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Our Objectives: *The objectives of the Kelleys Island Landowners Association are to preserve the tranquility and beauty of this island by remaining constantly alert and vigilant to any situation that could adversely affect the needs of our members and the island itself. We provide a forum where members can have the opportunity to present ideas, problems, and information; and we bring all available information regarding Kelleys Island to the Village Council and our members.*

### **THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear KILA members,

Ouch!! That was quite a winter. Writing this from sunny Arizona, Barb and I feel for you northerners. Hopefully most of you were able to sneak away to warmer climes for at least a little while. Summer is just around the corner and once again your very capable board and I are planning KILA activities for 2014. Every year we have a few very enjoyable winter conference calls, and after 15 minutes of "how are you" and "complaints about the weather" pleasantries, we settle down and discuss KILA plans. What impressed me most during these calls is how our new board members, Michael Gallagher, Bob Howley, and Wally Christy stepped up and contributed. Nothing shy about these guys.

This year KILA has scheduled the annual pot luck on June 28, Homecoming on August 16, and Family Hay Ride on October 18. In addition to these activities, your board and I are in the process of planning a public forum in September (potential topic: what needs to be done to get a faster internet on the island) and sponsoring a dumpster the weekend after the Island Treasure Hunt so that **active members** can clean out their garages and attics and properly dispose of stuff– for free!!

**"Active members"** has a new meaning this year. Active members are those that send in a \$10 membership fee. This fee used to be a newsletter subscription fee, but now that we are posting these newsletters on our website (<http://www.kelleysislandlandowners.org/>), and sending these newsletters by email, they no longer require a subscription fee to receive. Therefore during our September annual membership meeting, the membership voted to change the \$10 subscription fee to a \$10 annual dues paid by "active members". The annual membership form can be found on the back page of this newsletter. You can also pay using PayPal or a credit card, the link is found here: <http://www.kelleysislandlandowners.org/membership.php>

April and May are our membership months. This newsletter is going out to any email address we have of landowners, and to physical addresses for those that do not have email. If you are a property owner on Kelleys Island, you qualify for a membership. Others (sons and daughters of landowners, for example) can apply for an associate membership. In 2013, we had 20 new members signed up and this year we hope to beat that number. KILA is an organization that tries very hard to improve our island, while providing a means of having older islanders to meet newer islanders, and a forum for discussing issues out in the open. KILA is also an evolving organization, and if in the past, you have not been interested in joining KILA, for whatever reason, give us a new look.

Very warmest regards,

Sincerely,  
Jim Zeller

### **Are You Interested in having Fresh Vegetables this Summer and Fall?**

**Mulberry Creek Farm** of Bogart Road in Huron is offering a CSA Program (Community Supported Agriculture) to residents on Kelleys Island! Subscribers will receive approximately 10 pounds (2 grocery bags) of freshly harvested vegetables each week from June 3<sup>rd</sup> thru the end of July (Season 1). A second season begins August 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through November.

These programs are designed to provide you with the most nutritious flavorful food possible – and at peak season! So not only will you be eating better, but you'll save time, money, and you'll be supporting responsible and sustainable farmers.



Each week 7-8 types of produce will be delivered to the ferry dock in Marblehead. The produce will vary from week to week so that you get it when it's at its peak! The variety includes salad greens, radishes, strawberries, peas, green beans (early season) thru tomatoes, corn and peppers in the later weeks.

An email is sent to subscribers which predicts what the next week's bags will contain. For people like me, who don't know how many people ten pounds of produce will feed, I am assured that each week will generously feed 5-6 people with regular diets or a family of 4 who are almost vegetarian. Or two couples could share one subscription.

The cost of the program is \$200 per season, with the produce delivered to the ferry dock in Marblehead. **Mulberry Farms will only do this if we have 8 subscribers from the island.** We will need to arrange for pick up from the Marblehead side and delivery on the island or arrange a central drop off point for participants to come to. If we have enough people interested, we could ask the Jet Express or the Goodtime if they would ferry the produce to us – for a fee, of course.

**If you are interested, or have questions, contact Barbara Christy at 313-802-7655 or 419-746-2890.** Hopefully, there will be enough people on the island who are interested to support this innovative program!

## Cleveland Museum of NATURAL HISTORY



**Have you ever wondered what the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's purpose is on the island?** The story begins in 1886 with the Kelley Island Lime & Transport Company (KIL&T), once the world's largest producer of **limestone** and **lime**. KIL&T ran until 1955, and its successor then donated 825 acres to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH). CMNH kept several parcels, including some with houses, and sold the rest. The parcels with houses were soon sold and by 1960 the museum properties totaled 78 acres. Since that time, CMNH has had donated or has purchased additional land resulting in what are now 204 acres of preserves

on the island and the Western Reserve Conservancy recently transferred two newer areas to the Village Park District Recreation Board in conjunction with CMNH.

The museum's quest is to preserve natural spaces, for present and future generations, provide stewardship of the land to protect rare and endangered species and protect habitat for birds, insects and other animals while removing invasives. **Did you know?** Kelleys Island, is the largest U.S. island in Lake Erie and provides stop-over habitat for more than 200 species of migratory birds.

Once a year, about fifteen islanders on the K. I. Stewardship Committee meet. An update is given to Jim Bissell, Director of the Natural Areas, and his staff, of recent activities on KI which might affect the preserves. Jim Bissell continues his quest to find rare and endangered plants and animals in northern Ohio.

The **Scheele Preserve** on Monaghan, is open to the public with paths from the road east to the Lake Erie shore. This preserve protects rock elm, red ash, and swamp forest. The Western Reserve Conservancy Park District, in conjunction with CMNH, plans to open two newly-acquired parcels to the public as nature preserves. These preserves will be available for passive recreational uses such as bird-watching and hiking. The **Quinn Preserve** will provide habitat for migratory birds and the **Huntley-Beatty Quarry** will protect Great Lakes alvar habitat and allow reintroduction of the Lakeside Daisy. For more public preserves and scenic activities visit: <http://www.kelleysislandchamber.com/places/>.

The following CMNH preserves are only accessible with a permit from the Natural Areas Office at CMNH. On these, researchers study birds, plants, amphibians, snakes, butterflies and beetles. Hunting is permitted in these preserves during hunting season with a CMNH permit. The **Sweet Valley Preserve** on Titus Road which was purchased in 1997; The **Woodford Woods Preserve**, on the south side of Woodford Road near the intersection with Monaghan; **The Glade**, tucked in off of Bickley Lane; the **Coleman Preserve**, which straddles Bookerman Road near the turn in the road; and the **Jones or Long Point Preserve** inside the gate on the northeast peninsula.

### A few 2014 KILA events to put on your calendars

KILA meeting - May 17

KILA meeting - June 21

**Pot Luck** – June 28

KILA meeting - July 19

KILA meeting - August 16

**Homecoming** - August 16

**KILA Annual Meeting** – September 20

KILA meeting - October 18

**Hayride** – October 18



### More events to put on your calendars!

The **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Kelleys Island Outdoor Filmfest** will be **July 25 -27**. The festival kicks off Friday night inside the Town Hall at 6:00pm. In addition to the Friday night movie, it will host a meet-and-greet social with Lafarge of North America, which donated \$5,000 last year to help purchase a projection system for the Kelleys Island Old Town Hall. Family movies continue Saturday and Sunday at 6pm followed by **outdoor movies** at the field, Friday, Saturday and Sunday starting at 9pm. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join the fun!

Great Lakes Brewing Company is hosting a **Rockin' the Rock Music Festival** on **Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>**! This one-day family event will feature approximately five to seven acts throughout the day hosting different genres and entertainment styles to peak the interest of all music lovers from all generations! *Listen to some great music, then head over to the **KILA Pot Luck** for some KILA fun.* If you have any questions or wish to make a donation to the Music Festival, please e-mail [RockinTheRock@KImusicFest.com](mailto:RockinTheRock@KImusicFest.com), or go online to [KImusicfest.com](http://KImusicfest.com).

Annual **VFW Chicken Dinner** will be **June 21<sup>st</sup>**. Have some good food and fun while supporting the VFW.

### **COUNCIL NEWS**

The first Council meeting of the year was held in March. The Police report that they did 685 house checks since December and they now have a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/kelleysislandpd>) so you can keep up with the latest news. They anticipate posting updates on the ferry and airplanes and other news. Vehicle problems may result in the lease of a new police car this year. The Island EMS squad is rapidly completing their 40 hours of training. The Village received a \$1000 grant from Erie County for our scrap metal recycling program. Council is re-evaluating the Income Tax question. Most of the Village employees received a small raise in pay. AT&T will be upgrading the antennas on the water tower taking them from 3G to 4G.

### **KelleysIslandLandowners.com**

KILA has created a website for you to keep up on island news: <http://www.kelleysislandlandowners.org>. The website has links to all the island news, including village council minutes, weather, and the Chamber's great event calendar at [KelleysIslandChamber.com](http://www.kelleysisland.com). Read Kelleys Life online at <http://www.kelleysisland.com/information/kelleys-life>. For other information like where to stay when you're on the island, where to shop and where to dine, visit: [KelleysIsland.com](http://www.kelleysisland.com). Look into your home's tax information and transaction details at [erie.iviewauditor.com](http://erie.iviewauditor.com). These sites are all linked to KILA's website! Make sure to add it to your "favorites".

### **KILA Dues**

Because this newsletter is now available to anyone on the KILA website ([KelleysIslandLandowners.org](http://www.kelleysislandlandowners.org)), subscription dues no longer make sense. However, the board of KILA needed a way to determine who were active members and who were not, and the board needs the revenue from the subscription to carry out our activities from year to year. Therefore, at the September 2013 Annual Meeting, the membership voted to change the "subscription dues" to an "active membership" dues. This \$10 annual dues fee is due by June 30 every year.

### **PAYPAL for Membership Initiation and Annual Dues**

There is a PayPal link under the membership tab of the [KelleysIslandLandowners.com](http://www.kelleysislandlandowners.org) web site. PayPal is safe and it makes it much easier for us to do our banking on-line than to handle and deposit checks. The KILA board encourages all to use the PayPal link to pay your \$35 Initiation Fee, \$10 Membership Dues, and/or \$10 Crimewatch donation.

### **KILA Board Members - These are the people who represent you on the KILA Board**

Drew Algase; Barb Coleman; Frank Dodson; Emil Hach; Holly Miller; Jennifer Pieratt; Jim Zeller; Jan Killam; Vickie Finnegan; Jeff Hedley; Michael Gallagher; Wally Christy; and Bob Howley.

### **KILA Officers**

Jim Zeller - President  
Drew Algase - Vice President  
Emil Hach - Treasurer  
Jennifer Pieratt - Secretary

### **Contact KILA**

Have questions, need information? Contact us at KILA, P O Box 22, Kelleys Island, OH 43438 or [kelleysislandlandowners.org](http://www.kelleysislandlandowners.org) and click on CONTACT US in the upper right.

### **Help KILA By Shopping**

We have an account at GFS (Gordon Food Service). Mention the account at check-out to receive a nominal discount. To use the account, just tell them: Kelleys Island Landowners Association, or use our account number: 002279911.



### **ISLAND DEATHS**

**FRANCES S. MINSHALL** – 92, passed away on March 2, 2014 on Kelleys Island. **Memorial services** will take place in late spring at Zion United Methodist Church on Kelleys Island. **Burial** of her cremains will be in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC. Ransom Funeral Home, 610 S. Washington St., Castalia, is in charge of arrangements. **Donations** in Frances honor should be made to: The Kelleys Island Historical Association, PO Box 328, Kelleys Island, OH 43438, or to Stein Hospice Services, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, OH 44870. **Condolences** may be shared with the family at [ransomfuneralhome.com](http://ransomfuneralhome.com).

**JAMES ARTHUR SEAMAN** -- James "Jim" Arthur Seaman, 92, passed away April 14, 2014. A celebration of life will be 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, at the Chapel of the Wesleyan Village, 807 West Ave., Elyria. The Rev. Beth McKee will officiate. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Wesleyan Senior Living Foundation of Elyria, or to the Kelleys Island Historical Society.

**HOMECOMING – August 16<sup>th</sup> 2014**

YES – I want to be one of those great volunteers who give their time at Homecoming in August!!!  
Sign me up for a 2-hour shift working:

\_\_\_\_\_ Food service      \_\_\_\_\_ Cold drinks      \_\_\_\_\_ Beer      \_\_\_\_\_ Games/activities      \_\_\_\_\_ Bake Sale

You will be contacted about 3 weeks before the August 16<sup>th</sup> Homecoming to confirm your participation. **Don't be afraid to volunteer!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Email [info@KelleysIslandLandowners.org](mailto:info@KelleysIslandLandowners.org) the info to or mail to: KILA, P O Box 22, Kelleys Island OH 43438

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**\$10 Annual Dues**

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**KELLEYS ISLAND LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2014 MEETING DATES**

**Mark your calendars (or hang this on your refrigerator) - KILA meeting dates will be on the following Saturdays in 2013.**

- April 19
- May 17
- June 21
- July 19
- August 9
- September 20 (Annual Meeting)
- October 18