

New Eddies in the Current

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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held April 21 at the museum with 12 trustees and several guests present. Trustees Linda Baker, Phil Campbell and Jacquie Fritz agreed to serve another 5-year term on the board. Helen Kaverman resigned her position and Pete Hofmann was elected to fill the vacancy. Barbara Seffernick will fill the position left by Tim Metzner, giving us our full quota of 18 trustees. Officers will remain the same with Mike Miller as president, Teresa Bradstock as vice-president/secretary, and Marilyn Wagner as treasurer.

Ladies Music Box Tea

Ladies!!! Keep Sunday August 17 open so you can attend our Music Box Tea. Bring along one or two of your favorite music boxes to share with the group.



German Dinner

Our German Dinner last fall was a great success and will become an annual event. This year's date is Sunday October 5. We will again be serving bratwurst, sauerkraut, and German potato salad.



Main Street Across America

**BUY-
WAY**
YARD SALE

LINCOLN BUY-WAY SALE

August 7, 8, 9

We need volunteers as well as items to sell at our garage sale. Items may be brought to the museum or we will gladly pick them up any time this summer if you call Dorothy Hoffman at 419-692-9217 or let any of the trustees know. Help us out and join the fun!

Building Projects

Frank Razing, a consulting engineer from Lima, has submitted blueprints for our approval. The plan calls for 2 sets of stairs, one in the front and one in the rear of the museum, 2 handicap-accessible restrooms, and a "lift" elevator. All of this has to be in compliance with fire safety regulations and accessibility rules. The blueprints may be viewed at the museum.

If you haven't seen the new windows on the north and east sides of the Old Commercial Bank building, take time to check them out. They look great and should help with the ever-increasing heating bills. Money for these windows was from the Dienstberger Foundation and all work was done by Mark Geier.

Also be sure to look for the new awnings on the front of the museum and the Old Commercial Bank building the next time you are downtown. Harry Flanagan put up the bulkheads and Delphos Tent and Awning made and installed the awnings. These were purchased with Downtown Revitalization funds.

Meet the Trustees

One of our new trustees is Peter Hofmann, better known as Pete. He was born in Flushing, New York and raised in College Point, New York, a community just across the East River from Manhattan. In those days, it was a German Catholic community, with most activities revolving about the church. He was raised Catholic, going to both Catholic grammar and high schools in the "City".

After high school he studied to be a pharmacist before enlisting in the Navy for 4 years during the Viet Nam War. His ship spent 8 months in Viet Nam and 4 months in the States. The Navy then stationed him in California where he stayed after getting out, working as a pharmacist in a wholesale pharmacy distributing to 60 retail outlets - you know them now as Target stores, but then it was Fed Mart, subsequently becoming Price Clubs and now Costco. When he tired of being a pharmacist, he moved on to the petroleum transportation field on the west coast. His present position involves managing one of the owner's small companies based in Southern California, along with doing some jobs for the parent company: air quality management, vapor recovery systems, accounting, human resources and permitting.

Pete is married and has four children and nine grandchildren, all located in Southern California and Colorado. He and his wife, Mary, moved back to Delphos, where she grew up, to spend the remaining years of Mary's parents with them. Homer and Jeannette Baumgartner are in their nineties now and when he and Mary have some of her family over to dinner, 80 people might show up. Some of Pete's hobbies are camping, cooking, photography, and being a grandparent. He and Mary attend Trinity United Methodist Church in Delphos.

Pete is a welcome addition to the Canal Commission and we are looking forward to his enthusiasm and expertise in many areas.

WHAT'S OLD THAT'S NEW AT THE MUSEUM by Betty McKowen, Archivist

Those of you who have fond memories of Dr. Illig will enjoy seeing the large sign that was hanging on his office building. (Look in the Medical Section).

There is an 1890 era cradle donated by Jane Stallkamp.

When Rose Fast had the Vogue Hat Shoppe she bought hat frames and then added the flowers, ribbons, etc. On display are the tools she used to make these lovely hats.



There is a beautiful baptismal dress worn by the Stallkamp brothers Tom (1918), Joe (1920), and Bill (1922). This dress was made from their mother's wedding dress (1917).

In the basement you can see the telephone switchboard from New Delphos Manufacturing.

There is a very unusual child's wooden hi-chair that was used by Milo Newton.

We received the beautiful wedding dress of Rose Stauterman Heitz. This dress is not yet displayed due to the upcoming enlargement of the display area.

There is a handmade child's petticoat which was made for John Luersman—born October 9, 1864.

Newly acquired is a mannequin from the Weger Dry Goods Store with a few interesting facts from Mr. Weger's son, Jim.

We just received 8 large ledgers showing records of dealings in Delphos as early as 1857. These will show the names of many early residents. There are MANY, MANY hours of work ahead of us before we can make these available to you. Look for more information in future newsletters.

