

Kelleys Island Historical Association

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Important Dates 2018

May 19 - Opening Day
August 4 - Arts & Craft Show
August 18 - Annual meeting and program
September 8 - Yard sale and Butterfly Festival

President's Report, Annual Meeting 2017

President, Chuck Herndon, opened the Annual meeting with his annual report:

CURRENT PROJECTS - As most of you remember from last year, our end of July party, Breakers Ball, was a great success. We raised \$22,000, of which more than \$18,000 was set aside for the window replacement project, church floor stabilization and Parsonage repurposing. Board members, the Kelleys Island Landowners Association, Foundations, and generous islanders gave contributions for the window project. The windows were installed last fall except for the high center window, which was installed not long ago. Plaques have been placed on the sills of the donated windows and at the church entrance to credit the contributors. Now for the floor project. We have one estimate for over \$40,000, another for around ten but using a far simpler solution. I think we will have to decide what is best for the building, while preserving its historical character.

THE RESALE SHOP - You probably noticed activity in the Parsonage. We had discussed possibly having a resale shop in the front room but were not getting it done. Last week the whole interior of the first floor and running halfway up the stairs had been made a fairy land of small objects for sale. And the money has been

rolling in. Jodi Smith, Janet Killam, Sonia Taylor, Chris Carrig, Ed Frindt, coach Tom Taylor, Jay Campbell, Teri Behrends and Linda Hostal all expanded on work already done by Leslie and Bruce Korenko and originally by Andrew Muskara. Thanks to all of them.

THE MUSEUM - The museum is full of history. We can all learn a thing or two taking the time to wander through it. Leslie has continued to print out posters that describe, or give context for the significance of objects and photographs on display. The kitchen display is new this year. Thanks go to Mary Whitman, Sonia Taylor, and Patti Fresch...

We continue to receive artifacts, documents and photographs from islanders and from lovers of the island - which is great. Each addition to the museum inventory is enriched by the story behind it. As you consider donating something for the museum, please take the time to document your contribution - give its history - what is it, who used it when, for what, why is it significant. If it is a photograph, identify the people in it, the time it was taken and what part of the island is depicted. Without this type of information your donation, despite how significant it might be, will be orphaned, unexplained and not very useful in telling the story of Kelleys Island and Western Lake Erie - which is what we are all about.

BEFORE THE STORIES ARE LOST - We want to encourage the taking of oral histories, anecdotes, stories about true or false that are relevant to the culture and history of the island. This is not a mysterious process. Learn how to use some recording device (like your Phone), then chat with islanders about their experiences and their memories of others. Then document-who, where, when, why - in a selfie. The longer we wait the fewer people there are to talk to. Patti Fresch is going to hold *A Night of Remembrance* at the VFW within the next couple of weeks where she plans to record the conversations that result.

OUR MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS - The museum has been ably staffed by our great group of Volunteers: Denise, Tom, Jodi, Jan, Knut, June, Sonia, Mary, June, Anne, Jodi, Jay, Cindy, and Leslie. In April we decided we could get by without hiring a gift-shop manager, while relying on our Volunteers. Patti Fresch took on ordering and display and did very well. But after trying this out for a good while we are back to hiring a manager to provide continuity with the cash register, stocking, volunteer support, and with our educational mission. So we will post the job for next season soon. Janet has done a great job organizing the volunteers, all of whom we would love to see returning next year.

The President's message continued....

INTERNAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS - Over the years the job we have asked our treasurer to do has become much more complicated. Jodie Smith took on the task in the summer of last year. After pulling out all her hair for a couple of months, she turned it over to Chris Carrig who became similarly affected. He will continue as treasurer as long as the bookkeeping is done by someone else. Dee Dee Ritchie has agreed to do it for a small sum and her husband has agreed to prepare our annual tax returns because he sleeps with the bookkeeper. This is a good arrangement now without the risk of derangement for our volunteers and board members.

A happy note - our Vanguard funds appreciated \$20,000 this year.

SHORT TERM PLANS - During the summer and fall of 2016 we began to develop our new Got Men calendar. Shirley Selig's daughter, Erin Foster, began photographing some of the available and willing islanders. If you don't have one yet, they are available in the museum gift shop and online, the calendars, not the men.

We had planned on another large scale fundraiser this year, but lost momentum over the winter. We decided to thank the supporters of the museum and the Breakers Ball with a cocktail party, held August 19. It was a great success.

We have lost members over the last couple of years, and our visitors to the museum far exceed the number of the members. What else can we do to program appropriately for our membership?

LONG TERM PLANS - We had long planned to meet with architect Sandivik to determine what ought to be done with the Parsonage. He and a group of twenty members of the Heritage Ohio board, including its president and our outgoing board member, Kevin Pape, held a day long meeting at our home last week. At its conclusion six of us visited the parsonage. These were all folks well schooled in historic preservation coupled with real world financial know how. I briefly set out for them some of the plans we had been talking about, and they, of course were aware of the retail shop surrounding us. Sandivick spoke first and then the others concurred. The building was found to be square and in good shape. They unanimously thought that we could obtain both State and Federal funding to support our project. They thought that the highest and best use of the building would be as a rental home, marketing it as perfect for wedding parties using the Old Stone Church for the wedding. There are three bedrooms upstairs. The parlor could serve either as a living room or extra bedroom. The room off the dining area would house a spacious and contemporary bathroom, suitable for wedding parties or attractive to others who might want to rent, just because they want to be on the island. The kitchen will have to be redone with contemporary appliances and a washer dryer set up in the room now partially filled with concrete. We should not try to erase all the signs of passing time from the building, making its historical nature a selling point.

We would need to rewire the place, insulate where possible, sand the floors and varnish them, patch the plaster (not redo it all), repair or replace the stair railing. We will have to tap into the village water system, then configure a wastewater treatment system. They suggested putting in a Variable Volume Refrigeration package to deal with heating and cooling individual rooms. This involves having small 10 inch square units set in the wall of each room, all connected by wire and refrigerant to an exterior heat pump. These are computer controlled to take heat or cold from one room to another as desired. When finished, the Parsonage will provide a continuous revenue stream to support the museum complex.

What else? I'd like to acquire the Haas lot, south of the museum, for future building expansion, which would provide .space for artifact storage, a library, and much needed space for future displays - like an Elfers fishing exhibition or wing of the museum.

We need to develop a logo and a new mission statement we can all agree to. We need to do more programming appropriate for our members and the general public. And we need more money.

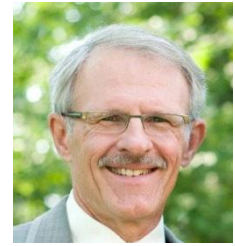
This organization is moving along now like an organism. It has life, sustained by volunteers and engaged board members, fed by the response of the community. It swims in the contemporary sea of electronic communication. It heads toward enlightenment, while it carries the past within it. To all of you fellow swimmers, thank you.

ANNUAL MEETING - ELECTION RESULTS

OUR GUEST SPEAKER was a stand-in for Kristen Fussell, PhD, Research Development and Grants Manager for the Ohio Sea Grant College Program and Stone Laboratory. She spoke on Lake Erie's Critical Issues, including the Harmful Algal Bloom, and Key Research Efforts.

THE BY-LAWS CHANGE – The 2-term limit issue passed by a huge margin. Starting with this election, Board Members will be limited to two (consecutive 3-year) terms at which time they must take a break.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS – We welcomed new Board Members Steve Merkle and Ned Williams, and said goodbye to Andrew Muskara and Kevin Pape who both cited other obligations in their choice not to run again.



Unfortunately, Steve discovered a conflict between his work and our meetings dates and he quit, allowing the Board to appoint Dawn Soldner to fill the vacated seat.

AND THE WINNERS ARE

50/50 raffle for July – Bag The Moon (Kelleys Island)

50/50 raffle for August – Pam Betzenheimer (Kelleys Island)

50/50 raffle for September – William Player (Toledo Ohio)

Our June 50/50 winner, Jackie Kettunan, donated a part of her winnings back to KIHA. She wrote: “What a nice surprise to come home after a couple of lovely weeks at Kelleys to find a check for winning the June 50/50 raffle! Thank you and thank you to all the volunteers who put in so many hours!” *And WE say Thank YOU for supporting us.*

The Quilt – Claudia Brown (Kelleys Island)

HERE'S WHERE WE SAY THANKS!

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – Dr. Eileen Seeholzer/Joe Healey; Julia Johnson (LIFE member); Dagmar Celeste (LIFE member); Jim Semon; George Leonard family; and Lisa Fujita

DONATIONS – Our thanks to these generous people:

General – Jackie Kettunan, Tom & Delores Hartley; Roger & Lynne Renwick; Wallace & Barbara Christy; Rita Eaton, John & Judy Kobs, Bob Howley, Everett & Rebecca Krueger, and Lisa Fujita

In Memory of: Diane Chesnut (Larry & Karen Howell); Ila Dick (Fred & Elizabeth Stueber); Carol Frindt (Laura Jean Pohorence and Chuck & Cindy Herndon); and Gynth Anita Landis (Cheryl Martin)

DONOR APPRECIATION COCKTAIL PARTY

We hosted a cocktail party for those people who made significant donations or contributions, and were life or Patron members. About 100 people showed up. Chris Carrig, Cindy Holmes, Sonia Taylor and Janet Killam helped with the food, Patti donated the hor'doeuvres, Cindy Herndon donated the liquor and Mutach's Market donated the wine. We received several donations and everyone thought it was a great way to say thanks to those who went above and beyond in their support of this organization.

As we approach Election Day this November - July 7, 1894 (after having been given the right to vote in April) - “The women voters of Kelley's Island met at the residence of Mrs. E. K. Huntington on the evening of Saturday, July 7th. The object of the meeting was to discuss woman's suffrage, its duties and privileges. Sixteen ladies were present, who finally decided to form a Woman's Suffrage society. Officers were elected and a committee on constitution appointed, after which the meeting adjourned to meet next Saturday evening. Secretary”

ADDED TO OUR COLLECTION

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS - A Pictorial History 1940-1975 Erie County & The Erie Isles, presented by the Sandusky Register and the Sandusky Library, 2017 and The Battle of Lake Erie by F. Van Wyck Mason, illustrated by Victor Mays, pub. 1960.

ED FRINDT - The Baltimore Catechism booklet from 1930 and a collection of the Hometown News, issues dated December 1978 to April 1979.

BRUCE KORENKO - a Hand drill, 25" long, and The Compleat Angler or The Contemplative Man's Recreation, being a discourse of rivers, fishponds, fish and fishing now unworthy the perusal of most anglers, by Izaak Walton, reprint of book originally published in 1653.

PEGGY COONEY- old Kelly Miller Circus tickets, an obit for Mary Ellen Bauman Wilke, June 10, 1916 – July 5, 2014, a post card of the very old Kelleys Island State Park entrance. Also a Neuman Boat Line Ferry Schedule 1986 and a Fresch's Island House Sing Along Booklet. From August 18, 1996. It was an EMT benefit.

MIKE LEWIS - two articles on the Glacial Grooves – Quarternary Science Review 1–19-2004 and Glacial Grooves by R. P. Goldthwait, Institute of Polar Studies, Ohio State University, Columbus Ohio, published in the Journal of Glaciology, 1979.



LOGAN BICKLEY'S FAMILY - A collection of black and white photos Photographs including family and Island photos and quite a few of Washington D. C. Magazine – Flying May 1954, containing an article on Kelley's Island's airport, and several issues of the Kelleys Island Home Town News from 1979 and 1980.

SANDY STARE – Very long poem written by Norman Hills and published in the Sandusky Register 10-8-1932 titled The Tale of the Inscription Rock.

KURT BOKER through Shelley Stein: A wonderful collection of old bottles, particularly those with names on them including:

Prof. Callan's World Renowned Brazillian Gum (*might have been glue*)

The Sayman Products are Supreme, (*a vegetable liniment that cured absolutely everything. Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this camphor, chloroform, capsicum, oil sassafras, ammonia, and plant extractive; it contained 62.0 per cent by volume of alcohol, and 18.85 minims per fluid ounce of chloroform; the presence of turpentine was indicated.*)

The S. M. BIXBY Co., Patented March 6, 83 (*Shoe black or shoe dressing*)

The Kuebler Stang Sandusky O. (*Kuebler-Stang Brewing & Malting Co. Stang*)

On March 8, 1896, the Stang Brewing Co. merged with the Kuebler Brewing and Malting Co. one mile away, forming the became the vice-president of this combine (Jacob Kuebler was president), which had \$700,000 in capital stock, and a collective annual capacity of 350,000 barrels. This entity lasted for less than two years before becoming a part of the Cleveland & Sandusky Brewing Co. conglomerate (which would eventually consist of eleven breweries in three cities) on January 1, 1898. Kuebler and Stang owned property on Kelleys Island.

Wine Bottles – Several wine and champagne bottles all bearing this inventory number. The collection includes brown, light green, dark green, frosted blue, clear and dark blue glass bottles.

Hall's Catarrh Cure (*a patent medicine that proved to be utterly worthless*)

The Oakland Chemical Company (*Dioxogen, a new and expressive name given to hydrogen dioxid or peroxide of hydrogen, promoted as an antiseptic, disinfectant and deodorant.*)

Bryant's Root Beer (*Advertised as an alternative to liquors and saloons it was healthful, Invigorating and delicious*)

Round brown bottle, (*Thaddeus Davids Electro Chemical Writing Fluid*)

Hires Household Extract (*if you make root beer at home, one bottle will make five gallons. The cost, including sugar and yeast, is less than one cent per glass.*)

Mason's 3 fl oz (*likely a shoe polish bottle*)

Stay with us – we are less than 1/4 of the way through researching the collection.

CHARLES HERNDON – Paleo-Indian hand carved wood canoe prow which was found on one of Lake Erie's many early shorelines. It was excavated from a farm field in Berlin Hts., from a depth of about eight feet, the last six feet in a wet, sand beach deposit. Three more were subsequently found.



VERA IOANNOU - Ideal Wreath of Song, second book for grammar schools, by J. D. Luse, Columbus OH 1903.

JOHN C. ERNE

Photograph –Nine graduates of Estes School An alumni list prepared by Kurt Boker indicates that the graduates for this year were: Lewis Brown, Mary Dwelle, Andrew Erne, Francis Erne, Catherine Feyedelem, Laird Holbrook, Virginia Lange and George Sabo. Photo was taken by Bishop Studios in Sandusky.

Certificate of High School Graduation made out to Mr. Francis Erne, May 27, 1932 signed by C. E. Downing. Contains a list of classes and grades. Kelley's Island High School Diploma for Francis Erie dated May 27, 1932



Certificate –made out to Francis J. Erne.

Serving on the *U. S. S. Ashland*, bound South for the Equator, and for Espirito Santo, New Hebrides. World War II Imperial Domain of the Golden Dragon Award, August 14, 1945.

Certificate – Large, illustrated certificate made out to Francis J. Erne. Serving on the *U. S. S. Most?*, bound for Parts Unknown. World War II Imperial Domain of the Golden Dragon Award April 23, 1944.

Photograph – B&W panoramic picture of the U. S. Navy (either class or crew) dated February 1943. Francis Erne is in the 2nd row, 12th from the right.

CLAUDIA BROWN

Wicker doll buggy – Given to Cecilia “Ann” Riedy, who was born in 1920. The buggy is a 1920's edition gifted before 1930, probably from one of her bothers. This was re-gifted to Ann's daughter, Claudia Brown, when Ann and her husband Charles Brown did not have money for Christmas gifts (mid to late 1950's).



Doll – One of the first articulated dolls. Her mane is Maureen and it was given to Claudia Brown at Christmas in the late 1950's. Maureens dress and hat were crocheted by Mae Norris, Claudia's Aunt.

Doll – Circa 1920. Once owned by Mae Norris (Claudia's aunt).

Doll – small plastic baby doll from the 1950's. Given to Claudia Brown by her Grandmother Mamie Brown. Mamie crocheted the dress for the doll. Mamie Brown was born on Kelleys Island, lived her whole life on the Island and had Brown's General Store.



Doll – Tiny Tears, probably a first edition c1950-52.

ALMOST A DONATION - So close (KELLEYS ISLAND IN OHIO) yet so far (KELLEY ISLAND IN BLACKSTONE LAKE, ONTARIO CANADA). We've been working with Curt Kelley for the donation of a deed from Hermon A. Kelley to his wife Florence, dated 1899. Curt and Debby Kelley had it framed and brought it over to the museum on Labor Day weekend. It was beautiful, handwritten with a gold seal at the bottom. BUT something wasn't right. It was filed in Cuyahoga Co. (not unusual, the family lived there), but on close inspection, the description was for an island in Blackstone Lake, Ontario (north of Minnesota). What a surprise! No one in the family knew they once owned another island in another country! The deed went home with them and they will be doing a little more research on who best should receive this gem.



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