



P O BOX 22, Kelleys Island OH 43438

March 2024

Our Objectives: *The objectives of the Kelleys Island Landowners Association are to preserve the tranquility and beauty of this island by remaining constantly alert and vigilant to any situation that could adversely affect the needs of our members and the island itself. We provide a forum where members can have the opportunity to present ideas, problems, and information; and we bring all available information regarding Kelleys Island to the Village Council and our members.*

President's Message

Dear KILA Members,

I hope everyone had a great winter and you are as excited as I am for the 2024 season on the Island! We have a full schedule of activities this year. It starts out with our Welcome Back Potluck on May 18th. Homecoming this year will be the 50-year anniversary of this event. It all started in 1974 with humble beginnings as an island picnic. This year Homecoming will be on August 9 & 10. We'll have our 3rd annual fish fry on Friday. Saturday will include our 2nd annual Cornhole tournament. We are pleased to have Frank and Dean back on Friday night and Fat City playing all day Saturday. In addition, the parade starts at 11am Saturday Aug 10th. Also, of course, our popular fall /Halloween celebration & Hayride held at the 4-H camp will be October 19th. The KILA board now has a process to distribute funds for worthwhile Island projects. KILA asks that any projects / Requests for Funds be submitted to the KILA board for approval. As always, please check out any new news on our [KILA – Kelleys Island Landowners Association](http://www.kila.rocks) website www.kila.rocks.

The yearly raffle will also resume this year so please buy a ticket and help KILA help the island. KILA has donated \$16,000 dollars to the Park board in 2022 to help fund the new playground. KILA also donated another \$15,000 in 2023 as well. Please, Please Help us fund other great projects like this on our island by supporting KILA. Also, please send in your annual \$20 dues. We included a form to mail in your annual dues in this newsletter or simply go to our website to pay dues and updated KILA news. Also buying raffle tickets from a board member is VERY helpful as well. So if you see a board member selling tickets this year help the island and buy one (or two) Thank you!

I want to thank everyone who supports KILA and all we do! Each one of you is helping just by being a member! I also want to thank the entire KILA Board. A lot of work goes into the organization and we truly have many great people serving, and of course great members as well. Let's have a great 2024 on The Best place anywhere, Kelleys Island Ohio!

Chris Arnold,
KILA President

(Note: Please wish a speedy recovery to Chris Arnold following a 6 artery bypass surgery)

KILA has a whole calendar of Fun, Food and Entertainment scheduled for 2024 and we invite all KI residents and visitors to join the fun! The following are just a few of the many KILA and Chamber of Commerce happenings. For a complete list of all of the 2024 scheduled events go to: <https://www.kelleysislandchamber.com/events/>



KILA is sponsoring food at the **Herndon Gallery ECLIPSE event** on **Monday April 8th**. We'll be grilling 'sun' burgers and 'rocket' dogs. We will also have Sun Chips; Moon Pies; Milky Ways; and Starburst. We will have sun and moon fruit kebabs and veggies. Any volunteer help the day before with fruits and veggies would be appreciated. Could also use help grilling and passing out food at the event.

*Bring your friends & family. *Contact Jennifer Pieratt to volunteer*

SAFETY FORCES DAY - Saturday, May 18th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Gathered on the Casino Dock for residents and visitors alike, the Safety Forces on the island will be available to answer questions. Come inspect the equipment from the EMS, Police, and Fire Department here on Kelleys Island. The US Coast Guard and State Park personnel will also be on hand during this event.



KILA's WELCOME BACK POT LUCK – Saturday May 18th, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm - KILA's good old-



fashioned **Pot Luck** is back again this year! KILA provides the hotdogs and hamburgers, attendees bring their own table service. Mark your calendars and plan to attend at the KI COMMUNITY PARK PAVILION/BALL FIELD. This is a good opportunity to join or renew your KILA membership. KILA thanks you for your dues, they help us to continue to fund Island activities and projects.

KELLEYS ISLAND 5 & 10K RUN/WALK The Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 41st annual 5&10k run/walk on **Sunday June 2, 2024**. Participants will enjoy a scenic route, along the lakefront, and will be provided with numerous water stations along the race route. Enjoy live music & lunch after the race at the Casino Bar and at Docker's Waterfront Bar & Restaurant.

KELLEYS ISLAND'S GOT TALENT – Saturday July 13th, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. This is a judged talent contest hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. Refreshments will be available. Free to audience members. An audition video is required to participate in the show and a registration fee will be charged to the acts that are chosen. Children's comp starts at 10:00 and adult comp starts at 12:30 pm.



ISLAND FEST – Friday July 19 – 21, 11:00 am - 11:00 pm -- Kelleys Island's biggest event of the year! The festival features craft vendors, food, beer tent, music & street dance on Friday and Saturday night, a parade on Saturday morning, and fireworks at dusk on Saturday. Fun activities for the entire family. This is a free outdoor event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.



HOMECOMING -- KILA's 50th Homecoming festivities will be at the KI Community Park Pavilion. The fun begins on **Friday August 9th** at 5:00 pm with our 4th annual FISH FRY. Come see Frank & Dean sing and enjoy a beer at the beer tent! **Saturday August 10th** at 11:00 AM is our traditional HOMECOMING PARADE with a local High School marching band. Follow up the parade with an afternoon of fun at the Park Pavilion with the

crafts & vendor market, food, beverages and fun for the whole family! Come and play in the CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT --- and kids will enjoy jumping around in the big bounce house! *Stay tuned for more information on this exciting KILA event!!*



SHORES&ISLANDS_{OHIO} KILA has been awarded a SPONSORSHIP GRANT for Homecoming by Shores & Islands Ohio www.shoresandislands.com. This helps promote our Homecoming event and helps us to bring in marching bands for our parade.



While you're there, don't forget to purchase a **RAFFLE TICKET** and help support the projects to improve and enhance Kelleys Island. In 2022 KILA was able to donate \$16,000 to replace/improve the old playground. In 2023 we donated another \$15,000 for a total of \$31,000. In addition to raffle ticket sales, our fund-raising events and your \$20 annual dues, and donations to KILA go a long way to help us reach our goal!

KILA Family Hayride – **Saturday October 19th** from 3-5 pm
Join us at the 4-H camp for hotdogs, marshmallow toasting, crafts, games and Hay Ride!! Wear your costume and bring your parents. Rain or shine it's always a lot of fun! \$10 donation per household or \$5/person. Sponsored by Kelleys Island Landowners Association and the KI 4-H camp.

FAMILY HAYRIDE





ISLAND DEATHS

- **Emil Charles Hach**, 90, passed away April 29, 2023
- **Dr. Sarah Bishop Merrill** 73, passed away March 23, 2023
- **Raymond “Ray” Meyers**, 91, passed away May 15, 2023
- **Elizabeth “Penny” Kyle**, 83, passed away June 3, 2023
- **Frank V. Muscioni**, 87 passed away June 14, 2023
- **Carol J. (Schlesselman) Schnittker**, 86, passed away August 11, 2023
- **Jane F. (nee Boaden) Wick**, 84, passed away August 22, 2023
- **James Anthony Yatson, Sr.**, 83, passed away September 3, 2023
- **William E. Minshall III**, 74, passed away October 11, 2023
- **Leo George Schreiner**, 89, passed away peacefully Monday, Jan. 1, 2024
- **Peter James Legere**, 78 passed away January 5, 2024
- **Donna J. Gast**, 89, passed away February 1, 2024

** The above notices were gathered from the several sources and from word-of-mouth. We sincerely apologize if we've missed anyone.*

Peter J. Legere

Apr 29, 1945 - Jan 5, 2024



It is with great sadness that the family of Peter James Legere announces his passing Friday, Jan. 5, 2024, at the age of 78.

Pete grew up in Arlington, Massachusetts, where he attended Matignon High School. He graduated from St. Michael's College in Vermont and earned a doctorate degree from St. Louis University. Dr. Legere taught at St. Louis Community College – Meramec before joining Roadway Express in Akron and Liquid Transport Corporation in Indianapolis.

For almost 30 years, Pete and his wife, Gerry, were residents of Kelleys Island. **Pete was a past president of the KI Landowners Association (KILA)** and KI Schoolboard. He was a library volunteer and member of St. Michael Catholic Church.

Pete's passions included gardening, basketball, handy work, Boston Red Sox, Boston Celtics, and of course, his family.

He is survived by his wife Gerry (Sam); daughters, Amy (Anthony) DiFilippo, Jennifer (Todd) Snider, and Phoebe Legere; and grandchildren, Gabriel and Pierce DiFilippo and Cameron, Griffin and Addison Snider.

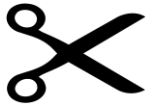
KELLEYS ISLAND LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

KILA relies on membership dues, fund raising activities, and donations to support projects and initiatives to improve and enhance Kelleys Island. In 2022 and 2023 KILA was able to donate a total of \$31,000 to help with improvements on the Island including to help replace/improve the old playground. In addition to supporting projects like these, a donation to KILA, a 501.c.3 charitable organization, has some tax advantages per IRS regulations.

1. Your donation may be deductible when you itemize expenses.
2. You may make a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD) **directly** from your IRA to KILA. This direct donation does not count as ordinary income to you as a distribution from your retirement plan usually would. This QCD will count towards your required minimum distribution (RMD) for those of you older than 70.5. However, the limit of the contribution (QCD) is \$100,000 per person.

Please consult with your tax advisor to be sure you understand the tax issues with these donations.

If you have SUGGESTIONS for improvements that KILA can help make on the island, let us know! You can E-MAIL us at: info@KILA.rocks



<u>Annual Dues</u>		
<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
May 1, 2024	Annual KILA Dues renewal	\$20.00

Please make checks payable to KILA and mail to: PO Box 22, Kelleys Island, OH 43438.
For your convenience, you can also PAY ANNUAL DUES via PayPal at: <https://kila.rocks/join-kila/> or using Zelle (drew@kila.rocks)

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