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Former ACFL&MH Patron and Carnegie High School Alum Is Campaign's First Individual Donor to Top \$100,000

John Leone, a 1951 graduate of Carnegie High School, continues to support the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall campaign with generous gifts. With his latest \$20,000 donation, Leone became the campaign's first individual donor to top the \$100,000 mark.

"I'm glad to be in the position to give something back to Carnegie and to support something that is important to me and my old school chums," said Leone, who now lives in Bethlehem, Pa. "I have very fond memories."

With his latest contribution, Leone has now contributed \$107,000 to the campaign to restore, renovate and

"It is very satisfying to give back to my hometown and to support its most prominent landmark— a building that is still functioning and serving the community."

*John Leone
Campaign Donor*

revitalize the historic facility. Previous donations include \$75,000 to name the library's main reading room and \$12,000 for nine seats in the music hall in honor of his double barbershop quartet and its accompanist from Carnegie High School.

"It's a personal thing for me. It traces back to the time I lived in Carnegie — my developmental years. It had a ripple effect in my life," Leone said.

Leone credits the library and high school for providing him with a solid foundation that has served him well throughout his life. He used the library often throughout his school years and performed frequently in the music hall as a member of the high school chorus, barbershop quartet and double quartet.

(See **Leone**, p. 8)

Gordon Steps in to Chair Phase III As Campaign Reaches \$3.55 Million

Bob Gordon, president of Gordon Terminal in McKees Rocks, has stepped in as honorary chair of the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall Campaign. He succeeds Duquesne Light's Morgan K. O'Brien, who served as honorary chair during Phase I and Phase II.

Gordon, a long-time supporter of the ACFL&MH and an original Blue Ribbon Committee member, takes over for the final phase as campaign fundraising efforts have reached \$3.55 million — or 41 percent of the \$8.6 million goal. The campaign is the Library's first major capital fundraising effort in its 105-year history.

"We are grateful to Morgan O'Brien for his leadership during Phase I and Phase II. The Library

and Music Hall have already significantly benefited from the funds received — in part just stopping damage from the elements. Now we must keep the funding coming to save and revitalize this historic community treasure," Gordon said.

(See **Gordon** p. 7)

Hometown Hero



Honus Wagner Day July 1

Join us for our Honus Wagner Day celebration on July 1! Enjoy special appearances by managers from the Pirates and Tigers — in town for inter-league play. See **Honus Wagner Day**, p. 7.



Photo Credit: Christopher Perry Photography

Distinguished Guest

President Abraham Lincoln (as portrayed by a re-enactor) visited the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall on May 5-6 for the centennial celebration of the Capt. Thomas Espy Post of the Grand Army of the Republic charter. Stories and photos inside: See **Centennial Celebration**, pages 4-5.

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10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

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10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Closed

Summer Hours
(July and August)

Tues., Wed., Thurs.
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Closed

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www.carnegiecarnegie.com

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A Message to Library & Music Hall Supporters

Dear Patrons, Supporters and Friends:

The Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall recently celebrated the centennial of its Civil War Room with a memorable weekend of programming. As part of part of the programming former Governor Dick Thornburgh recalled some warm recollections of growing up in "greater Carnegie" and he inspired us with remarks about the historical significance of the Civil War Room.

I was born in Carnegie, grew up in Rosslyn Farms, and attended Carnegie High School in 1944 and 1945. I have strong affection for the Library & Music Hall. Two of my great grandfathers were members of the Thomas Espy Post of the GAR which held its meetings in the Civil War Room above the Library. Like the Governor, I see the Library & Music Hall as a regional cultural resource that will galvanize the revitalization of Carnegie and neighboring communities. This was demonstrated by the community's remarkable support of the campaign in the wake of the 2004 flood.

In admiration of the longstanding leadership and commitment that Charlie Goetz and Bill Manby have shown I am honored to serve as the next Honorary Chair of the campaign. I am impressed and thankful for the generosity of government sources, private foundations, businesses and people who simply love the "Carnegie Carnegie" and who have contributed more than \$3.5 million to date. Thanks to that generosity, we completed Phase I of the renovation last year. The building now has an elevator, new restrooms, and a dramatically enhanced second floor Reception Hall. We anticipate completing Phase II – weatherproofing of the building – this fall. Those of you who live nearby have seen trenches dug for below grade weatherproofing, scaffolding erected for above grade work, and can catch the glint of new copper in the sunlight as work on cornices, gutters, eaves, roofs, masonry and window restoration proceeds.

With structural improvements nearly complete, we are preparing to move inside for interior improvements to the ACFL&MH. This third and most costly phase of the campaign will transform the Library & Music Hall with 21st century amenities – air conditioning, excellent lighting, comfortable seating and much needed technological upgrades – while burnishing and refurbishing the historic character of this building that we have all loved for so long.

We must not stop now. Please continue your generosity. Continue to join us as ambassadors for the successful completion of the campaign, and enjoy with us revitalized programming such as the Civil War Room event in May and the upcoming Honus Wagner celebration.

The best is yet to come,



Robert Gordon
Honorary Chair

ACFL&MH News & Notes

Farewell Mary

All the best to Mary Malysko, who is leaving after serving the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall as library director for 14 years. Janet Sharp is serving as interim library director.

National Trust to Visit

The National Trust for Historic Preservation will visit the ACFL&MH on Nov. 3 while members are in Pittsburgh for a national conference.

The ACFL&MH has been chosen for its architectural significance and as a model for a successful community-based campaign. It is one of 50

Western Pennsylvania sites, including Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, to be visited by members during their annual conference.

Library Receives Grant

The Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall has received a \$10,000 grant from the Knudsen Charitable Foundation. The grant is to be used for library and music hall operating costs.

Share Your Memories

Do you have special memories of the ACFL&MH or Carnegie you'd like to share? Do you like to hear stories from the past?

The ACFL&MH is collecting personal histories and posting them on the library's website. Visit www.carnegiecarnegie.com and click on History of ACFL&MH to read stories from Adrienne Aldisert Masucci, James MacManus, Stella Sienicki Szafranski, Penny Perlman, and others.

Anyone with a good story to tell about the library and music hall should contact us. Please send us your story and a photo. Include your address and we will return the photo to you. For details, call (412) 276-3456.

New Children's Program Coordinator Introduces Summer Reading Program for "Author/Illustrators"

Young readers are invited to participate in the 2006 Summer Reading Program at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall beginning June 14. Children in pre-school through sixth grade will be encouraged to write, illustrate and bind their own book during the seven-week program, which concludes Aug. 2 with an author's reception, book exhibition and certificate presentation.

The program was planned by Lisa Rasmussen, the library's new Children's Program Coordinator. Rasmussen, a Carnegie resident, also works part time at the Sweetwater Center for the Arts in Sewickley.

Rasmussen, a certified art and elementary school teacher, enjoys using arts and crafts "to make stories come alive for children." She holds an undergraduate degree in graphic arts from Carnegie Mellon University and a master's degree in elementary education from Russell Sage University.

"I've always liked working with kids," Rasmussen said. "My main goal is to get kids into the library and interested in reading. I'm eager to work with teachers and parents to enrich our offerings."

Rasmussen has planned several special events for children since she arrived early this year. In March, children celebrated Dr. Seuss's 102nd birthday by reading several Dr. Seuss books, making kites and having a special birthday cake. In April, children participated in the Junie B. Jones Jamboree. They dressed up as their favorite Junie B. Jones character, made graduation caps, played games, worked on crafts, and enjoyed reading and refreshments.

Other plans for the summer include activities relating to the Honus Wagner Day celebration. For more information on children's programs, volunteer opportunities and the Summer Reading Program, contact Lisa Rasmussen at (412) 276-3456, ext. 8.



Children's Program Coordinator Lisa Rasmussen reads to youngsters in the Bayer Children's Room.

What's Happening at the ACFL&MH

LIBRARY EVENTS

Adult/Family Programming

Honus Wagner Day Saturday, July 1
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Celebrate Carnegie-native and baseball great Honus Wagner. Program includes appearances by Jim Tracy, Jim Leyland, Nellie King, book signings, baseball memorabilia, crafts and more.

Computer Classes Ongoing
Fridays at 10 and 11 a.m. Free, one-on-one, hour-long computer classes designed to meet individual needs. Register at least 24 hours in advance by calling (412) 276-3456.

Flu Clinic Nov. 9, 5-8 p.m.
Nov., 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Flu clinic conducted by the Visiting Nurses Foundation.

Children's Programming

Summer Reading Program June 14-Aug. 2
Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Children read books to find their personal style, then write, illustrate and bind their own books.

Author/Illustrator Reception August 2
6:00 p.m. Reception showcasing books created in the Summer Reading Program.

Story & Art Time Year-round
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Preschool children listen to stories and create artwork to see stories come alive.

Chapter Book Read Aloud Year-round
June – mid-August, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
September – May, Thursdays at 4 p.m.
Suspense mounts as children hear a story unfold over several weeks.

Homework Help Mid-Sept. to May
Tuesdays, 4 to 6 p.m. Homework help for grade school students in any subject area.

Halloween Party Thursday, Oct. 26
4 to 5:30 p.m. Costume party, spooky stories, crafts, games and refreshments.

MUSIC HALL EVENTS

"Big River" July 20-23, 27-30
Presented by Stage 62. Award-winning musical version of Mark Twain's tale of Huck and Jim on the Mississippi.

"An Evening with Friends" Sept. 1-2
Presented by Stage 62. An evening of songs celebrating friends.

ACFL&MH Annual Benefit Oct. 21
Benefit performance by acclaimed cabaret singer Andrea Marcovicci.

"Sound of Music" Nov. 3-5, 10-12, 17-18
Presented by Stage 62. Rogers and Hammerstein's heartwarming story about Maria and the Von Trapp Family.

"The Nutcracker" Dec. 1-3, 8-10
Presented by the Carnegie Performing Arts Center. A magical ballet set in the Candy Kingdom and presided over by the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Christmas Cabaret Sunday, Dec. 17
Performance by Duquesne University's Opera Workshop. Followed by refreshments in the Reception Hall.

All programs are subject to change. Visit www.carnegiecarnegie.com for most up to date information.

Celebration Marks Espy Post Centennial

Former Pennsylvania Governor Dick Thornburgh hosted a special reception May 5, kicking off a centennial celebration of the charter agreement between The Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall and the Thomas Espy Post of the Grand Army of the Republic

Thornburgh shared fond memories of growing up in Carnegie. His co-host, Bob Wilburn of the Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum Foundation, delivered remarks about the profound influence the Civil War has on Americans even today.

Hundreds of visitors participated in the two-day event. The 9th Pennsylvania Reserves helped plan the program, which included uniformed re-enactors, drills and skirmishes. Actors in character as President and Mrs. Lincoln also were present to welcome visitors.

The 1906 agreement allowed local war veterans to meet and house their artifacts and relics in what is now known as the Civil War Room. The Library promised to preserve and protect "the artifacts "for all time."

When the last veteran died in the mid-1930s the Civil War Room was locked for more than 50 years. Today, the Civil War Room is regarded as a national treasure.

Restoring the Civil War Room is part of the ACFL&MH capital campaign. The centennial program – underwritten by the Roy E. Hunt Foundation – introduced new exhibit panels documenting the history of the post and demonstrating its importance as a national asset.

More than 150 children from nearby Carnegie Elementary School and Holy Trinity School in Robinson also took part in the celebration during a May 3 field trip.



Dick Thornburgh reminisces about playing basketball on the junior high team with Bill Manby.



Photo Credit: Christopher Perry Photography

Civil War re-enactors take time for music.

Espy Post Charter Celebration Inspires "Priceless" Gifts

The 100th anniversary celebration commemorating the Thomas Espy Post charter agreement inspired recent donations of "priceless" Civil War era items that will be added to the ACFL&MH's Civil War Room.

"We are so thrilled to add these items to our Civil War Room. It's a real national treasure," said Maggie Forbes, ACFL&MH acting executive director. "We look forward to the day when we have the funds needed to restore the room and make this historically significant site readily accessible to visitors."

Donated items include a mid-19th century drum used in training by the St. Clair Guards prior to mustering into the Civil War as the 62nd Pennsylvania. The militia trained next to Capt. Thomas Espy's white farmhouse – now the site of St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church in Upper St. Clair.

The red and blue 25-inch diameter drum was donated to the ACFL&MH by Bethel Park resident Elizabeth R. Edwards, widow of Frank L.P. Edwards. The drum had



Members of the Thomas Espy Post of the Grand Army of the Republic in front of the library in 1905.

belonged to Nancy Phillips Edwards, Edward's first wife and the great, great granddaughter of Capt. Espy.

A Civil War hat worn by Private George B. Forsythe while serving with Co. B, 100th Pennsylvania Volunteers was donated by sisters Wanda Forsythe Clay and Virginia Forsythe Rye of Carnegie.

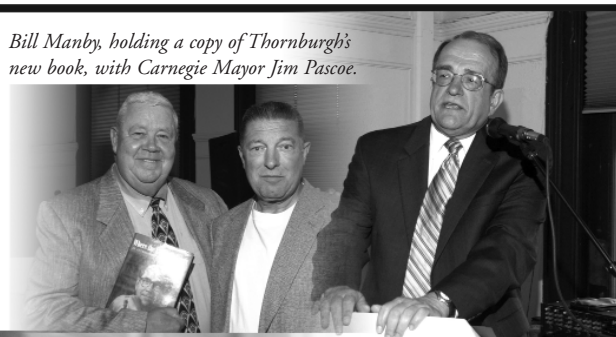
Private Forsythe enlisted on Aug. 31, 1861 at age 17 and was honorably discharged on July 24, 1865. He joined the Espy Post in 1904 and in 1908 served as Junior Vice Commander of the Espy Post. The Forsythes also donated medals and ribbons along with Private Forsythe's navy blue wool hat.

For more details on the ACFL&MH campaign or Civil War Room, contact Maggie Forbes at (412) 276-3456, ext. 6.



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Bill Manby, holding a copy of Thornburgh's new book, with Carnegie Mayor Jim Pascoe.



A fashion show of Civil War era elegance.

Photo Credit: Christopher Perry Photography

Bob Wilburn of Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum Foundation addresses the crowd



President Lincoln patiently awaits his turn to speak.

Photo Credit: Christopher Perry Photography

Ron Moehler and Charlie Goetz at the reception.



Troops from the 9th Pennsylvania Reserves muster for drills.

Photo Credit: Christopher Perry Photography

ACFL&MH Trustee Ken Bowman shares Civil War stories with Clarence "Bud" Nixon.



Jim White, left, discusses plans for restoring Civil War Room with Trustee Bob Moll and long-time library supporter Betty Lou Milligan.



Dick Thornburgh catches up with John and Berenice Hooton.

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The Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall gratefully acknowledges the following individuals, businesses, organizations, foundations and public funding sources, which have generously supported the campaign to restore, revitalize and renovate the historic facility. The following list reflects contributions made since Nov. 30, 2005. Please visit www.carnegiecarnegie.com to see the full list of campaign contributors to whom we express heartfelt appreciation.

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Gordon Steps in as Honorary Chair for Phase III

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Gordon will be serving alongside Campaign Co-Chairs Charles R. Goetz and William Manby, members of the Chartiers Valley Partnership Board. Together they head up a 55-member Blue Ribbon Committee that includes former Pennsylvania Governor Dick Thornburgh, former Pittsburgh Pirates Manager Jim Leyland and several regional elected officials.

Goetz, retired chief executive officer of Stylette, Inc., and Manby, retired president of Teledyne Columbia-Summerill, have led efforts to restore the library and correct serious damage caused by water, age and lack of resources. The Chartiers Valley Partnership is working with the Library Board of Trustees to raise funds needed to secure the structural integrity of the building while dramatically improving its capacity to serve the public.

Unlike most capital campaigns, funds have been put to use before the goal has been met. Phase I, which was completed last fall, included the building's first elevator, modern bathrooms, welcoming lobby areas, a refurbished second floor reception hall illuminated by historic light fixtures, plus upgrades to the electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems.

Phase II, which began last fall, will get the water out and keep it out by weather-proofing the entire building. Below-grade work has been completed and includes installation of French drains and foundation waterproofing. Above grade work, which is scheduled for completion by the end of this year, is underway and includes repairs to cornices, eaves, gutters and masonry, as well as refurbished windows and doors.

Phase III, which depends on securing the necessary funding, includes the much anticipated interior upgrades – making the library more welcoming, user-friendly and service-oriented, improving Music Hall seating, sight lines and new sound and lighting equipment. Other improvements include adding air conditioning, parking and landscaping, and restoring the building's nationally significant Civil War Room.

For more information on the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall Campaign, contact Maggie Forbes, acting executive director and campaign manager, at (412) 276-3456, ext. 6



Bob Gordon



Construction workers toil in the eaves of the library and music hall during Phase II of the restoration project.

Honus Wagner Day Celebration Planned

The Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall's "Hometown Hero: Honus Wagner Day" takes place July 1. The program is sponsored by the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce.

Carnegie native Honus Wagner is considered by many to be the greatest short-stop ever to play major league baseball. In a career that spanned 21 seasons, Wagner led the National League in batting average eight times, and in RBIs and stolen bases five times each. The July match-up between the Pirates and Detroit Tigers harkens back to 1909 when the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Tigers to capture their first World Series.

Wagner continued to live in Carnegie on nearby Beechwood Avenue after retiring from baseball. Many Carnegians have memories of encounters with the legendary great, including Bill Manby, co-chair of the ACFL&MH Campaign, who was Wagner's "paper boy."

Former Pirates Manager Jim Leyland – now manager of the Detroit Tigers – will appear during the celebration from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Leyland, a resident of nearby Thornburg, is a member of the ACFL&MH Campaign Blue Ribbon Committee. Pirates' Manager Jim Tracy, Nellie King and other former Pirates also will be on hand.

The celebration will also feature video clips highlighting the Honus Wagner/Ty Cobb rivalry. Baseball and Honus Wagner memorabilia will be on display in the second floor Reception Hall and will include photographs, cards, buttons and other collectibles.

Authors Dennis and Jeanne DeValeria will sign copies of their book, "Honus Wagner: A Biography." Sandy Henry, editor of upcoming "Carnegie," the latest in the "Images of America" series, will introduce her book featuring Honus Wagner and other Carnegie memories.



Leone is First Individual to Donate \$100,000

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After graduating in 1951, Leone earned an engineering degree from Penn State University. He is now the owner, chief executive and chairman of Bonney Forge Corporation, the world's leading producer of flow control products for international industries, with operations in Mount Union, Pa., Houston, Texas, Bergamo, Italy, and Shanghai, China.

"I'm getting back as much as I am giving. Personally, it is very satisfying to give back to my hometown and to support its most prominent landmark – a building that is still functioning and serving the community," Leone said.

"I would certainly encourage people who have been close to the library over the years to do what they can to give something back," he added.

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John Leone

Bring Back the Beacon

You can help bring back Carnegie's crown jewel and community beacon. Support the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall Campaign.

Send your tax deductible contributions made payable to The Chartiers Valley Partnership, c/o The Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall, 300 Beechwood Ave., Carnegie, Pa. 15106.

Hold This Date!

Acclaimed Cabaret Singer to Perform Oct. 21

Legendary cabaret singer Andrea Marcovicci will perform at a benefit concert Oct. 21 at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall. Funds raised during the performance, "Where Broadway Meets Main Street," will benefit the campaign to restore, renovate and revitalize the historic landmark as well as provide operating funds for the ACFL&MH.

Marcovicci, an American actress and singer, has been described as the "greatest cabaret singer of her generation." She has appeared in dozens of movies, television shows, and on Broadway.

Tickets for the benefit are \$50; patron tickets are \$150. Patrons will be listed in the program and invited to a private after-concert supper in the Reception Hall. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Maggie Forbes at (412) 276-3456, ext. 6.

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