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KIHA Museum and Gift Shoppe

"The virtue of a man ought to be measured not by his extraordinary exertions, but by his everyday conduct."

Blaise Pascal

A great big thank you goes out to all our wonderful museum gift shoppe volunteers and especially to Vi Feyedelem, our buyer and manager.

Ann Brown	Marv Byer	Marge Clapper
Sue Clepper	Shirley Crabill	Rita Eaton
Ann Eddows	Vi Feyedelem	Ed Frindt
Pat Hayes	Blair Herndon	Fran Johnson
Sandy Jordan	Sid Jordan	Jacque Kraynak
Elaine Lickfelt	Bob Luckay	Sherry Otto
Dee Mack	Artie Mader	Fran Minshall
Betty Pape	Pat Seeholzer	Betsy Walcott
Madeleine Williams	Mary Ann Pileski	
Laura Jean Pohorance	Gloria Shollenberger	
	Ginny Wilson	

Thanks so much for a very successful season!

submitted by Betsy Walcott

50/50 Raffle

What a great idea this was!! Thanks to Paul Brown and Walt Johnson it was a big success. The Museum Building Fund earned just over \$2000.00. We had broad smiles from the lucky recipients as well.

The big winners were:

May	K. Yoakum	357.50
June	John Ohlemacher	447.50
July	Scott Smith	445.00
Aug.	Joyce Hammond	347.50
Sept.	Chris Yako	375.00

Congratulations to all the winners and we hope it will be bigger and better in 2001.

Lois Brown

Congratulations!!

Several island residents and members of KIHA have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries this year.

Roger and Madeleine Williams
 Gerry and Lyle Bickley
 Frankie and Laura Jean Pohorance
 Bonnie and Ted Blatt

Lois Brown

Butterfly Festival



The 2000 Butterfly Festival was held Saturday, September 9th. What a great day thanks to all the committees, groups, individuals and also thanks to the cooperation of the weather. It is not possible to thank each person, but without everyone of you, it would not have been possible. **Thank you!!**

The tagging of butterflies is certainly a highlighted demonstration each year - thanks to Pat and Lori Hayes. The butterflies were not abundant this year, but we are working with the Audubon Society to create a better habitat for them in the future, (more in our spring newsletter) to make it even more interesting and attractive to the Monarchs.

General Robert E. Lee, portrayed by Bill Martin, was a special speaker this year. His life story was most interesting culminating with his surrender at Appatomox.

Another big attraction was the lighthouse quilt made and donated by Teri Betzenheimer. It was won by Karen Anderson. The second drawing, a marine telescope donated by Steve and Lauri James was won by Anne Shaw. Congratulations to these lucky recipients!

Again, our sincere thanks to everyone for making it a wonderful day.

*Marge Clapper
Lois Brown*

Potlucks Planned for General/Annual Meetings

In an effort to generate additional interest in the general and annual meetings of the KIHA, the Board has determined to hold its annual and general meetings on Thursday evenings next summer following a potluck dinner. Come and join us. Featured speakers to be announced on interesting topics such as your family and why they settled on the island. **Come and find out about the skeletons in your closet!!**

Mark your calendars and bring your appetites. If you are not yet a member and wish to join (if only for an excuse to eat someone else's cooking), contact any Board member or stop by the church.

Thurs., June 7th	General Mtg.	6:00 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 2nd	General/Annual Mtg.	6:00 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 4th	General Mtg.	6:00 p.m.

Rita Eaton

Down to the Sea in Shifts

by Anne Cleary Sennish

When company filled all the beds in the house, as happened most weekends, it was thought by our parents that a good place for Caroline and me was the living room. Cots in the living room; little did they know.

They may never have known about the brainstorm that came to us one torrid Saturday night, after sweltering on our narrow pallets. We needed a cool, refreshing swim.

Of course, our clothes were in the guest rooms. Still in our nightgowns, we eased off our cots. The floor was old, and creaked, and our parents slept downstairs, with their door open, but we made it into the hall. SLOW-W-LY we opened the screen door, and inched out into the night.

We stood on the front porch, assuring ourselves that if a car came along we could melt into the landscape - behind a tree or in a ditch. What mattered was that no one see WHO WE WERE.

Streetlights strobed us, padding to the shore. But no traffic passed, even as we limped over the sharp, gritty gravel leading down to Kesters Dock.

Out on the end, it was off with the nightgowns and into the water. For a few blissful minutes we splashed around, our laughter echoing over the dark, velvety surface of Lake Erie.

But a little of that went a long way. Soon we were climbing out, shaking water out of our ears and turning our thoughts to alien life forms that might be sharing our space. Crawfish, with pincers the size of boxing mitts, were known to loll in the cribbing at the sides of the dock. Snakes cruised the lake, their heads periscoping out of the water in search of prey. Rats - oh, no, not rats! We had to get out of there, and fast. We had to dry off, get back into our nightgowns and head for home.

Of course, we had no towels. If we had, we might never have learned that it takes sunlight - or at least daylight - to remove water from the surface of the skin. We tried to air-dry, flapping our arms and running in circles on the end of the dock. Our laughter faded, though, as time began to drag and we remained dripping wet. Plainly, we would have to: 1) sleep all night in soaking wet nightgowns, 2) spend the night on the dock or 3) make the return trip in the nude.

A car coming up our street that night might have seen two teen-agers, tan to the bathing-suit line, pinned in the headlights before scrambling into Stella Lange's (Crotzers') bridalwreath. A watcher in the field across the street might have seen them, minutes later, dashing into the house with the long windows, where the rumpled cots awaited, where on a Kelleys Island Saturday night the guests, and the host and hostess, too, slept on, unaware.

Rights reserved.

KIHA PIG ROAST BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Pork lovers unite. The KIHA has determined that it just wasn't summer without the almost annual pig roast. Therefore, it shall be re-enacted on June 23, 2001. Mark your calendars. New location - the Pavilion.

Museum Gift Shoppe

Wow, where did the summer go? It seems like just last week I was setting up the shoppe for the season and now I'm getting ready to pack things away for the winter. Lois has been in to take down the historical displays so I know winter is right around the corner.

We had a great year. According to our guest book we had over 6,000 visitors. The added hours were definitely a plus.

We did a few different things this year. Instead of having only one open house with 10% off of your purchases, we had three in June, July, and August. They were a great success and everyone seemed to enjoy them. Also, we added a Christmas corner - what fun that was! I ran a last chance sale on Sat., Oct. 21st. We served cookies (made by Toni Mullins and they were so delicious) and cider. We had eight dozen cookies and not one was left. It was a beautiful day and we had lots of visitors - lots! - and lots of purchases were made. Everyone got a great deal at 25% off and we didn't have to inventory it and pack it away.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a success. A special thank you to Betsy for co-ordinating the volunteers and to all the customers who bought to help support KIHA. A special thank you to Claudia Brown for the kind and encouraging words and to my husband who just smiled everytime I asked him to do one more little job for the museum, and never complained when I was still there late at night.

I hope you all have a great winter & we will see you in the spring.

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KIHA Calendar of Events for 2001

May 5	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting
✓ Jun. 7	6:00 p.m.	General/Board Meeting & Potluck
✓ Jun. 23	6:00 p.m.	Pig Roast
✓ Aug. 2	6:00 p.m.	General/Annual/Board Meeting & Potluck
✓ Aug. 4	11:00 a.m.	Art Show
✓ Sep. 8	11:00 a.m.	Butterfly Day
✓ Oct. 4	6:00 p.m.	General/Board Meeting & Potluck

KIHA Abbreviated Balance Sheet

Building Fund	\$124,269.29
Checking	35,960.18
Total Assets	\$160,229.47

From our President:

I would like to thank everyone who helped the Kelleys Island Historical Association in any way. It is very much appreciated.

As we get into the preparations for building the museum, there are some stumbling blocks, such as the proper septic system, etc. This year we are scheduling a few work planning sessions to keep things progressing along the right track, instead of letting things go until spring, and then starting up again.

Thank you for a very good year and I hope next year will be even better.

Rick Holmes



Steeple Donations

In memory of James V. Jones
by: Richard/Betty Rettig

In memory of Rosetta Novorska
by: Lucille Mathews

In memory of Wm J. & Hazel M. Lange
by: Leland & Ruth Lange
Bandeau

In memory of Tim Ullrich
by: Byron & Shirley Crabill

In honor of Lydia Bechtel's 85th birthday
by: Russ & Bea Matso
Florence McKillips

In memory of M/M Alex Betzenheimer
by: Florence McKillips

In memory of Alvin, Laurence &
Frances Betzenheimer
by: Florence McKillips

In memory of Paul Yoakum
by: Molly Yoakum Queen

In memory of Elsie Leidheiser
by: Paul C. Leidheiser

In memory of Roger/Madeleine Williams
50th Wedding Anniversary
by: Kay Herndon
Bob & Elizabeth Overcashier

In memory of Lee Shadle
by: Betty Pape

In honor of Gerry & Lyle Bickley's
50th Wedding Anniversary
by: Florence Mc Killips



Building Fund Donations

In memory of William Pape
by: Lydia Bechtel

In memory of Rosetta Novorska
by: Lydia Bechtel

In honor of Lydia Bechtel's 85th birthday
by: Chris Ohlemacher Family
Craig Ohlemacher

In memory of Don St. Julian
by: Robert & Jane Wick

In memory of Don St. Julian
by: Bob & Carla Leggett

In memory of Ned Hills
by: Anne Sennish
Gary & Jackie Finger

In memory of Lois Ann Feyedelem
by: Lydia Bechtel

In memory of F. William Pape
by: Roger & Madeleine Williams

In memory of Gertrude "Jrudy" Davey
by: John & Barb Ohlemacher
Lydia Bechtel

Donation to Building Fund
by: John & Barb Ohlemacher
Frank & Chris Yako

In memory of Joan LaMarca
by: Bill & Ila Dick

In memory of Bernadette Erne
by: Lydia Bechtel

In memory of Arthur Wolf Sr.
by: Lydia Bechtel

In memory of Earl J. McGookey
by: John & Nadine Mack

In memory of Ken Haig
by: Bill & Doris Smotzer

In honor of Roger & Madeleine Williams'
50th Wedding Anniversary
by: Peter Williams
Harold & Dorothy Mager
William & Mary Dunne
Fritz & Eva Rall
Mary Hardwick & Lois Giles
Scott & Sheila Brockmeier
Charles & Mary Witte
Carl & Alice Bledsoe
Jason Williams/Korovac
Mary Hills
Frances & Russell Tolpfer
Marjorie & Robert Orr
Sally Williams
& Stephen Weary

Donation to Building Fund in honor of 50th
Wedding Anniversary
by: Roger & Madeleine Williams

In memory of Sonny Elfers
by: Jackie & Gary Finger
Ila & Ramie Dick

In memory of Lin Henderson
by: Gary & Jackie Finger
Lydia Bechtel

In memory of Kenneth Gibbons
by: Frank & Chris Yako

In memory of Ron Bechtel
by: Lydia Bechtel

In honor of Bonnie / Ted Blatt's 50th Wedding
Anniversary
by: Lydia R. Bechtel

Acquisitions & Display

The large painting, "Peace", painted by Arnold Scheele that now adorns the altar of the Old Stone Church was donated by the late Richard DeBoard. Before we acquired the painting it's home was in an old barn and was rescued by Rich and was dirty and in deplorable condition. He gave it to Lydia Bechtel for the Kelleys Island Historical Association. After

receiving it, we (Lois Brown and I) asked for help as to how to clean and preserve it, and we were told to just have it cleaned and secure the frame since our finances were limited. Lydia was so interested in the painting that she offered to have it completely restored. She took it to McKay Lodge Fine Arts Conservation Laboratory, Inc., in Oberlin, Ohio. After examining the painting they did the following:

Local readhesion of paint, reduction of varnish, removed canvas from old stretcher, cleaned reverse of canvas, flattened distortions, repaired tear, line painting, remounted onto old stretcher, application of isolation varnish, inpainting, final varnish, coroplast backing board and reinstallation in frame and surface cleaning of frame.

This was done in memory of Richard DeBoard. **You must stop at the Church and see it. It is magnificent!**

Lydia also donated a cherry piano stool for the organ. Wonderful! Many thanks to Lydia.

Thank you Betty Pape for your wonderful donation of the grape sprayer from the Otto Dodge Farm. Acquisitions & Display are looking forward to displaying this interesting farm tool of the past.

Rick Holmes has spent much time matting and framing old pictures of Kelleys Island. He does a beautiful job, and preserving pictures is so important. Stop by the Museum and see them hanging on the walls.

Thanks, Rick!
by Ila Dick

KIHA Officers 2000-2001

Rick Holmes	President
Mike Feyedelem	Vice Pres.
Marge Clapper	Secretary
Vi Feyedelem	Treasurer
Phyllis Pahler	Corresp. Sec

Board

Lois Brown	Ila Beatty Dick
Russ Matso	Rita Eaton
O. Hugh Lange	Claudia Brown



With the holidays coming - KIHA hopes you and yours have a safe and happy time this season.

Thanks again, for your donations and time.

Rick Holmes



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
 12 Peg Holmes
 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

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
 21 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

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

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
 30 Ronnie Myers

April

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

June

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

February

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

If you would like your name and birthdate included, please mail the information to
 KIHA, Box 328, Kelleys Island, OH 43438.