

Danube Historical Society

Newsletter

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From the Desk of the Prez, Rod Black

DHS held its annual meeting January, 2010 at 10AM in the Danube Community Center. (Thank You, City Council.) There were 18 members present.

Five years have passed since we bought The Depot at Auction on a blustery, icy, snowy day in March and brought it back to Danube (where many told us it belonged) on a beautiful day in May! If you recall we paid \$110 for the Depot and \$895 for the original passenger bench. Because of Volunteers and your donations we now have a Museum. The restoration, plus several extra attractive projects are basically finished and we are ready to concentrate on accessions/exhibits and collecting family histories and stories of Danube. THANK YOU for sticking by us during that process and don't forget us now.

Many Graduating Classes are having Reunions again this year. DHS likes it when you have them during Danube Fun Days and gather at the Depot also. When you have a Reunion we would appreciate your updated address list of classmates. We have lists for every class and we like to keep them up-to-date, including e-mails if you wish.

We do have Summer Hours for being open. If you come through when we are closed you will find phone numbers on the door; PLEASE CALL & SOMEONE WILL JOIN YOU THERE! Visitors are the best part!!!

FINANCES

Treasurer Dorothy Kleinhuizen reports that our loan at the Bank is paid in full and our Anonymous Donor's Challenge was met successfully! What a relief to be ahead at present (certainly a relief to those individuals who signed the notes). They had a lot of faith in all of YOU!

Our utility bills for the year were \$1065.62, the Bank loan payoff was \$4159.13, total disbursements-\$20,756.53. The balance Dec. 31 of \$1557.33 means we can purchase much needed supplies to protect & exhibit the artifacts, photos, uniforms, etc. that have been donated. You may request a copy of the 2009 Annual Treasurer's Report.

DHS MEETING TIMES

Our DHS Meetings are at the Depot the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 9:30, except when the snow is too high to access the bldg! Curiosity is a good reason to attend; you don't need to be a member to see what we are about. Business is discussed for a short time and inevitably we share Danube happenings, present & past. We could call our meetings

"DHS Gatherings" now. Items on the agenda now are musical entertainment for the Fall Festival and enough greeters for our extended hours during Fun Days. Share your ideas.

Looking Ahead with a New Emphasis

Now that restoration is done:

- the Depot Building looks wonderful.
- we have the 12' pavers walkway all around the building,
- we're connected to exterior water and electricity,
- the grove is becoming accessible,
- the lawn is growing and groomed.
- there's handicap accessibility to the Main Floor,
- the Veterans' Memorial area is outstanding
- and we have those handsome freight carts

we can turn to Exhibits, preservation, data entry, activities and welcoming our VISITORS. Maybe the previous tasks weren't your thing, but you do enjoy people! The Depot Museum needs 2-3 people there each time we are open. Would you consider volunteering for that? Bring a friend and drop-in to the May 13 or May 27 "DHS Gathering" between 10 & 11 and we'll give you a chance to see how easy it is!

Spring Clean-Up April 12 at 9:30

INSIDE: A few persons came to clean and we were pleased to find that very little dust came into the building, but weren't surprised that the Asian Beetles, alive & dead, were present everywhere!

OUTSIDE: X-Cel Energy did a lot of trimming on the front of our grove and left the trimmings strung about. Looked like a huge job, till Stan Malecek showed up with the right equipment and saved our day! Give us some advice about vegetation to plant in front of the grove that won't grow up into the electric wires. It looks quite bare right now.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Jim Mason donated a 4' display case from his business and it was just what we needed for our phone display, right next to the other 2 oak cases he gave us a few years ago! Maurice Zimmers gave the Depot 2 fine display cases which needed to be moved out of storage. Lee & Rod said, "We better not try this, we need more help." And Jerry said, "Oh yes, we can" and they did! We were surely glad that Ken & Kathy Johnson drove by the day we moved the cases into the building and seeing our 3 men struggling, drove right up and lent a hand. No wonder we love our small town! But some "younger bodies" and wheels are still needed to rearrange our Exhibit areas throughout the building to get ready for our OPEN SEASON.

Recent Deaths

Lois Oelschlager Ervin Bratsch Lois Block
May Zahl Richard Jahnke Fred Nyquist

It Couldn't Be Done (Excerpt)

by Edgar Guest

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
But he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face, if he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

2010 Danube Fun Days - July 8-11

"Come home for Fun Days"

Friday Night, Apr. 16 the Danube Community enjoyed the Shrimp & Steak Feast by the Danube Area Action Club as a Fundraiser for Fun Days. This is another volunteer effort by several hardworking "younger" folk who spearhead the big task of planning and carrying out "Fun Days". 2010 is the 30th Anniversary. The scheduled Reunions for that weekend are 1955, 1960, 1968, 1969 and 1970. More? It should be a great time for enjoying all of the events and renewing past friendships. The Homemade Ice Cream Social at Zion UM Church Wednesday evening will kick off the weekend's activities. DAAC would welcome more entries in the Saturday Parade if any Reunions would like to join.

REUNION ATTENDEES: The Depot Walkway is available for gathering during the weekend. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy.

Another Danube Alumnae Author

My Walk with God by Ken Peterson '78

Please let us know if there are more of you who have published works.

Donors

- Perry & LaVaun Schaeffer
- Al Schockenmaier
- Stephen Schrupp
- Dana & Beth Tepfer
- Cara J. Fish
- Kenneth D. Houdek
- Elton A. Braun
- Kevin Zaske
- Martin & Dorothy Shockley
- Curtis & Myrna Kroening
- Shirley (Zaske) Sweeney
- Karen Spencer-Barnes
- Jeff & Cheryl Johnson
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- Donna Treichler
- David & Gertrude Ferguson
- David O. Reck
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- Wayne Tepfer
- Lowell & Darla Jakel
- Opal Mattke
- Sharyn & Robert Taylor
- Hank Helgensen
- Rod & Mary Lee Black

To all of our Donors: Your Editor trusts that you know, that we know, that all the articles reported in this newsletter are possible because of your support and we appreciate you greatly.

Memberships - Renewed & New

- Margaret Dodge
- Janet Bratsch
- Mary Ann Harriman
- Mike & Nancy Schroer
- Dana & Beth Tepfer
- Cara J. Fish
- William Dudek
- Mary Ann Pfeiffer
- Joseph & Elizabeth Zetah
- Kenneth D. Houdek
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- Lois Manthei
- Bernice Kopel
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- Lowell & Darla Jakel
- Stan & Sue Malecek
- Lester & Von Jakel
- Marie Roberts
- Sandy & Gene Frank
- Marilyn Hein
- Hank Helgensen
- Janice Fousek

Thank You! Your dues are the oil for our wheels.
(Tear Out Form for Contributions and Membership)

All dues are \$10 per individual. Please list all
Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Apply the enclosed payments as follows:
Contribution: \$ _____
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Corrections? Errors? Omissions? Address Changes?

'Bye. See you this Summer? At Fun Days?