

Danube Historical Society

Newsletter

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FALL FESTIVAL 2010 – SATURDAY OCT. 21

- Good Fellowship
- Good Food – brats, kraut, hot dogs__
- Good Music
- Good changes at the Depot
- Good weather, we hope.

Last year we had to “go inside” at the Community Center at the last minute, no time to adjust announcements. So, if the weather is inclement again, come to the Community Center.

- **Granny’s Attic Sale** (items welcome for the sale)
- **Cash Raffle** for \$500, \$200, \$200, \$100, \$50 & \$50. You can’t be a winner, if you don’t purchase a ticket!!! They are available from DHS members & our Treasurer, Dorothy Kleinhuizen.

ONCE AGAIN FUN DAYS LIVED UP TO ITS NAME

It was a lot like the traditional Danube Homecomings. The turn out for Reunions was fabulous; it was such fun to see the faces of so many from 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1968, 1969 & 1970. Were there more? The ’68 Class met to celebrate their 60th birthdays this year. ’68, ’69 & 70 all got together at Max’s (The Sheep Shedde) on Friday night. All those faces from the past brought back so many good memories, lots of ‘happy talk’ & new memories made!

Those of us who are “still living here” do appreciate those Reunions held during FUN DAYS and your participation in the activities, so you are “out & about” and we all get to see you! Thank you to all who visited the Depot & registered. We counted about 75 visitors and many were there for long periods of time.

Ruth Schroer Heineman

DHS was fortunate to be a beneficiary in Ruth’s will upon her passing. We are grateful to her memory for the things we were able to finish because of her kindness and foresight, so she will always be a part of the results here. Our final distribution has been received making a total of \$10,322.03 over 2 years!

Our plan is to purchase a video camera so we may start to keep an oral and pictorial history of the stories people relate when they are here. We could also then record the displays on the Upper and Lower Level floors for those who have a problem with stairs. They could watch them on our computer screen! Also, we are to receive a very used microfilm reader and the Danube Herald and Danube Enterprise are on microfilm at the Minnesota Historical Society. We could purchase film copies of our newspapers; we do not currently have copies of either. Maybe someday we can purchase a microfilm printer which would be

great for people who would like to copy wedding and funeral articles to their genealogies. We think Ruth would have liked these projects which would add to people’s enjoyment.

VIEWS FROM THE DEPOT

Harriett(Manthei) Borst and her daughter **Pauline Kirschner** brightened an afternoon and Harriett related stories of being a telephone operator in Danube.

Jim & Sharon (Frank) Burton reported during their visit to the Depot, that Deputies are kinder here than in the DC area! It seems the one they “encountered” was the grandson of the Olsons who had lived in the house in Danube where Sharon grew up! Memories & laughter were shared here by Sharon & Carolyn Falconer TerEick.

A few months ago we reported that **Grace Kraft** had passed away out East where she lived to be nearer **Karen & LaThoriel**. Her Memorial Service & Interment was held in Danube on Thursday of Fun Days, so many attended and were glad to have an opportunity to visit with the “Kraft girls” again. At the Depot we truly enjoyed visiting with **LaThoriel & Marilyn** and their enthusiasm for the Depot was great to see! They said they would all like to meet here often during Fun Days! Nice idea.

Myron & Joyce Sustacek and adult sons Steve & son Ryan and Jim & wife Katy dropped by Saturday evening. We really enjoyed sharing their memories from the young men’s perspective as they revisited familiar places. By the way, for those who have heard that Myron was in treatment for cancer I can report that he is looking & feeling well.

Cara & Rosemary represented the **Smedstad** family & they got to peruse brother **David’s** research & history of the Danube Creamery. Did you work there? Have memories to share? David would like that! Contact Rod & he’ll put you in touch.

Dave Ferguson worked here in his youth under Willard Beck as his mentor and his visit gave us the opportunity to gather first-hand information. He donated a group of railroad items, which are now on display. He & his wife were with the Burlington Northern Railroad many years and are now retired in Texas. Sounds like the railroad is still in his blood!

There were 5 persons at the ‘68 Birthday gathering who were not only Railroad people, but all with Burlington Northern also!

The **Zaske** family: **Margy Dodge, Shirley Sweeney, Lois Cairns and Jerry (Butter) Zaske** made their annual visit. Jerry says when he’s called “Butter” he knows its someone from Danube, the nickname did not follow him to Redwood! We always enjoy being part of their fun. Jerry: Did you start that story of Zaske Construction yet?

So fine to see you all _ come back soon!

RENVILLE COUNTY FAIR

The RENVILLE COUNTY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY featured a great display of "Railroads of Renville County". Our County is fortunate to have local museums in Fairfax, Hector, Danube, Renville, Sacred Heart, and Flora Township is very active in preserving the history & stories of their area. Each of our local museums has the opportunity to have a display in the Historical Building.

In our own Lowell Jakel we have a Milwaukee Railroad historian who generously shares his findings with the Danube Depot. This year he shared many items at the Fair as part of the "Railroads of Renville County" theme. You may see him at auctions looking for Danube items! Thanks, Lowell, for acquiring the items and also for picking up & setting up at the Fair.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Our "resident carpenters", Jerry & Lee, have once again contributed their skills. They built 5 new 'stand alone' exhibit boards, adding 240 sq. ft. of exhibit space. Built from 1 1/2" insulation panels the expense was much less than any other source we've found. They are 6' X 4' and they're on castors! Mary Lee sewed "pillowcases" to cover the pink insulation. DHS wants to thank the McLeod County Museum for sharing the idea with us. One more thing we learned by attending the area Historical Society sessions.

Also, "the guys" have added casters to many of our heavy counter cases. What a big help that is! Their next project is to finish the finish on the stairs to the Lower Level. Now that we've completed moving heavy furniture down there, they can remove the cardboard and varnish the stairs.

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FALL FESTIVAL IS OCTOBER 2, 2010. Join us if you can. Contact Treasurer, Dorothy Kleinhuizen, at PO Box 463 to purchase Raffle Tickets for Cash Drawing.

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