

ANNUAL MEETING & PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The KIHA Campus is growing in many ways. We, the Board, have agreed to purchase the Haas property to the south of the museum. The property will be for future growth. The opportunity

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was presented to us with a good price, \$60,000. The Haas family stated that Don Haas, a KIHA President and member, always wanted the Association to buy it. This Haas project was only accepted by the Board as long as we could cover at least \$30,000 with donations. That amount has been raised and a little more. We are still waiting on a few other donations. The purchase of this property was one of Chuck's long term visions for the future of the museum.



The Museum continues to bring in visitors that come to our island.

Leslie Korenko is the gift shop manager and also works with volunteers for the museum. Her organization skills have been invaluable. Leslie's husband has been doing repairs; the electric outlet on the front porch, the front door, the new push button key system, problem solving, and schlepping things here and there. Speaking of schlepping things, last December, with Vi closing her gift shop and donating items to sell at our gift shop, there were lots of trips. Thanks to you all who did that. We all thank Vi for thinking of this museum gift shop; she donated well over \$20,000 worth of merchandise. Vi and Mike have given years of service to

this organization. On Monday I am presenting a plaque to Mike, with Vi at Admirals Point, to say thanks for their service. The duplicate plaque will hang in The Old Stone Church to acknowledge their contribution. Thank you to all who help with exhibits, we have a talented Board and are grateful for their special efforts.

The German Reformed Church is looking beautiful and serene. The floor project is behind us, a new sump pump was installed underneath the church and we are hoping to paint around the new windows inside the church. Pat Fresch has been creating interesting exhibits in the church; take a look at the write-up on the stove, the translation that Knut Lahrs helped with, and more. Pat will be in charge of setting up an exhibit for 2020 on The Doctors of Kelleys Island. Gary and Jackie donated the doctor's apothecary cabinet in 2018 which you all should see. As we do future planning and look forward, the Church will need repainting and work needs to be done on the outhouse.

Now, on to the Parsonage. The Re-Sale shop has been spectacular in its growth and The Threesome, Janet, Sonia, and Jodie, make this shop what it is....along with some very dedicated volunteers. The energy from the resale shop is contagious. We want our thrift shoppers to be safe so the Board agreed to new railings on the front stairs, repair of holes in the sidewalk, a railing on the back stairs, new electric service, fans, lights. There are more repairs needed and the needs will be addressed in the next season. We appreciate the patience of the resale shop gang. Windows need repair, walls, Wi-Fi, phone issues, etc. Future projects will include a walk connecting the parsonage to the Old Stone Church walkway, an attempt to increase active memberships, younger people, and business memberships and continue to work on a Master Plan – our vision for the future.

I can't thank everyone who has contributed to the success of this organization, but we can certainly say that we could not have done it without you. Cindy Herndon, President

ELECTION RESULTS

We reluctantly accepted the decision by Fred Walcott to not seek another term and that left us with six candidates for five seats. Total ballots cast-94.

We welcomed back to the Board: Chris Carrig, Patti Fresch, Cindy Herndon, and Leslie Korenko and we introduced our new Board Member - **Michael Beatty**.



Michael is a sixth generation Kelleys Island descendant and hobbyist genealogist. Michael currently serves as the President of the Stonebridge Creek Homeowners Association Board of Directors where his permanent residence is in Avon, Ohio. Michael brings to the table experience in property management, reviewing service and amenity contracts, managing legislation, and mediating communication between members and property management services. In the past, he has also served on the Board of Directors for the Ohio

Waterfowl Association. Michael is a Senior Software Developer for the Sherwin-Williams Corporation. Recently, Michael worked with State of Ohio Representatives to draft and enact legislation to formally name a picnic area in the Kelleys Island State park in honor of his Great Grandfather, Henry T. Beatty, near the site where Henry's commercial fish house once stood.

As a hobbyist genealogist, Michael has done extensive research on the ancestry of Kelleys Island. Michael maintains an online family tree of Kelleys Island's ancestry where he continues a collaborative effort with various people of Island lineage to expand the depth of the Island's ancestral data. Personally, Michael enjoys spending time at his residence on Kelleys Island with his wife Teri and their three children.

Unfortunately **Jordan Killam** was not elected to the Board. President Herndon made it clear that Jordan would have made an excellent addition. She has supported and promoted the history museum, resale shop and all our events and we thank her for her efforts.

SUPERNATURAL KELLEYS ISLAND

Last year, Jordan Killam and Leslie Korenko sat down with ghost hunters here on Kelleys Island. They talked about the Island, its history and if there were any reports of supernatural occurrences. Prior to their arrival, the Chamber posed the question on Facebook – with surprising results. Islanders were very generous in sharing their own, or their relatives, experiences with ghosts and things that go bump in the night. Jordan spoke of her own family's unique gift and Leslie talked about the Island's history. The guys spent the rest of the day exploring the Island and talking with some people who had first-hand experiences with some really odd occurrences.

You can listen to the four podcasts on their website or on YouTube. We thank Jason Denordo and his group for taking the time to explore the more unusual aspects of Kelleys Island (their website is <https://chicagohostpodcast.com/>). They did an excursion to Put-in-Bay, which you can also find on YouTube.

Haunted Kelleys Island – Episode 76

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WS35UlPaws>

Kelleys Island Wine Co – Episode 77

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Nu2UJNmDyY>

Southaven – episode 78

<https://chicagohostpodcast.com/episode-78-live-from-haunted-south-haven-and-schaedler-winery/>

Island House Restaurant – Episode 79

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6G2BpXYWuQ>

ART SHOW

The Arts & Crafts Show this year was spectacular! We had 14 artists with items ranging from jewelry to pottery to photographs to wall hangings. Some people were so pleased with their purchases, that they wanted to contact the artist and order more! We are so happy to oblige and have listed all the artists and their contact info on our website – just click on [Events & Meetings](#).



AND THE WINNERS ARE



QUILT WINNER – Congratulations to Paula Bier (Kelleys Island) who won the quilt that Teri Behrends made for us this year. And thanks to everyone who supported us with their ticket purchase.

50/50 WINNERS – The 50/50 winner for JUNE was Polly Burns of Middleburg Hts., in JULY it was Franklin Sanitation, and AUGUST it was George Leonard of (Kelleys Island).

THE GEM CAR WINNER – KIHA President Cindy Herndon, presents the title to the GEM car to Rodney Rosado of Kelleys Island. With your help we raised \$5,050! We can't think Jack & Mary Ellen Thinnies enough for making this possible.



By the way, Rodney became a KIHA member the same day that Knut Lahrs sold him what turned out to be the winning ticket.

QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP



Ken & Roxanne Yost brought in this (fire?) brick and wondered if it was made on the Island. It is imprinted Kelley Island, B, and a square with something in it but worn away.

Then there was the family that was convinced that the Island was formed by a volcano – this based on their discovery of multiple hard, rough surfaced rock-like debris that they picked up on the beach. We hated to tell them, but those were clinkers from incomplete burning of coal – likely from the boats. And the gold flecks? Not gold but probably sulfur deposits.



MUSEUM VISITORS

LANGE - Christine (Lange) Fanning found pictures and stories about her grandfather Orville Lange and her father Hugh Lange on our Fishing display. (R)



KOSTER - In the next issue we'll tell you about the incredible Koster family saga – with pictures and a travel to Germany.



SABO FAMILY - Mike Sabo and his wife stopped by the museum recently and look what he found! His family name on the c1910 map. His father, also Mike, was foreman of the north side quarry. He died in 1938 of a heart attack and is buried in the island cemetery. Unfortunately, in all the excitement, we wrote down the wrong email address. Wish we could send this to him. It's a great photo. (L)

KIHA 2020 NEW EXHIBIT - THE DOCTORS OF KELLEYS ISLAND

By Patti Fresch

Early professional medical care on Kelleys Island was nonexistent, islanders either took care of themselves or went to Sandusky for treatment. Addison Kelley was often called upon to pull a tooth, set a bone or lance a boil or abscess. On one occasion, a local midwife went to Addison for a request for help in a difficult delivery. The midwife felt that this case was beyond her ability. The mother was having twins and after many hours of intense labor, it was decided that desperate measures had to be taken to save the mother. Addison was without the suitable instrument he knew he would need to perform the procedure. Addison quickly called upon his brother-in-law, Charles Carpenter, to assist him in creating the instrument. Together they went to Jake Hay's blacksmith shop where they fashioned a crude, but efficient instrument. With this instrument and without an anesthetic, Addison was able to save the life of one of the twins and the mother.

Doctor Townsend of North Bass would come and stay for a few days or weeks if needed. Most islanders preferred Doctor Grant of Sandusky.

Interestingly, the first resident doctor on Kelleys Island was a woman. Miss Doctor Jane Spaulding arrived in 1867. Many islanders had a distrust of women doctors and continued to call for Doctor Grant. But Doctor Spaulding remained, citing that the island was almost too healthy of a place to practice, but her coming was greatly appreciated by many islanders. As her first winter approached Doctor Spaulding decided to leave the Island and reside in Sandusky for the winter. Doctor Spaulding was on the dock waiting on the last boat of the year, when a group of fishermen found out she was about to leave. A crowd gathered and every argument conceivable was voiced to convince her to remain. Finally a hat was passed and a nice sum was collected from the islander to persuade her to stay. She accepted amid great enthusiastic cheering from the crowd. Doctor Spaulding repeated this performance for many years, insuring that she would be well paid to spend the winter on the Island.

In islander Jerry Dean's diary it is noted that on February 6th, 1871 that Oscar Dean and Uri Ward left the island to get Doctor Gant from Sandusky. They used Oscar Dean's mail boat because the ice had been blown out on January 29th. The two sailed or rowed to Sandusky Bay and pulled the boat over the ice in the bay to retrieve Doctor Gant. They had left at 3:00 pm and returned at 11:00 pm, the 20 mile round trip took eight hours. Five hours after Doctor Gant arrived, an eight and a half pound boy was delivered at the home of Dan Huntington. It is unclear when Doctor Gant returned to Sandusky, records show no boats ran until February 6th that year.

I invite you to share any memories that you have of our past Doctors of the Island. Email your stories to Patti Fresch at kiMuseum@msn.com or pjefkiohio@gmail.com.

It's your stories that make Kelleys Island History come alive.



HOMECOMING AND ISLANDFEST PICTURES

Yipes – we are running out of room in this issue.



Criminal Docket No. 1 – The State of Ohio vs. William Wetzel - George Watkins, saith that on or about the 4th of September [1894], that one William Wetzel did unlawfully create a disturbance and further that said William Wetzel did call abusive names and use indecent language in the presence of females. This case was settled and costs paid by each party to the suit. Jas. Hamilton

ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTION

TERRY HAAS - Folding Canvas Duplex water pail, No. 12. C 1899; a small, heavy household electric iron. Imprinted: for alternating current only. Cat. No. 119F1000, Watts 1000, Volts 116. A saw; buck saw; two pole nets for fishing; a lingerie washboard; one large metal fishing buoy; Trojan Powder box; Ice Tongs – Used to move blocks of ice; a two man crosscut saw and blacksmith tools.

DAN & TRACY MCMANUS – A hard cover record book of the Jung Francis Verciu or The Willing Workers circle of the order of the King's Daughters containing the Constitution and meeting minutes 1895-1904. The first meeting was December 20, 1895. Mrs. William Burger President. The record book was found in the Cole home by Dan & Tracy McManus. Member list appears on the last few pages Hulda Boker, Sonia Becker, Alma Brown, Rhea Brown, Clara Becker, Sonia Beatty, Gertrude Biehl, Lydia Deringer, Nettie Hesse, Lizzie Hesse, Susan Nowak, Clara Schaedler, Maude Schaedler, Edna Schlumbum, Elsa Stoll. Second list: Martha Becker, Amelia Ohlemacher, Marie Burger, Emma Burger, Mrs. H. Scheele, Mrs. A. Dwelle, Louise Fedderson, Laura Dishinger, Laura Becker, Katie Kastning, Lydia Deringer, Mrs. Otto Brown, Mrs. Otto Dodge. Martha Becker, Ameline Ohlemacher, Marie Burger, Emma Burger, Mrs. H. Sheele, Mrs. A. Dwelle, Louise Fedderson, Laura Dishinger Hughes, Laura Becker, Katie Kastning, Lydia Deringer, Mrs. O. Brown, Mrs. O. Dodge, Mrs. H. Rosswurm.

TED BLATT ESTATE - Clary adding machine c1950s.

MARGE ALABURDA - Ferry schedule from 1950 for the Neuman Boat Line. Schedule included just six trips plus one additional trip on the weekends during tourist season and two round trips to Put-in-Bay.



DEBRA LINDSEY – (left) Photographs showing Sherman, Alma, Anna, Otto, Rhea, Hugo and Walter Brown standing in front of the Brown home on Division St., c1912.

LEE ANN ALEXAKOS (right) donated this really large passport for Lewis Beatty (spelled Beaty) from 1872. Not

only is it really large, but there is a ghostly watermark. If only we could figure out how to display it so that the watermark is visible, but it can only be seen when backlit.



GARY FINGER – (left) A large oak apothecary cabinet that once graced the Doctor's House. This will form the anchor for our 2020 display on Island Doctors.

PAT & PEGGY COONEY – a copy of the National Register of Historic Homes; a book, Memorial Life of Wm. McKinley, published 1901. Inside front cover: K I Public Schools, given to the school by Mary Bauman, October 1949; and a postcard of the *Kelleys Islander*.

RICK & CLAUDETTE BROWER (right) donated a color painting by A. G. Scheele labeled "The Old Salt" #2.

BILL DEUBEL donated two old telephone books: the summer of 1932 and 1935. They were just 6 and 8 pages long. The 1935 book is on our website under Yesterday's News.

SHIRLEY MCKILLIPS donated a 1931 list of 8th graders trivia written by William Blatt; a poem – 1931 by Lois Janet Dwelle; a 1916 Weight Certificate for Wm. J. Blatt, age 2 years; a 1917 Baptism certificate for William John Blatt and inside is a photo of William at age 2.5 years; a diploma for Wm. Blatt graduating class of 1935; and Kelleys Island School yearbooks 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978.

BRIAN TERRY gave us a plaque commemorating the installation of the 2018 underwater cable. The plaque has a map, a label identifying the installation in December 13, 2018, and a cross section of the cable which is 4" across.



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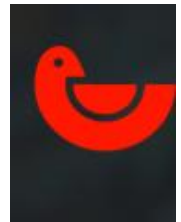
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