



## Greentown Historical Society

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### 2016 Annual Meeting

by Rachel Jenkins

At the annual meeting, Rachel Jenkins, President, gave a brief history of the society, noting some major accomplishments. The GHS is 18 years old this month. During that time, two buildings have been purchased and are being used as an office, exhibit space, collections and archival storage, and the newly designated room for scanning photographs and negatives. Recognized were board members leaving at this time: Sue Clouser, Greg Kingseed and Paula Shrock. Rachel is also leaving the board. We thank them for their service and dedication to GHS. (see pictures on following page)

### Pictures from the Annual Meeting



EHS Social Studies Academic Team & Sponsor, Karen Bishir



President Rachel Jenkins addressing the audience



Robert & Jane Millspaugh with Robin Dewitt



Scott & Chari Deyoe & Donna Kingseed



Steve Sheridan recognizing Jean & Ron Simpson with a certificate for their many years of supporting the GHS



Keith Ritchie, EHS principal, Dr. Tracy Caddell, EHSC Superintendent, Karen Bishir Academic Team sponsor

### "Introducing New Board Members"

**Sheryl Dean** graduated from IWU-Business Management and just completed 16 years on the Greentown Library Board. She is beginning her second year on the Eastern School Board. Sheryl is retired from Eastern Howard School Corporation, is married to a farmer, and has three sons. She is interested in serving the Greentown community, and the Greentown Historical Society seemed like a good way to start.

**Carole Petro** graduated from EHS, Ball Memorial School of Nursing in Muncie, and completed her BSN and MLS from IU. Carole has worked in nursing over 50 years in various capacities, and her favorite areas were public health, home health, and hospice care. She still works on an "as needed" basis in case management at St. Vincent's in Kokomo. For over 11 years, she has worked at IUK as a part-time reference librarian. She is involved in the Howard County Master Gardeners Organization and other interests include reading, genealogy, gardening, hiking, walking, English dramas, and travel. In the early '70's, Carole was a VISTA volunteer in Cincinnati, Ohio with the Model Cities program

**Paul L. Nicholson** received a Bachelor of Science degree from IWU and a Master of Science degree from IU. He is a past member of IWU Alumni Board and is presently serving his second term on Howard Co. Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors. Paul retired from Eastern School after 43 years of teaching and coaching and claims that he taught "the best kids on the planet"! His interests include enjoying a lakeside home near Coldwater, MI with wife Kim, attending grandchildren's events, backing the 'Comets', and church activities. When asked why he has chosen to return to the board after a term away, Paul replied, "The threads of this community have woven the fabric of my life and writes to a large degree the history of who I am. Preserving our community heritage is imperative so that those who come behind might find us faithful".

**Connie Voorhis** is a 1966 graduate of EHS retired, and a part time Florida snowbird. She worked her very first job out of high school at the State Bank of Greentown. This was in the very rooms we now use as GHS. She also worked several years as a customer service rep for SAI in Kokomo. Connie loves Greentown and very fiercely defends her history and her future. Her work at the historical society is her main hobby. She also enjoys genealogy and loves it when she makes a new fun revelation! Connie has served three full time terms on the board previous and is super excited to be back!

**Bruce Shrock** graduated in 1970 from EHS and received an Electrical Engineering degree in 1975 from GM Institute (now Kettering University) in Flint, Michigan. He received a Masters' in Management in 1987 from IWU. Bruce grew up as a member of Greentown First United Methodist Church, and now serves as a part-time staff member at St. Luke's UMC in Kokomo. He loves to enhance worship with visual arts. Bruce retired from Delphi, the United Methodist Foundation of Indiana, and is a part-time photographer. His family is very important to him, and he has grandchildren in Greentown and Colorado. His wife, Paula, has been a GHS board member, and Bruce was attracted to GHS by the high-quality exhibits highlighting his roots. He was intrigued to discover so much family and local history collected by GHS. The Photo Archiving Project interested Bruce as a chance to upgrade the technology while preserving the considerable photo history of the Jenkins Studio. Greentown is fortunate to have such a nice facility for preserving and displaying Greentown history, along with so many committed volunteers.

### Board members Leaving Thanks for serving!



Paula Shrock – Exhibit; Greg Kinseed – Membership  
Sue Clouser – Secretary; Rachel Jenkins - President

### Election of 2017 Officers

President – Joyce Yager  
1<sup>st</sup> VP – Connie Voorhis  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Carole Petro  
Secretary – Katie Regan  
Treasurer – Chari Deyoe

### GHS Calendar

New Exhibit Cycle  
begins in March

### Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network

Guest, Jillian Henry, from Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network presented a plan at the December 15 meeting for the GHS to receive approximately 15 hours of free training in 2017. The first tentative date is set for March 16, 2017. Jillian and the board agreed that the topic of training should begin with Board Roles & Responsibilities. GHS is the fortunate recipient of a drawing held earlier in the year that provides this service.



The **EHS yearbook staff and advisor** visited the GHS on December 15 for the monthly meeting. They had a copy of Eastern High School's latest annual and showed the layout used last year for advertising GHS. The board decided to renew the ad and hoped to enhance the color and graphics for the next year's edition.

## Garage Sale Volunteers Appreciated & Recognized

by Jean Simpson

We have completed another successful year of the Greentown Historical Society's annual garage sale. We thank all 22 volunteers who gave of their time to set up and oversee the sales. A note of thanks to those who donated and purchased items

Almost 800 hours were tallied for volunteers. Add to that the many hours spent by those who donated items as they sorted, packed, and brought boxes of surprises for us to price, display, and sell.

Volunteers were: Nancy Buckley, Carolyn Cogdell, Brenda Condon, Bobbie Cranor, Paul Hubbard, Sally Imbler, Janalyn Hutton, Heather Jenkins, Marty Jordan, Barb Kingseed, Charlotte Nulf, Betty Shaffer, Jean Simpson, Ron Simpson, Angie Sparks, Madison Sparks, Mary Bramel, Mollie Shepherd, Cindy Gillogly, Chari Deyoe, Mary Miller, and Kim Kirby.

## Third Grade Field Trip

The third grade class from Eastern Elementary School visited the GHS for a field trip in October. We received 13 thank you letters. The children were grateful to learn about Greentown's history, the 200th year anniversary of Indiana, the quilt, and the safe. Many expressed gratitude for the poster of Indiana that they were given. Mrs. Jenkins made a lasting impression on these young ones.

Sample letter:

Dear Mrs. Jenkins

I am the girl who asked you if you know the code to the safe. Anyway, I would just like to say thank you for teaching us about Greentown's history.

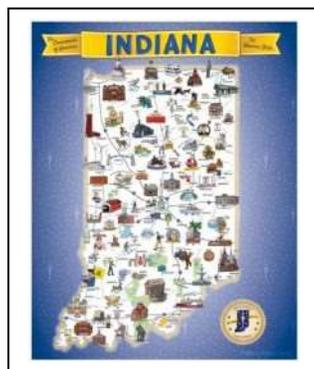
A PS from one letter: Are you related to the Jenkins?

Dear Mrs. Jenkins,

Thank you for showing us the posters, newspapers, vault, pictures. Keep being awesome.

## Gift Shop Items

There are high quality puzzles and posters of Indiana available in the gift shop. The posters are \$12, and the puzzles are \$18. Come by and check them out.



The Greentown Historical Society is open **Saturdays, 1-4 pm; Sundays, 2-4 pm; and Mondays, 1-4 pm**. There are no exhibits in January and February. In the month of July, GHS is open on Mondays only.

If you have any questions or would like to submit articles and/or pictures for this newsletter, please contact Kim Patton at 502-235-2757 or [1kim.patton@gmail.com](mailto:1kim.patton@gmail.com)

