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Heading into a New Millenium

As we head into the new millenium everyone looks back; remembers the past; and what it means to us. This year should rekindle interest in the history of Kelleys Island that we all love and are part of in some way. I hope things keep going in a positive way and we can all bring the history of the island closer to all. Thank you. Rick Holmes, President.

Welcome!!

For those of you who are reading our newsletter for the first time, we wish to welcome you! There is so much new at KIHA for 2000, so please enjoy. Our spring mailing is island-wide and we extend an invitation to everyone to become a member!

What's New in 2000??

A 50/50 Monthly Raffle to Benefit the Museum Building Fund.

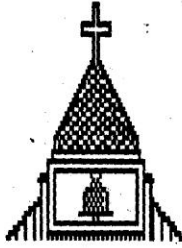
1. Only \$5.00 per ticket - drawing the last day of each month: May, June, July, August and September at 4:00 p.m. at the Museum. Send \$25.00 and be assured you will be in each month's drawing!
2. Enclosed are 5 tickets. Put your name, address, phone number on each, tear off the stub and return in the enclosed envelope with your check made out to KIHA. (Use an address label if you like - it's easier - just add your phone #, and designate which month.)
3. Come join us!! The more we sell - the more \$\$ we share and the faster the Museum becomes a reality!!



More tickets will be available from Paul Brown and Walter Johnson (chairpersons); any board member; or at the Museum during open hours.

Program Director

Do you like history? Would you like to be our program director? We are looking for someone to put together a program for children, adults, or both. This could include activities, events, and speakers. You could plan talks at the museum or potlucks at the pavilion. As director, you can either search for speakers and teachers or you can be the show yourself. You can plan one event or several, on the weekdays or weekends. This area is open for your creation.



Steeple Memorials

In memory of Dominic, Anna, & Anthony Bonchi
by Evangeline Bonchi

In memory of Paul Yoakum
by Rupert & Debra Beckstett
by Kathy Yoakum & Family

In memory of Bob & Pixie Schartz
by Kate & Heinz Boker

In memory of Aloin & Rita Betzenheimer
by Teri Betzenheimer

In memory of Donna Ahner
by Albert & Marilyn Fresch

In memory of Orville Lange & Kathleen Bell Lange
by Wm. L. & Anne Lange Shaw

In memory of Roger & Alice Williams
by Roger & Madeleine Williams

In memory of Charles Beatty Hartley
by Tom & Dee Hartley

In memory of Tim Ulrich
by Edna Carroll
by John & Dee Mack

In memory of Norman Blatt
by Ted Blatt

In memory of Ray Feyedelem
by John & Dee Mack

In memory of William T. Minshall
by Frances Minshall

In memory of Wm. J. & Hazel Lange
by David & Lois Bachman

In memory of Helen Marchky
by Anne Eddowes

In memory of Richard Wingate
by Nan Laird

In memory of Claude A. Smith
by Claude A. Smith, Sr.

In honor of Paul & Sally Hiller
by Carol Lassert & Gary Kornblith

In honor of Jud & Joan Spandel
by Keith Milkove Family

Steeple Donations

Dr. & Mrs. Alson M. Quillin
Gail I. Yaniga
Sandy & John Kilko
Edward Violand
Blanche Smith
Phyllis Pahler
O. Hugh & Catherine Lange
Kathryn Blair Herndon

Ed & Fran Kuchar (Special thanks for a very large donation.)
Gerald West
Rick Holmes
Sally Menges
Norm & Gye Landis
Bernadette Koshla
Knut Lahrs
Jack & Mary Ellen Thinnes
Bob & Jane Wick
John & Linda Rockaway



Building Fund Donations

In memory of Ken Haig
by Lydia Bechtel
by Gary & Jackie Finger

In memory of Lee Shadle
by Lydia Bechtel
by Gary & Jackie Finger
by Rick Holmes

In memory of C.J. Pfeiffer
by Craig & Sally Dwight

Lydia Bechtel
Wm. J. Lange

In memory of Don St. Julian
by Robert & Jane Wick
by Gary & Jackie Finger

In memory of Bob Leggett
by Gary & Jackie Finger

In memory of Ned Hills
by Anne Sennish

Want to Spend 3 Hours with a Friend, New Acquaintance or evenYour Spouse each Week?

Do you and a friend have three hours a week to spare next summer? Betsy Walcott, Volunteer Coordinator, is again looking for pairs to work the museum and gift shop. It adds to the fun and helps accommodate the visitor and shoppers who steadily grow in number. Please contact Betsy Walcott at 746-2328 or 419-625-3819. Don't miss your chance.

Town Square Collection

The "Kelley-Lovins House" has been added to the Town Square Collection as our 1999 feature. This was number five (5) in our series. We still have plenty but this one will go quickly! Our 2000 edition will be the Estes School. Look for it this summer. Also, our reorder of the Old Stone Church is in.

Balance Sheet as of March, 2000

CD - 1	67,900.0
CD - 2	30,000.0
Nat'l City Checking	21,598.6
Nat'l City Savings	10,772.2

Total Assets 130,271

No Liabilities

Special Thanks to Sandy Kilko

Without Sandy's help this news would never have reached you. She unselfishly spent much time gathering news and calling members for input for the past three issues. She takes care of having the copies ordered, ordering envelopes, having them printed, etc. Thanks also to her for additional help.

Phyllis Pahler



Estes School, One Historical Landmark

Estes School has been standing at the corner of Division Street and Ward Road since the erecting of the building began in 1901. An island citizen, James Estes, generously donated \$15,000 to begin construction.

Before Mr. Estes made his welcomed donation, there were several schools on the island, as many as five at one time. Lucretia Wood was the first teacher, and although she had ten pupils in 1836, she had no school house in which to teach. That came in 1837, and a Miss M. M. Dean was then the teacher.

In 1850, the only school house was located on Division Street next to what is now the Island House restaurant. It was behind the house now standing. It was replaced in 1853 by this house which is a two-storied building.

The island was divided into school districts, and it seemed that buildings were springing up in various places. An excerpt from the Sandusky Weekly Register, dated October 4, 1876, stated, "There are three churches and four schools on the Island, one being a high school." Another excerpt, dated August 28, 1901, stated "400 people were at the August 16th commencement." In 1873 there were 200 pupils of school age, and some of the schools were in session during the summer months. There was a parochial school in 1876-77, and one was still a part of the island's education system in the early 1940's. The building used for this was across the street from St. Michael's hall.

A much needed new addition to Estes' School was built this past year. It's a beautiful building which links the history of the past with the technology of the future and provides our students with up-to-date learning in many areas. Our main hope now is to attract more families with children ready to become a part of our system.

by Jessie A. Martin

Gift Shop

Dear Friends,

Spring is here once again! As we watch the grass get greener every day, we realize our busy season is fast approaching. That means it is time to get the museum and gift shoppe ready to open. I'm very excited about the new things we will have for sale this year. As you may or may not know, I did the buying this year. I spent three days in Columbus and lots of hours trying to decide what would work best. Even though we are limited in space, I think you will be pleasantly surprised with the variety and quality.

We have teapots, candles, lighthouses, garden decorations, and some wonderful jewelry, plus great books by Dee Morgan, Thomas Kinkaid and Gay Talbott Boassy just to mention a few. We will also carry Carol Wilson stationery and Teresa Kogut magnetic notes.

There will be a nice variety of puzzles and games for children of all ages. We have lots of other things too numerous to mention, so you'll just have to stop in and see us.

We will have a special evening on Wednesday, June 14th for all Islanders and members to come in and shop. There will be a 10% discount on all purchases.

This year we will be open
 Mon & Fri from 11 AM to 5 PM;
 on Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat from 10
 AM to 7 PM; and on Sun 11 AM to
 5 PM.

With the extended hours we will need more volunteers. If you love the Island and it's history, it's a great place to spend a few hours a day, a week, or a month!

We need everyone. Please call Betsy Walcott at 746-2328 as she is our volunteer coordinator or myself at 746-2268.

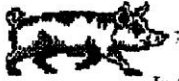
Hope to see you in the spring!!

Respectively,
 Vi Feyedelem



Quilt 2000

Teri Betzenheimer has outdone herself again with a beautiful quilt of lighthouses. In blues and maroons, this queen-sized quilt will bring the nautical theme into any bedroom with beauty and elegance. The quilt has twenty (20) blocks with each lighthouse varying in backgrounds. This quilt is donated by Teri in celebration of Laura Jean and Frank Pohorance's Golden Wedding Anniversary which is April 2000. It is made for the Kelleys Island Historical Association Building Fund. Teri has been making quilts for the future museum building for many years and was awarded a life-time membership to KIHA for all the funding her quilts have brought.



"A Killer Pig"

In the mid 1960's, the Kelleys Island School dismissal bell rang at 3:55 p.m.

Occasionally, Joel Feyedelem and I would be ready to dash to our bicycles, pedal hard, and catch the last round trip ferry that left at 4:00 p.m. during the weekdays.

John Neuman, Bob Swanson, Jack Lamb, Dave Gast or Francie Betzenheimer were crew in those days. Whoever had the boat would let us ride free back and forth. We had to earn our passage by helping out onboard. This consisted of sweeping the cabin or cleaning the windows.

The Corsair was the boat usually on the run, but if not, it was the Commuter.

When those couple of chores were done, we would spend the rest of the trip seeing who made the most "throws" on a pair of bits. Both of us were good at it and frequently bet bottles of pop on the total throws or a fancy shot - we loved it!

One nice fall day, we bee-lined to our bikes and the race to the boat dock began. We turned onto Bookerman Road to take the shortcut through the quarry. (I still don't know if it is shorter or not, but it seemed so to us anyway.) We were making good time until Joel's school books came loose and fell to the road in front of Barney Bugel's house. (Barney's house was located on the north side of Bookerman Road just west of Coleman's cottage. The house since fell to ruins and overgrowth. Kellstone purchased the property, and burned the house and garage a few years ago.) We skidded to a stop so Joel could pick up his books...just as he was about to grab his books we heard some grunts, looked up toward Barney's house and to our horror saw a big sow (it looked HUGE to us!) barreling down on us. We both gave out YIPES!! Joel's fumbling around trying to pick up his books and both of us are slipping off our pedals as we began thinking that this "attack pig" was going to do us all sorts of bodily harm!

Finally, we were all elbows and knees, hootin' and scootin' our way back down the road with terror in our hearts as the pig kept after us.

By the time we were half-way down the straight-of-way through the quarry we were much relieved that the pig wasn't anywhere to be seen.

As we coasted down onto Neuman's dock and stopped, we were giggling about the whole ordeal and already patting each other on our backs at the "near fatal" encounter with the "killer pig".

We did make the boat and were laughing it up pretty good as we passed on to the guys on the boat our now fondly remembered adventure with the attack pig.

Come to think of it, we didn't go to the dock that way again for a long time.

Hope you enjoyed reading the story as much as I did putting it down on paper.

Rick Holmes

Calendar for 2000

May 6, Saturday	10:00	Board Meeting
June 14, Wednesday	6-7:30	Open House at the Gift Shop
June 17, Saturday	10:00	General Meeting
August 5, Saturday	10:00	Annual Meeting Followed by Board Meeting/Art Show
September 9, Saturday	9-4:00	Butterfly Festival
October 7, Saturday	10:00	Board Meeting
October 7, Saturday	11:00	General Meeting



You Can Still be an Angel!!

At Christmas, KIHA members had a chance to send in a donation to help raise the \$8000 to reshingle our steeple. We thank the many generous families who sent a Christmas gift to their favorite museum. We also stated that if the \$8000 is raised, the spotlight shining high up on the steeple for a few hours each night all winter would continue into the summer. If you missed your chance or would like to help us reach this goal, please send your gift of any amount to help us celebrate the New Millennium with a light that will shine above the island each night. Please make a note along with your check that you are sending a gift for the steeple. If your gift is in memory or honor of someone, please include that information also.

So far, we have collected \$5,900. Isn't that great?

Meet Me at the Museum

Wednesday, June 14th
6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Our Open House last year was such a success, we can't wait open our doors for a special evening just for you again. With our already good prices, the 10% off (on most items) that night is something not to miss. Come in and shop at the beginning of the season when we have our complete selection. See you there!

We Love Your Stories

Please send us more! The response to these stories has been overwhelming. Send to: KIHA, Box 328, Kelleys Island, 43438.

Memberships

You will notice a new/renewal membership application with this mailing. In order to have voting privileges for KIHA elections, you must be a paid member by July 31st.