

Danube Historical Society

Newsletter

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DHS aims to not only preserve our Danube history, but to be part of its history and record its history as it happens.

HISTORY BUFFS GATHER FOR DHS ANNUAL MEETING IN JANUARY (At our HEATED Depot!)

We turned up the thermostat and had a good time! President Rod highlighted a few events of the year including a little late history of The Depot. It was purchased March 14, 2005 for \$100 and the original bench for \$900. We had a successful (crowd & dollars raised) Fall Festival, the Legion still has Poultry Bingo in Nov. & DHS served lunch there. Work completed in 2008: Pavers around The Depot, our furnace works, lots of data entry on our new computer. We're very fortunate to have people with abilities to do these projects. We received a very generous Memorial gift, we have a faithful, generous group of Danube citizens that give of time, talents & \$\$\$ and we thank all of them. DHS also thanks all of you who donate every year by becoming members. Now is the time for 2009 dues. We would like to have 250 members. We had 21 present out of 80 members, a very good percentage, especially on a Minnesota winter day! All of you have been a part of what has been accomplished at The Depot by donating and helping us meet goals and area DHS members are very proud of what has been completed at The Depot. Thank you for caring about Danube & stop by for a visit if at all possible. Thanks again to all DHS members and donors.

President Rod Black

What a pleasure when you enter Danube at night from the north, before 10 PM, and see the exterior lighting on the Depot. Its beautiful!

MUSEUM ACCESSIONS

Guidelines for contributions to our collections:

- Items that relate to Danube and area in some way, and basically that area is the former Danube School District; so information about all persons who were associated with Danube are appropriate.
- We reserve the right to decline items that are duplicates, etc. Some duplicates are available for sale such as Annuals & Homecoming pins.
- We are limited in space already, so large items (i.e. furniture) will likely be declined. Photos of typical interiors through time are welcome. Photos of long ago business interiors are on display and are very informative of times past.
- When the contributor & DHS representative have recorded & signed the accession papers, it should be understood that all accepted items become the permanent property of the Danube Historical Society. This legally protects DHS.
- We occasionally will want to do temporary exhibits (i.e. hats, aprons etc.) and for those exhibits we will accept temporary contributions.

"Today will be history someday," so please send your family photo, class reunion photos, data & history,

wedding bulletins, newspaper clippings & funeral folders, documents, artifacts and business items.

What are visitors the most interested to see?

Well, first, old photos of their peers & family. There's a lot of laughter at hairdos, eyeglasses & fashions. Then it seems they start to remember people they haven't seen for awhile and they ask for information about where they are, "whatever happened to _____?", "is _____ still living?", "do you have their address?" From there on they start to look at artifacts and we hear, "my Grandma had one of those!", or "I remember those phones". So we try to have answers available through information you give us in your family pages and Reunion mailing lists.

What could you send us other than money?

Family & class pages. Use plastic pages and just insert a sheet of family names from oldest you know about to youngest. When available include birth/death dates and photos that show your family, the family home and where are you now. Any journaling is welcome. Be sure to label pictures. No need to be fancy, unless you want to be! Mail us the pages and we'll start a 3-ring binder for your family. It can be added to at anytime and this is the kind of thing people like to see. You can help us collect these while memories and photos are available! A Reunion would be a good time to bring your family or class history up to date!

2009 EXHIBITS

"In Business, In Danube", the 2008 exhibit continues with added displays of our Hwy 212 businesses, now & then. Did you work here? Do you have pictures? What was your favorite business? Do you remember Summer Tuesday nights? Jerry & Dorothy Jahnke's sidewalk business? Or Saturday nights – stores open?

Write us a memory!

Temporary Exhibit – Needed Farm Photos

Many have aerial photos of their farms, and we'd also like pictures of farm homes and buildings before aerial photos. Copies are acceptable and so easy to acquire now. Your originals will be returned and if you are agreeable, copies will be kept and placed in a designated scrapbook for visitors to peruse. There will be a designated area set aside to honor our rural beginnings when the Lower Level is completed this Spring/Summer.

DANUBE FUN DAYS – JULY 8-12

Some Projected Happenings:

- Wed. Homemade Ice Cream Social @ United Methodist Church
- Weekend – Class of 1959 Reunion
Are other Reunions planned? Let us know!
- Saturday AM – DHS Dad's Belgian Waffle Feed
- Saturday afternoon Parade
- Friday evening & Saturday – Depot Museum Open

ABOUT REUNIONS

DHS wants to know. Why? The Museum is now a very fine place to meet before & after your Reunion indoors or out.

- It's the Depot from which your Class Trip may have departed (if you went by train).

- Your Class Composite Picture will be on display.
- There are annuals & trophies here.
- We can plan a school tour for you.
- Bring us your Class information to add to our school exhibits. Please identify the people in your pictures.

BRICK PAVER WALKWAY

We've been imagining activities that can take place here. Such as bringing our lawn chairs and sitting there to listen to music and sip lemonade. But where will we get the music? Or choose your spot out of the sun and play dominos, chess or checkers. What ideas would you have?

UPDATE: INTERIOR ENVIRONMENT GRANT

We are applying for another grant of about \$4000 to finish improving the interior environment and air quality. If you recall, this project was to add heat, AC, insulation and Lower Level finish work to protect the documents and artifacts in our building. The furnace is installed and working. Suzie Lueck has finished the application for this 3rd grant and also the completion reports for grants 1 & 2.

THANK YOU

If your name should be here and is missing, please, just call it to our attention so we can make corrections.

- Thanks again, Suzie, for sharing your grant writing talent with us.
- Thanks to all of you who given cash donations to help us meet the matching funds for our grants.

RECENT DONORS \$25 or More

Rob & Sharyn Taylor
 Elton A. Braun
 Dan & Kim Lippert
 Lyle & Carol Jahnke
 Emil & Von Voelz
 Myrna & Curtis Kroenig
 Larry & Ramona Breikreutz
 Carol Peterson
 Dean & Arlene Sausele
 Ardell & Kathy Tepfer
 Donna Treichler

Danube Historical Society & Museum Officers & Board Members

As Re-elected by Motion at the Annual Meeting

Rod Black, President
 Ardell Tepfer, Vice President
 Jeanette Schneiderman, Secretary
 Dorothy Kleinhuizen, Treasurer

Board Members Three Year Term - 2011

Leroy Nere
 Jeanette Schneiderman
 Ardell Tepfer

Board Members Two Year Term - 2010

Donna Treichler
 Suzie Lueck
 Lowell Jakel

Board Members One Year Term - 2009

Al Strunc
 Jerry Jahnke
 Rod Black

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

Welcome to the many of you who responded with dues. These dollars are helping us pay for office supplies, preservation materials, mailings, and utilities.

Gene & Colleen Alex, Sr.
 Darin, Stacie, Bratsch
 Harris Bredeson
 Larry & Ramona Breikreutz
 Bea Brown
 Margie Dodge
 David & Kari Fischer
 Randy Gort
 Mary Ann Harriman
 Don & Dolores Haubrich
 Kenneth Houdek
 Jerry & Ruth Jahnke
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 Lowell & Darla Jakel
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 Wayne Tepfer
 Donna Treichler
 Gloraine Wallert
 Fern Wiehr
 Arnold Zabel
 Joseph & Elizabeth Zetah
 Maurice & Karon Zimmer
 Thank You!

ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES are \$10 and place you in good standing until December 31, 2009. **We have enclosed Membership Cards in this mailing to those who are paid for 2009, according to our records. We would appreciate your corrections if we have made errors or omissions as we want all entries on our computer to be accurate. Sometimes when donations arrive we may have misinterpreted whether or not you wanted \$10 to go toward membership. Let us know!*

(Tear Out Form for Contributions and Membership.)
 Mail to: DHS PO Box 463 Danube, MN 56230

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Apply the enclosed payment as follows:

Contribution: \$ _____

Membership: \$ _____

Corrections - Errors - Omissions:

See you at Fun Days? ! ?