

KILA 2021 President's Report:

Annual Meeting September 18, 2021

2021 on Kelleys Island was more like we all desire compared to last year. All our events for 2020 were cancelled due to the COVID 19 virus. And while we're *not out of the woods* yet, KILA was back to making Kelleys Island better for the landowners and visitors.

KILA's active membership grew to 307 including 26 new members, a 17% increase over past years. It takes active members, new and returning, to make things happen that are beneficial to KI and fun. While we had to cancel the family hayride last year and the welcome back pot luck this year, we had a busy summer planning for Homecoming. It was worth the wait. Some Homecoming Highlights:

- ✓ Friday night's highlight was the "1st annual fish fry" led by Jennifer Pieratt with Joel Byer and a host of volunteers. 70 pounds of fried perch were served to over 100 diners, and no one went hungry. Frank of Frank & Dean entertained the folks filling the pavilion.
- ✓ Saturday's main events began with the Homecoming Parade, chaired by Tom Behlen. The theme was "KI Activities" and over a dozen float entries or multiple carts, cars, trailers were joined by village officials, Island Singers, Fire, Police, and EMS vehicles. The Parade Marshals were Chris Ashley and Jackie Taylor.
- ✓ The Edison High School Chargers Marching Band made the parade special. The 75 students played well making it a "real" parade and even entertained at the pavilion. Thanks to generous donors for making this possible.
- ✓ The pie contest, led by Vicky Finnegan, had 14 entries and all the pie pieces sold out.
- ✓ The food, led by Jim Coleman and his team volunteers served up Brats, Hamburgers, Chicken, and Hot Dogs. Lots of grilling and we didn't run out of food. Pop and water were also served.
- ✓ The beer table, led by Frank Dodson, kept the many happy attendees satiated and hydrated, in a good way.
- ✓ Kid's contests (Marshmallow golf, Twinkie eating), led by Janet Killam, were again popular with many kids, large and small participating.
- ✓ The entertainment was great; Fat City Band entertained for the whole day. Their wide range of music kept everyone listening and even dancing..
- ✓ The KILA booth, headed by Wally Christy, sold shirts, caps, and Raffle Tickets. They also accepted membership applications.
- ✓ Speaking of the Raffle, we sold out all 500 tickets. That resulted in over \$5600 for our next project. The winners were:
 - 1. \$2,500 Kelly (Schnittker) Sims
 - 2. \$1,000 Shelly Cousino
 - 3. \$500 Jeremy Grimes
 - 4. \$250 Joe Cordaro
 - 5. \$100 Kevin Brown
- ✓ Other fund raising activities were very successful. They included: Silent Auction (led by Joanne Schmoldt & Drew Algase) to help fund next year's marching band (\$1500). The 50/50 raffle (by Elliot Algase), Beer Slide (by Dave & Leslie Algase) also added to the revenue. Thank you to all the auction item donors, those who purchased items and tried the raffle & slide.
- ✓ Jan & Randy Garner won the member's door prize of a septic tank pump out from Franklin Sanitation. This was done to promote awareness of septic tank maintenance.

All of this was possible because of the many volunteers in all areas. A big THANKS to all.

- KILA's fundraising efforts from dues, Homecoming, and donations enable us to make contributions that "improve and enhance" Kelleys Island. This year we made two contributions:
 1. \$500 to the VFW Post for their Flag project. They, along with others, placed American flags along East & West Lakeshore, Division, Chapple, and Addison streets. A nice enhancement to KI.
 2. At the request of the mayor and village maintenance crew, we purchased (\$8900) and donated 13 trash containers for the village to place at the parks, cemetery, and downtown. In addition to looking nice, trash & litter are placed in the containers rather than being strewn around the island.

Future projects will be selected from applications submitted to KILA for evaluation, much like a grant request process. This is in process and will be announced this fall.

- KILA has had some great promotion and advertising in Kelleys Life thanks to Caroline Jorski and broad support from the KI Chamber of Commerce (Thanks Jordan).
- KILA is again hosting a Candidates Forum today (September 18) at 1:00 PM in the school Gym. Candidates for village council and school board positions will present themselves. There will also be a presentation and discussion about the ballot levies. Here's your chance to get first-hand information for the election.
- On October 16th, KILA will conduct the **KI Family Hallo-Ride Adventure**. Because of concern for the safety of our community, having 300+ children and adults in a hall, this year we are spreading things out. The same fun components of games, crafts, hot dogs, marshmallows, and hay will all be there. The families will get to tour the Island to find them and win a chance at the Grand Prize. More details to follow.

KILA Financial Report – Account balances

Date	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	9/16/2021
Operating Account	\$29,214.42	\$24,881.16	\$ 29,789.49*
"Legal" new member	\$17,147.67	\$17,834.58	\$ 18,261.37
Crime Watch	\$2,642.92	\$2,643.18	\$ 2,653.45
Total Accounts Balance	\$49,005.01	\$45,358.92	\$50,704.31

*Excludes some homecoming expenses to be paid

2022 tentative calendar:

April 16: Board Meeting
 May 21: Board Meeting (& Welcome Back Pot Luck)
 June 18: Board Meeting
 July 16: Board Meeting
 August 12 & 13: HOMECOMING
 August 20: Board Meeting
 Sept 17: Annual Meeting followed by Board Meeting
 October 17: Board Meeting
 October 17: Family Hayride at 4H Camp 3:00 PM

Thanks to all KILA members whose volunteer activities and efforts make all this possible. You all should be proud of how your helped KILA to "enhance & improve" Kelleys Island.