

Danube Historical Society Newsletter

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Sharing the Past, Present and Future with You

ANNUAL MEETING IN APRIL

The DHS Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, April 14, 2016 at the Danube Community Center at 9:30 a.m.. We'll give you a rundown of 2015 activities and also a review of our financial statement.

We have completed operation as the Danube Historical Society for 10 years. So much has been accomplished & documented by a crew of very loyal members. Looking back at some of the photos we're reminded of members who are gone and missed! So the basics have been laid out and now we ask "What about the future of DHS? How do we improve on what we've done and are doing and what else can we do?" (Your response requested here!)

Election of Officers and Board Members will be held. Fortunately we've been able to have several officers/board members in place for several years. We also realize changes could bring new ideas & energy. It would be so appreciated if other DHS members would step forward & volunteer to serve as an officer/board member, or on a committee or project. We need more people involved to help replace those who have passed! Is it you?

Thanks to all of you who share your financial support with DHS. The newsletter seems to bring in funds. *A colored mark on your newsletter envelope lets you know your dues are unpaid for the present year. Your membership dues keep us going!*

The most popular newsletters are those with the stories/letters/ Danube historical accounts that you submit! Please feel free to submit such to us!

Again, thank you & keep Danube in the news & on your mind! Rod Black

Fun at the Museum!

I spent an afternoon recently looking at the microfilm we purchased from the Minnesota Historical Society. We have 5 rolls of microfilm with different issues of the old Danube newspapers. I decided to see what was happening in Danube 60 years ago today. It was interesting to note that in March of 1956, the Danube Enterprise contained ads by such businesses as Fuller and Fischer; the Evergreen Hatchery with winners listed for appreciation days; and the Olivia Rexall Drug with the Lucky Seven Sale featuring items such as Flash Bulbs, carton of 12 for 87 cents, and hot water bottles for 97 cents.

Headlines in the news included a report from the Governor, Orville Freeman. The Civic Club was presenting a home talent play called "Here Comes Charlie" and the Danube Hawks ended their season in 3rd place with a win in their last game. While some of the print was hard to read, most of the stories were there, including Rita Grund's column of the local news. It was interesting to see the day-to-day history in the small town news of days gone by. If you would like to look at these newspapers, but don't know how to run a microfilm machine, just ask at the museum and we will set it up for you. Who knows? You might find your own name in the paper!

Thank you!

I'm beginning to heal after my surgery and its because of all the concerns and prayers from everyone. This was an unexpected surgery but so glad that the doctors realized that this needed to be done before my carotid surgery. Thank you again for the concerns and prayers. – Ruth Jahnke

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HIDDEN HISTORY

Did you know that Danube History is hidden among the things all of you have saved: Photos, postcards, newspaper articles, scrapbooks, family trees, and wedding, birth and funeral accounts. All of these are valuable to our exhibit & research areas. Originals are great, but we will gladly accept your photocopies, with one request. Push the color button when you print & it will show the age of paper & photos; they look original!

Our "Country Schools" has been requested for an exhibit soon. Really thought that stories & photos would be easily attained not so. If you don't have photos or artifacts maybe you can remember stories passed on to you about what it was like to attend Country School. Stories are fun! Did you have a Country School teacher in your family? Send names. Thanks!

I SEE THE DANUBE WATER TOWER!

This is what our kids would say when we approached Danube and home after a time away. Well, the Danube water tower may be changing in the coming years. The Danube City Council is deliberating whether to repair and refurbish the old water tower or to erect a new one near the old one. It may mean some disruption to our Mueller Park while the contractors build. We are in communication with the city council members as they move forward with this project. Depending on their time line, we may suspend or shorten our **concert offerings** this summer. We should know more soon, hopefully after the March or April city council meetings.

The Yellowstone Trail is of interest to us as it went right through Danube. You may recall that Lance Sorenson of Hector gave a great presentation to DHS of the Yellowstone Trail last spring. Cal & Suzie Lueck took a wonderful road trip last summer following the Oregon Trail west & the Yellowstone Trail on their return trip. Check out Suzie's account in the Arrow magazine on the Yellowstone Trail website. Congratulations, Suzie, on being a published author!

SUMMER UPDATES

Fun Days: At Present, some events have been scheduled for July 6-10, including Class reunions! Full information in next newsletter.

Also watch Danube website for updates.

Membership dues (\$10 per person) should be paid in January, 2016. DHS thanks you for your renewals or new memberships. Your support is our only means of support and we appreciate you very much! More later about what your dues support!

To submit money or your email, please use the form below.

Membership Dues - \$10.00 per individual. January 1st begins new year.

Yes, I would like to support the Danube Historical Society

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Diane Fischer Benson – Class of 1956
Dixie Lippert – wife of Tim
Adeline Moje Schroer – class of 1935
Bobbie Lippert
Verlin Maurice
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LaDonna Metag – Donald, Jr., Ronald, Connie Laurie, Cathy
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Emil Voelz, Jr. – Class of 1947

MUSEUM HOURS :

October to May By Request. Call:

Rod & MaryLee 320-826-2274
Dorothy K. 320-826-2589
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2016 DATES TO SAVE

Planning Meetings: 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 9:30
All members welcome to attend.