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Member Profile: Frank and Faye Rohm

Members since 2009

The Senator John Heinz History Center is honored to have many loyal members that are longtime supporters and friends. Frank and Faye Rohm kindly shared why they support the History Center and encourage friends and family members to visit with them.

What made you decide to become members?

Frank has had a longtime interest in history as an American History teacher for 40 years. Our children gave us a membership for Christmas one year. We enjoyed using it and renewed every year after, adding to the membership level over time.

Tell us about your first or a memorable visit to the History Center.

We do not remember our first time, there have been so many memorable trips. Frank enjoyed the David McCullough talks. Faye likes the flag folding ceremonies—one of which she attended with her granddaughter, Abigail. She was so excited she told everyone about it for days.

What member benefit is your favorite?

Attending member-only events, including the special exhibitions enhanced with special groups and individuals with first-hand knowledge regarding the exhibition.

What is your favorite member event?

Aside from the David McCullough book talks, Frank enjoyed the *Clash of Empires* exhibition. It made us aware of the importance of Western Pennsylvania in a worldwide conflict. Faye liked the evening we could choose an area of interest



Frank and Faye Rohm.
All photos courtesy of Frank and Faye Rohm.

at the History Center. We learned about the acquisitions for display and how they go about preserving items. We also enjoyed the ultimate fan festival. We brought family to meet and greet sports personalities in a pleasant venue.

What is your favorite part of the History Center?

Frank likes the exhibits and anything Civil War-related. Everything is done well and with great attention to detail. Faye enjoys the sports-related sections and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village. We enjoy learning new things about Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania's place in history and sports.

How did you learn about the commemorative items program?

We had seen the items displayed when we visited, not really knowing what they were all about. We wanted to honor the memory of a friend who had passed away. He was an



Frank and Faye participate in a flag folding ceremony in the History Center's Great Hall.

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Faye, Frank, and their granddaughter Abigail visit the Mister Rogers' Neighborhood display.

avid Penguin's fan. I thought if we could do a commemorative hockey puck, it would be a great way to honor his memory. This is something we will do in the future for different reasons—retirements, birthdays, etc.

Anything else you would like to share?

We like the History Center because of its personal touch. We love showing it off to friends, we bring them to events, and some have joined after visiting with us at the History Center. We have brought out-of-town visiting relatives and their children. It gives the kids an opportunity to see where their parents grew up and the many special things about the area. We enjoy the two magazines—*Western Pennsylvania History* and the *Smithsonian*—and share them with others. We like that everything is done so well at the History Center.

The History Center values its members, who play an essential role in the success of the History Center's mission. Our members, supporters, and friends make it possible for the History Center to preserve the rich history of Western Pennsylvania and to present award-winning exhibitions and public programs that engage visitors of all ages. For as little as \$57, members can enjoy:

- Unlimited access to the History Center, the Western Pennsylvania Sport Museum, Fort Pitt Museum, and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village

- Invitations to member-only events
- Subscription to *Western Pennsylvania History* magazine
- Subscription to *Making History* quarterly newsletter
- 15% discount on all purchases in the Museum Shop
- Discounts on tours, lectures, classes, Detre Library & Archives services, and even parking

History Center members also receive a membership to the Smithsonian Institution, including a subscription to *Smithsonian* magazine.

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