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HELP! HELP! HELP!

Island residents and tourists have had the opportunity for two summers now to visit the museum and gift shoppe. Continuity of caring and volunteer hours to the Kelleys Island Historical Association community are of paramount importance. To minimize the burden for volunteers, hours once again have been split into two shifts and all seem to be handling the transition of more gift items being introduced and traffic flow being safer and more efficient. The main components of our success include our wonderful volunteers, constructive suggestions and good ole' fashioned hard work.

However, now we are in need of good ole' fashioned greenbacks, used twentys, fiftys, and hundreds. I have never asked anyone for money in my entire life, have always frowned at those who have the open hand "I'll take all you can give me attitude" and find beggars repulsive. As President of the KIHA despite my personal feelings, the facts are clear, I am faced with asking for money. It will cost this organization \$9,800.00 plus this fall to rebuild the Bell Tower and keep its' historical integrity. Extension equipment, materials and labor to procure such an undertaking is expensive.

Therefore, I am asking for a generous tax-deductible donation from all the KIHA members & members of this community to "Save the BELL TOWER". Your donation is an investment to preserving a part of Kelleys Islands' History. It is not a political, a voted upon or a controversial issue, it is a community effort to save what is special. Many landmarks and memories have been burned, imploded and destroyed already in this community. Please help us so it does not happen again!

Beginning Sunday August 2, 1998 each donation of \$50.00 will be honored at 3 o'clock p.m. with one ring per \$50.00. This will continue until September 13, 1998. Should you be asked why the bell is ringing, please convey our plea and tell them that each time the bell tolls, a generous donation was made to rebuild the bell tower of the Old Stone Church on Division Street.

"GO AHEAD RING OUR BELL"

Thank you for your continued support, we have come along way and we are still going.



Julia Martin Kennedy

Once again, Teri Betzenheimer has made and donated a quilt for our double quilt raffle. This year, Teri has donated "Starburst" in memory of her mother, Rita. Teri is a mirrored image of her mother. This is truly a heartfelt memory to all who knew her. Sincere thanks!!!! (Laura Jean this is the one you should win).

Gail Mack joins the quilters circle with a lap or baby quilt in calico reds, white and blues. Any age baby would love to win this quilt. Thanks for your lovely addition to our double raffle.

MEMBERSHIP BLANKS AND QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ENCLOSED. IF YOU SENT YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN AFTER THE APRIL NEWSLETTER YOU NEED NOT SEND IT AGAIN. HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THE QUILT TICKETS SHOULD BE SENT IN WITH THE MEMBERSHIP FORM.





BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

In Memory of RUTH SCHNITTKER
 by: Lil and Ron Cole
 Milton and Jane Blatt

In Memory of JEANETTE KUCHAR
 by: John and Julia Kennedy

In Memory of DON NOWAK
 by: Ramie and Ila Dick
 John and Julia Kennedy
 Frank and Laura Jean Pohorence

In Memory of ILA RAMSEY
 by: Milton and Jane Blatt

In Memory of DIK SENNISH
 by: John and Julia Kennedy

In Memory of ESTER SENNISH
 by: John and Julia Kennedy

In Memory of EILEEN BICKLEY BEERCK
 by: John and Julia Kennedy

In Memory of HELEN MARCHKY
 by: Milton and Jane Blatt

THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS COOKBOOK MONTH AT THE GIFT SHOPPE - Customers who purchases total \$50.00 will receive a free Kelleys Island Historical Association Cookbook. It's our way of saying thanks to our shoppers. A fun time was had by all who attend the "Meet Me at the Museum" 10% discount night. Lemonade, desserts and conversation put buying on a new level of fun. Perhaps we could get like the bigger department stores and have a Midnight Madness Sale except our lighting leaves alot to be desired. The gift shoppe is realizing substantial sales every day. Special thanks to Betsy Walcott for organizing the volunteers this year. New to the volunteer list is Bob Luckay, Marv Byer, Sherry Otto, Gloria Schollenberger, Joan Brown and Beverly Johnson. Welcome! (It did seem funny walking into the shoppe seeing Marv Byer in short sleeved shirt and shorts in a retail situation without a tape measure around his neck. Marv's many years of owning a men's retail clothing store in Sandusky has afforded him much experience to share with us. (No Marv we are not introducing a Pendleton line in the fall.)





**KI Historical Association
Calendar**

Organ Concert - July 19 - Sun. 2p
 Dr. Janet Ebert - organist

Annual Meeting - August 8 - Sat. 10a

Butterfly Festival - September 12 Sat.
 "Meet Me and the Butterflies" from
 10 am to 4 pm

General Meeting - Sept. 26 - Sat. 10a

MUSEUM NEWS



This year for the first time sinc it was donated to KIHA. The hook latc rug made by Marshall "Bro" Bockerma is fully displayed. Each block depict a special feature of Kelleys Island an its' presence has sparked many favorabl comments.

We would like to thank Claudia Brow for all the many hours she has spen in our office, cleaning, repairin artifacts and securing them in myla for preservation. All displayed item have been properly cared for to kee their archival value. Great Job! Thanks!

'Be Published'!

TWO STORIES CAME FORTH AFTER THE APRIL NEWSLETTER: One from Milton Blatt and one from Ann Sennish. Milton noted that he was sure Dr. Boker could write many more. What's up Doc? Please share a story or two.

60 YEARS AGO!
by Milton D. Blatt



On New Years' Day in 1938 my good buddy, Keith Blatt, and I decided to ice fishing. We caught our "minnies" (minnows to mainlanders) near the dock on the north side and pulled our fish shanty out on the ice. We were having quite a bit of luck catching pickerel and perch when Keith's Dad walked out to see us. He said, "You boys had better come in now as the ice may go out". We were the only shanty on the ice so we reluctantly pulled up our lines and took the shanty to shore. Keith knew how to fillet the fish. We did not fillet the largest fish, a pickerel, which weighed two pounds when cleaned. We sold the filleted fish for fifteen cents a pound but sold the two pound pickerel for forty cents. Dr. Cook, Mrs. Perkinson and Carl Miller bought the fifteen cents a pound fish. Mamie Bauman bought the large pickerel. We got \$1.75 for our day of fishing.

Note: Milton will celebrate his 80th birthday September 13. Happy Birthday, Milton, you are the greatest! Thanks!

TARZAN THE TALKING DOG
by Anne Cleary Sennish



A news item the other day, with a barking chorus of "singing" dogs, took me back to the late forties on Kelleys Island and the days of Tarzan, the Talking Dog. Tarzan did his talking at the Casino, where we went to dance, hang out, and consume ice cream or beer, depending on what we were able to get away with.

Tarzan's owner could get him to say, "I want a hamburger," much to our assembled delight. It took some coaxing, but the suspense made the result all the better. Even so, there was something about the little bull terrier's talk (a gravel-throated "Er er er er er,") that left much to be desired. Tarzan did not so much pronounce the words as he got the rhythm right. I have a feeling that if the command had switched to, "I want a bologna sandwich," he still would have said, "Er er er er er." All the same, Tarzan was something of a celebrity, and in time even took his act to national TV. There, on the screen, we saw an actual inhabitant of Kelleys Island, one who lived right next door to my by-then husband's family.

When Tarzan wasn't performing, he led a normal dog's life eating scraps from the table, sniffing at things, running around on the main dock, next to the Casino. Which is where he happened to be one day when Uncle Frank was backing around in his car. Tarzan running around, Uncle Frank backing around.

Uncle Frank, a gruff and profane lakes captain, was accompanied that afternoon by his friend Irma Conkle, both of them getting along in years. As he told it later on our screened porch, there was a bump, and Irma said mildly, "I guess you hit the dog." (For some reason, this has always been my favorite part of the story.)

He had indeed hit the dog; the coming together of these two or three, very disparate lives put an end to Tarzan and his career.

A flurry of interest rippled across the Island. The Talking Dog has been snuffed out. Uncle Frank, uncharacteristically chastened, waited to see whether Tarzan's owners would sue him. They didn't. By then it was the 'fifties. In those days of the Cold War and Canasta, of golfing Eisenhower and few lawyers, the world, and certainly Kelleys Island, was a much less litigious place.

NOTE: Anne submitted this story she had done for a writing class last year. Thanks for bringing it home! Uncle Frank was Captain Frank Hamilton who resided at what is now known as THE INN. Irma Conkle was quite the prime and proper lady and resided at what is now known to us as the "Timothy House".



August

- 2 Carolann Tkach
- 2 Tom Twyford III
- 2 Michele Majercak (Paynter)
- 4 Ila Dick
- 5 Coradine Myers
- 6 Linda Rockaway
- 6 Robert Quillin
- 6 Sandra Vernier Tkach
- 8 Paula Bier
- 10 Marge Alaburda
- 11 John K. Ohlemacher
- 11 Ginny Wilson
- 11 Tom Twyford Jr.
- 13 Molly Kathleen Cooney
- 19 M.J. (Duke) DuShane
- 20 Shannon R. Matso
- 23 John Kilko
- 26 Stephanie Luna
- 27 Paul Brown
- 27 Lee Hendricks
- 27 James A. Selfe
- 27 David Stare



September

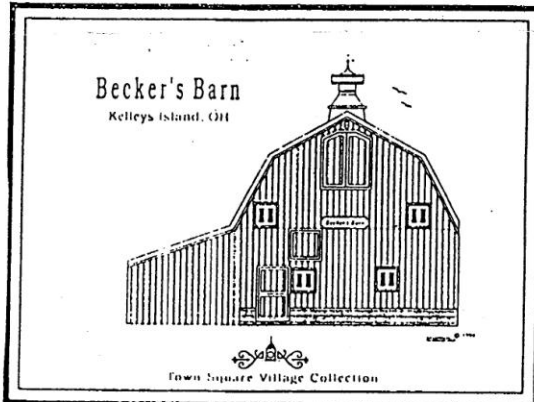
- 1 Lesley Ward
- 2 Ben Blatt
- 2 Shirley McKillips
- 5 Lori Hayes
- 9 Martha Fresch
- 10 Mary Lou Quillen
- 11 Tom Twyford
- 11 David Bachman
- 12 Lisa Luna
- 12 Jane Wick
- 13 Milton Blatt
- 16 Marilyn Dauch
- 16 John Sennish
- 18 Joseph Sennish
- 22 Tom Hartley
- 23 Bob Herman
- 23 Don Koshla
- 23 Marlana Mielka
- 24 Gizella Feyedelem
- 24 Russ Queen
- 24 Deanna L. Matso
- 26 Deanna Allensworth
- 27 Sue Stamm
- 30 John Kobs

October

- 1 Mary Kull
- 4 Nancy Stoetzer
- 4 Richard Paynter
- 5 Anne Coulon
- 6 Ramie Dick
- 9 Lois Brown
- 15 Kristin Seidl
- 16 Betty Pape
- 17 Megan M VonBenken
- 19 Jane Blatt
- 24 Ted Blatt
- 24 John Kobs II
- 25 Danielle Fresch
- 25 Joan Lee
- 26 Patrick Cooney
- 28 Alison Kobs
- 28 Judy Kobs
- 30 Catherine Lange
- 31 Franklin J. Pohorence

November

- 5 Larry Adams
- 10 Jeni Mack Hammond
- 10 Judy Adams
- 11 Blanche Smith
- 13 Lizabeth Fresch
- 14 Shari Herman
- 15 Molly Queen
- 18 Sally Hiller
- 18 Ed Twyford
- 18 Sandy Kilko
- 19 Mary Ward
- 19 Robert I. Coulon, Jr.
- 20 Richard Rettig
- 23 Kay Herndon



We've arrived!

