for a pot-
luck picnic and general meeting at
Bob and Brenda Johnson's home at
210 Glenridge Circle (just off of High
School Ave).

Our Association will provide the main
course and ask that you bring a side
dish to share with everyone.

There will be a short meeting as we
have a couple of important issues to
discuss. But mostly just plan for a fun
gathering and chance to socialize with
your neighbors.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. by Sept. 20th as we
need to know how much "main dish"
to purchase; contact Paulette Brandt
at pbrandt45@yahoo.com or call and
leave a message at 328-7399. **We
hope to see you there!** ■



NOTICE of Proposed Amendment



PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

In the Gibraltar Neighborhood Asso-
ciation's current by-laws, Section 2
states: there shall be nine(9) members
of the board of directors.

Your Board of Directors gives notice of
its recommendation that the by-laws
be amended such that the number of
directors *is reduced from nine to five*,
effective January 1, 2014.

This must be voted on by the general
membership. **Your attendance at
the September and November
meetings is encouraged** as this
vote must take place two times. As a
reminder, only paid association mem-
bers are entitled to vote (you can join
at any time!). ■

Brick Street Update

If you travel 5th Ave. you may have noticed the white paint markings in some areas. The city is continuing the brick street repair project and has marked areas to be considered. This is to be an ongoing project and they have budgeted \$10,000.00 per year for the repairs. Thank you to the brick street committee for their continued efforts. ■

Kirn Park Project

For those of you that use the park on a regular basis you have already seen the progress being made at the Kirn Park construction project.



The old locker room/restroom facility that was built in the 60's has been removed. Some of the fencing that will be replaced has been taken down and the asphalt paved entry has been excavated to make way for the new drive and parking area. And don't forget the new lighting.

In preparation for the new irrigation system the field has been scraped and new topsoil put down. Once the sprinkler system is installed, grass seed will be planted and the barrier wall installed. Those of you that came to the celebration of the start of the project saw the plan, so you know how awesome it will be when it is finished. A great project, once again showing what can happen when neighborhoods come together and work with the city. ■

***THANK YOU to our GNA newsletter
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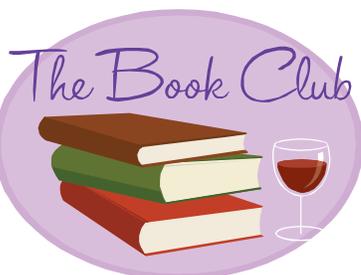
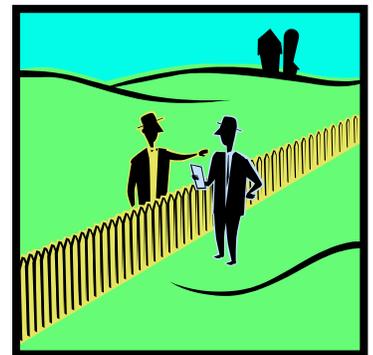
*Harold Compton, Matt Rennie, Chris Gorman
and Steve Gorman. Without you, our
Newsletter would not be possible!!!!*

Understanding your GNA: Why have an Association?

The purpose of our neighborhood association is stated in our bylaws.

Article II Section 2

The purpose of the Association is to seek to enhance and improve the quality of life in the neighborhood through encouraging communication and relationships among neighbors in matters of community betterment, crime prevention by promoting the neighborhood watch program, and to promote and participate in the civic life of Council Bluffs. The Association does not seek to attempt to dictate the specific and particular color scheme of similar of any given household. The Association does seek within reason and practicality to maintain the historical character of the neighborhood.



The GNA Book Club is a fun, social gathering where we get together and share a bit of news, a glass of wine and discuss our latest book assignment. We are currently reading **“Born Standing Up” by Steve Martin**. If you enjoy reading, contact Patti Hannan at 712-323-8600 for more info. We'd love to see you at our next meeting! ■

Historic Neighborhood Homes: The Everest House

To prepare for GNA's future, we must know our past, by Liz Matis

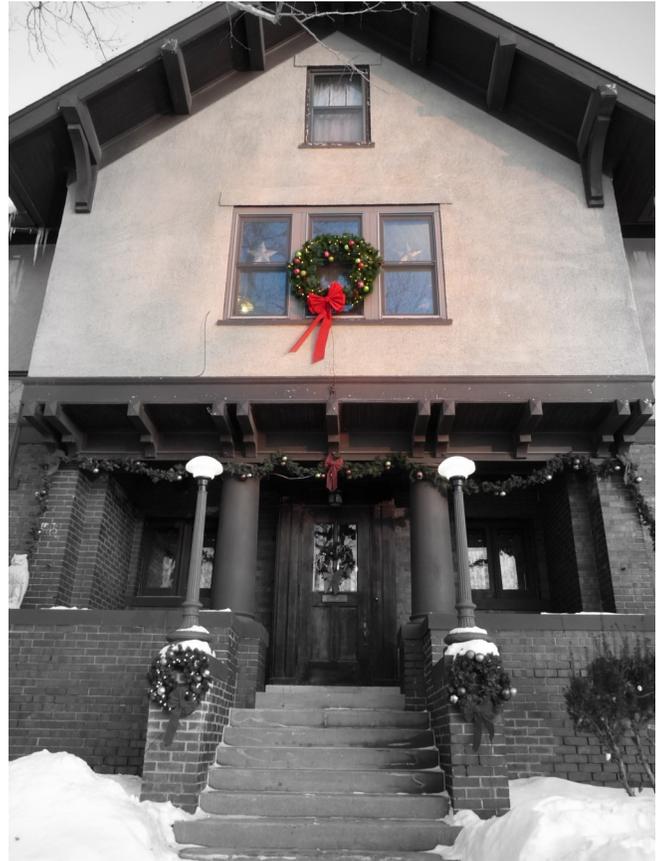
As we have done in previous issues of Rock Talk, we will be exploring another famous General that resided in our neighborhood: **Frank F. Everest**. Frank was born in Council Bluffs and his early history centers around his boyhood home located at 125 3rd Street, later to be known as the "Everest House." Frank's Father was born in Illinois and came to Iowa when he was eight years old. He graduated from Grinnell College in 1893. In 1894, he married Florence Folsom, the daughter of Jeremiah Folsom. In Council Bluffs he became a real estate dealer and was vice president and secretary-treasurer for the Greenshield-Everest Company — a real estate firm — at the time he built the 3rd Street house. He later became president of the company and also of First National Bank, as well as vice-president of the Abstract Guaranty Company. The Everest children included: George F., Frank F., Charles B., and Jack M. The first year of residence listed for the Everest family at the 3rd Street address is 1910. Before that, the family home was at 166 Glen Ave.

The 3rd Street home is historically significant as the boyhood home of two distinguished generals, Everest's sons George and Frank. **George Folsom Everest** served in both world wars and was brigadier general of the Iowa National Guard. During World War II, he was appointed to the commanding generals in the European Theatre in WWII. He married Elsie Tinley in 1921 and was an attorney with the Council Bluffs firm of Tinley, Mitchell, Ross, Everest & Geisler. (Emmet Tinley, the senior partner in the firm, was a president of the state bar association, and the brother of General Mat Tinley. Elsie Tinley was Emmet's daughter and the family resided at 520 3rd St. The home was destroyed a few years ago to expand a church parking lot.) After WWII he became a judge. Judge George Folsom Everest resided in Council Bluffs (at 218 High School Ave.) until his death in 1978.

Frank Fort Everest was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa in 1904. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy June 9, 1928 and was commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery. Frank was one of the youngest soldiers to attain the rank of Lt. General in the U.S. Air Force. His commands included Europe, Japan and Korea.

Entering Primary Flying School at Brooks Field, Texas, Lieutenant Everest graduated from Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Texas, in September 1929, with initial assignment to the 8th Attack Squadron at Fort Crockett, Texas. After completing the armament course at the Air Technical School at Chanute Field, Ill., in March 1933, he held several assignments at Maxwell Field, Ala. Everest was promoted to first lieutenant in 1934, and to captain a year later. Captain Everest graduated from the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell in June 1937.

He then served in Hawaii at Wheeler Field with the 18th Pursuit Group, moving to Lowry Field, Colo., in September 1939 as an instructor in the Air Corps Technical School. Everest was promoted to major in January 1941. The following August Major Everest was assigned to Headquarters, Army Air Forces, for duty in the Plans and Training Division. He became a lieutenant colonel in January 1942 and in March joined the Operations and Planning Division of the War Department General Staff. He also became a colonel in March. *Continued...*



The Everest House, 125 3rd Street

In August 1942 Colonel Everest was assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, where he served successively as liaison officer to the commander, aircraft, South Pacific; commanding officer of the 11th Heavy Bomb Group at New Hebrdes Islands and Guadalcanal; and Army air officer on the staff of the commander of the South Pacific Theater. For combat action Everest earned a number of awards including the Silver Star for a courageous key mission from Guadalcanal against the Japanese Feb. 13, 1943.

Colonel Everest was reassigned to Air Corps Headquarters as Air Force director of the Joint War Plans Committee in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff for Plans in January of 1944, and became a brigadier general in June. He joined the special organizational planning group at Air Corps Headquarters in November of 1945. Two months later he was designated as deputy assistant chief of air staff for plans at Air Corps Headquarters.



General Everest assumed command of the Yukon Sector, Alaskan Air Command, with Headquarters at Ladd Field, Alaska, in January 1947 and remained there until June 1948 when he was named assistant deputy chief of staff for operations at Air Force Headquarters in Washington. He became a major general in April 1948. In March 1950 he assumed the additional duty of senior Air Force member on the Military Liaison Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission. General Everest became commanding general of the Fifth Air Force, Far East Forces, in Korea in May 1951. Through his efforts, the Fifth Air Force became a powerful fighting machine which was able to attain, and maintain, air superiority over the enemy.

Everest became a lieutenant general in December 1951. In mid-1952 he was appointed deputy commander of the Tactical Staff, Washington, in April 1953. One year later he was designated deputy chief of staff for operations at Air Force in Europe and promoted to full general.

Returning to the United States Aug 1, 1959, General Everest was assigned duty as commander of Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va. He retired on October 1, 1961 he was described as on of those “pilots’ pilots, beau ideals of fighting airmen.”

General Everest passed away on October 10, 1983 of a heart attack at his home in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

He was survived by a son Frank Jr., of Alexandria, Va., a daughter, Patricia Sidwell of Fort Washington, Md.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

General Everest was awarded the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, Honorary Companion of the Military Division of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Republic of Korea Military Merit Taeguk Medal, World War II Victory Medal. ■

More GNA News

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Dec. 31, 2012, the GNA sponsored a New Year's Eve Prime Rib Dinner as a fund raiser for the Dodge House. It proved to be such a successful event the GNA will again host a New Years Eve Prime Rib Dinner at the Dodge House in 2013.



We are putting the call out early to the GNA asking for volunteers to help with the preparation for the event this year. We will

need help with decorations, table set up etc. Won't you please help? Contact any GNA Board Member for more information.

VOLUNTEERS are also needed for "clean up day" at the Bregant House on October 5th, 2013. More details provided at our General Meeting Potluck. Please help!! ■



NOTICE OF NEED

For New Board Members

It was announced at the last meeting in July that several of the Board member's terms are up. If you would like to be a board member but are not sure what it entails the duties are as follows:

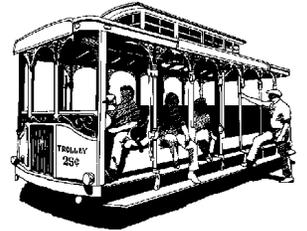
The board of directors shall manage, set the policy for and oversee the management of the affairs of the Association. The board shall control its property, be responsible for its finances, formulate its policy, and direct its affairs. The board of directors may hire an executive director and support personnel. The board may enter into contracts necessary or prudent to accomplish the Association's goals.

Board meetings can be held on a regular basis ie. once a month or as needed to be determined by the board. But at least quarterly. ■

Area News

Have Trolley, Will Tour

The Trolley Tours of Historic Council Bluffs are scheduled on the 4th Thursday of every month through October. Boarding on Ollie the Trolley begins at 5:30pm, except for October when it will start at 5:00pm to accommodate the time change. Tours are approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. The boarding site is 200 Pearl Street, in front of the Union Pacific Railroad Museum. To purchase tickets call 712-328-4992, Monday through Thursday, 9am-4pm. Tickets are \$10/person, are available in advance only, and are non-refundable. September tickets are SOLD OUT, so buy your tickets now for October!! ■



Thursday Eve Farmer's Market

The Main Street Farmer's Market is open every Thursday evening through September 26th, 5:00-8:00 PM, on the 100 block of Broadway. Enjoy fresh produce, artists and baked goods in the beautiful historic downtown. The market is an activity of MSCB, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to revitalizing downtown Council Bluffs. ■

CRIME Report—Be on the Lookout

A Neighborhood Watch has reported that some neighbors have come across a few "young people" claiming to sell books, resources, etc. and are a bit pushy and want too much information regarding our children and household and neighbors! Also, a couple of other families have reported that the "Census Bureau" has sent people to their doors asking personal questions too.

When they have called to verify that these people are for real, they have been told they are not! When situations like the first one happens, you need to find out what organization that person represents and register a complaint to the City Clerk at 712-328-4616. The clerk will contact the person who took out the sellers permit. If the second situation occurs, if you don't believe the person is with the Census Bureau or whatever business or organization they say they are with, call the police. ■

GNA General Meeting Minutes, July 19, 2013

Meeting was called to order by President, Paulette Brandt. She thanked the Dodge House for hosting General Meeting at the Bersheim House. Paulette shared that it is important to revisit the Mission Statement of the GNA. It states: Develop, implement and promote a comprehensive plan that: strengthens neighborhood relationships and communication, creates strategies to make our neighborhood safe, promotes activities that assure our neighborhood is one of clean and well-kept properties, encourages neighbors to be engaged and aware of what's going on in Council Bluffs so we can support public policy that favorably impacts our neighborhood, and helps neighbors with tasks to maintain their property and remain in their homes.

Mary gave the Treasurer's report.

The old sign for Kirn Park will be replaced with one reflecting the "historical feel" of the park. Meetings were held by a committee to review and choose the new sign.

It was announced that there will be a clean-up in the 100 block before Ragbrai comes into town.

The GNA Plant sale that was held in conjunction with the Dodge House Plant Sale brought in a total of \$250.00. Garden walk ticket sponsors were 200+.

A committee was formed to assist the city in the project of repairing our brick streets. The City has committed \$10,000.00 per year for repairs. The next site will probably be the corner of 5th and Clark St.

Cory Peters and Patti Hannon will head a committee for the flags and poles. If the GNA would invest in flags for poles like Fairmont has they would have to be on private property. They are mounted on phone poles in the Fairmont Association.

The Kirn Apartments are set to open in September. There will be 4 seats open on the Board in January. GNA will have a Picnic for the September Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Matis, Secretary



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We welcome your input!
Please contact us with suggestions on content you want to see covered. ■

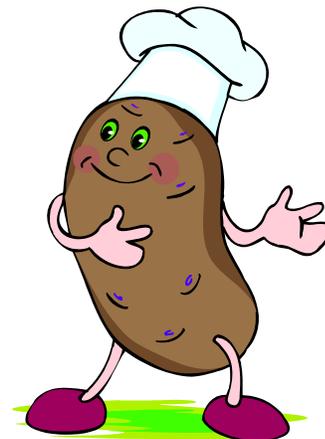
RECIPE: Company Potatoes – Liz Matis

- 1 Bag Cubed Hashbrown Potatoes
- 16 oz. Container Sour Cream
- 2 cans Cream of Potato Soup
- 1 Small Onion Chopped
- 1 8 oz. bag shredded cheddar cheese

Mix potatoes with soup, sour cream, onion and cheese. Let sit 20 minutes.

Pour into 9x13 greased pan

Bake 375 degrees for 1 hour, not covered



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The Historical Society NEEDS YOU!!

Our GNA is one of the largest historical neighborhoods in the city of Council Bluffs. The **Historical Society of Pottawattamie County** is a group of people with a common goal as stated in their Mission: "to preserve the past for current and future generations." The Historical Society has been instrumental in saving many of the historical sites in our county, and they are looking for new members who also seek to preserve our community's history. They have General Meetings just like the GNA does, and you can choose to attend when you want. They would really like to get members of our GNA involved with their group. Liz Matis was just appointed to their Board, and she sees so many things that we have in common. Contact Liz at 323-6400 or call Ed Richie at the Squirrel Cage Jail at 402-612-8144 for more information. Just tell him you saw this in the GNA Rock Talk and would like more information on becoming a member. He is there Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. They have several membership levels from which to choose. **Won't you please consider joining the Historical Society of Pottawattamie County to help preserve our county's wonderful heritage?**

Gibraltar Neighborhood Association: Membership Registration Form

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Become a Gibraltar Neighborhood Association Member!! Yearly dues are \$25 per household. In order to be eligible to vote for board candidates and other issues, you must be a paid association member. Make checks payable to and mail payment to:

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