

OCHS NEWS

Ortonville Community Historical Society

Old Mill Museum

366 Mill Street

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OPEN: Saturdays 10-2

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Monthly Meetings

Membership Meetings are held at the Old Mill Museum the first Tuesday of each month from April through December at 7:00 pm. Yearly dues must be current to vote.

What's Been Happening?

Golden Jubilee Celebration on August 4th brought around 50 persons. A gallery of past events, involved people, challenges and achievements from the 50 years of Ortonville Community Historical Society was the main display at the event. Many people worked hard to provide this visual historical representation on posters; Ken Bush, Mary Kassuba, Kathy Gauthier and Mary Alice Seelbinder were the main contributors.

Beginning at 2:00 pm Ruth Johnson, our Michigan Secretary of State, opened the ceremony by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then presenting a framed *Special Tribute* to our organization. We acknowledged some prominent volunteers over the years to the historical society and the museum; John and June Hay, Janice and Ron Turnbull and family, Dean and Marilyn Salley, Gwen Hamilton Wyatt, and Arnold and Mary Alice Seelbinder. Mary Alice followed with her "story" of how the historical society was formed, some of the accomplishments over the years, which included the relocation and refurbishing of the run down Mann One-Room Schoolhouse. A huge 50th birthday cake was provided by Kari Tucker Roehl and Bueches Grocery Store. Then at 5:00 the pot luck food started to arrive and the grill was fired up for the Old Fashioned Pot-Luck Supper.

On Tuesday, August 28th our board met with an Oakland County *Main Street* planner and an architect. They visited the museum, toured the outside and inside of it, and gave us some feedback on things we can do to make the next 50 years of OCHS as influential as the past 50. Our board is creating a survey to distribute in the community to help us as we plan for the future. It will be both digital and on paper, so all of us can participate.

New Members

Mr. Gerald Auten
Arlington, VA

The DeLauder Family
Marc, Sara, Joe & Allison
Hazy Morn Ct.
Ortonville

Debra Minnock
390 Church Street Ortonville

Mireya Lukasiewicz
Renewal

Birthdays/Anniversaries

6-6 Ed Gromek

6-11 Marie Kuehl

6-13 Herb Geisler

6-19 June & Kevin King

6-22 Allison Brauer

6-23 June King

6-28 Ron Allen

7-7 Michelle Ervin

7-10 Mary Kassuba

7-14 Carolyn Wood

7-23 Roger Miracle

8-19 Ai & Carolyn Wood

8-20 Larry & Trina Lang

8-26 Larry Lang

Reminder:

Monthly Membership Meeting is on **September 4th**, the Tuesday after Labor Day, at the Old Mill Museum; begins at 7 pm.

SeptemberFest - September 22nd, Saturday - 10-4 pm

Schedule of Events at The Old Mill Museum

10:00 am - Free Tours all day; Cafe will open

10:00 am - 4 pm - Crafts for kids in the Mann School

11:00 am - Apple Pie Drop Off (for the Apple Pie Baking Contest) at the Cafe.

12:00 NOON - Judging begins for the Apple Pie Baking Contest

2:00 pm - Pie Eating Contest for kids (sponsored by the Recreation Dept. but will be held at the Old Mill Museum)

Note: Please notice there is a lot going on for SeptemberFest, and volunteers will be needed. Consider giving an hour or two of your time. Contact committee leaders below to volunteer:

Kitchen: June King and/or Mary Alice Seelbinder

Tours: Ken Bush and/or Roger Miracle

Crafts and Pie Contest(s) : contact Judy Miracle

Recent Donations and Contributions:

The Coomer Family, previous owners of the *Village Dry Goods Store* in Ortonville, have donated many local artifacts, like calendars, and give-aways from local stores.

School Composite Photographs from Ortonville High School and Brandon High School have been completed as far as we can go. We are still unable to find 1907, 10, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, 22, 27, 98, 2003, 06, 07, 08, 11, 13, 14 and 17. Help us if you can.

The Cruchko Family; they owned the farm where the St. Annes and Brandon High School and Middle School are located and are donating some artifacts.

