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New grant to make new pathway to church

Anne Eddowes

The KIHA Board was invited to submit a grant proposal for a brick walkway from the parking lot to the steps in front of the old church. We submitted the proposal in late August and received a matching grant of \$2000 from The Frost-Parker Foundation in Sandusky.

The walkway will be made of the same materials as the Memory Walk in front of the new museum building. Bricks will be sold in the new walkway as they are in the other one.

This walkway will be a nice addition to the museum property. It was installed in October, reports Chuck Herndon, so act now to get your name in its bricks!

Photo by Chuck Herndon.



2011 Annual Meeting notes

The Annual Meeting for the Kelleys Island Historical Association was held this year on Saturday, August 13. The KIHA Board thought it appropriate to honor the Charter Members, past Board Members, and the many volunteers who have made both the Kelleys Island Historical Association and the new museum building a reality.

There were six Charter Members in attendance and a number of past Board Members and volunteers. The meeting was held in the Old Stone Church. After a short business meeting, **Greg Ritchie** was elected to the KIHA Board, and **Anne Eddowes** was re-elected to a second term.

After the meeting was adjourned, refreshments were served on the porch of the new museum building. Members were invited to visit the museum before attending a program

in the church. The program was open to the public and featured **Kamille Allen**, who gave a presentation titled, "Teaching Experiences at North Bass Island."

Mrs. Allen had taught in a one room school at North Bass for five years in the 1980s. She lived in **Lakeside** and flew daily to the island during the school year. The students would listen for the plane and would leave for school when they heard it coming. With slides, she described some of the many interesting activities that she was able to do with her multi-age students. She was also able to take the small group of students on many field trips to museums and events on the mainland.

The weather the day of the meeting was great. It was a memorable experience that the KIHA Board plans to repeat in future years.

William S. Webb family donates Civil War correspondence— An ongoing series of the KIHA Newsletter

Through the generosity of family members of William S. Webb, we were given transcripts of letters that Mr. Webb wrote to his family during his 100 days service in The Civil War. Since the Kelleys Island men left as a company from the island, they, initially at least, stayed together and thus Mr. Webb's letters sometimes include mention of other islanders who were also fighting. It is not often that a person has the opportunity to relive history this up close and personally.

William S. Webb was married to Elizabeth Kelley and had three children—Sarah, Isabelle and Charles. In 1860, William S. Webb is listed on the Census as a stone mason earning \$8,000 a year.

William S. Webb went to war in 1864 and he wrote letters home to his family on Kelleys Island. Captain Webb's daughter Sarah copied his letters into a notebook. William D. Webb is the great-grandson of this Kelleys Island Civil War soldier and his grand-daughter, Katia Duey, transcribed the letters from the notebook. We sincerely thank the William D. Webb family for their interest in their own family history and that of Kelleys Island—and for the opportunity they have given KIHA to share this wonderful story.

William S. Webb was first stationed at Johnson's Island in Sandusky Bay, along with other Kelleys Island soldiers, but has been serving in Point of Rocks, Va. For several weeks.

**No. 26 In Camp Pt. of Rocks, Va.
Thursday morning, July 14th, 1864 (continued from last newsletter)**

...The Post Master has just returned but with no mail, the mail boat not being in. He, however, brings the report that the Rebels have taken Baltimore and were at last advices within three miles of Washington tearing up the track. Our Colonel says that if this is true they will be badly used up. **[Nathaniel T.] Banks** 19th Army Corps 18,000 strong left **Fortress Monroe** on Sunday and must have been in Washington on Monday, also 6,000 of the 6th Army Corps. **[Richard S.] Ewell** must have around him 75,000 men of our army and if Grant is correct in what he told **[J. M.] Ashley**, Ewell must be totally used up.

There is no mail and no Express today, so my 150 dollars is somewhere else besides here. How true these reports are, you by this time are far better posted than we are. As for us we must bide the course of events.

It looks now as if the **O.N.G.'s [Ohio National Guard]** that found the "soft places" around Washington will have an opportunity of being in the "Front" yet as well as ourselves and not so well situated either. Grant's programme for Ewell as laid down to Ashley seems to be by these reports being carried out so far. If so and if carried out entirely will result most gloriously to our cause, but it's useless for me to speculate on such crude reports as we have yet. **Gen. [Benjamin Franklin] Butler** at Headquarters must know something and we will perhaps before long.

I am sorry that more of your letters had not got through and am particularly disappointed this morning as I had fully anticipated one or more letters. Well this is the first time since our being here that the mail boat has failed and I suppose we should not complain... I know you fully understand how much I appreciate your letters from "Home" and how very necessary they are to me, to my happiness and comfort.

I learn by **George Wait** that his Grandmothers wrote him that the **North Side School** was broken up the 18th of June in consequence of the Scarlet fever being on the island but as your letters as late as July 6th make no mention of it and as you speak of the picnic on the 4th and also as no other letters rec'd here from the island say anything about it, I am inclined to think there must be some mistake about it. I most fervently hope that it is a mistake though I know full well that our children would be well taken care of. I presume the Island House must be pretty well filled up though I should think of the gaiety of that institution would ill comport with feelings of the people of the island at this present time.

Our Boys who were on guard at the Depot Hospital have just come in. They report that last evening **Miss [Clara] Barton** again sent out to them for supper rations a plentiful supply of such articles as she has in her stores. Truly she is making good her assertion that she "feels a deep interest in that little band from Kelley's Island." My sad introduction to her on the occasion of the sickness of **Charley Mitchell** has resulted in no little good to that "little band."

She informed **Mr. [Martin K.] Holbrook** (who was "Corporal of the Guard") that she should go to Washington with a boat load of the sick to see that they had proper care on the journey. I shall regret her departure and the sick in the Hospital will miss her much. It may perhaps be thought that my letters refer to Miss Barton very often, more so than might be in good taste but place one in my position with my best men lying on the bed in sickness, far from home and friends and kindred, fated to die there in a strange land with no hand of Wife, Mother or Sister to soothe with loving touch the burning brow or aching head, and let one step in with no feeling of relationship, no motive save that natural feeling of woman's heart, the wish to minister to the suffering and take the place of another as did Miss Barton in the cases of **Charley Mitchell** and **Jackson Eldred**, and that man must have a heart of stone indeed who could refuse of neglect to acknowledge those services thus rendered in his hour of sadness and trial.

Oh my dear Wife, **Mrs. Mitchell** and **Mrs. Eldred** can never know the depth of obligation which they are under to this Lady. For my part I have tried to make my acknowledgements to her, but with modesty equal only to her self sacrificing devotion she disclaims being entitled to any thanks or praise for doing what she calls her "duty."

However, that may be no one of that "little band of Kelley's Island" (I can at least speak for one of them) can ever forget her, nor will it be their fault if the name of Clara Barton be not engraved on the heart of every resident of our dear Island home who has a friend or relative in the ranks of that "band." Today as usual is warm in the sun but the almost invariable breeze which blows through the day makes it very comfortable in the shade, and our boys are now all in camp for the first time in several weeks. I have done no duty for several days, as I did not think it judicious to expose myself to the heat of the sun and the night air while feeling weak and debilitated. I can now eat any kind of vegetable having today partaken of boiled turnip, onions and squashes. The two latter you know I never touch at home.

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Butterfly festival success, despite the rain

Sharon Brunell McIntire

Rain,rain,rain... On Friday, September 9th, the island was hit with more than three inches of rain with more rain predicted for Saturday. The front yard of the church was a swamp and our parking lot was flooded. After numerous phone calls that **Treasure Island Day** was still on as scheduled, the decision was made to move all KIHA activities to the VFW Pavilion for shelter from the ongoing rainy weather. A huge thank you goes to **Mike Feyedelem** and the Kelleys Island **VFW Post 9908** for use of their pavilion and facilities on September 9th & 10th.

While **Jim McIntire** and **George Homegardner** cleaned up the leaves and tables at the VFW Pavilion, **Elsie Homegardner**, **Joan Sprandel**, and myself packed up all donated yard sale items to take to the pavilion on Friday afternoon for set-up. A thank you goes to **Rick and Cindy Holmes**, **Bob and Nancy Howley, Jr.**, **Fran Minshall**, and **Roger and Lynn Renwick** for all

their yard sale donations this year.

Set-up, workers, and clean up for the yard sale on Friday and Saturday was accomplished by volunteers **Joan Sprandel**, **Chris Carrig**, **Elsie and George Homegardner**, **Knut Lahrs**, **Sonia Taylor**, **Laura and William VonBenken**, **Jim McIntire**, **Bob McIntire**, **Chuck and Cindy Herndon**, and **Carol and Ed Frindt**. Yard sale items brought in just over \$500.

Hot food was taken care of by **Bob and Jan Ransom**. Thank yous go to the **Island Market** and **Village Pump** for donated items. **Erie County Health Department** passed our food operation for the day with flying colors thanks to the **Ransoms**. Workers who helped them out on Saturday included **Shirley Crabill**, **Ed and Carol Frindt**, and **Chris and Frank Yako**. All food was sold out by 2:00 pm for a total of \$317.

Bake Sale phone calls were taken care of by **Laura Jean Pohorence**. **Mary and Richard Wilke** took care

of pricing and selling items through noon for a total of \$132.00. Thanks to all the bakers who donated their time, delicious products, and skills.

Butterfly tagging and adoptions went off on schedule by **Pat and Lori Hayes**. More butterflies were adopted this year than ever before.

Finally, the last day of the Quilt raffle tickets had the best sales day ever led by **Fran Minshall** and **Teri Betzenheimer**, which brought the quilt money raised to a total of \$2,127. The winning ticket was pulled by five year old **Emma Pohorence** a little after 3:00pm. This years quilt winner was **Amy Mellon** from Cleveland whose sister lives in Marblehead, Ohio.

A huge thank you goes to all the volunteers who donated their time to make this years Butterfly Festival successful despite the weather.

Buy a brick on the KI Memory Walk for your loved ones for the holidays. An important gift that will never get lost, worn out, or forgotten.

Kelleys Island Historical Association

Memory Walk

Buy a brick engraved with your name, boat, or loved one. Own a piece of Kelleys Island, leave your mark and become a permanent part of Kelleys Island History

Small brick 8"x 4" is \$100.00
Please engrave with—(13 spaces per line, 2 lines)

Medium brick 8" x 8" is \$135.00
Please engrave with—(13 spaces per line, 4 lines)

Please complete this form for the size brick of your choice and send it with your check for the appropriate amount (\$100 for small brick and \$135 for medium brick) payable to KIHA, PO Box 328, Kelleys Island, OH 43438

Wm. S. Webb letters, cont. from Page 2

The day of [Jackson] Eldred's death was intensely hot, though by obtaining the Surgeon's horse I was enabled to get up there, but of course was around in the sun from the time I got there until his burial. Upon my return to camp I was quite worn out, but not being placed on duty have got quite up again, though I shall stay off duty until I think I am capable of going on duty without injury to myself.

All is quiet at Petersburg today. Night before last there was heavy musketry firing for half the night or more, very plainly heard at camp; when the wind is in the right direction it brings the

smoke of the cannonading up to our camp, and the smell of powder here is very often full as strong as is pleasant.

We can hear every shot fired at Petersburg on our left, on our centre which is not two miles from us, and on our right at the James River from the Batteries and Monitors there. So that not an hour passes but the report of guns from one direction or the other is heard here. The signal Station has been very quiet for several days past. Yesterday however it was talking by signals (colored flags) quite vociferously for two hours or more.

We'll continue with this letter of July 14, 1864, in our Winter Newsletter.



Thank You to 2011's

Kelleys Island Historical Association Members

The Kelleys Island Historical Association wishes to extend our warmest and most sincere thanks and appreciation to our 2011 members!

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		Jeanne & John Sabol	Doug & Janet Zubricky

Zombies prowl KI Historical Museum!!

Sharon Brunell McIntire

On October 15, 2011 about forty zombies and detectives searched the KIHA Museum for hidden clues as part of **Kelleys Island Venture Resort's** presentation of **Mr. Denham's Night of the Living Dead**.

This island-wide creepy game of **Clue** included the museum as one of their search sites. Clues hidden in the museum included a "Ashes of Lovers" jar, "Mr. Denham's Bourbon and Beans" bottle, and a "Time Travel" jug which is appropriate for museums, which help us get a glimpse into our past.

Zombies and detectives not only found their clues but also got an understanding of Kelleys Island history in the process.

We applaud our volunteers

The museum and gift shop was opened daily from 11am to 5pm seven days a week this year from June 5th through September 11th! This was only possible due to this year's volunteers who donated their time and knowledge.

A huge thank you goes to our stellar crew—**Leslie Korenko, Pat Seeholzer, Ed Frindt, Shirley Crabill, Knut Lahrs, Mary Ann Pileski, Sonia Taylor, Mary Wilke, Elsie Homegardner, Anne Ed-dowes, and Fran Minshall**. Substitutes who helped fill in were **Laura VonBenken, Lori Arnold, and Barbara Christy**.

There are very few places that could have maintained consistent operation based solely on volunteer workers. A big thanks goes to these volunteers for keeping our doors open to the public!

KIHA visitors practically cover the globe

Sharon Brunell McIntire

This year's visitors started on weekends April 29th and ended on the weekend of October 22nd, for a total of 1,510 who stopped to sign our guest book.

Visitors came from 34 states, including: **Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Washington D.C., West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming**.

Eight foreign countries were represented by visitors from **Argentina, Canada, China, France, Germany, Italy, Slovakia, and Taiwan**. Three groups attended including, the **Girl Scouts from Camp Timberlane in Wakeman, Ohio; Girl Scout Troop 70774 from Cleveland; and Boy Scout Troop 133 from Elyria, Ohio**.

Memorials, Donations and Gifts

Memorials

Anne Sennish, Judy DuShane, in memory of **Kay Herndon**

Anne Sennish, in memory of **W. (Ed) Curilla Laura & Bill VonBenken, Judy DuShane, Ted & Lisa Klonaris, Ila Dick, Robert & Carol Schnittker, Anne Sennish, Penta Career Center, Pat Haig, Pat & Peggy Cooney, Shirley McKillips, Dorothy Sprau, Linda Sprau, Carrie Herringshaw, Denise Carew, Cindy and Charles Herndon, Ed and Pat Hammett** in memory of **Barbara (Bonnie) Blatt**

Cindy and Chuck Herndon in memory of **Jack Chester**
Cindy and Chuck Herndon in memory of **Helen Wahlers**

Cash Donations

Sheila Brockmeir in honor of **R&M Williams**

Other Donations

John & Barb Ohlemacher—rack for displaying Civil War era quilt

Barb & Bill Coleman—15 copies of **Norman Hills Index** for Gift Shop

Helen Scheel—Book "From Kelleys Island Kid to WWII" by Paschal Righi

Gift shop results—2011

The KIHA gift shop took in total sales this year of \$12,337 from April 30th through October 22. This represented a net profit of roughly \$8,000.

Museum admissions total was \$2,500.

Donations given in our cash jar totaled \$196.

The "Monarch Migration" quilted throw donated by **Carol Vogler Bright** brought in \$213 and was won by **Jonell Rolan** of **North Ridgeville** on October 22nd.

50/50 Raffle Winners

May —**Peggy Cooney**—\$90.00

June—**Kathy Reddinger**—\$105.00

July—**Elsie Homegardner** \$105.00

August—**Kathy Reddinger** \$117.50

September—**Catherine Laird** \$110.00

Total profit to the museum for this year was \$527.50.

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