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HELEN HANSEN

On November 12, 2006 one of our founding members and an honorary life member, Helen Hansen, died at the age of 104. We have much to thank her for with her work as curator of the Follett House Museum and her books written with Virginia Steinemann preserving the history of Sandusky.

Now we have something else to thank her for. In her will she remembered our society with a gift of \$10,000.00. We have purchased a Certificate of Deposit so that this money will be earning interest for us to be used, along with the interest from the Rosino Fund, for our projects.

Along with being a founding member, Helen served as Treasurer from 1963 to 1982. Some of us will remember how she sent meeting notices on the backs of antique Sandusky post cards, giving us something to treasure.

JUNE COUGHLIN

On January 9th 2007 our current Treasurer, June Coughlin, passed away. June had joined our society in 1974 when she moved to Sandusky to become Librarian at the Firelands Campus of BGSU. She served as Secretary for several years and was appointed Treasurer in 1999 when Helen Seitz resigned. A donation has been sent in her memory to Bowling Green to be used at the Firelands Library.

***APPRECIATING OUR TREASURES TODAY
AND
PRESERVING THEM FOR TOMORROW***

HELEN SEITZ HONORED

Since we seem to be writing about our Treasurers -- and treasures -- those of you who weren't able to attend our Annual Meeting in November may not yet know that Helen Seitz was given a plaque and the status of Honorary Life Member. Helen has been a member for thirty years and has served on the board since her appointment as Treasurer in 1982.

NEW TREASURER

At our January board meeting, Ida Teasel our Secretary graciously accepted the duties of Treasurer. We plan to change the ECHS By-Laws to have the duties of Secretary and Treasurer joined to make it one office. You will vote on this at the March meeting.

MARCH PROGRAM

Our next meeting, Sunday March 18, will be presented by Kathy Muehlhauser Moore. It is a slide show entitled "Huron Before Urban Renewal". Kathy has written a book of Huron history entitled Not to be Forgotten Times: Huron, a Great Lakes Port. She will autograph copies for anyone wishing to purchase one. She has also authored histories of Christ Episcopal Church, Rockwell Springs Trout Club and Firelands Community Hospital. Kathy, her husband Rob and three children raise alpacas on their farm in Huron Township.

The meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 315 Wayne Street. The Wayne Street entrance will be open for your convenience.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

While you are putting our March meeting on your calendar, add this event. SUREC, the Sandusky Underground Railroad Education Committee, is presenting the Theatre IV production of Frederick Douglass/Honest Abe At Adams Jr. High on Friday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door. Frederick Douglass is a part of the history of Sandusky as he lectured here at Norman Hall in March of 1864. Norman Hall is now a part of the Keller building. The ECHS board thought this presentation was a wonderful educational opportunity for local students, so we voted to give \$500.00 to help sponsor the program and provide tickets for students who couldn't attend otherwise.

REGION TWO OAHSM MEETING

Another date to mark on your calendar is Saturday, April 28. The meeting this year will be held in Elmore in their Historical Society building. The emphasis this year is on Preserving the Recent Past. This is a good opportunity to get acquainted with our neighboring historians. OAHSM is the acronym for the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums. It is a branch of the Ohio Historical Society.

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FUTURE PROGRAMS

On May 20th John Schaeffer will tell us about the history of the Lyme Church, the Lyme Historical Society and Historic Lyme Village. John and Alvina have been part of the Lyme organization since its beginning and Alvina is Curator of the Museum. Recently a building was named in their honor.

On September 16th Glenn Kuebeler will have his book off the presses and will present the program about it. The book is being published by Acadia Publishing in their Postcard History Series. The book is entitled Castalia, Cold Creek, and the Blue Hole. Glenn grew up on a farm bordering Cold Creek's tailrace from the Heywood flour mill.



**ERIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
SUNDAY -- MARCH 18 -- 2:30 P.M.**

**KATHY MUEHLHAUSER MOORE
PROGRAM & BOOKSIGNING**

**AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
USE WAYNE ST. ENTRANCE**