



GROUT  
MUSEUM  
DISTRICT

# ANNUAL REPORT

## At the End of the War

0	U.S. military personnel in South Vietnam
58,220	Americans killed
866	Lowans killed

FISCAL YEAR  
2015-2016

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## Grout Museum Mission Statement

THE MISSION OF THE GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT is to provide a better understanding of our world by collecting, preserving and interpreting history and illustrating scientific principles. The Grout Museum collects, preserves and interprets cultural and natural history of the region; the Rensselaer Russell House Museum and the Snowden House preserve and interpret elements of the Victorian age; the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium provides exhibitions and programming that inspire the study of the sciences; and the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum honors the service and sacrifice of Iowa veterans from the Civil War to present.

*Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in this report. Please let us know of any errors and accept our apologies.*

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Cultural & Scientific Facilities Levy Passed, November 3, 2015.
- ✓ Grout Museum District attracts visitors from all 50 states.
- ✓ New 6-week program for homeschool groups.
- ✓ Museum School expanded outside of Waterloo & Cedar Falls.
- ✓ Interactive iOS game developed for the Imaginarium through partnership with UNI College of Education.

## LASTING LEGACIES

*Legacy: something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past.*

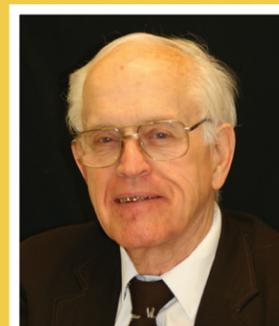
The Grout Museum District is dedicated to preserving the legacies of the people who founded and built the area we now call the Cedar Valley. The Grout Museum District Board has been fortunate to have had the guidance and support of many community leaders. This past year saw the loss of four of these individuals, but each, in his or her own way, left behind a wealth of wisdom and history that is evident yet today.

**Roger Olesen** chaired the board and along with **Edward J. Gallagher** led the effort that resulted in the addition of the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum. From securing a major donation from the Board to overseeing the construction and grand opening, Roger and Ed, both WWII veterans, helped create a community asset that impacts the entire state.

**Helen Guernsey** and **H. D. "Ike" Leighty** supported the science side of the Grout's mission. Helen's support of the Outreach Program (through the Max and Helen Guernsey Foundation) ensures that the Grout's ability to ignite curiosity and connect with young people can take place beyond the walls of the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium. Ike shared his love of science and experimenting through the support of science programming and the STEM festival.

The Cedar Valley is fortunate that the passion and dedication of these four individuals is preserved at the Grout Museum District.

Roger



Ed



Helen



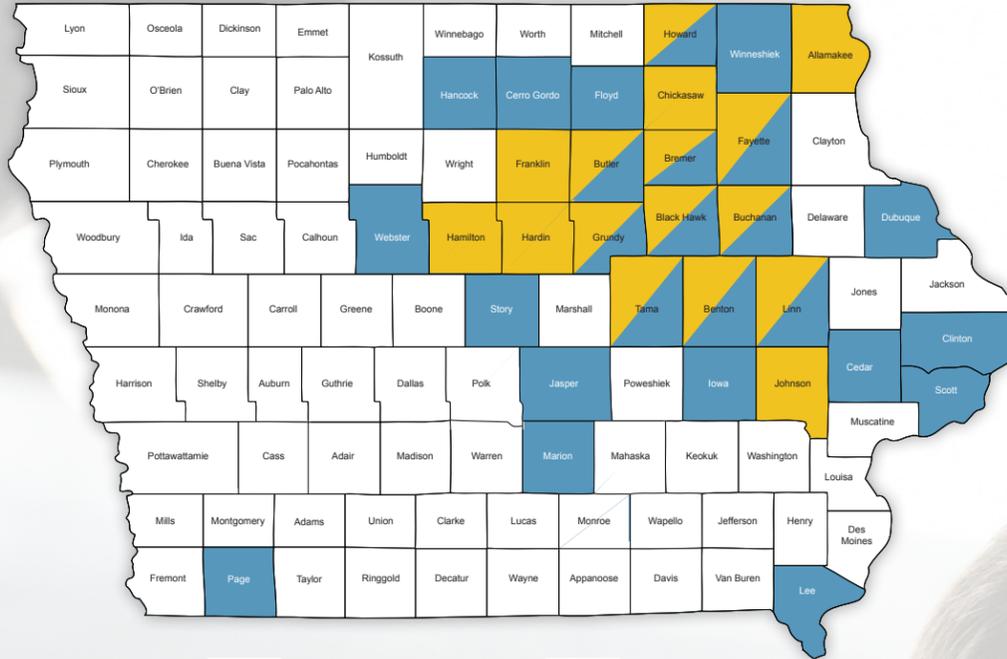
Ike



# EDUCATION

## 2015-2016 OUTREACH

- 25,105 people served
- 33 counties
- 3 States: Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa



School Tours Outreach Programs

**MUSEUM SCHOOL**  
 "Museum School" is an innovative program that invites all third grade students to attend "school" at the Grout Museum District for a week. Students take an in-depth look at the Cedar Valley past through living history presentations and hands-on activities.

**Total Served 1,600**

## SPONSORS

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Kidzmania at Fort Dodge Mall.

# COLLABORATIONS

- American Red Cross
- Boy Scouts
- Cedar Valley Jaycees
- Cedar Valley Sportsplex
- Dan Gable Wrestling Museum
- Girl Scouts
- Hawkeye Community College
- Main Street Waterloo
- UNI Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education
- UNI College of Education

- Vietnam Vets Exhibit Committee
- Wartburg College Scholars Program
- Waterloo Center for the Arts
- Waterloo Community Foundation
- Waterloo Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Waterloo Courier
- YWCA



Calli Decker at a Snowden House Tea Party.

# EXHIBITS

## BLUEDORN SCIENCE IMAGINARIUM

### Temporary Exhibits

- Sportsology
- Aircrafts of the Vietnam Conflict
- The Bone Zone: A Carnival of Healthy Choices

### Permanent Exhibits

- O/2
- D.N.A. Diner
- Make a Magnet
- An "Attractive" Experiment

**New Animals:** Red Foot Tortoise, Columbian Rainbow Boa, Red Tail Boa, and two Burmese Pythons.

## GROUT & SULLIVAN BROTHERS IOWA VETERANS MUSEUM

### Temporary Exhibits

- It Takes An Iowan: Our Evolving Role in Feeding the World
- Henry Grout: The Man. The Collection. The Legacy.
- 365 and Counting: Iowans in the Vietnam War
- Anne Frank: A History for Today
- Iowa's Ties to the Holocaust
- Belgium Connection
- Mail Call

### Doll Exhibits

- China Head Dolls
- Dolls That Do Things

# LEGACY OF LEARNING

Carol Houk's legacy is the love of learning. After teaching in the Waterloo School system for 37 years, Carol transferred her teaching skills to the Grout Museum District's Museum School Program. One of her colleagues at the Grout reminisced about Carol and her Museum School students: *I always remember the kids commenting on her petite stature. She was only about a couple inches taller than the students, especially in the spring months. They got the biggest kick out of it, but she always made sure they knew that she was in charge.* Carol personalized the immigration tour, sharing with the students her personal memories of the Waterloo she knew as a third grader. The students loved Carol and she is deeply missed by all at the Grout Museum District.

Carol leading the printing press activity for Museum School week.



# PROGRAMMING

- |  |  |                             |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Boy Scout Badge Days                     | MIA/POW Commemorative Event                | Summer Camps                |
| Creativity Project                       | Moonlight Mixers                           | Teas                        |
| D-Day Program                            | Movies at the Museum                       | Through Their Eyes Tours    |
| Discovery Days                           | Museum Madness                             | Veterans Appreciation Night |
| Dollar Days                              | National History Day                       | Weekly Wonders              |
| Girl Scout Badge Days & Overnights       | Recalling Vietnam: Vets Tell Their Stories | "Welcome Home" Parade       |
| Grout Museum District Community Picnics  | Robert Hibbs Medal of Honor Event          | WWII Wreath Laying Ceremony |
| Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony           | Saturday Science Clubs                     |                             |
| Home School Workshops                    | Spirit Walk                                |                             |
| Memorial Day at the Iowa Veterans Museum | Star Parties                               |                             |

Science Outreach Coordinator Emma Seehusen performing a science demo for students.



# GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT VISITORS

TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED BY THE GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT  
92,408

GROUP TOURS  
19 adult tours and 92 youth tours

MILITARY REUNIONS  
Legion Auxiliary Unit 242-Reinbeck, IA  
USS Jennings County LST-846

VISITORS CAME FROM ALL 50 STATES!



DID YOU KNOW?

Some of our visitors came from Canada, France, England, South Korea, Germany, Thailand, Philippines, Australia, Pakistan, and Taiwan.

“Very interesting!  
Great presentations.  
I thoroughly enjoyed it all.”

-Bob Putnam - Piedmont, SC



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Reunion May 5-8, 2016

# VOICES OF IOWA

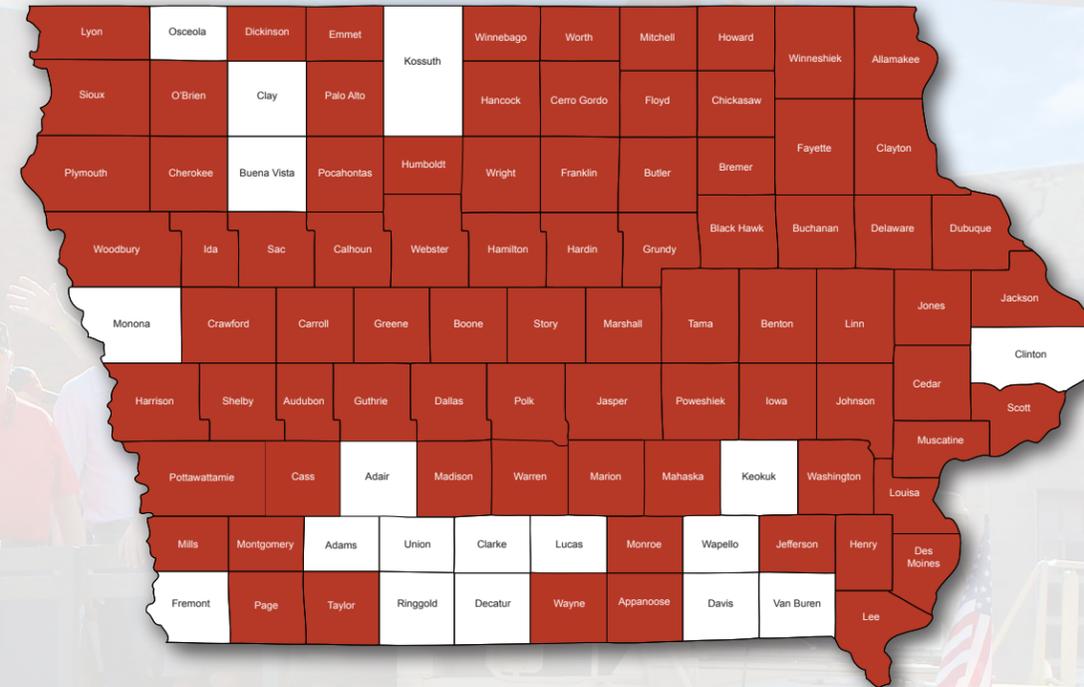
## ORAL HISTORY STATISTICS

### Interviews by Military Service

- Air Force/Army Corps 7%
- Army 49%
- Coast Guard 1%
- Marine Corps 13%
- Navy 30%

### Interviews by Period of Service

- World War II 46%
- Korean War 13%
- Vietnam War 24%
- Current Conflicts 11%
- Cold War/Peacetime 4%
- Homefront (all periods) 2%



- Interviews from 83 Counties
- Over 1700 Veteran interviews
- Special emphasis on Vietnam veteran interviews 2014-2016
- Largest collection in nation of veteran interviews conducted by a single organization
- Nearly 300 farm interviews
- A partnership with Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area
- All interviews archived at Grout Museum for use in research, exhibit development, promotion and educational programming



If you would like to be interviewed or know someone who should be, please contact Bob Neymeyer at 319-234-6357 or email [interviews@gmdistrict.org](mailto:interviews@gmdistrict.org).

Historian Bob Neymeyer & farmer Clayton Rye.

# COLLECTIONS

## COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

1910	Woolen Torba, a lady's bag made in Croatia
1928	Corn Belt College Diploma
1940's	WWII Bomber Jacket, Jacket Patch, Paper Templates, Bond Drive Program
1950's	Cub Scout Uniform, shirt, shorts, patches
1957	Gates College Commencement Program
1960-1990	Waterloo Community Schools Directories
1980's	Aerial Photograph of Chamberlin Corporation
1971-1991	McElroy Auditorium Ushers Uniform
2014	Painted Portrait of Genevieve Sullivan

Archivist Catreva Manning & Interim Registrar Nick Erickson working in the library & collections.



# GRANTS AWARDED 2015-2016

ORGANIZATION	AWARD	PURPOSE
R.J. McElroy Trust	\$25,000	Education
Hotel Motel Tax- Waterloo Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$31,104	Marketing
Fred Maytag Family Foundation	\$40,000	Oral History
Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs	\$15,000	Operations
Iowa Department of Economic Development	\$3,780	Marketing
Iowa Farm Bureau	\$25,000	Oral History Project
Silos & Smokestacks	\$10,000	Oral History Project
Guernsey Charitable Foundation	\$20,000	Outreach
R.J. McElroy Trust	\$10,000	Spring Break
Black Hawk County	\$5,000	365 & Counting: Iowans in the Vietnam War
Black Hawk County Gaming Association	\$61,128	365 & Counting: Iowans in the Vietnam War
City of Waterloo	\$10,000	365 & Counting: Iowans in the Vietnam War
Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa	\$15,000	Museum School
Association of Science-Technology Centers	\$6,000	Imaginarium
Iowa Space Grant Consortium	\$5,000	Earth Day
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$282,012</b>	

“An unexpected gem. This is a must see if you're traveling in the Cedar Valley or especially if you're a local.”

— TripAdvisor

DJ Decker & Lucy Walker enjoying the 2016 summer exhibit, Sportsology.



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YWCA of Black Hawk County  
Julie Zell



“Thank you for the  
incredible experience  
of walking through your  
doors and into a museum full of  
history & facts that I have never  
encountered before.”

— Blake W. 2016 Museum School Student

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Dave Allbaugh and granddaughter Hannah visit the Veterans Museum.

“It was such a wonderful experience for our family to watch my Grandpa’s veteran interview. I knew some of my Grandpa’s experiences in the Korean War, but this candid conversation painted such a vibrant picture.”

— Abby Bohlen

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“5 stars! We LOVE  
our Museum  
District!”

— Susie Karns

“Everyone immensely enjoyed their time and lunch at the Veterans Museum. As always, there is never enough time to spend looking at everything in the museum! Learning more about the Five Sullivan Brothers and the world map showing the progression of events during WWII were especially rewarding.”

-USS Robinson DD562, Reunion Participant

The Graves family exploring  
“365 & Counting: Iowans in the Vietnam War.”

# MEMORIALS

**In Memory of Anson White**

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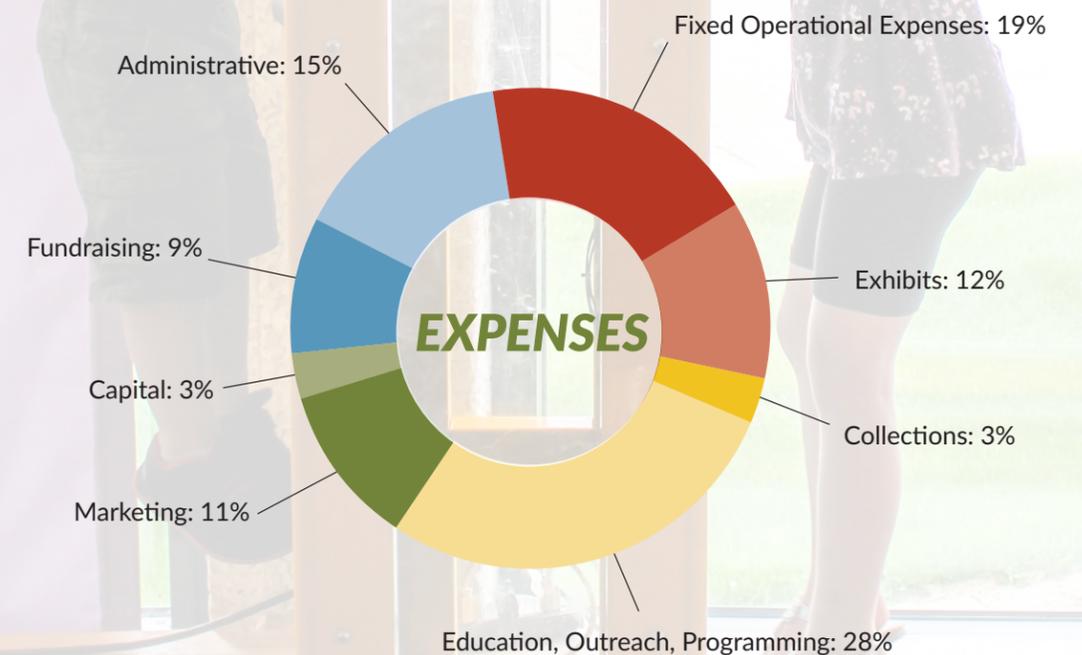
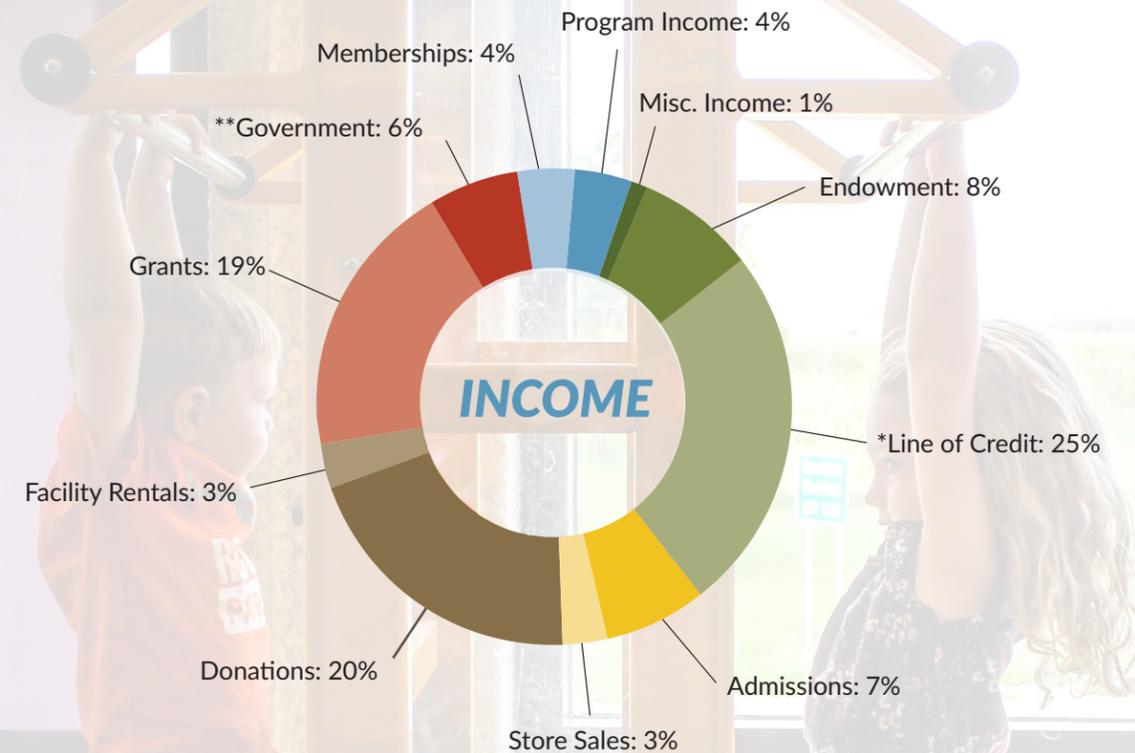
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**In Memory of Willard H Wetherell**

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# 2015 - 2016 INCOME & EXPENDITURES

**BUDGET: \$1,639,633**



\*A Line of Credit was used this year to provide cash until funds from the Cultural and Scientific Facilities Levy become available in October 2016.

\*\*Does not include Cultural & Scientific Facilities levy funds.

## FRIENDS OF THE GROUT HISTORIC HOUSES FUNDRAISERS

College Hill Arts Festival Pie & Ice Cream Booth  
St. Patrick's Day Champagne Brunch  
Chili Supper







Grout Museum District  
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Waterloo, IA 50701

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# ANNUAL REPORT 2015 - 2016

To current resident or:



## GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Rensselaer Russell House Museum hours vary;  
please call for current hours.

Phone: (319) 234 - 6357

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## CALL TO ACTION

As we reflect upon and celebrate this past year's great strategic successes, we must continue to look forward. One of the Grout Museum District's longest held strategic goals has been to find a regular source of government funding to stabilize annual operations. Waterloo citizens stepped up in a big way with the overwhelming passage of the Cultural & Scientific Facilities Levy. This levy, along with continued aggressive work in the areas of individual and corporate donations, grants, memberships and other earned revenues moves the District toward the goal of financial strength the Board has sought. The Development Department, along with a committee of volunteers, will work to re-build the H.W. Grout Trust for long-term sustainability. Through the work of this committee, examples of gift and legacy planning will help Grout supporters learn how they can ensure the long-term success of their museum. If you are interested in including the Grout in your estate or will planning, please contact Cyd McHone, Director of Development, at [cyd.mchone@gmdistrict.org](mailto:cyd.mchone@gmdistrict.org) or 319.234.6357.

