

# OTTAWA COUNTY MUSEUM

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## NEWSLETTER

Fall 2016

### Looking for:

- Miner's hard hat
- Photos we can scan
- No more ink cartridges for now
- Old phonebooks
- Archeological Atlas of Ohio by Wm. Mills (re: Indians)
- Draft cards from any time frame
- Old brochures and printed material
- Tickets for movies, ferry rides, circuses

### Thank You!

**Terry Witter**—early negative of the PC lighthouse, photos and local memorabilia

**Sue Jennings**

**Schuster**—3 headlamps used by Ernest Below in Fishack mine

**Mary Castensen**

**Keller**—Old Photos of German American Bank

**Kevin Winters**—Oak Harbor police handcuffs, nightstick, badge, patch of Mike E. Winters

**Helen Frye**—Victrola

**Kathy Cheney**—PC Bottling Works bottle

### Our Board

Jim Rusincovitch,  
President

Alex Thomas, Treasurer  
Dianne Rozak, Secretary

Natalie Bredbeck  
Dorothy Douglass

Susan Hany

Tom Priesman

Park McRitchie

George Wight

Janie Zeis

Lock Zeis



Alex Thomas, Jim Rusincovitch, George Wight, Janie Zeis, Lock Zeis, and Dianne Rozak. (Missing are Tom Priesman and Susan Hany.)

We lost one of our dearest volunteers in October. Elsie Ward had been with the museum longer than almost anyone through good health and poor. But she finally came to the point when she could no longer volunteer, and we have missed her ever since. Our condolences to Dick and all of the Ward family. *Peggy*

### MEMORIALS

- In memory of **Jeanne A. Wonnell**: Karen & Raymond Klenk, Peggy Debien
- In memory of **Elsie Ward**: Lock & Janie Zeis, Kay & John Eberth, Rudy & Clara Dracka, Ed & Kathy Stover, Peggy Debien



**History Mystery**—Clair Jeremy is researching this ship for us, and found that it is a US Navy Fleet Tug. We don't know when we got this model or where it came from. Can anyone help?



We now have a perfectly beautiful and perfectly accurate model of the restored PC Lighthouse made for us by Jim Robenø

### From the Curator:

You will notice some changes around the museum. First of all, after over 30 years as treasurer and some as both secretary and treasurer, Janie Zeis gave up her financial duties to Alex Thomas, who is at the front of this photo of most of our board members. From left: Dottie Douglass, Natalie Bredbeck, Park McRitchie,

### ◀ History Mystery Solved !!

This darling little boy who was “helping” with the Perry St. paving grew up to be Mayor of Port Clinton. If you look very closely, you will recognize Lock Zeis, known as “Lockie” then and sometimes now!



### Another History Mystery Solved!

No one guessed correctly about this item. This is a rusted steel “boot” from the convict ship SUCCESS where it belonged to a statue used to depict a woman prisoner on the ship. It was on loan from diver Rod Althaus, who recovered it. Rod has promised to loan his artifacts to the museum again some day. Thank you, Rod!!

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At 86, Louise Worthington might be our oldest volunteer. Her sister Jo Fleming brought her in to volunteer, and it is fun seeing how much they enjoy each other's company. Between the two of them, they probably know everyone in town! That is not surprising, since Lou has worked at Green's Pharmacy, Erie Industrial Park as a welder for display vendors, PC Camera Shop in the photo booth, Edith's Sewing Shop, Fremont Oil Restaurant, and Rainbow Inn. She has a practical philosophy that you can do almost anything when you need money, which included when her husband was receiving cancer treatments. She has three children, sons Don and Dick Rhode and daughter Cindy Rhode Durdel and three grandchildren. When she is not at the museum, her interests include working puzzles and reading. She helps keep our files full of news articles about the county, a job she took over from Elsie Ward when she retired. We love her sunny personality, and she and Jo keep us all laughing! Thank you for volunteering, Lou!