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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,

As we close out KILA Year 2012 it is a good time to reflect. Our goals for this year were to get more involved with other island organizations and to increase our participation rate in our activities. And we did. The North Coast Band concert, held in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, was a big success. Homecoming was one of the best ever, with over 40 members actively helping during that event.

We are still not finished. As of this writing we still have the Family Hay Ride on October 20, and a Voters Forum on October 21, to be held at the school on 1 PM Sunday. The Forum will focus on the general fund millage and will be true to our mission of "we provide a forum where members can have the opportunity to present...information..."

As with any organization, change is in the air. We moved our meeting location to Estes School, where we now can access overhead projectors, view electronic presentations, and prepare our meeting minutes in real time. Look for even more changes next year – especially concerning areas of communicating with our membership.

We also are saying goodbye to two very active board members: Peggy and Lawson Wideman. I am sure that they will stay active and help when needed. Thanks to Peggy and Lawson for all you have done for KILA over the years.

We welcome new board members Jeff Hedley, and Vicki Finnegan. I also would like to welcome our new set of officers: Drew Algase - Vice President, Jennifer Pieratt –Secretary; with Emil Hach, returning as our treasurer.

My goals for next year are to survey our membership and obtain feedback on how we can better serve Kelleys Island and how to better communicate with our membership.

Being involved with KILA has been a great experience for me. Some of my best "Island" friendships that I now cherish would not have matured without working side by side with these great people. If you want a deeper KI experience, I suggest that getting more involved with KILA will be an easy way to achieve it.

Best,
Jim Zeller

HOMECOMING

This year's HOMECOMING was one of the best ever! With two bands, Frank & Dean and the Fat City Band -- three bands, if you count the performance by the Crestline School Band – there was a lot of dancing going on!

KILA honored parade marshals Vi Feyedelem and Papa T(Tony) Vacca for rising from the ashes and beginning business again after the fire.



There were more contestants than Twinkies at the TWINKIE EATING CONTEST and additional supplies had to be arranged. MAGICIAN Magic Mike thrilled the audience with feats of magic suitable for a Las Vegas stage.

At BACK TO THE WILD, people stood in awe at the Eagles (and other animals). You can't imagine just how large an Eagle is until you see it up close (they are huge). Back to the Wild is a regular attraction at Homecoming, and has rescued more than 40,000 animals, returned more than 26,000 to the wild and have admitted more than 50 bald eagles. The center has educated more than 1 million children and adults since opening its



doors 22 years ago. But the wildlife rehabilitation center could close within months. It is facing financial crises. Show your support by sending donations to: Back to the Wild Wildlife Rehabilitation & Nature Education, P.O. Box 423, 4504 Bardshar Road, Castalia, OH 44824.

We had four winners at the BEER SLIDE; two 50/50 winners and Donna Algase was the repeat PIE CONTEST winner.

Everyone was a winner in the PET PARADE. Maryann Paison brought Peanut who was dressed as a ladybug. Buddy dazzled the audience with his stick-em-up and tragic death-when-shot act. Cheryl Finnegan brought Spunky, a fluffy little white dog, who looked as though he was strutting the runways of France. The last winner was an invisible dog named Ghost, who did some remarkable tricks. Each got a goody bag and a \$10 gift card donated by Pet Supplies Plus.



Thanks to all who came by for the fun and all who volunteered!

AUDUBON

There were 71 people in the KAYAK POKER PADDLE, another really good turnout. People came from New York, Pennsylvania and Indiana to compete in this fun event! Keep up with nature events this winter at www.KelleysIslandNature.com. Leslie added a page to her website that allows GENEALOGISTS searching for their Island roots to post their contact info. <http://www.kelleysislandstory.com> – click on Genealogy). She has already connected several people to far-flung relatives.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th is a big day! The **KILA FAMILY HAYRIDE** at the 4-H Camp, **PUMPKIN CARVING** at Bag the Moon (in support of the EMS) and a **KID'S COSTUME PARTY** at the KI Brewery, will all be on the 20th. The Chamber also has **OCTOGAWEEN** on the 20th. Festivities continue the next weekend - on **OCTOBER 27** another **KID'S COSTUME PARTY** at the KI brewery and the Adult Halloween will be celebrated at all of the island taverns. On Friday, **NOVEMBER 23** The Village Pump is hosting a Potluck Dinner and on Saturday, **NOVEMBER 24** come to the OSU vs. Michigan Tailgate Party at The Village Pump.



SUNDAY OCTOBER 21, at 1 PM - GENERAL FUND MILLAGE FORUM

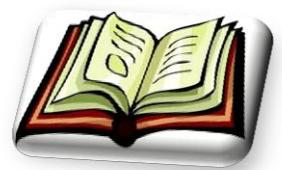
On Sunday October 21 at 1 PM at Estes School, KILA will host a Forum focusing the General Fund – what is it, how much money is involved, and why the Mayor and Village Council feels it is important to place a millage on the November ballot to shore it up. Facts and figures, collected by Steve Merkel with Claudia Brown's help, will be presented. The forum will be moderated by Jim Coleman, who has been active in local government on the mainland.

HIKING CLUB TO START ON KELLEYS



Barb and Jim Zeller are planning to start a KI Hiking Club. What a fun idea! They plan to take 5-8 mile hikes --probably on Sundays in the Spring and Fall (when it's not so hot). The hikes would end at one of the local restaurants for food and drinks. They'd like to promote the super hiking trails available on the island, while promoting exercise and having fun. They'd eventually like to work with hiking organizations to solicit grants to support existing trail extensions and to have more contiguous trails. Anyone who might be interested in participating, please contact Jim and Barb at zellerj@yahoo.com

EX LIBRIS BOOKSHOP hosted an **AUTHOR SIGNING** on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Local author and historian Leslie Korenko was there to sign her Kelleys Island history books. She is the winner of the 2012 Henry Howe Award for outstanding Ohio history book, presented by the Ohio Genealogical Society. Her newest book, "KELLEYS ISLAND 1866-1871: THE LODGE, SUFFRAGE & BASEBALL", continues where her other two books left off. In describing her book, she writes; "The Civil War is over and life moves forward on this little island in Lake Erie. Islanders finally get a full-time Doctor, and a women at that! The Independent Order of Island Loafers still meets and debates all the hot topics of the day. The right to Suffrage is fully debated in the winter Lyceum. The Kelleys Island Wine Co. is established, changing the economics of wine making, and baseball takes over the minds and hearts of the island men."



Korenko's first book is "Kelleys Island: the courageous, poignant & often quirky lives of island pioneers 1810-1861", and the second book is "Kelleys Island 1862-1865: The Civil War, the Island Soldiers & the Island Queen". Korenko is working on a fourth book that will cover from 1872 until the 1880's. Korenko has a genealogy section on her web site www.kelleysislandstory.com and is always looking for Kelleys Island stories. Ex Libris Bookshop is a fundraiser for the Marblehead Peninsula Library Committee Inc., whose goal is to establish a library on the peninsula. The shop sells used and vintage books and other book related material. Hours are daily 10-5 through Oct. 31. November through April they are open Saturdays 11-3 and Sundays 12-3. For further information, contact Lorrie Halblaub at 419 798-4132.

NEW KELLEYS ISLAND HEALTH CLUB – FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Phil Thiede and the Kelleys Island School Board has put in a new key swipe system that allows you to use the exercise equipment and gym floor 7 days a week, 8 AM to 8 PM to. This is great news and ought to help islanders live long and prosper. To register please call Phil at 419 746 9307 to get your swipe card and sign the forms. When Phil was asked if he was afraid of abuse and vandalism – he said "Neh – there are cameras everywhere. We will catch all the abusers". This is a great addition to the Island. Thanks for doing this.

In **PREPARING FOR WINTER**, the Police Dept. is again urging people to complete WINTER HOUSE CHECK FORMS, or at least let them know who is watching your house and who has keys in case of emergency. New forms should be submitted for the winter of 2012/13. You can also request a form by email: police@kelleysisland.us. Also the Senior Watch Program goes into affect again this year. The forms (available at the police station) provide assistance and assurance in the event of an emergency. Winter residents are encouraged to complete a form.

COUNCIL NEWS

Council MEETINGS change to Saturdays in October (10 am at Kelley's Hall). There was an unusual full-house of citizens at the Sept. meeting, probably because of some hot button topics on the agenda. In the face of the failed levy in August, the Finance Committee will be looking at ways to cut expenses in the event the levy fails again in November. The BOARD OF ELECTIONS certified the results which changed slightly from the original figures: 173 persons voted and the levy failed 83 to 90. The RENTAL RATES for the public buildings and grounds was changed to include a non-refundable maintenance fee as well as some increased rental fees. Hotels and Motels will be paying more for tapping into the municipal water system. The TAP FEE RATE STRUCTURE for a 1.5" tap is \$12,000 plus \$500 per bedroom or dwelling unit. Council is considering a 3% HOTEL TAX. A hotel is defined as one or more buildings (including rental houses) that contain a total of five or more bedrooms for rent. The goal is to collect more money from the tourists that overwhelm the island each year and stress our support systems. The village has been advertising for repairs to the WATER INTAKE. Assessment letters have gone out on the SWEETBRIAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT project, and several appeals have been filed. An Equalization Board has been appointed to hear those appeals.

ERIE COUNTY SEVERE WEATHER WARNING SIRENS

In response to those who have wondered what to do when the weather siren at the school goes off, KI Fire Chief Jack Hostal has offered the following from the Emergency Management Agency & Office of Homeland Security:



Erie County operates 444 outdoor severe weather warning sirens as part of the countywide severe weather warning system. The sirens are normally tested on the first day of every month at noon. The test lasts for approximately three minutes. In the event of a severe weather warning, the county sirens are activated by the Erie County sheriff's Office 9-1-1 Communication Center.

The county sirens are activated any time there is a TORNADO WARNING issued by the National Weather Service, or the reported sighting of a tornado/funnel cloud by public safety personnel, or the report of property damage or injuries caused by severe storms/tornado/funnel cloud.

The sirens are designed to serve as an outdoor warning device and therefore are not designed to alert someone inside their home, office or school. When you hear the warning sirens, seek shelter and tune to your local TV and/or radio for further weather information. The use of NOAA All Hazards/Weather radios are recommended as the best indoor warning systems available today. NOAA radios can be purchased at many area department stores and electronic stores.

Each family/household and business should pre-plan for weather emergencies. During an emergency, residents are asked not to call 9-1-1 or the Sheriffs' Office Dispatch Center whenever the sirens are activated for weather related emergencies, as dispatchers will be co-ordinating the response of area agencies.

The sirens are not activated upon expiration of the warning and are not activated to indicate an "all Clear."

MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS - it ensures that you get the full benefit of the newsletter (color pictures, clickable links, etc). and it helps save trees! Send your e-mail to: kiLandowners@aol.com.

ISLAND WEBSITES

Watch for more fun activities!

You can check www.KelleysIsland.com for event details and important information like ferry schedule, real estate, where to stay when visiting the island, and more!

KelleysIslandChamber.com the Chamber of Commerce offers vacation information including island events, lodging, dining, shopping and natural and historical places to visit.

KelleysIsland.us the village website.

KI Audubon Club www.KelleysIslandNature.com

KI Historical Association www.KelleysIslandHistorical.org

WELCOME NEW SECRETARY – Leslie Korenko has served as the Secretary to KILA for the last 10 years, she is now passing the reins. We welcome our new Secretary, Jennifer Pieratt, to the KILA team!

HELP WANTED - KILA NEWSLETTER EDITOR - If you are interested in becoming the Editor of this quarterly newsletter, let us know! No major skill set is required other than knowing the Word program on the computer. Contact Diane Brookins Dibrook@me.com with any questions.

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

Drew Algase, Barb Coleman, Frank Dodson, Vicki Finnegan, Leslie Korenko, Janice Krause, Emil Hach, Jeff Hedley, Janet Killam, Holly Miller, Jennifer Pieratt, Jan Ransom, Jim Zeller,

KILA Officers

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

Contact KILA

Have questions, need information? Contact us at KILA, P O Box 22, Kelleys Island, OH 43438 or kiLandowners@aol.com

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

ANN TREAT (nee Dido), 84, passed away July 23, 2012. Burial at Kelleys Island Cemetery. Online obituary and guestbook at: <http://www.dejohnfuneral.com/book-of-memories/1287492/Treat-Ann/service-details.php>.

RUSS WILSON, 60, of Copley, OH, passed away unexpectedly on July 29, 2012 at his vacation home on Kelleys Island. For complete obituary visit http://www.hilliardospert.com/Obituaries_Wilson_Russ.php.

ROBERT "BOB" LASALLE SCHWARTZ, JR., 71, of Vermilion and Kelleys Island, OH, passed away August 21, 2012 at New Life Hospice Center of St. Joseph after a lengthy illness. The family suggests memorial contributions to Assistance Dogs for Achieving Independence, ADAI, 5605 Monroe Street, Sylvania, OH 43560; Kelleys Island VFW Post 9908, 611 Division Street, Kelleys Island, Ohio 43438; or Kelleys Island Historical Preservation, P.O. Box 721, Kelleys Island, Ohio 43438. Online condolences may be made at: www.riddlefuneralhome.com.

CHRISTINE M. KOENIGSEKER (nee Hesper), 62 of Parma Heights, Passed away on August 27, 2012. Memorials may be forwarded to [American Cancer Society](http://www.americancancersociety.org), 10501 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106. Online condolences may be made at: <http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/cleveland/guestbook.aspx?n=christine-koenigseker&pid=159514050&cid=full>.

RUTH A. RAGONE (nee Tedrahn) 88. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Hospice Services of Southwest General, 18659 Drake Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136. Online condolences may be made at: <http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/cleveland/guestbook.aspx?n=ruth-ragone&pid=159289457&cid=full>.

FRANKLIN J. POHORENCE, 89, a life-long Kelleys Island resident, passed away Oct. 1, 2012. Those wishing to contribute to Frank's memory may do so St. Michael's Catholic Church, 219 Chappel Street, Kelley's Island, Ohio 43438; or to the Village of Kelley's Island, Attn: Claudia-EMS Contribution, PO Box 469, Kelley's Island, Ohio 43438.