



Kelleys Island Historical Association, Inc.

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ANNUAL MEETING, AUG. 14, 1993:
At its annual meeting, the Association reelected O. Hugh Lange and Frances Minshall and elected Ann Brown to the Board of Trustees. Officers for the coming year will be:

President: O. Hugh Lange
Vice. Pres.: Frances Minshall
Secy.: Florence McKillips
Treas.: Lois Brown

THE MUSEUM: A drawing of the proposed museum has been completed and the Building Committee, under the chairmanship of O. Hugh Lange, is preparing details for the intended structure.

Meanwhile, the State of Ohio has been asked to lease to the Association 3+ acres of public land adjoining the Association's property for parking, picnic area, and recreational purposes.

Fund-raising for the museum project will be headed by Lee and Barb Shadle and Paul and Lois Brown. Phase I, consisting of mailings to interested members and friends has been completed. Phase II has been directed to the business community of the Island and adjacent mainland area. So far, pledge response has *only* been moderate; thus members and friends are being urged to make their contributions and/or pledges no matter what the amount. All donations will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. To achieve the goals of Phase I and Phase II, the Committee plans a "follow-up" to enlist a broad base of popular support for the project.

Once the first two steps/phases are well under way, a Phase

III, directed toward large corporations and businesses will be instituted. By the spring of 1994, it is expected that sufficient funds will be either in hand or pledged to allow for a ground-breaking to take place.

Committee members are: Lydia Bechtel, Sally Fresch Dwight, Patricia Haig, Lori DeBoard Hayes, Cindy Herndon, Sandy Spayd Kilko, O. Hugh Lange, Paul Mack, Charles Pascoe and Donald Staas.

At the present time, funds collected total \$28,896.46; pledges to date: \$7,100.

HELENE COULON: A TRIBUTE: (The following, originally printed in the Oct., 1993 *The Island Scene*, is being reprinted here with the permission of its author, Jessie Martin.)

Helene Coulon, a Kelleys Island resident for many years, passed away unexpectedly September 4th. Her roots here go back longer than a century.

Her great-grandparents, John and Joanna Raab Himmelein, were born in Bavaria. John migrated to Philadelphia in 1854 and then came to Sandusky where he married Joanna in 1858. The next year they moved to Kelleys Island, purchased property, and began grape farming. In 1861 he built his "hotel." After his death, his widow and sons enlarged and remodeled the home which we now call the "Himmelein House."

One of their six children was Charles, Helene's grandfather and his son, John, was her father. She married Robert I. Coulon, Sr. on June 6, 1953, in St. Clair Shores, Michigan, the state in which they

When making your 1994 calendars with information, don't forget to mark our annual Plant Sale. It will be May 21, 1994. More details will be in the newsletter after the first of the year. Thanks for your support.

GLACIAL GROOVES PROJECT: The Kelleys Island Historical Association participated, along with the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce and the Landowners' Association, in a North Coast Project during the summer of 1993. The project was the cleaning of the Glacial Grooves. Participants cleared off rocks and stones and pulled weeds well rooted in the cracks. It is the intent of the State of Ohio and other Island participants to seek assistance in the sealing and/or covering of the Grooves as, through time, they are deteriorating rapidly from weathering and erosion. Tom Berg, chief geologist with ODNR recently visited the site and we are hopeful that action can be taken in the near future on this project.

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS: In memory of Helene Coulon by:

- ✓ John & Fritz Ziegler families
- ✓ Paul and Lois Brown
- ✓ Lorraine Mielke
- ✓ Lucille Mathews
- ✓ Lydia Bechtel
- ✓ John & Nadine Mack
- ✓ Geneva S. Comer
- ✓ Coradine & LeRoy Myers
- ✓ Will & Margaret Clapper
- ✓ Frances Minshall
- ✓ Roger & Madeline Williams
- ✓ Charles & Jessie Martin, Jr.
- ✓ Franklin & Laura J. Pohorence
- ✓ Daniel & Lynn Mielke
- ✓ Charles & Cindy Herndon
- ✓ Kris & Johnnie Leonhardt
- ✓ James & Patricia Seeholzer
- ✓ Lori Kisting- Gass
- ✓ Sandra & John Kilko
- ✓ Lillian Tribble
- ✓ Gina Rizzo
- ✓ Marion Woltman
- ✓ Gail Williams *wilkin*
- ✓ Art & Carol Towe & Family
- ✓ Tom & Nola McDonald
- ✓ Tom & Mary Coulon

.....John & Elma Dubash ✓
Marion Rhodes ✓
William & Mary Mikelait ✓
Eleanor Thomson ✓
Virginia Schafer ✓
Mr. & Mrs. David Bird ✓
Jack Swift ✓
George & Jane Steeh ✓
Harold & Viola Vick ✓
James & Mary Spaulding ✓
Friends of the Court Office ✓
Lynda Yenglin ✓
Nancy Duchene ✓
Teresa Maskeny-Tabacco ✓
Joan Coulon Lowe ✓
Rollie & Donna Lindstrom ✓
Erie County Health Department ✓
Richard C. Knopf ✓
In memory of Paul E. Yoakum by:

✓ Robert E. Fechter
✓ Dorian & Cindy Dale
✓ Friends of CompuServe
✓ Dale & Claudine Hollern
✓ Ralph & Cindy Flahive
✓ Frank & Shirley Kirky
✓ Kathryn Yoakum
✓ Mr. & Mrs. Kent Morgan
✓ Dr. & Mrs. Charles Herndon
In memory of Henry Beatty by:
✓ Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hartley
✓ Charles & Jessie Martin, Jr.
In memory of Frances Haas by:
✓ Lydia Bechtel
✓ Coradine & LeRoy Myers
In memory of Marjorie Hills by:
✓ Roger & Madeleine Williams
✓ Ned Hills
In memory of Mary Jane Dych by"
✓ Ila & Ramie Dick
In memory of Kathryn & Frank Hamilton by:
✓ Gordon & Barbara Wendt
In memory of David Phinney by:
✓ Cable A. Steinemann
✓ Thomas & Virginia Steinemann

BULLETIN JUST IN: The State of Ohio has agreed to the lease of the 3+ acres of property adjoining the Association's land on Division Street. John Kilko has agreed to clear this area of trees and underbrush. **Thanks John!**

made their home. The had two children whom we know as Marcie and Robbie.

Helene was an active member of the Kelleys Island Historical Association, and we shall miss her willingness to help if we called upon her. Most of all, though, we will miss her friendly smile, a "hello," and a wave from the front porch of the Himmelein House where we often saw her with her family, especially her grandchildren, Mallory, Michael, and Marlena.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING, OCT. 9, 1993: At this meeting, the Association Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Sue Clepper. Julie Martn Kennedy was voted to fill the vacancy. Ms Clepper, currently being involved in projects, has promised to return in the future. Meanwhile, Ms Kennedy is no new-comer, having served the Association in a number of volunteer efforts, including, more recently, as co-chm. of the Plant Sale.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION has been given by the Association to John and Fritz Ziegler of the Buckeye Letter Service. Last year they printed the Association's **Tour Guide** and this year printed and donated our donor and pledge cards. At the moment they are designing and printing the Association's brochure to be used for soliciting contributions to the building fund from businesses and corporations. The expertise, time, and donations have been -- and are -- much appreciated. Our sincerest thanks.

BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL, A GENUINE SUCCESS: Again this year, Butterfly Day was a fitting climax to the season's activities. A filled church thoroughly enjoyed Jim Bissell's talk on plants and wild life peculiar to the Island. This was followed by a pleasureable walk through the quarry area during which a number of especial species were identified and described. Dr. Bissell is the Curator and Head of the Botany Department of the

Cleveland Museum of Natl. History.

Barb Shadle and Marge Clapper, chairpersons of the Festival, have submitted the following report: Workers at the Festival: Ila Dick, Sis McKillips, Ann Haas, Joann Wilson Neuffer, Fran Minshall, Julie Kennedy, Bibber Overcashier, Gerry Bickley, Madeline Williams, Lucille Mathews, Poppy Hodgson, Phyllis Pahler, Dee Mack, Donna Nowak, Cindy Herndon, Bill Clapper, Jessie Martin, Bea Matso, Russ Matso, Bruce Korenko, Lois Brown.

In addition the Association would like to extend its sincere thanks to those who donated baked goods for the bake sale, items for the auction, and who, in one way or another, "made our day."

Money earned:

trash/treasures	\$ 98.54
food table	204.50
bake sale	292.00
auction	110.00
quilt (today)	205.00
book table, miscl.	353.55
donations	15.45
	<u>1279.04</u>

(Total for Quilt Raffle: \$1393.00)

(Thought that you would be interested in seeing the money you earned with all your hard work! We're very appreciative. B.S. and M. C.)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Lydia Bechtel, past president and long-time treasurer resigned from her position as treasurer this past August. She has held several positions as well as being most instrumental in the beginning of the Kelleys Island Historical Association. Without her and her late husband, Ron Bechtel, this would never be the organization it is today. We know that Lydia will remain active with us as she holds very special love for Kelleys Island, as we all do. Thanks, Lydia, for all the untiring hours you have given us, as well as your donations.

REMINDERS: 1993-1994 dues are still being accepted. If it has slipped your mind, they can still be paid.