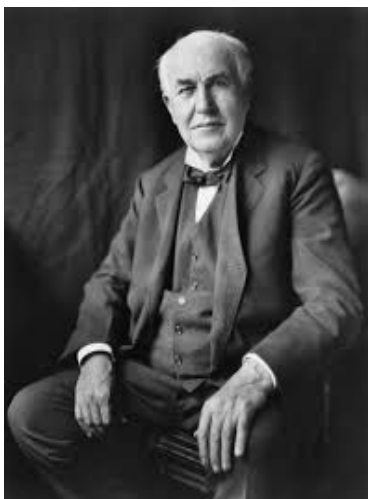


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Thomas Edison



Seth Boyden

**A History of Inventing in New Jersey:
From Thomas Edison to the Ice Cream Cone:
The Annual Membership Meeting
of the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association
Monday, November 18, 2019 - 7:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell
Bloomfield and Roseland Avenues
Caldwell, New Jersey
(Information on page 2.)**

**The 2019 Annual Membership Meeting
of the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Association**
by Alice Gibson, Development Committee Chairperson

As this issue goes to press, the GCBMA is planning the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting.

We are proud to present author Linda J Barth who will speak about her latest book, ***A History of Inventing in New Jersey: From Thomas Edison to the Ice Cream Cone.***

She will explore groundbreaking, useful, fun and even silly inventions and their New Jersey roots. Many important advances in medicine and science were developed here as well as the first drive-in theater and even professional baseball.

Linda Barth has been a fan of New Jersey for a long time. She is known for three children's books and two books on the D & R Canal. All related to New Jersey subjects. She has also contributed to the Encyclopedia of New Jersey.

She was a fourth grade teacher for 45 years in the Bridgewater-Raritan School District. Currently, she is the Executive Director of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. She serves as President of the Friends Organization of the D & R Canal State Park.

Meeting Topics will include:

Dr. David Cowell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees with an overview of the activities of the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association this past year.

Election for the slate of board members.

Refreshments will be served.

Grover's Corner Gift Shop will be there with inviting gifts.

Gift Store and Traveling Trunks Program

Trustee Akiko Axe oversees our wonderful store "**Grover's Corner**" which is located in our birthplace. "Grover's Corner" provides a great variety of items for sale including momentos and books relating to Grover Cleveland, the Presidents, and American History. For more details, see our website or follow us on Facebook.

The GCBMA offers a Traveling Trunks Program for educational institutions, service organizations, and other groups interested in keeping the legacy of Grover Cleveland alive, as well as getting to *feel* the historical past of how people of three different periods lived and were influenced by the historical events of their day. (There are three traveling trunks-- one for the 1830's, one for 1860's, and one for the 1890's. We are currently taking the items in these trunks to split into six to nine trunks in order to make the items easier for educators to transport.) For more details on borrowing the trunks, please contact Paul Maloney at EssexNewsMaloney@aol.com. See our website for additional details.

2019 Ghost Walk and Tour on October 25th

by Paul Maloney

This past October 25th, the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Association brought back a Caldwell Historic Ghost Walk and Tour last held in 2012. The eight tours were held every half hour, with two tours at 8:00. 114 tickets were sold and over \$1700.00 was raised for the GCBMA..

The Trustees would like to thank the following individuals and groups for their participation.

— New Jersey State Park Caretaker Sharon Farrell and Interpreters Paula Tomshe and Janice Caputo for their patience and help with our last minute ticket sales.

— Special thanks to Ryan Dorchek and the staff at Cloverleaf. Our concluding stop on the tour included each participant getting a “goodie bag” from the restaurant.

— Special thanks to Gelati's by Mike Guerriero and his staff. Gelati's provided a free ice cream for each participant.

— Special thanks to Karen Kelly and the staff at the West Caldwell Library. The staff assisted us with ticket sales.

— Janet and Bob Markman for publicity and support for the project. They provided donations of candy and great publicity posters.

— Akiko Axe for Facebook publicity.

— Dave Cowell and the advertisement in the Caldwell Progress.

— Dave Cowell, Greg Crump, Bunny Jenkins, Alice Gibson, Roxanne Douglas, Bev Crifasi, Akiko Axe, and of course, Sharon Farrell, Paula Tomshe, and Janice Caputo for taking care of the tent, the check in, and the birthplace.

— Greg Cowell for help with setting up payment process.

— Alice Gibson for donating the information banner in front of the birthplace.

— Dave Cowell and Bunny Jenkins for donations of decorations.

— Tour Guides: Greg Crump, Trevor McLaughlin, Evan McLaughlin, Dave Cowell, James Gardner, Greg Cowell and Paul Maloney for time which went very quickly. It is a bit challenging to give a tour on a very noisy Bloomfield Avenue. We had a lot of material and stories to draw from, especially with research from Dave Cowell, James Gardner, and Bev Crifasi. **(Photo below by Janet Markman.)**

Stay Tuned: The GCBMA is planning an “Escape Room” in the future! Details coming soon!





**A “Spooky” Birthplace....
must be time for a tour!**



**Interpreters Paula Tomshe
and Janice Caputo
with Akiko Axe**



**Trustee and Tour Guide Greg Cowell
hanging out with the “Big Man”!**



**The Famous 1940 Presidential Election Bet
Wheelbarrow Story: Great History from
the Cloverleaf Tavern and Caldwell, N.J.**

(Photos by Akiko Axe and Jonathan Lace.)

The Grover Cleveland Birthplace, 207 Bloomfield Ave., Caldwell, N.J. 07006, 973-226-0001. The birthplace is open year round, Wednesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon and Wednesday-Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is open to the public free of charge and is closed for all State and Federal holidays. The address of the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association is PO Box 183, Caldwell, N.J. 07006. For more information, visit www.PresidentCleveland.org and our Facebook site - www.facebook.com/ClevelandBirthplaceAssociation. Your membership (join-renewal) form is included in this hardcopy mailing of the newsletter or visit our website www.presidentcleveland.org/membership to download this form. Questions about membership? Contact us at membership@TheGCBMA.org or call us at 973-226-4357.