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A Report from Betsy Walcott

We had a great season at the Museum Gift Shoppe, thanks to all our fantastic, faithful, hard-working VOLUNTEERS...Lois Brown, Joan Brown, Sue Clepper, Rita Eaton, Julie Kennedy, Hugh Lange, Ila Dick, Dodie Twyford, Marv Byer, Sherry Otto, Fran Johnson, Bev Johnson, Sandy Kilko, Gloria Shallenberger, Ann Eddows, Fran Minshall, Shirley Crabill, Laura Jean Pohorence, Mary Ann Pileski, Bob Luckay, Marge Clapper, Betsy Walcott, and Lydia Bechtel.

We are looking forward to an even better season next year; so bring a friend and come on over to the Museum!

Also, submitted by Betsy.....

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's unselfishness, compassion, caring, patience, need and love for one another...Your very presence transcends politics, religion, and ethnic backgrounds. You are a luxury too often taken for granted. It frightens me, somehow, to imagine what the world would be like without you."Erma Bombeck



Building Fund Memorials

In Memory of Jeanette Kuchar

by: Paul & Lois Brown
 Phyllis Pahler

In Memory of Esther & Dick Sennish

by: Madeleine & Roger Williams
 John & Julie Kennedy

In Memory of Ruth Schnittker

by: Ron & Lil Cole
 Ramie & Ila Dick
 Terri & Bill Stevenson
 John & Julia Kennedy
 Lyle & Gerry Bickley
 Robert & Marilyn Dauch
 Karl & Victoria Beatty
 Don & Mary Ellen Beatty
 Ruth (Beatty) & Jim Verber
 O. Hugh & Catherine Lange
 Shirley A. McKillips
 Nelda K. Balch
 Lyle Schnittker
 Milton Blatt

In Memory of Helen Marchky

by: Robert & Marilyn Dauch
 Julia Kennedy
 Milton Blatt

In Memory of Ila Ramsey

by: Milton Blatt

In Memory of Diana Young

by: Frank & Chris Yako

In Memory of Ned Hills

by: Roger & Madeleine Williams
 Sheila Williams Brockmeier

In Memory of Charles Herndon, M.D.

by: F. W. Ziegler
 Kathryn H. Yoakum

In Memory of Owen Dishbrow

by: Ila B. Dick

In Memory of Mrs. William Cratser

by: Laura Jean & Frank Pohorence

In Memory of Paul Yoakum

by: Kathryn H. Yoakum

In Memory of Don Nowak

by: Frank & Laura Jean
 Pohorence
 John & Julie Kennedy
 Ila & Ramie Dick

In Memory of Eileen Bickley Beerck

by: John & Julie Kennedy

Donations to the Building Fund

by: D. Lastrapes
 Lynn Henderson
 Frances Toepfer
 Marv Byer
 Ed & Fran Kuchar



Save the Bell Tower

by: Jas. & Janet Brown In
 Memory of Roland &
 Edna Brown

by: Lois Herron in Memory of
 Leslie & Helen
 Dwelle

by: Cindy & Chuck Herndon
 Edna Buerger
 Bob & Gretchen Larson
 John M. Ziegler
 Paul Leidheiser
 Rev. & Mrs. Roger Perl
 E. Anne Eddowes
 Dario & Lois Bachman
 Donna & J. T. Lovins
 Charles Pascoe
 Paul & Lois Brown

Life Members:

Milton Blatt
 Teri Betzenheimer

Patron Members:

Andrea Fuller
 Gerald West

Because of her past donations of hand-made quilts to be raffled for the benefit of this organization, the officers and board of KIHA have awarded Teri Betzenheimer an honorary life membership.

Acquisitions

In the fall of 1996 Lois Brown and I (Ila Dick) met with Cindy Roberts from the Sandusky Library and Sue Scherer from the Follett House in Sandusky on several occasions. They explained to us what artifacts we should accept, how to clean and preserve them and how to store them. We also discussed displaying artifacts.

That same Fall we invited Eric Honnefer from The Center for Archival Collections at Bowling Green to speak to us about preserving and caring for artifacts. This was held at school and enjoyed by the high school students, teachers and KIHA members.

In Spring of 1997 the pews were removed from the Church and stored, making room for museum displays. Doty Twyford (who has helped set up two museums) helped us decide what artifacts to display and how best to display them. We were very pleased with the results.

Claudia Brown had had a course in preservation and agreed to help us with the task. She spent many hours in the shed behind the Church last winter cleaning and preserving.

We need three (3) file cards for each artifact we accept. Cathy Ullrich has offered to begin this task this winter.

Anyone interested in helping, please join us. We are accepting artifacts - donated or on loan. Please call.....

Ila Dick: 419-746-2563 or 727-864-6821.

A Sad Memory

In the early 1930's when I was a young teenager, Mrs. T.C. Hamilton, the mother of Capt. Frank (Chick) Hamilton, asked me to help her clean house.

While we were working upstairs, she handed me several shoe boxes of post cards and told me to take them out to the garden and burn or bury them.

Many years later, in the 1960's, in one of my infrequent visits to the Island from Southern California, I was visiting with Capt. Hamilton. During our conversation he told me that he used to have a great collection of post cards of most of the ships on the Great Lakes and he was darned if he knew what happened to it. I said, "Chick, would you like to know?" I do not remember for sure, but after I told him, I believe the air was quite blue for awhile!***"

To this day, I cringe and nearly cry when I think of destroying that priceless post card collection of ships of the Great Lakes.

Milt Blatt
19 Aug. '98

(Thanks very much Milt for your contribution which is priceless. We encourage anyone with a story to tell to submit an article by mailing it to Kelleys Island Historical Assoc., Box 328, Kelleys Island, OH 43438.)



Butterfly Festival

The 1998 Butterfly Festival held on Saturday, September 12th was a great day for KIHA thanks to so many great committees and groups. We thank the Chamber of Commerce for sharing the publicity. The combining of Treasure Island Day and Butterfly Festival seemed to benefit everyone. Don Clepper and his cooking crew supplied a great lunch and the food booth was very successful. Laura Jean Pohorence telephoned 81 bakers, so Ila Dick and Gerry Bickley had one of the most successful bake sales ever. Helpers included Ann Brown, Nadine Mack, Fran Johnson and Phyllis Pahler. Rita Eaton chaired the flea market; Marge Clapper the craft booths; and many helped with the quilt raffle and silent basket table to enhance the festival. Betsy Walcott had the biggest day in our gift shop ever. Thanks to all who worked at these locations, and to all who helped set up and clean up.

B-O-B brought us some benches and the crowd was gathered under the tree for a great talk by Glen Giffin from Clyde, Ohio. Using his own paintings, (which he donated to the museum) he talked about the life of the Monarch. He also donated a painting of a Monarch butterfly to be raffled off which Ila Dick won. Lori and Pat Hayes again were the highlight of the day with their tagging demonstration; while Fran Minshall played a video inside the museum about the butterfly. Thank you again.

Cindy Terry - A Winner!

Many, many thanks to this year's KIHA quilters! Teri Betzenheimer donated her fourth quilt which was titled, "Starburst" and made of various shades of blue and off-white. It was won by our very own, Cindy Terry. Congratulations, Cindy! Our second quilt was stitched and graciously given by Gail Mack. Her traditional colors of red, white and blue made a beautiful baby or lap quilt. Carol Gough of Norwalk was the lucky recipient of this handiwork. KIHA greatly appreciates the time, talents and money that Teri and Gail have contributed. Because of their efforts and generosity, the Museum Building Fund received over \$2600.

Special thanks go to Vi Feyedelem of Lighthouse Gifts and Candy Gus of Portside Gifts who sold tickets for the quilt raffle and to Russ Matso who made the tumbler for the drawing. KIHA is happy to announce that Teri has offered to make a fifth quilt for the 1999 season. Anyone who would like to make it a "double quilt raffle" again and donate a quilt, please contact Sandy Kilkko.

Barbara Shadle

Home Alone

by Anne Cleary Sennish

On a starry night in summer, somewhere in the mid-nineteen-forties, Caroline and I sat on the white wooden bench in our front yard, watching the world go by. We were grounded, for crimes now forgotten. There we sat, longing for news from the outside, when, like the answer to a prayer, Bibber cruised up in her station wagon with five or six friends.

Suddenly, we were in the middle of a happening. Scratchie McKillips had set his sights on a girl staying at the "Wigwam", a cottage then on the church road (now Woodford), not far from the corner of the airport road (Monaghan). Our mission was urgent ("Come on, get in!"). We would go down to the "Wigwam" and vent our outrage at the father of Scratchie's girlfriend for telling him to get lost.

Complicated though the details were, we were clearly needed. Mother was not at home (she was at Bibber's), which made it easy to realize we should un-ground ourselves and go along to help. We all drove to the "Wigwam", parked the car up the road a ways and got out.

There must have been six or seven of us. We sat down in the street and began calling taunts. Sitting crosslegged in a summer night, we called taunts and insults at the "Wigwam"

until a man's silhouette appeared in the door. The silhouette carried a shotgun. "I'm gonna count to three," said the silhouette in a no-nonsense voice. "If you aren't out of here by 'three', I'm gonna shoot."

What happened next I'll never know. One second we were sitting in the street, the next we were riding through the night at about forty miles an hour. Ned Haig hadn't made it. He ran behind us, long legs stretched to the limit, shouting, "Hey, wait for me!" until finally we managed to slow down and haul him in over the tailgate.

They let us off in front of our house. Alone again, Caroline and I resumed our seats on the wooden bench. We cannot have been gone long. Safe under the stars, grounded again, we settled down to watch the world go by.

(A delightful story, Anne, please send us more!!)

Art Show

Annlee chaired another great art show outdoors on the lawn of our museum on Saturday, August 9th. The gift shop always has a very successful day - thanks to Annalee and her artists joining us.

**For your information -
We will no longer be having a spring plant sale.**



"Wasn't that a Party?"



David and Sally Yeager graciously opened their home for the KIHA Building Fund Benefit Cocktail Party on Saturday September 26th. I think all 77 party goers agree that this was the "event of the season".

Seeing the Yeager home certainly was a highlight as was viewing the mural, "Battle of Lake Erie" and meeting the artist Sherry Ringler of Springfield. Sherry is a good friend of Cath Wise.

The hors d'oeuvres and refreshments were donated by many individuals and businesses. Special thanks to all. This tremendous party was chaired by Fran Minshall and Barb Shadle. We cannot thank them enough for their fine organizational skills. Special thanks to Marge Newcomb, Ginny Wilson and Lex Shadle.

This added \$4050 to our building fund!! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

When we arrived home from the party, John asked me if I thought people would pay \$50 to come to our house for a party... said...sure...if we had a string quartet or something very special to feature...No, the party probably won't be at the Kilko's next year...but, it could be at...your house? All you have to do is offer. Wouldn't it be great to make this an annual event?

Sandy Kilko



Potluck & "Meet Me at Martin's Ice Cream Parlor"

Our first oral history evening and potluck on June 24th turned out to be much fun for those present. Whether you shared in old times or came to listen, everyone enjoyed hearing the tales. Thanks to Julie Kennedy for bringing ice cream and co-chairing this event.

We're still in the experimental stage of an event like this. Future topics could be Meet Me at Koster's Dock; How I Met My Husband/Wife on Kelleys Island; or Meet Me at School.



Organ Concert

Janet Ebert again entertained an interested group of music lovers in July as she played the pump organ at the Church. She'll be up once again in July next year. Don't miss this!!

Did you know? that Gerry Bickley has donated a great many of her lighthouses, nativity sets, and other ceramics to the gift shop. She has also been providing the Mr. & Mrs. Duck sets with their beautiful hand-made clothes. Thank you very much Gerry.

Happy Birthday!!

December

2 Dr. Alston Quillin
 2 Caitlin Lupa
 2 John T. Mack
 5 Don Shadle
 6 Albert Fresch
 8 Julia Martin Kennedy
 8 Andrea Franketti Fuller
 11 Kipp Seidl
 12 Nancy Ward Ritchie
 13 Sara Fresch
 14 Annalee
 15 Danny Fresch
 15 Budd Wilson
 18 Laura Jean Pohorence
 22 Tom Lange
 24 Michael Mielke, Jr.
 28 Ray Feyedelem
 29 Brian A. Stare
 30 Todd S. Mack

January

2 Sally Blatt
 4 John Mack
 7 Chuck Herndon
 8 Clarole Geschke
 8 Betty Jones Rettig
 9 Bonnie Kerscher
 11 Chip Seidl
 14 Paul Matso
 20 Paul Mack
 22 Madeleine Williams
 29 Lee Shadle
 30 Ronnie Myers

February

1 Al Rumel
 2 James Lee
 5 Phil Luna
 8 Peggy Cooney
 9 Robert W. Allensworth
 15 Caroline DeBoard
 23 Donna Lovins
 25 Phyllis Hymphrey
 26 Alyce Beck

March

2 Jane Sennish
 6 Sue Clepper
 7 Marge Clapper
 7 John Rockaway
 8 Lauren Brown Davidson
 11 Paul Leidheiser
 12 Don Clepper
 14 Laura Von Benken
 16 Gretchen Larson
 18 Gail Mack
 19 Gregory Lee Brown
 20 Kathleen Gregg Beckman
 20 Jennifer Clepper
 24 Beverly Johnson
 23 James Kennedy
 24 Pat Hayes
 26 Mary James
 27 Claude O. Smith
 27 Michael Mielke
 28 Jean Havens
 29 Kelley Kapper
 29 Bob Wick
 31 Delores Cole

April

8 Jack Eaton
 8 Karl Beckman
 9 Julie Pascoe Kromer
 14 John V. Stare
 15 Nadine Mack
 17 Barbara Ohlemacher
 18 Bernadette Koshla
 22 Barbara Shadle
 22 Vi Feyedelem
 23 Paul Johnson
 23 Pam Seidl
 23 Russell Kornblith
 28 Melchor Antunano
 30 Lee Myers
 30 Mallory Coulon

May

3 Frank Sennish
 4 Robert Larson
 10 Floren James
 11 Paul Hiller
 12 Max Kornblith
 12 Simon Kornblith
 14 Lee Brown
 18 Karen Hendricks
 18 Christine Lange
 19 Marv Byer
 19 Barry Lange
 21 Lydia Bechtel
 22 Jonathan Stare
 28 Kenn Geschke
 29 Lois Lange Bachman
 30 Richard Beck
 30 Charles Pascoe
 31 Tom Zigman

June

1 Harry Smith
 4 Blair Herndon
 4 Sandi Betzenheimer
 8 Robert Luckay
 11 Stuart Humphrey
 11 Elsie Leidheiser
 13 Evan Betzenheimer
 Antunano
 14 Joey Lovins
 14 Dee Hartley
 17 Jessie Martin
 17 Kristen Pascoe
 18 William D. Von Benken
 26 Paula Shadle
 26 Charles B. Martin, Jr.
 27 Jamie L. Matso
 27 Laura A. Matso
 30 Carol R. Kutnyak
 30 Russ Ward

If you would like your name and birthdate included, please contact Sandy Kilko with the information. 419-433-6681