

Keweenaw Heritage Center—Opening Doors to Our Heritage.



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Opening Doors in 2020

2020 certainly wasn't the year for opening doors, was it? For Keweenaw Heritage Center, like so many other places, the doors were pretty much closed. In the spring, after conferencing with volunteer guides, the Board made the decision not to have open hours during the summer. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, many events were cancelled. Although few rentals were able to take place, for the most part, KHC was a pretty quiet place this year.

Activities and Planning

That didn't mean that the Board was inactive, though. Quite the contrary. Regular monthly meetings took place either in person or via Zoom. Long-term planning was a focus. That meant analyzing finances, assessing short and long-term building needs, catching up on ways to recognize donors and volunteers, making plans for re-opening, and, yes, even cleaning out closets.

Through it all, we were inspired by one constant presence in the lower level. No matter the season and regardless of the pandemic, we have a mascot that has survived fluctuating temperatures and window repairs. It draws its nourishment from the sandstone and just keeps on keeping on. Great example for all of us during difficult times. It doesn't have a name yet (we're open to suggestions) but this is its picture.



Pandemic or Not, People Were Keeping Things Going.

From Co-Chair Phyllis Locatelli



Greetings,

Goodbye to 2020! It certainly was not the year we hoped for! We have missed our hosts, visitors, musicians, and all involved with the KHC. For the safety of all, we closed for the summer and were only open for private rentals.

Financially, we have taken a big hit. The income from daily visitors, Musical Mondays, and the fact that nearly all rental events were cancelled has set us back. Utility bills still have to be paid.

On the bright side, planning has begun for the summer of 2021. We look forward to the return of Musical Mondays, organ concerts, and other events. We are always in need of hosts. Please give this serious thought. It is a gratifying experience, knowing you are helping the community. In addition, you meet many interesting people.

This past summer we employed a gentleman to use a drone to check out the large roof. There are several areas around the steeples and cornices that are in need of repair. The lower back roof was redone this fall, just in time to catch the snow!

Open areas between the front steps will have to wait to be repaired in the spring. The building was constructed in 1900 so there are always areas needing repairs.

We're pleased to welcome new neighbors. Peter and Shelley Hahn have relocated their business from 203 Fifth Street to the former rectory of St. Anne's church. The building is unique. Stop in and at Hahn's Hammered Copper.



It is our hope that 2021 will allow us to reopen. We look forward to a new path forward where we can continue the work of preserving the building. Thank you for supporting the KHC and we will plan to see you in 2021.

Best regards,

Phyllis

The Keweenaw Heritage Center Board

Please meet the nine people who volunteer their time to attend monthly meetings and perform various duties. This past year, the Board tallied 230 hours, the equivalent of nearly six 40-hour weeks. Here they are alphabetically.

Serving on the Board



Kathleen Alatalo-Arten has been a KHC Board member since 2016. "I'm on the Board so I can play the organ." Initially, Kathleen joined the Board because of her interest in the organ, but she has enjoyed being involved in the work of making the building itself an active part of the community.

A native of Watton, MI, Kathleen holds a Bachelor of Science in Music with a focus in music therapy and major instrument piano, from Western Michigan University. She retired from a long career at Copper Country Mental Health in June, 2020. In her music life, Kathleen holds many roles. She teaches piano in her Laurium studio and at Good Times Music; has served as accompanist for the Copper Country Chorale, the CHS and CLK Ecumenical choirs, and for soloists; and has performed piano, organ and harpsichord recitals.

Kathleen has been married to her writer husband, Lee, for 46 years; they are empty nesters, their three children scattered to their own pursuits across the country.



Jean Ellis has served on the Board since 1994. She and Phyllis Locatelli share the responsibilities of Chair. Along with helping to prepare agenda for monthly meetings, Jean has been filling in for the vacant Secretary position by taking minutes for most meetings. She also writes the annual newsletter, applications for grants, oversees the Facebook page and has authored publications for KHC like *A Return to Honor*.

Jean chaired a committee that developed *Discover A Woman's Place*, a KHC exhibit that led to her book, [Beyond Brothels and Bars](#). Other community activities include secretary of Keweenaw Kernewek (The Cornish Connection), Miscowaubik Board of Governors, and Eagle Harbor ZBA. Retired from the Copper Country ISD after 30 years of various roles at different in education, she now lives in Eagle Harbor.



Jim and Teri Enrietti often join in the Board meetings via Zoom. Here's what they have to say about being performers for **Musical Mondays**: We have been asked, "What do you charge to play for Musical Monday?" The answer is we don't. We (and all) Musical Monday performers donate our time and talent. It is our opportunity to help support the Keweenaw Heritage Center

Do we get anything out of it? The answer is a resounding, yes. You can't imagine how much joy you give us when we see your tapping feet, clapping hands, smiling and laughing faces, and yes... even a few cutting the rug — fantastic. And, we still remember the night when we played "Santa Maria", and the audience softly sang and hummed along. You cannot buy memories like that.

Musical Monday's gatherings are very popular and enjoy audience support from both near and far, and generous voluntary donations contribute toward meeting the multitude of expenses that come along with keeping the Heritage Center going.

And keep it going, we must. Among my earliest recollections of "going to town" from Mohawk is that of rounding the curve on Red Jacket Road and passing that beautiful massive building of red sandstone - St. Anne's. It is hard to imagine Calumet without the "Anchor of 5th Street."



Tricia Golus contributes her skills as Treasurer, drawing on her accounting degree from MTU. Unlike many on the Board, Tricia is still employed, both as bookkeeper for the Keweenaw Catholic Community Churches and as Clerk for the Village of Laurium. This busy mom and grandmother sings in the St. Paul the Apostle choir. Come to one of the Musical Monday sessions and you'll see Tricia mingling with the audience and helping to count donations.

Each month, she provides the Board with an account of expenses, revenues and donations, working closely with Beth Salmela, Township Clerk. Tricia writes to donors to thank them for their gifts and provide a record of their contributions so they can have information for their taxes. She also provides information to keep the website up to date.



Bob Langseth is our longest-serving board member. From the very beginning, when the building could be politely described as a disaster, Bob worked to raise money for its purchase. He didn't stop there, writing applications for grants for repairs, serving as chairperson for more than three years, and supporting KHC in every way that he could. Bob also built a connection with the Keweenaw Community Foundation, establishing an endowment fund for KHC's long-term

interests.

If anyone was and still is invaluable to this organization that would be Bob. Bob was involved in the work of establishing the Keweenaw National Historical Park. After serving for many years on the Advisory Commission, Bob retired from those duties this year. Calumet Township benefitted from his talents while he served as Chair of its Planning Commission. Retired from 33 years of service to the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church, Bob is active in various community activities including Main Street Calumet as well as numerous community-wide church committees.



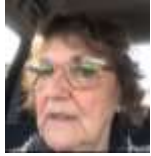
Phyllis Locatelli co-chairs the Board and has done so for at least seven years. That's just the start of what she does for KHC. In the summer, she coordinates the volunteer guides and Musical Mondays. All year long, Phyllis is in charge of rentals. That involves scheduling the calendar, showing the facilities to prospective renters, providing them with keys, collecting deposits, and checking up on things afterward. If that's not enough, she is the usual contact for any kind of construction projects.

You might see her checking on things in the building, making sure that there are supplies in the restrooms, turning the heat on when the building is rented for meetings, and checking to see that lights are all turned off afterward.

KHC is not the only organization that benefits from Phyllis's energy. Retired after 34 years of teaching, she is President of the Board of Education for the Public Schools of CLK, serves as their liaison with the Library Advisory Board and on the Board of the CLK Foundation. And if all that isn't enough, she also works on the Reunion Board and sings in the choir at St. Paul the Apostle.



John Novosad is one of the newest Board members. A retired anesthesiologist, John has been very generous with donations of supplies and ideas and been active with First Fridays.



Marcia Primeau came to the Board six years ago. Like John Novosad, Marcia worked to attract First Friday visitors to KHC. She likes to work with social events and has sent out invitations and kept track of responses for events like the 25th Anniversary celebration. Marcia retired from BHK Headstart, following teaching in the elementary grades in Ontonagon and at Sacred Heart in Calumet. Part of her connection with KHC is evident in the Primeau stained glass window. She shows her love of animals by supporting the Humane Society and K-Snag.



George Siira Have you walked past KHC in December and seen the glow from the upstairs windows during the December holiday season? If so, you can thank George. He's a retired electrician, born in the Keweenaw and a returnee. George doesn't stop with the lights and wiring; his latest project was removing a board that had kept the back door from opening easily and filling in the hole with cement. His input on so many projects has been invaluable.

Like many other Board members, George contributes his time and talent to other community activities as well. He has organized horseshoe tournaments and is a regular volunteer at the Firefighters Museum. The Coliseum has also benefited from George's services.

Renewing Links Across the World

120 years ago, when you opened the doors, you heard people speaking French. Sig Boberg supplied a 1910 booklet celebrating the beginning of the parish with this plaintive statement: *Le chant n'était pas celui que le Canadien avait entendu naguère dans la vieille église de son village natal; la prière n'était pas du langage de celle qu'il avait recueilli sur les lèvres de sa mere:* The song was not what the Canadian had heard in the old church of his native village; the prayer was not in the language he recalled his mother's lips.



Early in 2020, KHC had special visitors investigating what remains of links to the French-speaking congregation. Professors Yves Frenette and Marc St. Hilaire visited the building and explored its history as part of a cooperative effort with the MTU Social Sciences Department. This major 7-year project is based at Université de St. Boniface in Winnipeg, is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, and includes over 40 researchers and multiple heritage partners throughout North America, Europe, and the Caribbean, including Michigan Tech and the Keweenaw National Historical Park.

What's Involved in Keeping the Doors Open? Ordinary Expenses

We don't have the totals for 2020 yet but the last three years can provide insight about annual costs.

<u>Expenses</u>	2017	2018	2019
<u>Administrative Expenses</u>			
Audit/Accounting	980.00	990.00	990.00
Bank Charges	21.98	0.00	23.00
	1001.98	990.00	1013.00
<u>Basic Building Expenses—Utilities</u>			
Electricity	1453.38	1101.31	911.04
Heat	2274.23	2612.69	3528.47
Water	449.27	425.82	466.60
	4176.88	4139.82	4906.11
<u>Building Enhancement Expenses</u>			
Elevator/Lifts	1628.00	1241.00	760.00
Internet	0.00	273.00	468.00
Organ	339.00	361.95	235.62
	1967.00	1875.95	1463.62
<u>Usage Expenses</u>			
Cleaning wages	300.00	940.00	1050.00
Snow removal	395.00	615.00	505.00
Operating Supplies	256.83	528.51	401.07
	951.83	2083.51	1956.07
<u>Building Maintenance Expenses</u>			
Repair and Maintenance	819.42	1015.00	105.00
Repair and Maintenance Supplies	308.00	33.68	160.47
	1127.42	1048.68	265.47
<u>Publicity Expenses</u>			
Advertising	224.00	200.00	0.00
Mailings	503.50	247.50	512.50
Website	565.00	615.00	600.00
	1292.50	1062.50	1112.50
<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>			
Misc.	171.72	391.39	440.48
<u>Total Annual Expenses</u>	10689.33	11591.85	11157.25

Here's How Expenses Are Met Revenue Sources

<u>Income</u>	2017	2018	2019
<u>Generated by Usage of the building</u>			
Admissions	1762.62	1537.78	2522.19
Concerts	718.00	47.00	440.00
Musical Mondays	1797.03	1640.30	1319.97
Rent	3240.00	8433.83	3455.00
Total from Usage	7517.65	11658.91	7737.16
 <u>Generated by interest and sales</u>			
CDs, DVDs	144.00	169.00	203.00
Interest	44.98	41.19	45.06
Total from interest and sales	188.98	210.19	248.06
 Total generated by Usage, Interest and Sales	 7706.63	 11869.10	 7985.22
 <u>Generated by donations</u>			
Donations/Membership	11980.00	8254.64	11757.82
Donations in Honor	2775.00	505.54	1050.00
Donations-Memorials	<u>1855.00</u>	<u>730.00</u>	<u>450.00</u>
Donations specified for organ	742.00	398.97	562.13
Car Show	40.00	75.00	145.00
 Total from Donations	 17392.00	 9964.15	 13964.95

Calumet Township

Calumet Township owns the Keweenaw Heritage Center, allowing contributions to the building to be tax-deductible. The building also benefits from being under the Township's umbrella insurance coverage. Gracia Bracco, now an honorary Board member and long-time volunteer, was part of the original Board. The Board also thanks Supervisor Tim Gasperich, Clerk Beth Salmela and Treasurer Fay Johnson along with other staff members for their help. We are richer because KHC now stands as a vital and beautiful part of the community.

When the Doors Are Open, What Does KHC Have to Offer?

As Jim and Teri Enrietti said, the massive red sandstone building is a beautiful sight at the entrance of Fifth Street. The exterior is stunning; the interior matches it. As a setting for one of life's special events, there are few equals.

Upstairs, stained glass windows are breathtaking, especially when the sunlight hits them. Music from the 1898 Barckhoff organ may resound from the balcony. Seating capacity exceeds 175. A sound system complements the acoustics. A lift provides access for those with mobility issues.

Downstairs, visitors remark about the beauty of the sandstone walls. Twelve round tables provide seating for ninety-eight; rectangular tables will accommodate one hundred eighty more. Smaller rectangular tables can provide serving stations tucked between the pillars. Caterers may prepare food in the kitchen (Its offset from the main room minimizes kitchen noise.). A moveable bar makes serving beverages or food easy. The PA system allows for music as a background. If the floor is cleared for dancing, there is room for a band.

For meetings or conferences, internet accessibility allows interaction beyond the doors. Handicap parking in the back provides quick access to a lift for transport downstairs.

Over the Years, Major Gifts or Grants Have Helped Keep Doors Open. (Accumulated Totals from 1994)

Above \$ 20,000

Americana Foundation
Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission
Michigan Department of Commerce
R. Charles Stetter

Jean and Tom Ellis
Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs
Philip Ruppe

Between \$10,000 and \$20,000

Robert and Deloris Langseth
Oliver and Margaret Manzini
Mary Murphy
James Ruppe Foundation

Ann Locatelli
Michigan Department of Management and Budget
Ernest and Edith Niederer
Strosacker Foundation

Between \$5,000 and \$10,000

Michael and Janet Dudenas
Carl and Janet Kobert
Jerry and Dolly Luoma
Patricia MacQueen
Bill and Marilyn McConnon
Sacred Heart Church
Rebecca Sandretto
Valeda Tomasi

Darlene Ford
Phyllis and Tony Locatelli
Anita Luoma-Morton
Martin Family Foundation
Terence and Patricia Murphy
Carmen Sandretto
Lempi Talvensaaari
Wisconsin Power/UPPCo

Donations in 2020

David and Jackie Aalto
Charles and Jan Anderson
Marvin and Ruth Bradford
Mike and Sylvia Cooper
Michael and Janet Dudenas
Exxon Mobile Foundation (match)
Randal and Tricia Golus
Donna and Richard Holmstrom
Ann Kemppainen
Joseph and Carol Lizzadro
David and Jacqueline Menté
Robert and Marjorie Nelson
Arthur and Debra Rathke
The James Ruppe Foundation
Pam Shaughnessy
Leonard and Karen Simonson
WE Energies (match)

Ace Hardware
Mary Ann Bammert
Robert Brennan
Copper Country Ford
Marilynn Ehrenreich
Clarence and Yvonne Fisher
Jim and Bonnie Hay
Insight Eye Care
Brian and Charlene Laakanen
Tony and Phyllis Locatelli
Larry and Nancy Molloy
Judi Nuottila
Patrick and Anna Roche
Jerome and Carol Sachinski
Shell Oil Company (match)
Raymond and Diane Tiberg
Mary Wolter

Carl Adams
Sigmund Boberg
Tony and Chris Clements
Janet Dalquist
Jean Ellis
Debra Frontiera
Alison K. Hoagland
Virginia Jamison
Robert and Deloris Langseth
David and Joan Mechlin
Terence and Patricia Murphy
Keith and Claire Ojala
Bruce and Karen Rovano
Carmen Sandretto
Karen Siekas
Claudette Vairo
Harold and Valerie Zimdars

In Memory of

Ron and Barb Adams
Charles Anderson
Dr. John Brisson
Ralph Bammert
Tom Ellis
Andrea Lane

Mary Leiker
Joan Milani
James Sanderson
John and Hortense Simonson
Helen Sullivan

In Honor of

Oliver Manzini

Adopt-A-Pipe/Organ

Jennifer and Jesse Benda
Joseph Ruppe

By

Claudette Vairo
Tony and Phyllis Locatelli, Carmen Sandretto
Tony and Phyllis Locatelli,
Mary Ann Bammert
Frank Carlton, Dan and Lynn Glinn
Angela Anderson, Mary Ann Bammert,
Tricia and Randy Golus, Mary and Dan Heinonen,
Janet Locatelli, Joseph and Anne Locatelli,
Tony and Phyllis Locatelli, Claudette Vairo
Carmen Sandretto
Tony and Phyllis Locatelli
Nancy Sanderson
Robert and Cheryl Unke
John Sullivan

By

David Cima, Robert and Deloris Langseth,
John Manzini, Guy and Kathleen St. Germain

Janet Dalquist
Carmen Sandretto
Kevin Wright

Virginia Jamison
Leonard and Karen Simonson

The Challenges of 2020

2020 has been as full of challenges for KHC as it has for many other places.

- Closed to summer visitors
- Cancellation of Musical Mondays performances
- 17 scheduled rentals cancelled
- Loss of contact with many volunteers



This picture of the Volunteer Appreciation event in the fall of 2019 shows off enthusiasm for the new basement floor.

People enjoying the building is what we all want to see.

In 2020, the building felt lonely, waiting for friends and supporters to be able to enjoy all of its wonderful facilities.

We look forward to seeing people having a great time in a great place for meetings and celebrations.



Help fill it up! Schedule an event as soon as we can be open again. Make our little mascot happy to see everyone.



Information about Rentals:

Meetings: 2 hour — \$50; 4 hour — \$100 Events: 6 hour — \$150; All day — \$200

Weddings: \$300 (one floor only); \$600 (both floors) Charge includes Friday evening for decorating and/or rehearsal through Sunday at 1 p.m. for clean-up. A damage deposit of \$250 is required to reserve the building for a wedding. If the upstairs is used during the spring and fall, there may be an additional charge of \$25 for heat.

Insurance: If alcohol will be served, arrangements must be made with your homeowners carrier to cover this.

Smoking: The Keweenaw Heritage Center is smoke-free. No open flames are allowed.

Your Help Will Open the Doors in 2021.

KHC is grateful to all the donors and volunteers who have helped rescue the building and keep the doors open. As the Board looks ahead to opening when the pandemic has eased, we hope you will help. Monetary donations pay for everyday expenses and for necessary repairs and upgrades.

This all-volunteer organization especially needs people to be summer guides. That involves a 4 to 5 hour shift meeting people and telling them about the Heritage Center. Volunteering to be on the Board requires a year-long commitment to attend monthly meetings and fill specific needs, using your own special skills. If you are scheduling a meeting or event, consider having it in this beautiful setting.

As we look ahead to summer, Kathleen Alatalo-Arten and Jim and Teri Enrietti may inspire your involvement.

Plans for the Organ



Kathleen is one of the beneficiaries of the Barckhoff restoration project, and is the liaison to the Organists of the Keweenaw. Goals of this group include: to introduce people to the pipe organ, and to preserve and keep active the historical instruments of the area.

While the building was closed this summer, the organ was played less frequently than usual. A normal "season" might include organ matinees, formal recitals, master class, play-ins, and organ crawls for visitors. A hymn festival of pieces written by women, a solo recital of works

by Emma Lou Diemer, and a Maple Sugar Folk program of lumberjack music for Plaidurday, have been postponed until at least the summer of 2021.

Musical Mondays



Keep your spirits up. As with all things, this COVID thing shall end. Jim and Teri are planning the biggest, the best, and the most entertaining Super Musical Monday ever. During this past year, we've been revamping music books, and (our latest kick) learning some more of the popular big band songs from the 1930's and 40's. Ah, what romantic lyrics, beautiful harmonies and chord changes... what gifts those composers gave us. Our MM play list will feature some new and some audience (must play) old favorites. ****Watch for the date announcement, mark your calendars, and get there early. Count on this

...there will be surprises.

And remember, Take Time to Dance

Best Wishes for happy holidays and for Open Doors in 2021!

MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM (GIFTS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE)

Name(s): _____ Address _____

City, ST, Zip _____ E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ I'd like to help by volunteering. Please contact me. _____

Enclosed is my donation. Please make checks payable to **Keweenaw Heritage Center**.

\$ _____ Donation

In addition, please accept my donation of:

\$ _____ Donation made in memory of or to honor: _____

Please notify _____ of my gift in memory or honor:

Address _____ City, ST, Zip _____

Check total: \$ _____

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