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George Delaplaine Jr. tells story of Frederick, himself in new memoir

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George Delaplaine Jr., chairman of Delaplaine Foundation Inc. signs a copy of his memoir "Read All About It!" for Mission of Mercy Executive Director Linda Ryan at a recent private book signing reception.

Frederick businessman George Delaplaine Jr.'s memoir begins in the winter of 1895 when his grandfather helped organize a collection of food for the needy, got pneumonia while distributing the food and later died.

"Read All About It!" was released in May and Marlene Young, president of Delaplaine Foundation Inc., said the memoir is about giving to the community, Frederick's history and Delaplaine's place in that history.

"He always saw that it was his Christian duty and his duty to the community to help others," Young said.

Delaplaine, 92, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, was president, editor and publisher at the Frederick News-Post before it was sold in 2001, was instrumental in bringing cable television to Frederick and is chairman of the Delaplaine Foundation board.

The memoir also details Delaplaine's faith, family and history of civic and community service. The memoir was ghost written with Matthew Robb and published by Delaplaine Foundation.

"This was something the board unanimously voted we wanted to do, not only to preserve George's storied career and his accomplished life, but also there's a great deal of Frederick's history in the book and we wanted to preserve that," Young said.

She added that it was not Delaplaine's idea to write the book, but that he agreed to do it after the proposal was brought before the foundation's board.

"Because George is the consummate news man, it is very unusual for him to have himself in the limelight," she said.

Young said she felt that Delaplaine's life could be an inspiration to many.

"Everyone can work hard and make a difference in their community."
