Fall Festival Report

The Danube Historical Society Annual Fall Festival was held on Saturday, October 6, 2018. We had to move to the Bob Bruggers Auditorium at the School building due to cold and wet weather, which contributed to a smaller attendance. We fed about 65 people and Greg Lippert entertained with his music in the auditorium. People from all over the area came and enjoyed a great time of visiting and getting updated on our building project. We all felt that it was not the quantity of people attending that made this a success, but the quality, the interest in, and appreciation for our efforts to preserve the history of our small community. The fun door prizes were well received also!

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Our wet, cold fall was not kind to our building project hopes. We were able to get the slab poured and plumbing preparation in place after the American Legion moved the Veteran’s Memorial, but then things were delayed. Our builder has assured us that we will be first on the to-do list in the spring. While this is not what we had hoped, we realize that Minnesota weather will sometimes get in the way of progress. Since the last newsletter, the slab and aprons were poured, and a tree was moved. Already we all are eagerly awaiting spring!

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Our DHS Class challenge has been well received by most classes. Not all classes have been contacted yet! If you can help with class lists, we would love to have them. Classes yet to be contacted are: 1969, 1970, 1976, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1988. As you may recall, the challenge is to raise $1,000 from each class. To date, 8 classes have reached or exceeded that goal. We greatly appreciate your donations!


Please keep your donations coming. With the delayed construction, we will extend the deadline through the end of March for the class challenge. Thank you!

In keeping with the promise of anonymity to individual donors, we will not be listing each personal contribution to this challenge. 135 individuals have donated so far.

A NOTE FROM ROD ...

I want to say Thank You to our loyal group of people that attend most of our meetings, often do some work between meetings and are very good DHS members: Stan Malecek, Lee Nere, Al Schochennmaier, Lowell Jakel, Cal Lueck, Edsel Bernstrom, Sandy Frank, Kathy Tepfer, Suzie Lueck, Jeanette Schneiderman, Dorothy Kleinhuizen, Jan Westby. Thanks to Amy Ervin, and the REA, for printing our newsletter every quarter. Also THANK YOU, DONORS AND MEMBERS.

- Rod Black
A group of individuals from the area along the Yellowstone Trail (aka Highway 212) from Granite Falls to Buffalo Lake has formed in order to develop a corridor of opportunities for promoting the arts in the area. The coalition believes that working together will better attract visitors to the area to enjoy artistic and historical events. A dinner and gathering was held recently in Olivia with about 80 attendees interested in this effort. The Danube Historical Society has joined this Alliance and is hopeful that the Yellowstone Trail and its history can be showcased in Renville County, and beyond!

Speaking of the Yellowstone Trail in Minnesota, 2 of our own have completed their exploration of the Yellowstone Trail, “a good road from Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound.” Cal and Suzie Lueck drove the western portion of the YT 3 years ago, and now completed their trip by driving the eastern half in late September/early October. It was interesting to follow some of Michael Dowling’s observations from his YT trip in 1914, and to note some of the same landmarks. It was also interesting to note that the Basketball Hall of Fame, Baseball Hall of Fame, Niagara Falls, the National Comedy Center and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame are all convenient side-trips to this portion of Yellowstone Trail.

Another avenue for raising funds has come to our attention recently – if you are a member of FACEBOOK, you can opt to divert money gifts from family and friends to a non-profit through Network for Good. We recently received a donation through a friend of the DHS who designated us as their favorite non-profit, and her birthday gifts were channeled to us. If you are a FACEBOOK subscriber, check it out!

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