

Danube Historical Society Newsletter

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Sharing the Past, Present and Future with You

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!

A NOTE FROM ROD ...

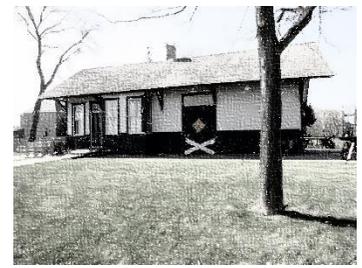
I want to say Thank You to our loyal group of people that attend most of our meetings, often do some work between meetings and are very good DHS members: Stan Malecek, Lee Nere, Al Schochenmaier, Lowell Jakel, Cal Lueck, Edsel Bernstrom, Sandy Frank, Kathy Tepfer, Suzie Lueck, Jeanette Schneiderman, 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

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Update
On
Building
Project



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!

MUSEUM HOURS :
May to October:
Tuesday and Friday
afternoons from 1:30 – 4:00
or by request. Call:
Rod 320-826-2274
Dorothy K. 320-826-2589
Lowell J. 320-826-2740
Cal & Suzie 320-826-2236

\$ 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.

2018 DATES TO SAVE
Planning Meetings:
April to November 2nd & 4th
Thursdays @ 9:30
From November – April, 2nd
Thursday @ 9:30
All members welcome to attend.

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!
Leaders in the total \$ category are: DHS classes of 1959, 1965, 1956, 1963, and 1957.

Leaders in the # of participants are: DHS classes of 1963, 1966, 1960, 1965, 1959 and 1952.
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.



IN OTHER NEWS



YTAWMN (Yellowstone Trail Alliance of Western MN)

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.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

When shopping for the holidays this year, remember to do your online shopping with Amazon Smile, and designate Danube Historical Society as the charity to receive .5% of your total purchases. Last quarter we received \$28.38 from Amazon Smile. Thanks! And Keep shopping!

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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**Membership Dues - \$10.00 per individual.**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> begins new year.**

*\$10 per person per year. Use the form below and mail to PO Box 463, Danube, MN 56230*

Your support is very important to us and we appreciate you very much!

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**Yes, I would like to support the Danube Historical Society**

Total Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dues For: Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Donation - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ DHS Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address change: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive this newsletter by email? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

## **DONATIONS**

Arlene Lippert  
Darlene Haug  
Anonymous – Network for Good

## **PAID MEMBERSHIPS**

Teren Novotny  
Elton and Sharon Braun  
Dale and Rachel Schneiderman  
Brad and Kris Myers  
Howard Bredesen  
Ray and Evelyn Visser  
Arlene Lippert  
Grant and Diane Robinson  
Mel Brouwer  
Art Miller  
Carolyn Ter Eick  
James Zuidema  
Jean Voelz  
Kenneth Houdek  
Anna Belle deBlauw  
Betty Wohlman Miller  
Lorraine Penke Neumann

## **MEMORIALS**

### **Monetary Donations**

#### **In Memory of:**

**Elmer and Hazel Minkel**, by Teren Novotny  
**Ben Groen, Ken Rice** by Dale and Rachel Schneiderman  
**Mary Lee Black** by Howard Bredesen  
**Ray and Veronica Visser** by Ray and Evelyn Visser  
**Bud Fousek, Alice Hermann, Ben Groen, Francis Serbus, Roger Schoelkoph and Jayne Svobodny** by Rod Black  
**Bennie Groen** by Lee Nere  
**Francis Serbus** by Serbus family, Lee Nere, Lowell and Darla Jakel, Jeanette Schneiderman  
**Roger Schoelkoph** by Schoelkoph family, Rhonda Schjenken, Al Schochenmaier  
**Weldon and Lillian Zaske, Patty Zaske de Blauw, Richard and Larry Zaske (baby brothers)** by Zaske family  
**Correction from last newsletter:**  
**Jerri Kramer Johnson, Joanne Black Mandrich and Robert Prax** by Dorothy Prax

## **RECENT DEATHS**

Alice Hermann  
Roger Schoelkoph  
Jayne Svobodny (wife of Tom, class of '61)  
Francis Serbus, class of '57  
Bennie Groen  
Don Buntjer, husband of Lorna Kohls, '55