



Gas House Gazette

Notes From the Prez..

Greetings!

A big thank you to Kelly and Arnold Scoville for hosting our June meeting at Willow Lake in Geneva. Plenty of food and fellowship was at hand.

A topic that was brought up, although not auto or club related, was CPR. A discussion was to investigate to see if we could entertain a local medical unit to offer a training class in this life saving act. As many of our members are 'golden agers' now, the knowledge may come in handy when we least expect it. Further discussions will be made at the next meeting.

On other topics, wow, did our members have a chance to see that massive steam locomotive that came through on June 8th? That was Union Pacific's Big Boy Engine 4014. The last time it was east of the Mississippi was when it was being built. Only 25 units were built in the 1940s for the war effort. They transported goods through the western states. This is the only one that is still active for freight and passenger service. It was truly a sight to behold. If you missed seeing it, you still have a chance, it will be back through the middle of July.

To all fathers amongst us, I hope every father had a Happy Father's Day on the 21st.

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Doug

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June 14, 2026

Western Reserve Monthly Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Doug Cryczan.

Our June meeting was held at Willow Lake Camp Ground in Geneva hosted by Arnold and Kelly Scoville with 29 members and guests in attendance.

Motion by Cindy Harold to accept the minutes of the last meeting in the Newsletter. Seconded by Elaine Gryczan. Motion carried.

Shirley Payne gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept the report was made by Elaine Gryczan seconded by Linda Sneary. Motion carried.

Old Business—

Dave Payne reported on the summer tour. Dwain Rakes knows Jack Thurban who is in charge of the Frank Lloyd Wright house in Madison. Dave Payne talked with him and said our Club could go through the house but not the Ohio Region Tour.

Dianne Johnson needs to tell the caterer what time to serve the food by July 1. It was discussed about how much ice cream is needed for Friday night ice cream Social. It was decided to get two large buckets and have a hostess serve the ice cream.

Cindy Harold will need to know how many registrations so she can judge the number of snacks and drinks that will be needed for the hospitality room.

Linda Sneary needs money to purchase items for the Chinese Auction. It was approved.

New Business---

Mike Carolin suggested that we have a class on CPR like the Canton Chapter did. Arnold Scoville suggested North West Ambulance give a presentation at one of the Winter Meetings.

Cindy Harold suggested we go to Hambones Restaurant in Hamden for her October meeting. She would need \$200.00 to reserve the room.

Dave Payne reported that the Antique Engine Club has a car show July 4 and they asked our Club for some cars because they are opening their club grounds for our summer tour.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mike Wayman, seconded by Phil Sneary. Motion carried.

Walter Elliott

Western Reserve Chapter
June 2026
Willow Lake Campground, Geneva





YUM!



Lois Jean (Brainard) Shreves



September 13, 1937 ~ June 24, 2026

Born in: Painesville, Ohio

Resided in: **Perry, Ohio**

Lois Jean (Brainard) Shreves, age 88, died on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at her home.

The daughter of Ann (Gergely) Brainard and Alfred Brainard, Lois was born on September 13, 1937 in Painesville, Ohio. From a very early age, she attended the First Baptist Church of Painesville where she and her husband Bill were married on June 28, 1958. After graduating from Harvey High School in Painesville in 1955, Lois became a full-time homemaker. Family was always first and foremost, and creating memories with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren was a very special part of her life.

She was a long-time member of Perry United Methodist Church where she served in many capacities. Lois was an avid reader and dedicated walker who, along with her husband Bill, took part in many Cleveland Marathon 10K walks and Johnnycake Jog walks. In the summer, they would walk outdoors and in the winter months they were “mall walkers.”

Lois and her husband of 68 years were long time antique car buffs and treasured the time spent with special friends on their various car activities. She was a member of Ohio Region, Western Reserve Chapter of Antique Automobile Club of America, The Stutz Club, The Early Ford Club, and the Vintage Motor Car Club. Lois lived with her husband Bill in the home that Bill built for 66 years.

Lois shared her ministry of personalized greeting cards for many years, through her church members, her family, and with anyone, she felt needed support and up lifting. She also made memory books for each of her seven grandchildren upon their high school graduations.

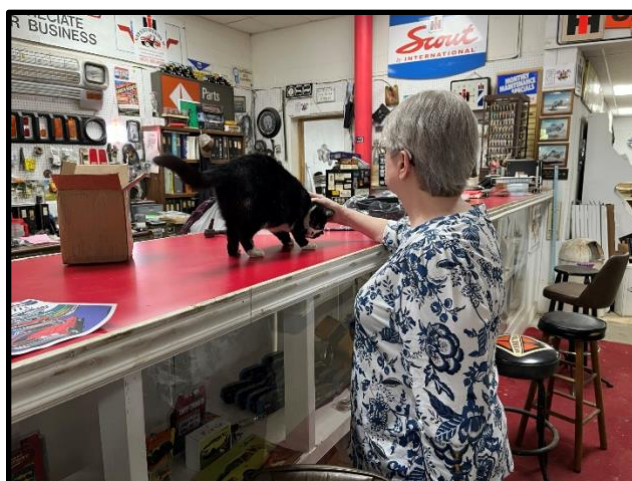
She was a member of the Holden Arboretum where she and Bill loved to enjoy a hike and picnic. Their favorite area was the Rhododendron Garden.

Lois was preceded in death by her father, Alfred Brainard; her mother, Ann (Gergely) Brainard and her brother, Joseph Brainard.

She is survived by her husband, Bill; daughters, Sandra Jean (Kevin) Aldrich, Patricia Anne (Rob Miller) Comes; son, William (Tammy) Shreves; grandchildren, Kayla (Michael) Yoe, Katie (Phil) Ward, Adam (Kylie) Aldrich, Steven Aldrich, Jimmy, Joshua (Taylor) and Nicholas (Angel) Comes; and great-grandchildren, Veda, Ashton, Matilda, Lila, Chloe, Leon, Claire, Rosie, Luna, Thomas, and Anna.

Private Graveside Service for the family will be held at Perry Cemetery. Everyone is invited to attend a Celebration of Life at their family home, 3234 Townline Rd. in Perry on August 8, 2026, from 12-4PM. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. The Behm Family Funeral Home is caring for the family during this time. Online obituary may be found at www.behmfuneral.com

In Doug's "Notes From the Prez..." in the May newsletter, he talked about the Ohio Region Spring Tour, hosted by the Southern Chapter. Below are a few photos that didn't make it into the last Gas House Gazette.



You remember in last month's Gas House Gazette, we covered the trip to Goodwill that Dianne, Scott & Kevin Johnson hosted. The article below appeared in the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) on May 11th, and I was hoping to include it in the May newsletter as I found it very interesting as a supplement to what Dianne wrote. When I contacted Mr. Kessler, I learned that WSJ and he co-own the copyright for 30 days after publication. After that time, he owns it outright and he has graciously given us permission to include it in our newsletter.



All the Good From Goodwill

INSIDE VIEW. *By Andy Kessler* Rockville, Md.

"People come out of prison with no money, no job, not always into a good community. Our reentry program has a 5% re c i d i v i s m rate—astoundingly low," Steven Preston, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries, told me about how they help former prisoners.

Goodwill Industries? Like me, you probably think of Goodwill as the place you drop off old clothes and furniture. I've never stuck around long enough to see our donations in action. I had no idea.

Mr. Preston sums up Goodwill's original mission: "to help every individual develop to their fullest potential." It was founded in 1902 after a Methodist minister and his wife were sent on a mission to the poorest part of Boston. "They started knocking on people's doors to ask for clothing so they could give clothing to the poor," Mr. Preston says. "And then they had this epiphany: 'Wait, I could clean this clothing, repair it, sell it, turn it into an enterprise and give these people jobs so that they weren't taking handouts. I could help them develop job skills.'" Goodwill now has more than 3,400 stores and nearly 140,000 employees. Mr. Preston, a former housing and urban development secretary, notes: "A significant percentage of the people that we employ have either a disability or some other kind of challenge." The organization serves two million people a year. Mr. Preston estimates that "83% of the population is within 10 miles of a Goodwill."

Since its founding, Mr. Preston says, "we've pivoted away from just being hands and feet for people in that place of need, to helping people with self-sufficiency and economic mobility to take care of themselves."

So the mission hasn't really changed? "Not for 120 years. But the services have expanded," Mr. Preston says. "Stores threw off nearly a quarter of a billion dollars of profits to fund job centers"—about 650 of them, which are separate facilities. Another \$830 million comes from corporate support, government programs and philanthropy. One of its prison re-entry programs receives funds from the Labor Department.

Sadly, the post-prison recidivism rate can be 40% or more. Goodwill's 5% is partially due to self-selection, but its success comes from being hands-on. A service coordinator provides support—and accountability. "It's living with you in the day in and day out," Mr. Preston says. "You might

hear, 'My career navigator was Jenny, and let me tell you she was in my life,' and those are absolutely the unsung heroes."

"A lot of people we serve are coming out of prison, have addiction, maybe even a history of homelessness." Roughly 85% in Goodwill's training programs have a high-school diploma or less. "So you can imagine that getting a credential in digital skills or trade skills, or just learning how to show up for work every day, deal with conflict, how to be an effective person in the workplace, is important."

The organization is more than a place to donate your old clothes and furniture.

Support is highly localized, which makes it effective. There are 155 local Goodwill organizations across the U.S. and Canada, independent nonprofits. Washington might need child-care centers while Texas needs language skills.

Still, there is value to a national organization. "We're seeing probably the most rapid transformation of the labor market in human history. How do we build out the capability? We're rolling out programs to train people for clean tech, trade skills, EV charging station maintenance, solar panel installation and maintenance and heat pump maintenance. We partner with Accenture and companies like General Motors and Lowe's." Everyone talks about job training. Goodwill is doing it.

Add healthcare and hospitality. And digital skills. "Go to Goodwill.org, and you can sign up for the Google AI Essentials class. Or AI Prompting Essentials. You get a certificate and could show that to an employer," Mr. Preston says.

Goodwill also has a youth program, for career advice and mentorships. "It's for 16 to 18-year-olds that have mostly had justice involvement or are deemed high-risk. We used to call them at-risk youth. Now we call them opportunity youth." Almost a preventive version of re-entry.

I asked if Goodwill was capital constrained. Mr. Preston nodded. "If somebody gave me \$100 million tomorrow, I could deploy that in three months. That wouldn't only give us the resources to serve more people, but to build a much more coherent, consistent system across more geographies."

When I first met Mr. Preston at a conference, National Football League player Damar Hamlin joined the conversation, saying: "Growing up, Goodwill wasn't just a place for help, it was a lifeline. My mom would always send me there when things were tough. Thank you." Mr. Preston started to respond, and Mr. Hamlin interrupted: "Can we just hug it out?" Very emotional.

Mr. Preston sums it up, "The idea of seeing the dignity and potential of every human being, and helping them realize that for a better future, has always been what we do." So should we all.

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28 Mike Carolin

Here are those that we don't have birthdays and/or anniversaries for:

Austen & Emma Hamper

Les & Cindy Harold

Richard Hopkins

Victor & Bridget Nolan

Greg & Pat Spreitzer

Kevin Stillwell

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June 25 Dale and Janice Carter

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