

Danube Historical Society

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Data Entry Has Begun on Our New PC and "Past Perfect" Software Purchased with the Grant from the Minnesota Historical Society
Chances are that your name is already listed and as time goes by anything you have given or done for the Depot Museum will be recorded there! Thank You, Suzie Lueck, for using your talents to write our grant applications and congratulations! It was 20+ pages, very well done.

The DHS Volunteers Braved the Cold on May 27th for "Clean-Up Day"

Lee Nere, Jeanette Schneiderman, Donna Treichler, Dorothy Kleinhuizen, Sandra Frank, Maurice and Harriet Schroeder, Cal & Suzie Lueck, and Rod & Mary Lee Black were there to clean, re-arrange, discuss the new exhibit and the permanent exhibits, things that may need to be arranged, check in artifacts that were given over winter and move some very heavy furnishings!

Got that all done from 9:30 – 12:30, for a grand total of 33 volunteer hours! It's a great group and we have fun while we work and we'd welcome YOU also, because we need the diversity of talents and skills that all of you could bring!

Thanks everyone!

SUMMER HOURS: The Depot Will Be Open 2 Afternoons a Week: Tuesdays and Fridays, 1:30 – 4:30 and other times by appointment.

Don't hesitate to make a request if you are coming through Danube. Phone numbers are posted on the door for your chance visit. Our visitors make all of the preparation worthwhile.

F.A. Schroeder [Father of Danube] Family to Hold Reunion after 150 Years in this Country.

The Reunion will be held over Labor Day Weekend and DHS is pleased that the Depot Museum is on their agenda. It should be a great week-end of sharing fun and great storytelling! We'll be here to welcome you! More Later.

Rita Grund one of our Danube School cooks passed away Sunday April 20th. Many of you will remember Rita, because she cooked at the school for 46 years. She had never been in the hospital, except the last 10 days of her life. Many fond memories of Rita and the meals.

New Grant Update: Announcement Received from the Minnesota Historical Society!

We have been awarded another grant and we gratefully accept it! Thank you MHS!
We applied for about \$12,500 of nearly \$25,000 needed for the interior environment of the Depot: insulation, heat, humidity control and finishing the walls in the basement level. We were awarded \$8000, so now we must prioritize to see how we can get the most done for the money. Our storage area will be under the stairs and that level also contains the composite pictures, trophies and furniture from Danube Public School, so we need to provide the best atmosphere we can afford. **Upon receipt of this grant we will need to match it in \$\$\$ by 2009.** These improvements will lengthen the time we can use the Depot, especially in years like this, when the weather is still too cold to work in there!

"In Business, In Danube" Featured Exhibit for 2008 – All Year

Danube has a very active, varied and successful business community and we want to recognize them NOW. This exhibit was planned to be ready by May 1st, but due to the unseasonably cold Spring we now hope for the 1st week in June and continuing into October!

News: American Legion Veterans' Memorial
Since the Dedication Ceremony in October, 2007 when the flag and stone had been erected we've planned for some landscaping to finish it. Funds are always the first concern. Recently the American Legion presented \$1000 to be used to finish that project and Jerry Jahnke and Rod Black have reserved pavers for the retaining wall that will circle the Memorial area. **Special skills are needed** to level the area, amend and pack the soil, erect the retaining wall, and plant the shrubs. At the meeting we realized we don't have the funds for skilled labor, so we looked at one another and said, "Well, maybe we can learn to do this too!" That's the plan right now, so at this point we'd even be glad for knowledgeable supervisors!

Volunteers needed. Call 320-826-2274 for work dates if you are willing! The original goal was by Memorial Day, but due to weather that has also been "amended" to ASAP.

PS. Thanks to the American Legion for another meaningful Memorial Day Service at the school to honor the gift of

freedom given by the veterans of our wars. This is a very worthy tradition. It does remind us to stop and think about the sacrifices that have been made and are being made by our U.S. Military and their families. Thank You.

Donations Continue to Help DHS Match Our Grants and Continue Our Work

In the last Newsletter we reported a Challenge by an Anonymous Donor to match \$2000. The following donors helped us match the Challenge by the end of 2007:

Richard and Barb (Kaiser) Gunderson

Cal and Suzie Lueck

John & Pat Bratsch

Orv Molenaar

Kurt and Myrna (Manthei) Kroening

Margaret (Zaske) Dodge

Betty Orud

Proceeds from a Fundraiser.

These following donations received after our January Newsletter, when it was announced we had applied for another grant, will help us with that \$8000 of matching funds.

Arvid ("Red") and Marlys Reetz

An anonymous donor

In memory of:

Donald Treichler - from Donna Treichler

Rita Grund - from Duane Grund and Diane Wallert

The total of all these gifts is \$2500.

We promise to use it well and carefully.

Was Your Family in Business Here Since 1965?

We want to see you! So we are inviting owners or family members or employees of those businesses to come to **Fun Days** this year for a Reunion. There will be a gathering place set aside for you at the Dad's Belgian Waffles Feed on Saturday morning, July 12th about 9:00 AM sponsored by the Danube Historical Society.

(The price is only a Free Will Offering.)

You can visit with one another and we can visit with YOU! And we can ask you questions to fill in our business history. Feel free to bring photos of the business or family that we can add to our Depot Museum, because you may not be history now, but someday you will be. It would just be great to see you and catch up on "who is where", "doing what"!

What Does a DHS Membership Require?

\$10. Per person. The dues go to our General Fund and help us with general expenses: utilities (lights & dehumidifier, as we have no heat, air, water), office supplies, postage (correspondence,

newsletters and thank yous) some advertising, workshop fees. So far we pay our own mileage and members have been donating tools, cleaning supplies, etc.

If you live near or far you are contributing to DHS just by becoming a member. Interested persons may attend any of our meetings and enter the discussions. **Membership gives you voting privileges.** You can be an active member or be affiliated so you keep up with progress.

What will DHS require of you? Its up to you.

Tell us what you'd like to do. Maybe its to take care of a certain task for us or help clean once in awhile, bake bars for Fall Festival, help before, during or cleanup at Fundraisers, clip current news about Danube (events/people) for our annual scrapbook, do the scrapbook, save death & wedding folders, welcome visitors a few times on a Tuesday or Friday, be on a list for times we need muscle, run equipment you own that we need for a project, be there to help with decisions. If we have a lot of members and they all just do "their thing" DHS will do just fine.

You may join anytime during the year, but your next year's dues are payable in January. So, it isn't too late for 2008! Just send your \$10, name, address, phone (and email if you wish) and tell us if you have a skill you would use for us. If not, that's OK; your dues will still be helpful!

We asked for email because now we have a scanner and if we receive an interesting photo or article we could email it. Sometimes we need help identifying someone in a photo. Email could help.

Danube Full-o-Pep 4H Club Continuing Work

Begun Last Year to Improve Mueller Grove It was all ages working together and they made such a difference! This year they'll remove more dead wood, etc. If you see activity there, JOIN IN! You can walk through the Grove now and its becoming a peaceful, natural background for the Legion Memorial. Thank You!

FUN DAYS JULY 9-12

WED from 5-8. **HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL** at the United Methodist Church

THURS & FRI - VOLLEYBALL

SATURDAY-8:00 AM-Noon - **DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLES BY DHS**

SATURDAY - SUPPER SERVED BY LIONS CLUB

Menu to be announced, but delicious!

Watch for Fall Festival in October!