

End of the Year Finance Crunch

The good news is our fundraisers all made more money than we projected for the 09 budget. This is thanks to Trustees, members and friends who worked to make sure these were successful.

Another plus side was that we completed capital improvements on the 1832 Dunham House, and 1892 Old Church with saved funding from capital accounts for these buildings. These efforts help preserve our landmark buildings. Thanks to the generosity of the local Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles, we were able to protect assets in the 1882 Railroad Depot Museum through protective UV coatings on the windows.

Lastly, our fundraising efforts and generous donations specific to the Cemetery Project, allowed us to have the restorer visit a third time to work at the cemetery.

The downside of this year's budget woes is that our general operating budget is coming up short for daily operating funds. This is due to several causes: high utility costs, snow removal costs from last winter, loss of rental (we evicted our renters from use of the church due to non payment of rent), and the lightning hit in July which was covered by insurance minus the deductible (\$2500!).

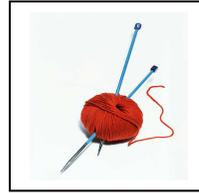
You see the situation that we face as the end of the year approaches. We have saved on some of the budget categories but it is not enough to offset the deficit. We will be closing for extra days during the holidays as a cost saving measure. The goal is to end the year in the black or at the very least at \$0, not in the red.

Many of you have been very generous in supporting specific projects or in donating extra funds to be used where needed. We have been privileged to be the recipient of your charitable gifts. We will continue to do our best. Thanks for your continued support.
Janet Caldwell

Counterfeit Payment? Say It Isn't So

One of the interesting items brought to the museum to archive is a piece of counterfeit scrip. Doris Pankratz' father, our first city manager O. E. Hutchison, had kept it all of these years. The story goes that the City of Bedford tried to pay the City of Cleveland with the scrip. It was returned along with a note from the City of Cleveland Treasurer stating that the note was counterfeit and Bedford was expected to pay their debt with cash.

"Return and get good dollar in place of it." The payment was for taxes on real property. We can presume that the City did not know the scrip was counterfeit. Right? 80 years later, we'll never know. Thanks, Doris, for helping preserve a piece of history



Do You Knit?

We need tea cozies. What is a tea cozy? It keeps a pot of tea warm. These are a popular item in our museum store. Member Helen Batko

has been making them for several years and could use some help. Call the museum for the pattern or if you have yarn scraps that can be donated. The pattern is simple. Thank you.

Dunham Landscaping

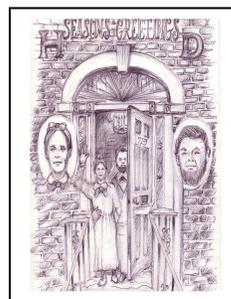
Thanks to member Jim O'Neil for helping tame the wilds of the Dunham House front and side landscaping. Now he is tackling portions of the Old Church. The weed overgrowth this year was phenomenal. Thanks to Jim and to the volunteers listed in the last issue of the Bee for helping to keep us tamed.



Thanks Teachers!

The Fall session of the Old Ways School allowed students to learn Use of Old Tools, Victorian Ornament and Box Making, Pysanky (Eastern European dye and wax relief egg decorating), Letterpress Printing and Knitting & Crocheting. Our gratitude to teachers Andy Jones, Helen Pratt, Joyce Maruna, Doris Shriver, Lester Pratt, Mary Sleeman and Linda Sleeman for generously sharing their time and talent to teach others.

Holiday Cards are Ready

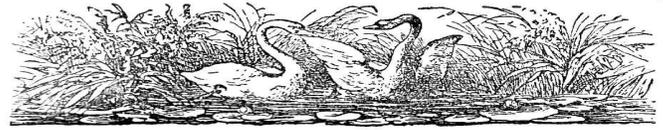


Roger Fuhrmeyer's 2009 Holiday cards are available in the Museum Store or by ordering. The cards depict the front of the historic Dunham House with Hezekiah and Clarissa Dunham waving from the door. The whimsical cards are reasonably priced at \$10 for 15. Throw in .78 for tax and \$2.50 if you want to have them mailed to your address.

Thanks, Roger, for designing this year's card to help raise funds.

City of Bedford Recognizes our Intern

On September 28th Bedford City Mayor and Council presented our intern Shanequa with a proclamation for her extra efforts to help the society with data organizing and entry. We were fortunate to have her work for us this past year. She went above and beyond her responsibilities to improve the data system. She is now studying nursing. Thanks to Councilwoman Marilyn Zolata for arranging this honor.



Obituaries

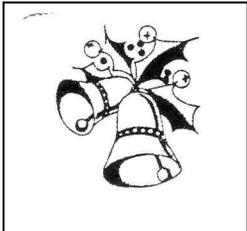
Jeanne Allen; Mary Jeanne (nee: Thornton) Allen passed away on August 8, 2009. She and husband Bill moved to Omaha Nebraska several years ago to be closer to family. Jeanne served as a trustee and helped with many projects at the museum. She and Bill served popcorn at the Parties in the Park for many years. She leaves her loving husband, Bill and children Deborah (Jan) Mazgaj, Cindy (Tom) Knox and William Douglas Allen. She leaves loving grandchildren, Nick, Zach and Michael Mazgaj, David and Kimberly Knox and a sister, The Rev. Grace L. Shirks. A granddaughter, Kara Leigh Mazgaj preceded her in death.

Lois Hendrickson; Member Lois (nee: Rogers) Hendrickson passed away on September 2, 2009 in Maryland where she resided. Lois was a Bedford High graduate and active in the Methodist Epworth League as a young adult. She obtained advanced degrees in music and was a music supervisor, teacher and conductor in school systems in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maryland. She is survived by her loving husband Dr. Harry C. Hendrickson and stepchildren and grandchildren.

Anita A. DePompei; 35 year member, Anita DePompei passed away on October 14, 2009. She was a 1939 graduate of Bedford High School. Anita served her country in WWII as a 1st Lt. in the Women's Army Corp. Many will recall her 39 year career in the Bedford School System where she was a beloved teacher. She is survived by her brother Donald (Mary) and nieces and nephews and their families. She is preceded in death by her parents, Giovanna & Benigno and brothers Arthur, Benjamin and Italo.

Allen M. Roseman; Member Al Roseman passed away on October 16, 2009. Al's preservation efforts kept the 1914 Moeller Pipe Organ operating in the Old Church in the Square. He had a deep appreciation of the mechanics involved in pipe organs and used his knowledge to keep ours in working order so that it could be enjoyed for public concerts. He leaves his loving wife, Pat (Hudgeon) and children Debbie (Bill) Keslar, Rex (Kathy), John (Lisa) and Sue (Chuck) Sassano. He was a loving grandfather and brother to the late William (Florence) and Donald (Ruth).

Our condolences to member, Tom Minardo and his family on the death of his wife *Marie 'Birdie'*.



Happy Holidays and Good Health in the New Year, Members !

We enjoy reading your holiday cards and notes. Especially our long distance members. We post your cards so that they can be enjoyed during the season.

Kenny Visits the Museum

Local morning show host, Fox 8's Kenny Crumpton visited the Town Hall Museum on September 6th. Kenny demonstrated quill writing, operated the 1894 letterpress and tried shaping wood with a spoke shave. We arranged for him to climb in a locomotive engine but the segment was cut due to lack of time.

Thanks to our volunteers and to our friends at Midwest Rail Preservation Society for the loan of the engine. We enjoyed Kenny's visit and his fans and viewing audience enjoyed seeing him at the museum.



Need a Stocking Stuffer?

How about tickets to the Annual Reverse Raffle, Dinner and Entertainment? Saturday evening March 6, 2010. We all need an escape from winter by early March. We'll enjoy the sounds of a steel drum band and delicious island food. A flyer is enclosed with this newsletter for details.

Are you a business owner? How about tickets to the raffle for employees? They will have a good time and you will help support our mission.

Call the museum for a gift certificate to stuff in someone special's stocking. Thanks, Santa.

