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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,

Jon Donne skillfully reminded us, "no man is an island, entire of itself; everyman is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." This is an apt quotation for the landowners of Kelleys Island; we are all a part of Kelleys Island and all contribute to the Kelleys Island experience.

How much individual KILA members enjoy Kelleys Island is as varied as the number of KILA members, but I would guess that most islanders wish that their experience could be richer, and more fulfilling. Now the question: How do we maximize our unique Kelleys Island experience? What can we do to enjoy our Kelleys experience even more? Should KILA even be concerned about this? My answer is yes!! And here's why.

KILA serves two functions, one is social and the other is to serve as a conduit to open communication. As a social organization, we welcome new homeowners to the island and set up social events, pot lucks, square dances, Homecoming celebrations, hay rides, etc. Many new homeowners have met their circle of island friends through KILA events, attending and volunteering; Barb and myself included. The best way to enrich your island experience is to make more friends; good friends, sharing friends, laughing friends. Get more active in KILA, and enrich your Kelleys' experience.

KILA is an evolving organization, and as such we are a different organization than in the past. If you were on the outside looking in, or for some reason turned-off from KILA of old, please give us another look. We might not be the same KILA you remember and this time around there might be a better fit. The more the better! The more homeowners who are involved with KILA, the more fulfilling everyone's Kelleys experience will be. A larger KILA also makes a stronger KILA organization.

Now that brings us to the other function of KILA – the conduit to communication. A strong KILA is a better conduit to open communication that can more readily influence the direction the island chooses to go. I can't predict where the island will be 10, 20 or 30 years from now, but I can predict that Kelleys Island will be a better place to own a home if its direction is influenced by healthy debates at forums led by a strong Landowners Association.

This message is timely because your Board's goals in 2013 are to increase our communication with our membership, entice more of our membership to get more involved, and to solicit homeowners that are not members to join. Worthy goals indeed, and a win, win, win proposal – you win by meeting more people and perhaps enriching your Kelleys Island experience, KILA wins by growing a stronger organization, and Kelleys Island wins because of a brighter future!

Best Regards,
Jim Zeller

2013 KILA EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENARS!!!

PotLuck June 15 – Location to be determined
Square Dance – July 19 (Friday of Island Fest) – Town Hall
Homecoming Aug 17 - Pavilion
Annual Meeting Sept 21 – KI School
Hayride Oct 19 – 4 H Club

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

As part of the goal of improving communication of our membership, we will be using email more often to announce events, forums, and other pieces interesting news! The forms found at the bottom of this newsletter have a place for your email addresses, so please fill it in.



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH THE INTERNET AND EMAIL?

If you are not currently using the internet and email, but would like to and wish to learn, just let one of the KILA Board members know --their names are listed at the end of this newsletter. If there is interest, we can set up a series of training classes this summer!

KelleysIslandLandowners.com

If you want to KEEP UP ON ISLAND NEWS you can do it online. KILA's new website has links to all the island news, **including village council minutes**, weather, home tax information, www.KelleysIslandChamber.com and the Chambers' great event calendar. Check it out at www.KelleysIslandLandowners.org.

KELLEYS ISLAND BOAT TAX DELAYED



A proposed boat dock tax for Kelleys Island's businesses sunk fast as public outrage forced island officials to halt plans of imposing new fees on entrepreneurs in 2013.

Spurred by village Mayor Kyle Payne, some council members suggested either creating new fees or increasing existing fees. Among the fees discussed were a one-time annual fee of \$17.50 for any business capable of docking at least six boats; a one-time annual fee of \$35 for any business capable of docking a boat 40-foot in length; and Increasing the island's 3 percent bed tax rate to 6 percent. Businesses could either absorb the cost, or pass it along to boaters and lodgers visiting the island.

Payne wants to offset a shortfall in the village's \$470,000 annual budget. The new fee structure sought to raise about \$15,000 a year in additional income, just enough for islanders to balance the budget. Payne said he's open to fresh ideas for generating money, but if everyone draws a blank on money-producing propositions, then a docking tax could surface for 2014.

"I would much rather work with the people on this," Payne said. "We are going to review it for a year and hopefully we can come up with a better solution. But if we don't take in more income, we will be in trouble."

SCHOOL

The SCHOOL has been promoting residents' health with basketball, tennis and open exercise. They also have made some improvements. The new key card system and security cameras were funded with REAP grant funds with no local tax money used. Other improvements will benefit both the FIELD STATION program and the community with a shower room and portable beds/cots to be added. Those items, coupled with the kitchen and power generator already in place, makes this a fully-functional COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SHELTER. There will be another Spring program, offering Entomology and Geology courses as part of the Field Station. These programs are free to all students of KI landowners/voters. Details will appear on the school website, www.Kelleys.k12.oh.us.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Jack Hostal announced that the FIRE DEPARTMENT received a \$113,900 grant from FEMA for turnout gear, new air packs and a washer and dryer for the station. Council is moving forward on the design of a NEW FIRE STATION. Currently, the maintenance and fire departments are sharing the 4-bay garage behind the Village office building. During the winter, Maintenance stores its trucks under the picnic pavilion. The EMS ambulances are a problem too, as one is stored outside of the small garage that houses its headquarters and clinic.



Interested in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter and Joining the Kelleys Island Fire Dept.?

The State of Ohio Basic Fire Fighting Training is 36 hours of classroom time, hands on training and taking a State of Ohio test. If you are interested, please give Fire Chief Jack Hostal a call at 419-746-2788.

Reminder, when you open your cottage or house for the upcoming season, please CHANGE the BATTERIES in your smoke alarms.

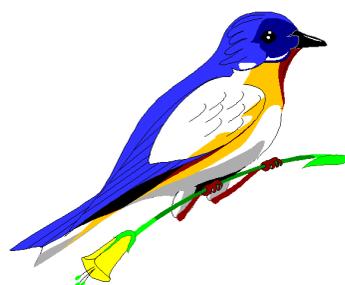
WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department is offering AUTOMATED PAYMENTS. No checks needed anymore. Make sure you sign up for this service. The form was included in your water bill. If you haven't paid your water bill, be aware that the Village will be cracking down on UNPAID BALANCES, which range from around \$50 to \$8000.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Village Website (www.KelleysIsland.us) is finally up and running again after being down for over a year. This is the place to catch up on COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, Village contact information and departments.

AUDUBON HAPPENINGS by Pat Hayes



Along with the returning summer people, the birds will be returning to our island too! To celebrate, we'll be holding monthly lectures on nature. We also will be catching and banding birds May, July and most of the fall.

The spring bird banding event, NEST WITH THE BIRDS, is a great way to see birds in their finest plumages. Colorful creatures that spent much of the year in Central and South America. Their stop over on Kelleys Island is critical to their survival. Come help us band on May 18th at the Jones Preserve on Long Point. Nest With the Birds kicks off with a pot luck and lecture on Thursday, the 17th, with Audubon member Allison Cusick. He is the chief botanist emeritus (retired)

for the State of Ohio. He will educate and entertain us about Island Aliens. (Invasive island plants). So mark your calendars and join us for a fun filled season with the Kelleys Island Audubon!

A KELLEYS ISLAND SENIOR CENTER?

Kim McNeal's goal is to operationalize a center for seniors at the island school. She received endorsement from the school board council and is well on her way to watching her goals materialize! During the winter months, she started a low-impact exercise group, and got a Friday morning card group going. She's hoping to expand offerings as islanders return for the summer, bringing their ideas and support along with them!

Kim's idea for a senior center grew out of visiting a center with her father in Columbus, which he attends regularly. Seeing how the center has helped her father, who was widowed last year, and how important senior centers are to other family members, she decided it would be a good thing for Kelleys Islanders.

Ideally, she'd like to see the center open as many days a week as possible, mornings and afternoons. Anyone interested in becoming part of a group that can steer the plan with ideas and time would be a great start.

Please call Kim at 419-341-7684, preferably between the hours of 9 and 4, weekdays, to find out what you can contribute. Look for postings at the school to update news, hours, and activities.

YOU MAY HAVE MISSED...

VALENTINE'S DAY

Long-married couple shares tales of love

By TOM JACKSON and JESSICA CUFFMAN news@sanduskyregister.com
SANDUSKY

Ardrita and Herbert Bickley — married 66 years

"I wouldn't want to change anything in our life," said Herbert Bickley, 92, of his marriage with his wife, Ardritya Bickley, 89.

The two met while attending school on Kelleys Island. Herbert later joined the Navy and shipped off to the South Pacific, but Ardritya waited for him. "She was a very attractive girl. She could have had any boy she wanted," he said. "I was just in her way all the time."



Sixty-six years ago, they married at a priest's home on the island. "It was a mixed marriage. I was Catholic and she wasn't," Herbert said. After the war, he joined his father again on a fishing rig, making their life on the island. Ardritya worked as a post mistress at the island's only office, and they had two children, both girls.

By the '80s they had moved to the mainland. Three decades and two grandchildren later, they're looking forward to great grandchildren in their future.

So many years later, dates and details can be elusive. But one point sticks true in their key to a successful marriage. "You overlook everything," Ardritya said. "You don't let it bother you."

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

Drew Algase, Barb Coleman, Frank Dodson, Vicki Finnegan; Emil Hach, Jeff Hedely, Caroline Jorski, Janet Killam, Holly Miller, Jennifer Pieratt, Jan Ransom, Jim Zeller.

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.

Gordon Food Service

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

Alfred J. Zabler, 94, passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2013, at the Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Al's memory to the [Alzheimer's Association](#), Northwest Ohio Chapter, 2500 N. Reynolds Road #2, Toledo, OH 43615 or the [charity of the donor's choice](#). Arrangements by Neville Funeral Home, Reynolds Corners Chapel (419-535-0951).

Andrew W. Eddowes, Retired United States Navy Captain, 52, passed away January 29, 2013, after a courageous battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. His family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the ALS Association in Andy's memory. Burial at Oakland Cemetery in Sandusky, with full military honors.

Dr. Judson G. Sprandel Sr., 80, passed away February 12, 2013, in Ridgewood Hospice Center, Akron, Ohio. Arrangements by Adams Mason Funeral Home and Crematory, Akron.

Joyce G. Strunk, 78, formerly of Euclid and Mayfield Village and presently of Mentor-on-the Lake passed away March 6, 2013. She and her family spent many summers at their home on Kelly's Island. Arrangements by Monreal Funeral Home in Eastlake, burial in Knollwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Mentor Christian School. Online obituary and condolences available at: www.monreal.com

Florence "Sis" McKillips, 92, of Kelleys Island, passed away March 15, 2013, in Stein Hospice Care Center. Memorial contributions in Sis's name may be directed to Stein Hospice Service, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, OH 44870; or the Kelley's Island Historical Society, P.O. Box 328, Kelleys Island, OH 43438.

Edward P. Whelan, 70, legendary Northeast Ohio journalist and publicist, died March 20, 2013. Lived in Cleveland Heights, South Russell and finally Shaker Heights. He had a lakefront vacation home on Kelley's Island. The funeral arrangements are yet to be determined but will be made through [McGorray-Hanna](#).

Helen Louise Fitzgerald (nee Stamoules), age 75, of Olmsted Falls and Kelleys Island, died April 1, 2013. Arrangements by A. Ripepi and Sons Funeral Home, 18149 Bagley Rd., Middleburg Hts.

Poppy E. Hodgson (nee Rees) passed away April 20, 2013. Arrangements by Zeis-Mcgreevey Funeral Home. Private interment Kelleys Island. Memorials to the Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Frank A. Palladino, age 95, passed away April 19, 2013. Contributions can be made in Frank's name, to Kindred Stratford Commons Assisted Living in Glenwillow, OH or Harbor Lights Hospice in Highland Hts., OH for their outstanding care and support. Entombment at Hillcrest Mausoleum. A celebration of Frank's life will be announced by his children at a later date.

HOMEcoming 2013

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 Homecoming (which will be August 17th) to confirm your participation, so don't be afraid to volunteer.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone No. _____

E-Mail _____

Email the info to: info@kelleyislandlandowners.org or mail to: KILA, P O Box 22, Kelleys Island OH 43438

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION - \$10 Annual Fee

KILA sends out 4 newsletters each year – the first (this one) will go out to every member. The remaining 3 will be sent by e-mail or regular mail to members who subscribe. The \$10.00 Subscription Fee is the largest source of funds for KILA. Please consider supporting your KILA organization by subscribing to your newsletter.

I am enclosing my \$10 newsletter subscription – I am also providing my email address so that I can take advantage of color pictures, clickable links and lots of extras that don't appear in the printed version.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail address _____

Mail to: KILA, P O Box 22, Kelleys Island OH 43438

Or pay using PayPal online at: <http://www.kelleyislandlandowners.org/eshop.php>

KELLEYS ISLAND LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2013 MEETING DATES

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

May 18

June 15

July 20

August 10

September 21

October 19