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MAY WAS A VERY BUSY MONTH FOR ME!!!!

HERE'S WHAT'S NEW

Why you might ask? With the resignations of President Russell Matso and Secretary Florence McKillips from the Board of Directors, I became the President/Vice President and Lois Brown became the Treasurer/Secretary. Needless to say the tailspin forced us into high gear and the speed has kept us quite occupied because the show must go on and our calendar is full.

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their years of service to the organization. We know that they will continue to support us as we strive toward the goals of our organization.

Julia Martin Kennedy

It's that time of year again and we are asking that you simply fill out the membership part of the enclosed form and return it as soon as possible. We would ask that you please include the date of birth for each member. This will give us an avenue to add a birthday list to our newsletter and maybe give you a chance to acknowledge a member with a card or simple "Happy Birthday".

The bottom half of the form is for advance ticket sales, please select the appropriate ticket you wish to purchase and send it prior to the deadline.

The REVERSE RAFFLE is a new venture for us this year and we certainly would appreciate your support. If you play the lottery and didn't win the Ohio Lottery 45 Million last week you will see the odds of winning the Reverse Raffle are excellent. Only 300 tickets will be sold. We hope to make this an annual event with a greater profit margin for our association and less manpower for all our dedicated volunteers. The GRAND PRIZE IS \$5,000.00 and the donation is tax-deductible.

PLEASE HELP US PILOT THIS NEW

As a result of needing 2 new roofs (the church and parsonage) and a quest to persevere what we already have, many new ideas evolved from a 2½ hour Board Meeting on May 25, 1996. The directors of your organization concurred in the project of changing the back shed into a gift shop/office facility and returning the church to look like a church. As you well know the shed is the smallest area to heat and cool in order to achieve climate control for our history books, cookbook, valuable documents, and expensive office machines which we are now accumulating with our growth. Locks have been changed, estimates have been obtained and we have already received donations of conduit for additional electrical needs, baseboard heaters, insulation and ceiling fans. The desk, filing cabinet and storage unit from inside the church will be moved to the rear shed along with the copier, cash register and other pertinent office supplies. This will allow us to function more efficiently and make it easier for our volunteers to keep the church open and be comfortable with doing so.

However, there are still a few items we are in need of:

- 20 sheets of drywall
- Flooring - tile, linoleum, indoor outdoor carpeting or your choice
- Additional insulation
- Small Air Conditioner
- and the list goes on.

Should you like to donate items to help us in pursuing this venture, please send in writing the item or items which may be helpful to us, as we are not quite ready for some items that you may wish to donate a little letter will allow us to keep our space free and more workable.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of June 21,
1996: General Fund = \$8,704.36
Building Fund = \$70,805.95



BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

In memory of DR. PAUL J. STUEBER, JR.

by: Dr. and Mrs. Ramie Dick
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bradford
Mr. and Mrs. Karl F. Bruch, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Mixter
Medical Staff of Medical Euclid
Hospital
Mr. and Mrs. John Mack
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Myers
Mr. and Mrs. Roland S. Hill
Mr. and Mrs. James Sennish
Special Education Department of
Gahanna Lincoln High School
Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Newell, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. James Seaman
Mike and Nancy Vespoli
Bob and Carol Schnittker
Max & Laurie Krueger & family
Anthony Coyne
Frances Minshall

In memory of JERENE LARSON
by: Dr. and Mrs. Ramie Dick

In memory of LUCILLE SCHRADER
by: Lydia Bechtel

In memory of NANCY FULLER
by: Dr. and Mrs. Ramie Dick

In memory of DR. & MRS. BERNARD LARSEN
by: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Matso
Florence McKillips
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Myers
Mr. and Mrs. John Mack

In memory of SHIRLEY WYATT
by: Mr. and Mrs. John Mack



Lydia Bechtel has donated a wooden console television set for educational use as we obtain videos of the island, cemetery talks, tour of homes and butterfly programs. However, now we need a VCR. If you are thinking about obtaining a new one and your old one is still in working condition please contact us in writing.

The Kaplan Award

Through the efforts of Lee and Barbara Shadle the Kelleys Island Historical Association received the Kaplan Award. The Kaplan Fund is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the preservation of the Great Lakes as a culture, a resource and as a destination. Each year the Kaplan Award is presented to that group which in the past year displays efforts to support the ideals of this award. The award was presented by Joyce Kaplan, Mother of Jon Kaplan for whose memory and beliefs were the foundation of the Kaplan Award.

In addition to the \$500.00 check which was attached to the plaque, Bruce Jenvey, Editor of Great Lakes Cruiser Magazine and one of the founders of the Kaplan Fund presented Julie Kennedy a replica of an antique brass key with a significant message of some day soon opening the doors to the new museum.

On a special note: Bruce Jenvey visits Kelleys Island frequently in the summer and many KI pictures and points of interest appear in the Great Lakes Cruiser Magazine. For more information on the Kaplan Fund contact Great Lakes Cruiser Magazine P.O. Box 1722 Royal Oak, Michigan 48068.



The General Meeting was held on June 22, 1996. The organ has been refurbished thanks to the generosity of Lydia Bechtel and a recital by Robin Pratt will be announced according to his availability. Catherine Lange presented a most interesting review on their trip to China complete with slides & tokens of travel. Hugh added a few interesting comments too, of course. Everyone enjoyed the presentation. THANKS AGAIN !!!

The Art Exhibition held in conjunction with the Tour of Homes will be on display from 11 am to 5 pm at the Kelleys Island Town Hall Downtown. The Island Singers will be performing at 12 noon for your listening pleasure, please stop in and lend them your ear. We are most fortunate to have them perform for us.