

Kelleys Island Historical Association

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OUR PRESIDENT'S VISION

Chuck Herndon presented an ambitious, long-term plan for our organization that includes just about every aspect of our operations. What do you think?

“Our long term goals include an effort to involve the membership more closely with the operation of the museum and the pursuit of our mission. We need to be more inviting and to present interesting and educational material to invite more connection with our membership. We intend to grow the membership so more of us find value in what is left of the past on the island and to make more possible reaching the goals set in our mission statement. A continued presence on the web is required in this effort and to continue to educate and inform our members and would-be members about the Association, its museum, its collection, its purpose and assets.

We need to continue to upgrade the various buildings in our museum complex, complete the installation of the windows in the church, restore the outhouse, police the grounds, restore and repurpose the parsonage, upgrade the wood facing on the porch, create explanatory signage for the path through the woods, find a purpose for the expanse of wall and grounds to the south of the museum building, construct a library for our collection of historical books and data, provide a reading room for the library complete with computers and encourage its use by members and scholars, find storage space for artifacts not presently shown, reconsider purchasing the land to the south of the museum....

We should endeavor to build up an endowment to the point where money it generates can help to keep our operation going. We should attempt to keep a balanced budget and operate in a financially responsible way. Fund raising should be an ongoing effort. A committee should be set up to this end, to look for grants from area and statewide sources as well as from foundations. We should contemplate increasing the entrance fees as well as the cost of membership.

We should have greater emphasis on our educational responsibility, develop a lecture series, perhaps in partnership with the school and its summer programs. Our old stone church could serve as an excellent lecture hall or as a venue for musical entertainment. More engaging activities for children should be purchased, including a computer or two that the kids can use.

We are a photograph and paper rich museum, sadly lacking in artifacts, physical stuff to show. Efforts should be made to acquire objects relevant to the history of the lake and Kelleys Island. We might call it an object drive. There is something we could use in almost every house. We will give recognition to any donor. We may have to begin to buy pieces for our collection. As a relief from two dimensions, more interactive devices can be introduced.

Some oral histories have been taken, transcribed, and placed in circulation. Efforts should be made to take more of them and to bring focus to that aspect of our presentation. Tempus fugit.

Lastly and not of least importance, one of our original objectives was to restore historical sites and structures on the island. The entire island is on the national register of historic places. We are not taking enough advantage of this incredible resource. We should again try to revive home tours. Creating signage around the island marking historic sites, including the structures build by the original peoples, would drive interest in history. Adopting the cemetery as an historical resource would also help. It is here, it is built and can be exploited by us, through guided tours, through recorded tours....

All our efforts should be directed toward providing a community resource that will be handed down through the generations to be grown and nurtured by those we leave behind.”

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ANNUAL MEETING

The President's Report, excerpts from the Annual Meeting by Chuck Herndon. The Kelleys Island Historical Association has had a busy and rewarding year since the last annual meeting.

The museum - We are now open seven days a week during the summer months to better serve our visitors. Over this last winter Leslie Korenko took on the task of organizing our museum into zones. She produced over 100 descriptive signs which better inform the museum visitor of the historical background of the objects and material presented. An exhibit on bars and saloons was put together by Patti Fresch. We adopted as our Mascot, Tarzan, the talking dog from the late 40s, early 50s, at the Casino. He is in the museum to offer a warm and fuzzy face to our young visitors. And, his likeness sells well in the gift shop.

Finances - We made several changes including setting up and keeping to a budget which involved trimming expenses and watching our costs closely. We are moving forward with the replacement of the church windows (made possible through donations) and are working on finding a beneficial use for the parsonage.

Breakers Ball - This fund raiser was held on our grounds and well over 150 people attended, a great many in Roaring 20's costumes. A 16 piece band played 20s music. The food, much of it donated by local businesses was delicious, the drinks refreshing, the four cases of Champaign bubbly and cold, thanks to Charlie Randazzo. A Silent auction was put together by Jane Diemer and her crew of helpers. It raised a good bit of cash for us. Tom Taylor dealt poker hands and there was dancing through the evening. We raised almost \$18,000 which will be used make much needed improvements to the historic properties under our care.

Historic Markers - Last fall our historic plaque was dedicated with about 50 in attendance. Leslie wrote another grant for the Island's second Historic Marker celebrating the Kelley family home and hotel - the Island House, in the downtown park.

What we have accomplished so far this year - We finished up the drainage work for the church, installing a sump pump in the low corner of the crawl space. We still need to shore up the floor, as many or most of the support posts have rotted away. A garden was planted around the south to east side of the museum, thanks to Teri Behrends and Cindy. Bruce and Leslie have been working on the out-house project, leveling, clearing, and repairing. Last year's Butterfly Fest/yard sale went well. 50 people saw Pat's talk. Plenty of traffic was created for the museum. We won a \$500 award from the Ohio Historic Records Advisory Board for work on our archiving of our inventory and its availability on line. AmeriCorps supplied us with a volunteer, Wendy Bromfield who works for the Maritime Museum in Sandusky. She spent a few days helping us with our Museum software. We toyed with taking ownership of the old winery but gave up when it became apparent that liability insurance for that project was unattainable.

We met with Mark Sundlov of the Ohio History Connection to conduct a needs assessment of our organization. He had been given access to much of our material and found that we were doing better than many smaller and larger museums. His report contained suggestions for our improvement. He suggested term limits for board members, a new mission statement and plan for the future, review our collection policy, etc.; these have been assigned to board members for follow up.

Greg Ritchie has served as our CPA for several years. He is now bowing out as is Dee Dee Ritchie, who has served as our treasurer for the last few years. She has done a fantastic and professional job, but today is her last performance on our stage. Entering from the wings of Long Point is Jodie Smith, who has agreed to take the position. Thanks to these guys. Al Nichols has agreed to process our taxes for this year. Chris Carrig is joining the board. We have almost 1000 followers on Facebook and we set up a new website with additional pages logging 17,000 page visits since May. We are just starting to post on Pinterest.

Looking forward - Branding is so important and we are looking to design a new logo. My vision for the future appears on page 1 of this newsletter.

The new Board - It was with much regret that we accepted Jeri Yoest's decision not to seek another term. She has been with us since 2013 and she spearheaded the Oral History project securing interviews with several Islanders. We welcomed Chris Carrig and returning members Patti Fresch, Chuck Herndon, Leslie Korenko and Fred Walcott to the board. We have 213 active members and this year we lost a few and gained a few new ones. New Life Members include Micki Wiles, Michael & Janet Killam, Christopher Walcott, and Peter Mooney. For the first time we offered a free Norman Hills book to all new Life and Patron members and gave away about a dozen books.

Treasurer's Report - Checking: \$48,905.03, Money Market \$23,421.62, Vanguard \$113,381.26 as of July 31. For the first time the Board created a budget and actually stuck to it resulting in a positive cash flow. The investments that the Board approved are solid and showing a much greater return.

Our speaker for the day had an unusual twist! We had not one but two speakers. Patti Fresch talked about the history of bars, saloons and Prohibition on the Island and she and Madison shared some of their more memorable experiences behind the bar to a full house. There are more photos on our website under the [Events](#) tab.



OUR COLLECTION

THANK YOU FOR NOT THROWING THAT OUT – Whether it was a bit of Island history that you picked up years ago or all that stuff that did not sell at your yard sale. You donated it back to us and we say THANKS!

In looking over the old KIHA newsletters (which are online under Island History-Yesterday's News) we notice that there were just a few items added to our collection each quarter. We are so happy that this has changed. People are taking a second look at dusty old things that, at one time, they might have just tossed. Even the smallest old-timey thing has historic value. Here are some of the items that we think are really unique and are just a small sample of what each person donated.

DAVID GLICK donated articles from the Peninsular News with dates ranging from 1909-1930's. Did you know we have a rather large collection of newspaper articles which, at this time, are sorted by decades. It would be super if someone would volunteer to sort and inventory what we have. **CLAUDIA BROWN** found another old KIHA newsletter (July 1998) for our online collection and a package of letters written to William Selfe in the 1890's. **LINDA HOSTAL** gave us the old Sing-a-Long slide projector that the Casino used, along with loads of slides. **RICK HOLMES** contributed KI school yearbooks, 1975 and 1974. **BRUCE & LESLIE KORENKO** – books on collectables, bottles from 1880-1904 (Hutchenson and Joseph Herb), school newsletters, Perchie Press, Lake Erie Electric Coop Code of Regulations and meeting info. **JACK & MARY ELLEN THINNES** – a child's military jacket. **LAWSON & PEGGY WIDEMAN** – booklet "Philosophy of Life a daily guide for Man and Woman (1932), a skinning board and one really old, unusual life preserver. **DEE HARTLEY** – a matchbook cover from Brown's General Store. **PATTI LECLAIR** – several white milk glass cosmetic bottles like "Malvina cream. For freckles, tan, pimples, moth patches, [and] liver-mole." We purchased a Franklin VS sewing machine, c1912. **PAUL & LOIS BROWN** – a scale model Ice Boat toy built by Lee in the 1920's, and several photographs.

There are even more items coming in, but are not cataloged yet – they will be in the next issue.

Here are some of more unusual items.



AND THE WINNER IS

50/50 WINNER - Congratulations to Philip Morrison of Dublin OH (JULY); Mollie Sevcik (AUGUST); and Michelle Stein (SEPTEMBER) our 50/50 winners.

THE QUILT WENT TO Amy Bedocs of Elyria OH. We cannot thank Terri Betzenheimer Behrends enough for spending her winters making these quilts for us every year.

NEW TREASURER – Thanks to Christopher George, Chris Carrig, and Jodie Smith for expressing interest in the Treasurer position. We are pleased to report that Jodie has agreed to take over the job.



ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW – A simply gorgeous day and lots of traffic through the booths and the museum. The booth space was free, but all our artisans give something back to the museum as a way of saying thanks. Did you see something you liked, but didn't get back in time? The list of artists and their contact info appears on our website under the [Events](#) tab.

ALL 5 GRANDMA MARIAN'S BOOKS TO NOW BENEFIT OUR KI HISTORY MUSEUM (by Janet Killam) - North Bay Islander since the early 1950's, Marian Goldner, who signs her books "Grandma Marian," has been writing creatively since the fourth grade. She's published everything from magazine articles, poetry, stories, and books to plays, and has won prizes in almost every field. Her first book, *Georgie the Jovial Giraffe*, written in lyrical rhyme for children, won International First Prize at the competition in Budapest Hungary. And all the proceeds from that book went to buy a much needed Giraffe for the Toledo Zoo.

As of this writing she has penned 5 children's books, all written in rhyme about a bashful beaver, a miracle elephant, a mother polar bear and her young, and enchanting panda bears, all with a gentle moral at the end. They are educational and so cleverly written you are sure to enjoy reading and learning at the same time. In the past, all profits from these books went directly to the Toledo Zoo. They gave Grandma a key to the zoo for that! But now Grandma Marian has now graciously donated her books to our gift shop and all the profits from the sales of her creativity stay with us.

Marian and her husband Leo Goldner, both 93 years young, reside in Aventura, Florida where Marian still teaches a writing class and is finishing yet another book. She dearly loves Kelleys Island, declaring it her favorite place in all of her well traveled world. So now she wants to give back to the island to delight, educate and entertain in her own inimitable style. You can purchase her [books online](#) at our web site. You and any child you know will be very happy you did!



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THE NEW MUSEUM - I was impressed on my first visit to the museum. I was also amazed to "meet" my great-grandfather, Daniel Maag, in the large photo mural on the wall behind the front desk. A wonderful discovery, and a great day showing my niece from Portland, OR around the island. She fell in love with its charm and peacefulness. (Brian Williams). This is volunteer JUNE CAMPBELL pointing out HER relative named Maag.

THAT CALENDAR – What's this you hear about a calendar? Will it really have photos of some of our most prominent men? Will they be wearing clothes or holding strategically placed potted plants? Will it really be available next year? Who will be featured? You'll just have to wait and see! We have some big surprises for you!

DONATIONS

We thank the following people who made donations.

General Donations: Carol Jorski gave us a box of name tags and our thanks to the guy who dropped off a pile of scratch pads and a can of coffee (How did they know we needed both?), Mack McCann (Put-in-Bay), Andrea Gerloff (for holding the church for a wedding), and Brian & Becky Williams.

In memory of:

Lyle Bickley: Bob Allen, Robert C. Bickley, Gayla Taylor, Chelle Blausey, Herbert Bickley, Leslie (Bickley) Alexander, Cindy (Bickley) Jenney, Dave & Cindy Bringman, Carl & Mary Anne Koebel, Hartung Title Agency, Logan & Joan Bickley, Kathie McGraw, Gary Bickley, Maureen & Craig Altier, Colleen & Tom Ewing, Tim & Ann Coleman, Thomas & Cynthia Lamarca

Franklin Pohorence: Laura Jean Pohorence

Sis Bradburn: Cindy & Charles Herndon

Dr. Ted Huang (a plastic surgeon from Galveston burn hospital): Cindy & Charles Herndon

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Herbert Bickley: John & Gwenn Hufnagle and Beth Wells.

Don Haas – Pam & Graldine Betzenheimer and Chuck & Cindy Herndon

Mr. January?



BREAKERS BALL

You know that Roaring 20's gala that we hosted this year? Well, it was a smashing success! Tickets sales were pretty steady until the week before and then we almost sold out! Much to our pleasure and surprise, almost every business on the Island contributed to the event in one form or another. While we would like to think of it as OUR event, it took the whole community to help us pull it off. We already posted loads of photos on our website – but **WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE PICTURES**. We want to do a special display next year with photos of everyone who attended. Send your memories and comments to us (Kimuseum@msn.com)

Here are just a few of the many pictures from the event



Our thanks to everyone who made this such a memorable occasion. In looking over this list, you can see how many people played an important part in the success of this event. **HOWEVER**, it is apparent that we probably missed a few names and for that we apologize. We raised around \$18,000 which will go toward much needed work in the church and parsonage under our care. Our thanks to:

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SILENT AUCTION - African Wildlife Safari, Antoinette McVey, Bag the Moon, Carl & Kimberly Krueger, Carter Lumber, Catawba Interior, Cathy's Wire Art Jewelry, Christi's Just for Ewe, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Crosswinds Restaurant & Bar, Denise Feasby, Ferrell Gas, Great Lake Popcorn, Hancock Wood, Hedda Dempsey, Island Market, Rob & Kim Watkins, Jane & Dennis Diemer, Jet Express, Jodie & Scott Smith, Joe & Leslie Scaletta, Jolly Rogers Seafood House, Kara Overcashier, Kelleys Island Brewery, Kelleys Island General Store, Laura Cheges, Marty McCafferty, Miller Ferry, Mossback's, R B Hayes Presidential Center, Red Fern Inn, Steve & Julie Mack, The Little Healing Room, The Old Forge Café & Creperie, The Village Pump, Uncle Dik's, Vi's Island Treasures, Western Reserve Historical Society, and Wild Birds Unlimited

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