

Newsletter

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Good Wishes to all of Jacksonport from the Jacksonport Historical Society Board of Directors

We had a busy year working on the Historical Society site on Highway 57. Chinking and weatherproofing of the logs of the Cote cottage was done. The Loritz cabin was set down on the foundation and the basement interior walls were framed. The floor reinforced with new beams to make it constructional safe to proceed with work and clean-up on the inside of the cabin. This past September eight volunteers washed walls and ceilings of the cabin. The grounds have been prepared for landscaping in the spring. The intent is to make the Loritz cabin accessible to the public in the near future. We hope to start our Capital Campaign to fund the new museum building in 2015. If you can help us out with this effort, please let us know.

The Program Committee did a great job scheduling interesting programs for the year. Attendance at the programs varied from 40-100 people. We look forward to more interesting programs in 2015. These programs are held on the 4^{th} Wednesday of the month, May thru October at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

We had a very successful Cherry Fest this year because of good weather and lots of interest in the vendors, food, music and car show. Financially we made the most profit this year thanks to all the volunteer help. All proceeds from this event are used for operating expenses and to continue the funding of the new museum buildings.

We welcomed three new board members this year: Randy Erskine, Mike Neitzke, and Mona Orthober. Mary Kaye will serve as our Treasurer, replacing Darrel Birnschien who resigned. I thank them for stepping forward to volunteer their services to our organization. We would like to thank all of our volunteers who have worked to help us complete our projects. Also, Thank You, to Mae Muehl for taking on the job of being the editor for this newsletter along with all of her other volunteer efforts.

Everyone is welcome to attend our board meetings held the $3^{\rm rd}$ Wednesday of each month from January thru October at 6:30 pm. at the Jacksonport Town Hall. Programs are scheduled May through October. The 2015 Program Schedule has not been confirmed as of the publishing of this newsletter. As soon as we receive confirmation from our presenters we will notify you.

Membership information is included with this newsletter. Please remember to send in your 2015 membership dues.

Sincerely,

Herbert Mueller, President Eileen Roberts, Vice-President Dawn Honold, Secretary Mary Kaye, Treasurer

Trustees: Kandie Skippon

Jerry Cote Mike Neitzke Randy Erskine Mona Orthober

Introducing Our New Board Members



Mary Kaye - Treasurer

I grew up in Jacksonport, the daughter of Richard and Helen LeClair. I graduated from Sevastopol High School, married my high school sweetheart, Mike Kaye, in September 1973, but lost him in July 2013 after a 3-year illness.

I have three grown daughters who live in Wisconsin: Cambria (Mark) Mueller, Egg Harbor, and their sons, Connor (4) and Tucker (2); Courtney, who lives in Slinger; and Cathy, who lives in Appleton.

I work at the Wild Tomato in Fish Creek as their office manager. When not working, I'm spending precious time with my family and enjoying my active grandsons. I like to garden, listen to music, laugh, visit with friends over a beer, watch sporting events and appreciate life.

I'm looking forward to learning more about the little town I grew up in while helping in a small way to preserve its history.



Randy Erskine - Trustee

Thank you for letting me serve on the JHS board. My name is Randall (Randy) Erskine and with a name like that how can I not be a member.

I was born Feb. 24, 1955 to Mike and Margret Erskine in Sturgeon Bay. Fred and Gertie are my grandparents. I can remember living in Whitefish Bay, before moving to Two Rivers just in time to start kindergarten. Dad work for Hamilton MFC and Mom worked for Mirro. I graduated Two Rivers High 1973. Two weeks later I'm on my way to the Marine Corp, that

started my aviation career. After four in the Corp I went to Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa Ok, where I got my Airframe and Powerplant Lic and Associate Degree graduating 1981. While doing that I landed a job at McDonnell Douglas Corp building F15s for the Saudi's. Yes the perpetrators of 911. When I got laid off at MDC in 1985, I was already wanted by American Airlines. I started there two weeks later. Sept. 2015 I'll have 30 years with AA.

My wife, Kami, and I are enjoying it here and look forward to getting to know everyone better.



Mike Neitzke - Trustee

I was born in Eau Claire, WI on Nov. 20, 1973. I graduated from Augusta High School in 1992. I attended UW-River Falls and graduated in 1997. I married Jennifer Honold, great granddaughter of Charles and Cora Honold, in 1997. We lived in Durand, WI. two years. In the spring of 1999 we moved to Door County and by that fall we settled at 4092 Sunny Slope Road.

I have been working part-time at Mike's Port Pub since 1999, and full-time at Lampert Lumber beginning in 2000 in Sturgeon Bay, but currently in Sister Bay for eight years. Jen and I have two children, Anthony, a sophomore at Sevastopol High School, and Georgia, in sixth grade at Zion Lutheran School. Our hobbies are gardening and raising chickens. We are also involved with the QMAS program at the Door County Fair.

I look forward to helping out the JHS in whatever I am able to.



Mona Orthober - Trustee

I was born on June 13, 1935 in Escanaba, MI. and moved to Sturgeon Bay in June of 1942, then to Glidden Drive in September 1946. I graduated from Sevastopol High School in 1953, college at Oshkosh. I married Roger in 1957 and we moved to 5575 N Cave Point Dr in 1962.

I taught school in Gladstone MI, Brussels and finally in Sevastopol. My field was biology, chemistry, physics and math.

I am a charter member of JHS and served as president for seven years. I did presentations on businesses in Jacksonport regarding grocery store, blacksmiths, cheese factories and other general businesses. I was an instigator of Cherry Fest and worked at Cherry Fest since it's beginning. I'm willing to work at whatever asked to do and have always been interested in anything historical.



Cherry Fest 2014 in Review



August 2, 2014 was a very good day for the Jacksonport Historical Society. *The 20th Annual Cherry Fest* was a huge success with record turnout, record gross revenue and ultimately record profit. All involved are to be commended for the superb job in planning, setting up, and ultimately for the accomplishment of putting on a very well attended event in downtown Jacksonport. My personal thanks to all.

As you may have noticed we added and or changed a few things again this year. Jeanne Kuhns and her group *Small Forest* delighted us with their wonderful entertainment in the morning session. The *Jacksonport Women's Club* changed their menu items a bit and ultimately sold out before the end of the day. Well done JWC! Pete Stoffell was on hand, selling out as well, of whole cherries. Thanks to Pete. Herb Mueller and his committee pulled off our first car show very successfully suggesting there will be more to follow. And we added helicopter rides thus adding nicely to our bottom line for the day's revenue. Thank you to Nathan Peters and his ground crew. Unfortunately, the horses were on a different schedule that day so no wagon ride as promised but they will be back I am assured.

As usual we had great vendor turnout in the *Arts and Crafts Show* thank to many returning and some new vendors. The food was again superbly, provided by Keith and Jaci Birnschein of *Door County Custom Meats*. Joe Jarosh and his staff thrilled the kids and parents again at the Penny Hunt. Thanks Joe and staff. Mike, Mitch, Brett, and Kelly kept the very cold and delicious refreshment coming resulting in record sales and happy customers. Eileen Roberts and all of the volunteers at the JHS booth again did a very nice job of showcasing what the JHS is all about and how we operate throughout the year. Great job all. And finally with much gratitude and appreciation for their keeping them coming I want to thank Lisa Bieri and all of the volunteers that helped Lisa bake and Kandie Skippon sell more than 500 kolaches. Sold out way to early suggesting more are needed next year. Oh, and that was along with selling out of 125 cherry pies. Hungry crowds and great supporters of the JHS on the grounds once again.

I do not want to understate the gratitude and appreciation the JHS has for all of the hard work provided by the many, many great volunteers we had again this year. Many are returning volunteers and we look forward to their continued support. Please take no offense to my not mentioning each of you individually. You know who you are and we do also, so please allow me to simply say thanks as we look forward to next year's Cherry Fest.

... Darrel Birnschien



Mark Your Calendar for the 21st Cherry Fest Saturday, August 1, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Lakeside Park, Jacksonport





Car Show

The Jacksonport Historical Society Board was looking for some ideas to increase the spectators at the Erskine Root Cellar during Cherry Fest. We decided to try a Car Show. The Committee of Beth Chafey-Hon, Bill Hebal and Herb Mueller got together and worked out a plan. Posters were distributed throughout Door County and it was included in the Cherry Fest advertising. We were happy to have 36 cars and 4 tractors at our first show and plan on this to be an annual event along with Cherry Fest. Entry fee was \$5.00 per vehicle, which entitled them to a slice of cherry pie. Of the 40 vehicles, foreign and domestic, there was a 1923 Ford and 2006 Chevrolet. The People's Choice Award went to Bob Connolly of Clark Lake Drive with his 1965 Chevy Impala SS. The Committee was extremely happy with the participation for our first year.







Loritz Cabin Update



Rebuilding the chimney
Iune 2014

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Loritz cabin, donated to the Jacksonport Historical Society by Jim and Mary Lou Stanke, has been moved to our property at the top of the hill at the south entrance to Jacksonport, and restoration is in process. Over the last couple years, many hours have been spent by volunteers and hired help to restore and renovate this cabin; some of which include a new foundation and basement floor, chimney repairs and replacement of the roof. There have been many volunteers involved with this project, that it would be impossible to mention them all. But a big thank you goes out to the site committee and building committee for coordinating and sometimes doing the repairs and renovations themselves.

In September, volunteers ranging in age from 11 to 80-something, spent a Saturday cleaning the Loritz cabin and also working outside on the landscaping, smoothing out the dirt to make the JHS property look

inviting. It was a chilly day, but it was a great time to get to know one another while accomplishing the task of getting the cabin ready for opening to the public for Maifest 2015. At noon, we enjoyed sloppy joes (brought to the site just before noon), chips, fruit, brownies, soft drinks and water. The challenge we had with getting the cabin clean was planning how we would accomplish that without electricity and water on site. We met that challenge by having water brought to the site in various containers and heating the water outside using a gas burner and equipment used for fish boils.

Next spring, once again, the JHS will be asking for volunteers to help "open" the Loritz and Cote cabins, spruce them up inside and out, including the grounds, and set up displays for the public to enjoy. Please contact any one of the board of directors if you are able to help.

In order for the JHS to continue the renovation of the Lortiz cabin and grounds, we will need to install electricity, drill a well and septic system. The most important improvement at this time, however, is having electricity on site. With electricity, we will be able to continue our work on the cabin and grounds, without having to work during daylight hours only, or have generators available. As mentioned at the annual meeting in July, we have a "Wish List".

The following items are needed to help with continuing the improvements to the existing buildings and our goal of building a museum at the property, owned, free and clear, by the Jacksonport Historical Society. Any size donation is welcome.

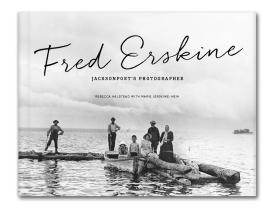
Electricity: \$10,000.00 (approximate)

Well: \$7,000.00 (approximate) Septic: \$10,000.00 (approximate)

Please consider a donation, any size is welcome, to help continue our vision to celebrate the history and heritage of the township of Jacksonport. With your monetary help and volunteer time, our vision will become a reality.

... Dawn Honold

FRED ERSKINE —Jacksonport's Photographer





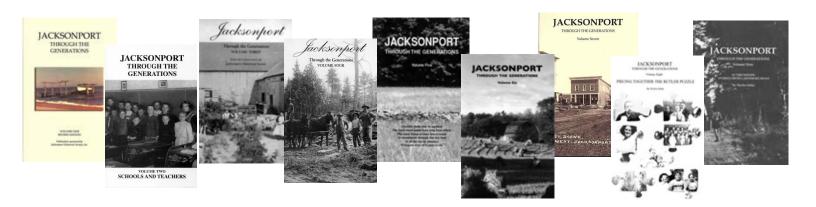
Fred Erskine (1890–1986) purchased his first camera in 1910 and has long been regarded as "Jacksonport's photographer." This book, which includes more than a hundred photos, was written for the Jacksonport Historical Society by Rebecca Halstead along with Fred and Gertie Erskine's daughter Marie Hein.

Sitting at a table covered with her father's photographs, Marie shared the stories behind the images. She spoke of her parents, brothers and sisters, and neighbors with much fondness and amazing recollection.

This photo collection features Jacksonport's early industries of lumbering, commercial fishing, and farming. Scenes of historical interest include building the highway through Jacksonport in 1910, the fire in 1935 that destroyed Lake View Tavern, and the dedication of Lakeside Park in 1939. The collection also captures what life was like in Jacksonport's past.

All proceeds from sales of the Erskine photography book will go to the JHS museum development fund. Details can be found on the JHS website, or by calling 920-743-6415.

JACKSONPORT THROUGH THE GENERATIONS Volumes One Through Nine



Ben Logan was quoted in the *Wisconsin Magazine of History* (Winter 2000-2001), "Every person has a story to tell. Every family has a story. Every community has a story. And in telling and hearing our stories, we can find a story to live by, begin to understand more fully who we are, where we've come from, what we value and where there may be a place that will invite us to put down roots and call it home."

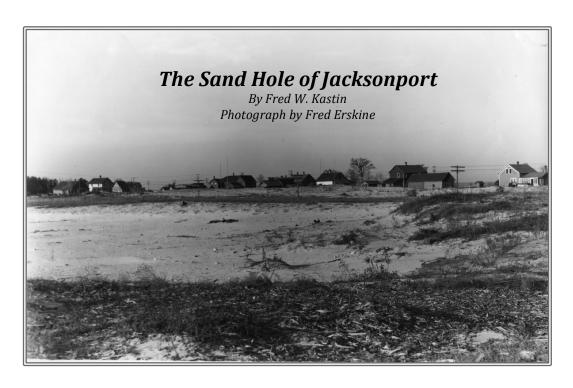
Traditionally, over the past 18 years we have encouraged families in the township of Jacksonport to present their family history at our monthly meetings. Families eagerly told their fascinating stories through pictures, music, recorded parents and grandparent's voices, and their own recollection of life within the generations. These programs were recorded, stories were written by family members, photos shared, and then published in volumes of books entitled *Jacksonport Through the Generations*.

As we read the family stories in these publications we begin to realize how the first settlers in this township have blended together to form strong families. You'll read about families who came from Sweden, Germany, and France, through strong religious leadership pastors brought faith, inspiration and courage to the early settlers. They were hard working families who cleared the land, built homesteads and educated their children. They shared their traditions and memories and their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren who have given us a clue as to what life was like for their ancestors.

Today it is hard for us to realize the struggles of clearing the land, building a house, and making a living while caring for a large family. Let us appreciate the stretches of stone fences and the wide-open fields that were cleared in order to support their families. Each one of those stones that we see in the stone fences was picked, loaded on a stone boat or wagon, and then unloaded by hand to build the line fences of farm owners. We must be filled with gratitude for the rugged individuals who settled here in Jacksonport, and we are thankful for the many hours families spent researching, finding photos and writing stories so that we have a glimpse into the past.

We also published a book just on the Teachers and Schools in the Jacksonport Township, which is Volume Two.

These publications and DVDs are available and may be purchased at: Bleys Grocery in Jacksonport, our monthly meetings held at the Jacksonport Town Hall, or call 920-743-6415. You can get prices and information on purchasing these books published by the Jacksonport Historical Society, Inc. by going to our website: jacksonporthistoricalsociety.org, or email mailto:jacksonporthistory@charter.net.



Oh, the sand hole of Jacksonport, it was an ugly sight The way it used to blow and drift it surely was a fright. It used to drift through cracks, through windows and through doors. They didn't need no sweeping compound, for it was always on the floor. The housewives they baked it in their bread and cakes and pies It kept their teeth clean, but it also got in their eyes. It was nasty when it blew, but it was healthy indeed For it gave us the right portion of mineral feed. It drifted in the winter and it drifted in the summer It drifted in the daytime and at night it was a hummer, *It drifted till it got on the peoples nerve* So they elected a town board that the village would serve And do away with this one great and ugly thing This drifting sand and peace to the village of Jacksonport would bring. Then the Board made it a project for WPA For to keep expense down that was the only way. And had Highway Commissioner Bieri with a fleet of trucks To haul the 3513 loads of marl and muck. Which was clammed out of Truman Bagnall's swamp forty And spread by the WPA hands in a hurry. Then they hauled 3078 loads of ground from Herman Carlson's hill To spread over the muck and marl that sure makes the sand lie still. Then it was seeded to clover, alfalfa and timothy And some fertilizer spread to help its on its way. Then we went to see County Agent Mullendore And got 15000 Jack and Scotch pine trees to plant on this sandy floor Which in time will grow and make this beautiful park Where the children or young folks can play in daylight or dark But now we have growing clover which is a beautiful stand Covering up this dirty drifting snarling sand.

JHS Donations 2014

General Operation Fund

Anonymous
Bley's Grocery Store
Doreen & Daniel Carmody
In memory of Bonnie Henderickson
Door County Carpet One
Roy & Elizabeth Gill
Herb Mueller
Leanne M. Olson
Eugene & Sally Kiehnau
In memory of George & Bill Grovogel
Milton & Jane Rand
Mark & Sharon Schmeling
Jeffrey Taylor

Cabin and Grounds

Timberman

Jim & Sharon Birger Salli Eley Lampert Lumber Deborah Longerquist

Fisherman

James & Susan McAninch

Pioneer

Paul & Bey Ozburn

Museum Fund

Timberman

Dan & Margorie Andrae Pam & Bill Borgeson Ralph L. & Diane E. Dunn Joseph & Elizabeth Gagnon Janet Slater Benny R. Teich Phyllis Zatlin

Fisherman

Baylake Bank
Marie Hein
Duane & Bonnie Henderickson
James M. Kelley
Robert & Karin Lutz
Elennor K. O'Brien Family
Henry & Marilyn Spille
Kris Zeile

Memorials

IN MEMORY OF GLEN BAGNALL

Yvonne Stephen

IN MEMORY OF BOB BIRNSCHEIN

Jan Birnschein

IN MEMORY OF MIKE & MARGARET ERSKINE

Randal & Kambra Erskine

IN MEMORY OF WALTER ERSKINE

Gene & Marge Junger

IN THE NAME OF MARY LECLAIR GAGERSTROM

Eunice McCormick

IN MEMORY OF SALLY KIEHNAU

Doreen & Daniel Carmody Jerry & Judy Cote Eunice McCormick

IN MEMORY OF DICK KROLL

Jerry & Judy Cote

IN MEMORY OF BESSIE REMISZEWSKI

Lee Bley Marcella Giesseman

IN MEMORY OF MARIAN ANSCHUTZ SCHULTZ

Gloria Bittorf Lee Bley

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE LECLAIR

Jerry & Judy Cote

Thank you to all the volunteers that donated their time and talent. There are so many of you. Please know how much you are appreciated. Without your help, JHS hopes and dreams would not become realities. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

In Kind Donations 2014

Family of Theresa Lasee

Variety of clothing and shoes

Annie Miller

Large framed picture of George Loritz WWII Veteran. Framed newspaper articles of George Loritz given in memory of Al Miller (Annie's father.)

Sturgeon Bay Florist - Tom and Sandy

Flowers planted at the Erskine Root Cellar

Todd Burke

Removal of brush from Jacksonport Historical Society Site

Ken Smith and Mike Skippon

Lumber to replace roof boards on Loritz Log Home

Wayne Serrahn

Level off grounds on Jacksonport Historical Society Site

William Anderson

Donated two storage units for storing Jacksonport Historical Society artifacts

Armstrong Cleaning

Cleaned a small rug from the Loritz Log Home

Ken Smith

Repaired and painted coal bucket from Loritz Log Home. Repaired some donated chairs

Kathy Herrbold

A selection of Kathy's mothers hats from the 50s and 60s. Her mother is Virginia (Rankin) Herrbold. Virginia was always a "classy dresser' and no doubt got the hats in the 50s and 60s for going to mass. The pillbox style is one we identify with Jackie Kennedy.

Cathy Grogan

Miscellaneous furniture and home items

Steve and Leanne Olson

Donated fresh Christmas Wreaths for the Cote Cabin and the Loritz Log home

Dan Carmody

Family Bible, Book "Going for the Mail, Photo Album

Wavne Lautenbauch

Stain for louver on the Cote house

Arnold and Diane Schleicher

Sleigh and buggy which was once owned by Arnies' grandparents Rudolph and Kathleen Schleicher

John and Debra Lasee and family

Baby buggy

In Kind Donations 2013

Elisse Taylor

Player piano – 95 player piano rolls in storage bins, piano bench (6 rolls in bench.)

Irene Urban

Lime green stemmed goblet – a souvenir from Carmody's store in Jacksonport. Victor Victrola with records, owned by Carl Urban's parents. Filing cabinet

Mildred Leimbach

Metal salt and pepper shakers and sugar bowl.Two pair of eye glasses one pair is nose pincher glasses.

Larry and Sandra DeMaster

Rope bed – quilt top – quilt stand Norwegian Spinning Wheel, Ohio Spinning Wheel, Rocking chair – cradle – childs high chair. Large painting.

Joe LeClair

Copies of family history books of LeClair and LeMere families.

Tom and Virginia Maher

Antique hardwood granary ladder

Sturgeon Bay Florist

Flowers for Root Cellar

Shopco North

Four drawer filing cabinet

Amanda Kalms

Two-drawer filing cabinet

Terry and Deb Kiehnau

Buckboard wagon

Steve and LeAnn Olson

Fresh Christmas wreaths for the Cote Log Cabin and the Loritz Log Home

Also: In Memory of Father Smith

Settee – upholstered with wood trim Armchair – matching upholstery to settee Armless chair – matching upholstery to arm chair and settee

Cathy Grogan

Antique coffee grinder, 1895 Story and Clark Antique Pump Organ with stool. Complete set of 1909 Edition Encyclopedia in bookcase, Swede Saw

Roadside Market LLC

Antique/Ancient Coffer w/hidden drawer

Ivy Nelson

Various tools, electrical items, hand saws Cast iron dinner bell (circa 1880s.) Cherry picking ladder, 9x12 carpet Iron kettle (caldron)

Ann Edmunds

August Johnsons wooden travel trunk (1801). Quilt hand made by Josephine (Simon) Johnson. Black waist blouse and white half apron. Chamber pot, Kerosene lamp, and wall bracket to hold kerosene lamp.

Gary Birnschein, Randy Erskine, Ken Smith, Larry Kasten, Dick Birnschein, Bob Bieri, Jerry Cote

Sept 7,9,10,12,16 – At Gary Birnschein saw mill sawed logs into lumber

Gerald and Julie Peil

Two – 4 foot long glass display cases One – 6 foot long display case with glass Two paintings by Lou Logerquist

Bob Schutt

Potato shovel from Cardy farm Kitchen (cistern) pump from Cardy farm

Barry and Taska Quinnis

Coal shovel from Germany. Oil lamp, rug beater, dishes

Green Stone Farm Credit Services Jeff Mills, Mgr.

Projector

William Anderson

Donated two rental units for storage of JHS artifacts

OBITUARIES 2014

Mildred Leimbach

1/20/1915 - 1/26/2014

Mary (LeClair) Fagerstrom 9/3/1727 - 2/7/2014

Leona (Weborg) Welter 10/22/1919 - 3/3/2014

Elmer Meunier 11/14/1925 - 4/3/2014

Ray Farley Sr. 2/9/1925 - 4/5/2014

Sally (Grovogel) Kiehnau 11/22/1930 – 5/13/2014

Glenn Bagnall

9/21/1929 - 5/19/2014

George LeClair

5/18/1931 - 6/10/2014

Jacqueline (Stellwagon) Henkel

7/10/1940 - 6/26/2014

George Bauer

8/25/1944 - 6/21/2014 **Bessie Remiszewski** 8/29/1927 - 7/1/2014

Nancy (Brungraber) Gunnlaugsson

11/5/1944 - 8/25/2014

Patricia Rondeau

3/6/1930 - 9/19/2014

Donald Luethge

1/29/1926 - 10/11/2014

Erik Paul Witalison

4/20/1988 - 11/10/2014

Daniel Frederick Carmody 11/15/1936 - 11/11/2014

Everett William Roberts 2/15/1931 - 11/20/2014

Ben Logerquist

10/31/1932 - 11/29/2014

OBITUARIES 2013

Leo Neimeyer

10/27/1919 - 1/19/2013

Martha Lambiotte

12/17/1917 - 2/27/2013

Arlys Staats

1/7/1924 - 3/4/2013

Marion (Simonar) Bley 5/15/1917 - 5/15/2013

Fyrn (Erickson) Ohman 2/5/1944 – 6/19/2013

August Richard

1/10/1985 - 6/18/2013

Margaret (Burlo) Lake 9/26/1925 – 6/17/2013

Michael Kaye

10/27/1954 - 7/18/2013

Marlene (Dietrich) Martens 7/7/1939 – 11/21/2013

Eunice (Herbst) Bley 8/30/1931 - 12/13/2013

George Kufrin

1/10/1924 - 11/27/2013

Eugene Pluff

11/17/1944 - 12/28/201

MEMBERSHIPS / CONTRIBUTIONS

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Mailing Address
City,StateZip
EmailPhone
Winter Address
Date of Winter Address:to
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Current Annual (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) Memberships Dues may be paid at this time.
\$15-Individual Annual Membership Dues:
\$35-Sustaining Individual <i>Thanks for your extra support</i>
\$25-Family
\$50-Sustaining Family <i>Thanks for your extra support</i>
\$60-Business/Corp./Professional
\$100-Sustaining Bus./Corp./Prof. Thanks for your extra support
Volunteer Opportunities I/we would like to help the JHS with: Cherry Fest
Donation: \$ In Honor of In Memory of For JHS, Inc. Operating Fund Or
Contact us to discuss including the Society in your will or estate.

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