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THE ANNUAL MEETING: The Kelleys Island Historical Annual Meeting will be held at 1PM Saturday August 9th in The Old Stone Church. The meeting is usually short, followed by a GUEST Speaker. This year it will be **Jody Brausch** with a presentation on Tri-Motor Airplanes. Jody is currently president of The Tri-Motor Heritage Museum in Port Clinton. The islands were once served by The Tin Goose, a Ford Tri-Motor. We are also working on another surprise for this meeting.

ELECTIONS: There are two Board seats expiring this year. If you are interested in serving on The KIHA Board, let us know by July 10th so our nominating committee can prepare a slate of candidates for the election. You can submit your statement of interest via email at Klmuseum@msn.com or drop us a letter.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: On the agenda for this meeting is a complete revision to The Constitution and By-Laws of this organization. That was a task we faced this winter as we began review of our official documents. YOU, the members, must approve these changes at The Annual Meeting.

The Board undertook this revision at the recommendation of Jeri Heimelein Dick Yoest, who headed up our Strategic Planning Committee. Once we dug in, we discovered that our guiding documents were outdated, incomplete, and in some cases, contradictory. The complete text of both the Constitution and The By-Laws can be found on our website(just click "About Us"). The direct link is: <http://kimuseum-public.sharepoint.com/Pages/About-us.aspx>

If you do not have internet, we can provide a hard copy of both documents on request. You can make your request by email, mail, or phone. Klmuseum@msn.com

The Constitution continued: We discovered that the constitution contained procedures more commonly found in the By-Laws and the purpose of the organization was not consistent with our Articles of Incorporation. Therefore, we propose eliminating all the existing language and replace it with the purpose identified in our Articles of Incorporation.

The By-Laws: A similar review was conducted to see if our By-Laws accurately reflected the organization and operation of this association. Instead of trying to patch the discrepancies and outdated information, we decided to do a complete revision. Many of these changes had already been approved and implemented by The Board over the years.

Website: It was with great regret that we said goodbye to our webmaster Delores Cole. Delores was instrumental in getting this organization online back in 2001. Over the years she kept the site interesting and informative. Delores indicated that it was time for someone else to take over and experience the joys of setting up and maintain a new website. Our thanks to Delores Cole for her hard work and dedication to this organization over the years. Without her we might never have had an online presence. Check out our new website. We are still working out details, but you can find the link at www.KlleysIslandHistorical.org or go directly to the new site at <https://kimuseum-public.sharepoint.com/> Remember to like us on Facebook to keep up with all the museum news (Kelleys Island History Museum)

The New Arts and Craft Show: We are breathing

new life into the ART SHOW! Attention artisans, crafters, artists, and writers: You are invited to participate in The Art and Craft Show Saturday, August 2nd 2014 from 10AM to 2PM. This will take place at The KIHA Museum 224 Division Street, next to The Old Stone Church.

Way back in 1987, Donna Nowak and Lydia Bechtel organized the first Kelleys Island Art Show and AnnaLee has been overseeing it in more recent years. This year, The Kelleys Island Historical Association is expanding the show to include crafters. This show is open to anyone who has a marketable talent, just aching to see the light of day: music, jewelry, pottery, writing, painting, knitting, sewing, or that category that simply defies description. Your space is free, but you need to pre-register(Klmuseum@msn.com) and you need to bring your own table, chair, and set up. There are a limited number of spots on the covered porch of the museum (first come, first serve). You can see the poster and get the application form at <https://kimuseum-public.sharepoint.com/Pages/Events-%26-Meetings.aspx>

50/50 Raffle: One of most popular fund raisers is the 50/50 raffle. This is held each month from May to September. The winner of The May 50/50 Raffle is Dee Hartley of Huron, Ohio. Congratulations Dee. Your check is in the mail. Be sure to stop and fill out your raffle ticket. winner.



Historical Marker for The Church and Parsonage

We wanted to recognize the importance of the German Reformed Church to our Island community, and applied for a grant with the Ohio Historical society for an historical marker. We were one of twenty applicants for just five grants. Unfortunately, projects with a wider significance to Ohio were selected. The church and parsonage were both featured on the proposed plaque. We believed it would be an important addition to the Museum grounds. These markers are costly, around \$2700 each and we are currently unable to fund this project ourselves, as there have been other more pressing problems that need resolution.

This is the proposed marker text:

The German Reformed Church: *This German Reformed Church was organized in 1865 and a 1/2 acre parcel was purchased from Alfred S. Kelley. Built with native stone in 1866, this church was the third of five formal congregations on the Island. By 1871 the congregation had twenty-five families as Members including Baumler, Jordan, Smith, Trieschman, Becker, Burger, Renter, Nowalk, Dodge, Gerlach, Lange, Scheele, Suhr, Beatty, Schaedler, Hess, Cattenach, Elfers, Boker, Huber, Stoll, Fischer, Keifer, and Pringnitz. The last regular services were held in 1917 and the last funeral in 1942. The Ladies Aid Society raised money to maintain the church until 1957, when the building was used for storage. In 1981 the property was leased to The Kelleys Island Historical Association which accepted title in 1986.*

The Church Parsonage : *On August 8th, 1888, Mrs. Ann Twidney sold a small 51/100 acre parcel to the Trustees of German Reformed Church for \$51.00. It is on this lot that the parsonage of the German Reformed Church was built by the parish-*

ioners. As the congregation dwindled and they could no longer support a resident minister, the house was rented to The Betzenheimer Family. Florence (Sis) Betzenheimer McKillips, carried on her Mother's tradition of caring for the Church next door. She was one of the founders of the Kelleys Island Historical Association and was granted the use of the home as long as she wanted to live there. The house does not have running water. It has a hand pump in the kitchen and an outhouse in the back yard.

It is our hope, that we will be able to fund this project of the historic marker through donations of our generous supporters. Indicate on your donation that it should be for the historic marker project. Thank you!

Memorial Bricks: There are 204 engraved bricks in our walkway. They make for some interesting reading. Unfortunately, it also makes it difficult to find YOUR brick. One of the new pages on The KIHA website will be a complete list of the bricks with their number. Of course, the bad news is that the number does not appear on the brick, the smaller the number the closer it is to the building. If you cannot find your brick, just ask us and we will help you find it. Just click on Memory Walk.

Summer, 2014 Summer is officially here! What a spring; great blossoms, fishermen catching wall-



eye, healthy muffleheads and Canadian soldiers, plenty of rain, and the return of so many friends and families to Kelleys Island.

Mayfly, also called Canadian Soldier to the left.



Above, is a picture of our Old Stone Church decorated with flowers by Patti Fresch. Next to the flowers you will see an altar chair. This chair was recently taken to **Sandusky's Mielke Furniture** to be repaired. Come to the church and see how beautiful it is. Thank you Mielke Furniture. Please take time to visit the church this summer to see all the work that has taken place over the last year.

Newsletter: We are trying a new format for the newsletter and are printing it in color. We would appreciate your input as to whether you like to receive it via email in a PDF format or a hard copy through the mail. We also appreciate suggestions and support for future newsletters. Feel free to send us some news, an old story, or information you may wish to share.

Donations: Our sincerest thanks to the following people who made donations to the Historical Association; In memory of **Frances Minshall** by Pat and Peggy Cooney, Fred Walcott, Joseph and Margaret Sears, Judy Dushane, Madeline and Roger Williams, and The Kelleys Island Venture Resort. In memory of **Alston Quillin** by Bill Quillin and Family. In memory of **James Seaman** by The Barbara Cook Trust and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Powell. Honoring **Don Erne** by Anne Sennish.

Artifacts: **Shirely McKillips** donated a photo of The West Bay Dock with the railroad trestle, boat loading stone, and conveyor belt enclosure.

Obituary: The KIHA acknowledges and misses **Karen Terry**. **Karen Terry** passed away this last January, 2014. She resided in Lakeside/Marblehead and Cudjoe Key, Florida in the last years. She, at one time, spent time on Kelleys Island and was a volunteer and member of The Kelleys Island Historical Association. She always presented a brilliant smile and we appreciated her efforts to assist the Historical Association. There will be a service on June 28th at noon at The VFW on Kelleys Island. We send sympathy to her husband **Jack Terry**, daughter **Kathleen** and son, **Michael...and to the extended family**.