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## Memorial Day 2005—A fitting tribute

Memorial Day has come and gone for this year, but it is always a memorable event on Kelleys Island. This year we once again had a special treat as retired Lieutenant Colonel H.W. "Bill" Koenigseker gave a talk at the service in the cemetery. Accompanying him were members of the Kelleys Island V.F.W. Post 9908. The men participating this year are veterans from WW II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. We especially remember several of Kelleys Island's sons who are pres-



ently serving in the U.S. Military.

The Cemetery was decked out with a flag at the grave of each veteran, courtesy of V.F.W. Post 9908.

The services were well attended, as always, by whole families. Marie (Feyedelem) St. Julian distributes the flags to the gravesites. The VFW bought 150 additional flags to hand out to attendees at the service. It is estimated that over 300 people attended this year. The Island Singers appeared and sang several songs, (cont. pg. 2)

## President's message

At our potluck on June 2, 2005, I presented an update, so far, on the progress of our new building. The holding tank for the sanitary system was installed last fall, due to the time constraints on our permit. Our Board met in January to open bids on the building. The bids were reviewed and discussed. After a lengthy period, the Board decided on a contractor. Then the journey to reality began.

During the winter months I worked between the architects to get the final plan drawn and submitted to the State of Ohio. Unlike

building a house, our museum is considered a public building. Therefore we not only had to obtain a Zoning Permit from the Village of Kelleys Island, but also a building permit from the State of Ohio. The State has many stringent regulations that must be followed, and rightfully so. After a long and time consuming period, our plans were finally stamped by the State.

Since that time, construction has finally started. As I write this, the footers have been poured, the block for the foundation has been laid, and the back filling and

rough grading has begun.

Next will be the roughing in of the plumbing and heat system, before the floor is poured.

Once the floor is finished, the building will begin. That's when everything will move quickly. Since a lot will be happening in a small area, we would appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation. We want to ensure that everyone's safety, workers and visitors, is number one.

Please feel free to stop by and check the progress, but please be careful. Remember that it is a construction area.

The dream is taking life,  
**Historically Speaking,**  
**Michael Feyedelem**  
**President**

### Memorial Day 2005 (from pg. 1)

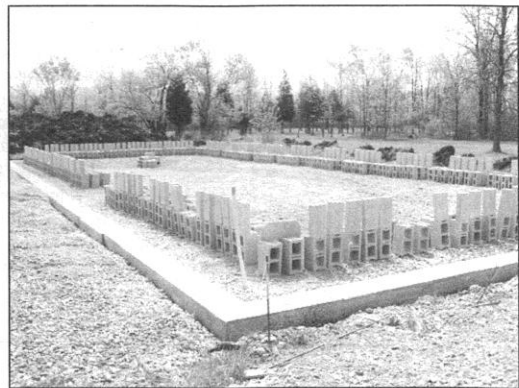
including the National Anthem. **John Carrig** played Amazing Grace on bagpipes. It is especially touching to see a child clutching an American flag, listening to LTC Koenigseker USA. Ret. as he spoke about forms of remembrance, one of which is monuments in cemeteries. He reminded everyone that as we were standing in the Kelleys Island Cemetery that day, at the same time others were standing in Arlington Cemetery, and other cemeteries throughout the U.S. Some of the attendees are members of Kelleys Island families that have contributed servicemen to their country,



some with the ultimate sacrifice. Bill Koenigseker's roots are deep on the Is-

land and his home is on Division Street, the former residence of **Col. Lincoln**. Bill's aunt was a Lincoln and his mother was **Vyrl Blatt**; his great-great grandparents **Kurtz** are also buried in Kelleys Island Cemetery. Bill served his country for 25 years in the Corps of Engineers, in Vietnam, Germany, Korea, Panama, and as Army Advisory to the Michigan and Ohio National Guards. After retirement from the Army, Bill Koenigseker continued to serve his community on Kelleys Island as a member of council in the 1990's, as a volunteer fireman, and as an auxiliary police officer. Hometown U.S.A. is alive and well on Kelleys Island yet.

## The new Kelleys Island Historical Association Museum progresses



## 2005 Calendar

- **July 14**, Thurs.-6 pm, Pot-luck at St. Michael's Hall
- **Aug. 6**, Sat.-11 am to 4 pm, Art Show at KIHA
- **Aug. 13**, Sat.-2 pm, General meeting at KIHA
- **Sept. 10**, Sat-10 am to 4 pm- Butterfly Festival (same as Treasure Island Day)
- **Sept. 22**, Thurs.-6 pm, Pot-luck at St. Michael's Hall

KIHA Board Meetings are scheduled for July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15; all at 5:15 pm, in the office behind the Old Stone Church. If you have anything that you would like the Board to know or discuss, please contact President Mike Feyedelem, or another Board member before a Board meeting, or write to the Kelleys Island Historical Association; P. O. Box 328, Kelleys Island, OH 43438.

The current KIHA Board Members are: Annalee, Claudia Brown, Ila Dick, Jacquie Kranyak, Michael Feyedelem, Russell Matso, and Sharon Brunell McIntire.

### Officers-

President Michael Feyedelem  
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### Other active areas-

Gift Shop - Annalee  
Newsletter - Jacquie Kranyak & Claudia Brown  
Membership - Claudia Brown  
Accessions - Ila Dick  
Butterfly Festival - Russell Matso

If you have any comments or suggestions, please address them to a Board Member or to the President.

## USPS One Day Pictorial Cancellation

For the first time, the Kelleys Island Branch of the United States Post Office will be part of the KIHA Butterfly Festival this



year and will be offering a one day pictorial cancellation on September 10, 2005, to commemorate the construction of the new museum building.

A postal sub-station will be set up at the festival so that attendees can mail postcards or letters from the festival, with the one day pictorial cancellation. The cancellation is a special design, created by **Kelleys Island Postmaster Jean Boyd**. It honors the Butterfly Festival by showing a teddy bear with a butterfly net trying to catch an elusive butterfly.

There will also be a selection of stuffed bears donning butterfly wings to go with the pictorial cancellation.

### If you can't be present

If you can't get to the Butterfly Festival in person to get the one day pictorial cancellation, the Kelleys Island Historical Association will offer the service, for a fee of \$5, of mailing you either a KIHA postcard, a KIHA envelope, or a US Postal Service post card or envelope (your choice) from the Postal Sub-Station at the Festival which will have a stamp and the unique one-day pictorial cancellation.

The KIHA postcards are of the Old Stone Church KIHA Museum, formerly the German Reformed Church of Kelleys Island. All workers are volunteer and the proceeds from the service fee will go the Historical Association.

### Gift Shop

The Gift Shop in the museum is open daily from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to work in the gift shop, no prior experience is necessary. If you are interested in lending a hand, please call the Gift Shop- 419-746-2399, Annalee- 419-746-2519, or Betsy Walcott- 419-746-2328.

### Memorials & Donations

- **Jackie & Gary Finger** gave contributions for a memorial to **Josephine Pognowski**, a memorial for **Ella Kathleen Homes**, and a memorial for **Ralph "Butch" Williams**
- **Lydia Bechtel** gave a contribution for a memorial to **Ronald W. Bechtel**
- **Lyle & Geri Bickley** gave contributions for a memorial to **Connie Feyedelem**, and a memorial to **Allen McKillips**
- **Judy Brown** gave a donation
- **Bill and Terri Stevenson** gave a donation in honor of **Lydia Bechtel's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday- Congratulations Lydia! We hope you have many more!**

### Treasurer's report (May 2005)

Checking account: \$ 30,883.44  
Savings account: \$117,871.18

Total: \$148,754.62

Memberships YTD: \$1,645.00  
Memorial donations YTD: \$1,045.00

### Construction Expenses:

October 2004: \$1,929.36 for purchase and installation of a holding tank  
March 2005: \$2,500 for the water tap  
March to present- building construction expenses: \$78,261.12  
State Permit \$2,905.15  
Building plans for State: \$2,500

## Tour of Homes

The Historical Association is excited to announce its Tour of Homes. There has been a hiatus of several years for this event. **Carol Frindt and Annalee** are co-chairing the committee for the Tour, which will occur on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005 from noon to 5:00 pm., rain or shine. There are ten stops on the tour: The Kelleys Island Historical Association's Old Stone Church, Captain Orton and Clara Dwelle Moore's house, the Frederick Kelley house, Dr. Hummel's house, the Ditchey house, the Bauman house, Lombardi Inn, St. Michael's Church, Zion Methodist Church and the parsonage for Zion. All the houses on the tour are clustered around the mid-south side of the Island. The tickets are \$15 each (non-refundable), and are available at KIHA's Old Stone Church (419-746-2399), the Island Market, Moe's Country Store, the Chamber of Commerce, or by calling **Ed Frindt** at 419-746-2754. There will be a limited number of tickets available, so make your arrangements early. Each participant will also receive a brochure of the Tour of Homes, complete with the history and a photograph of each house. Here's a sample of what you'll see on the Tour.

**The German Reformed Church** at 224 Division Street was started in 1865 by German speaking Protestants. In 1867 they dedicated the church building which they had built with their own hands out of native limestone, quarried on their property. Regular services were held in the church until the 1900's. In 1980, the Kelleys Island Historical Association was formed and a year later an agreement was made with the United Church of Christ, then the owner of the property, to use the building for a museum. Since 1986, the Historical Association has had ownership of the church. After restoration by volunteers, it currently houses displays and the museum's



gift shop. The new museum building, now under construction, is adjacent to this historic structure.

**Captain Orton and Clara Dwelle Moore's House** situated at 213 W. Lakeshore Drive, has a view of the mainland from its lakeside location. The architecture is a mixture of Queen Anne and Colonial Revival. **Lydia (Dwelle) Ohlemacher**



**Bechtel** and her son and daughter-in-law are the hosts. Captain Orton E. Moore was Lydia's great uncle. Captain Moore was mate on the Steamer Arrow, a large passenger ship that ran between Detroit and Cleveland to bring vacationers to Cedar Point, Lakeside, and the Lake Erie Islands. He also captained for the Kelleys Island Lime and Transport Company, a major producer of limestone. Antiques abound, especially in the dining room, which includes a large triangular "what-not" in the corner, over 125 years old, inherited from Lydia's Island cousin, **Jean Dwelle**. Lydia is an artist and her paintings are hung throughout the house. Be sure to ask about the ghost.

**The Frederick Kelley House** at 126 Addison Street (named after Addison Kelley) is owned by **Anne Cleary Sennish**. Addison Kelley built this house for his oldest son Frederick. It was started during the Civil War and finished after the war ended. Frederick Kelley was a member of Company E, the Kelleys Island Home Guard, and he died in 1864, at age 25, never having lived in his house on Addison Street. About three weeks after Frederick's death, his widow, **Angeline**, gave birth to their only child Fredrena. **Fredrena Kelley** grew up and married **Titus C. Hamilton** in 1888. Anne Sennish's grandparents, Fredrena and Titus Hamilton, moved into the house some time before 1899. After Fredrena Hamilton's death in 1946, the house became the



property of the next generation, **Jeannette and George Cleary**, and eventually went to Anne (Cleary) Sennish. The Cleary house has been active summers since 1946. Anne Sennish is an artist and some of her paintings may be on display.

Built around 1925, the home of **Dr. Hummel**, at 229 E. Lakeshore Drive, was built as a summer home. Dr. Hummel was a professor in the Chemistry Dept. of Western Reserve University. The house was in the Hummel family until 1963, when it was purchased by **William Gray** and family, and subsequently sold in 1968 to **Caroline and Richard DeBoard**. Caroline



DeBoard doubled the size of the house in 1994, and it has been operated since that time as a Bed & Breakfast, Lakeshore Landing. This house is on the lake, with a lakeside porch made from native Island roundhead stones.

**John Ditchey's House** at 521 East Lakeshore Drive, was built about 1893. Mr. Ditchey had a degree from the University of Michigan in fisheries. He engaged in gill net and pound fishing as part of the Sandusky Fish Company, which he and his brother Peter had founded. Dr. Hummel had lived in this house while he was building his own summer home at 229 E. Lakeshore Drive. In 1951, the house was sold to **Al and Marion Lindblad**. They renovated the downstairs, adding a fireplace built by the local stonemason **Godfrey Schock**. Their daughter, Annalee, now operates the home as - Annalee's Lakeshore Guest Cottage - during the summer months. Annalee is an artist and her watercolors can be seen gracing the walls of her home.



### Tour of Homes (cont.)

**The Bauman House** at 623 East Lakeshore Drive, is located on the lake,



with a view of Cedar Point. It is built of beach stone and is covered in stucco. It was built in 1860 for one of

the Kelley's and was then used by people who were engaged in a variety of Kelley family businesses. It has been in the Bauman family for over 100 years. **Esther Bauman married Claude O. Smith**, and their daughter, **Judy DuShane** uses it as her private home.

**Lombardi Inn** is located on Cedar Road, in the Sweetbriar Subdivision. It is the home of **Carole Lombardi-Geschke**.

Carole and her husband **Kenneth Geschke** began building their Island dream home in 1999, finishing it in 2003.



The upstairs of the home contains a gallery, which connects to Carole's art studio. Carole also operates the home as an Inn for guests. One of the attractive aspects is the quiet location in a residential area. The front yard is filled with birdsong and gardens so abundant in flowers and green space that they hide most of the house structure.

**St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church**, on Chappel Street at Addison Road, was organized in 1861 as a congregation. At first they met in private homes and had visiting priests. Two years later, in 1863, forty-four families constructed the stone church which is known today as St. Michael's.



By 1915 the membership had doubled. In recent years the interior has been remodeled, and stained glass windows have been added. For a number of years Kel-

leys Island had its own priest in residence, but since the priest's house was sold it has been served by the priest from Put-In-Bay.

From 1876 to 1936, the St. Michel's congregation operated a parochial school in a separate building across the street from the church. That building is no longer standing. St. Michael's R.C. Church continues to have services throughout the year, with the **Reverend Jeffrey Nordhaus** flying to Kelleys Island every Sunday in the winter, and every Saturday and Sunday in the summer from Put-In-Bay, South Bass Island. The church will be open for the tour until 3:00 pm, when it will close to get ready for Saturday service. If you miss seeing it at tour time, all are welcome for the service at 4:00 pm.

**Zion Methodist Church and Parsonage**, 101 Chappel Street (Chappel Street at Division Street), was constructed in 1893, and was the second German Evangelical Church. The present building was used by protestants belonging to the Evangelical United Brethren, and remained so until recent



times when the EUB joined with the United Methodist Church. Now this is the only protestant church on the island and its low winter numbers swell to overflowing during the summer months. The building has been enlarged and modernized over the years.

The Sunday School room was built in 1934 using the wood of the Congregational Church, which had been located across Division Street from the current church building. The Methodist Church is currently served by a part-time lay pastor.

Next to the Zion Methodist Church is its parsonage. It was built in 1879 by the congregation of the original German Reformed Church to be used as a parsonage.

## Recent Acquisitions

The **Robert and Mary Quillin** family was looking through old photos of trips when they came across something they thought that the museum should have. So now we have a time table for trips on "the Elegant Steel Steamer Arrow" of the Ashley & Dustin Steamer Line Put-In-Bay Route.

It was daily – between Detroit, Sandusky, Toledo, Cleveland, Cedar Point, Lakeside via Put-In-Bay. It also had double daily service between Sandusky, Lakeside, Kelley's Island, and Put-In-Bay. There is a list of hotels and rooms on Put-In-Bay and Kelley's Island. Kelleys Island lists Ward Cottage (**Mrs. Ed Ward**), Bay View Cottage (**Mr. Moysey**), and private dwellings that take boarders: **Margaret Haley**, **George H. Schardt**, and **Henry Eifers, Sr.**

The timetable is probably from the 1920's. Please keep KIHA in mind as you go through old photos or papers. What may seem to be an old brochure or unimportant paper can be a real treasure for us. Thank you to the Robert Quillin family.

## Raffles

There will be tickets for two raffles this year: **Terri Betzenheimer** is once again hand making one of her very beautiful, artful quilts for the KI Historical Association. This year the quilt is called "Frank's Flower Garden" and is to honor **Frank Pohorence**. The winner will be **drawn in September** at the Butterfly Festival.

Talented local artist **Joe Corso** has donated an oil painting of his of the Lighthouse at Camp Patmos. The winning ticket will be **selected at the Art Show on August 8<sup>th</sup>**.

The Raffle Tickets will be mailed to members under separate cover. Both raffles will be priced at \$1 per ticket and \$5 for six tickets.



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**Membership Application**

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**Summer address:** (from / / to / / ) P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Winter address: P. O. Box** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

- Individual Membership (annual) \$10.00
- also check here for 2 or more Individual memberships but just one newsletter sent to one address
- Family Membership (annual) \$25.00
- Patron Membership (annual) \$100.00
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- Paid:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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