

# JHA MEMBER NEWS

September 2013

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JENISON HISTORICAL  
ASSOCIATION  
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Our mission is to learn about Jenison history, obtain artifacts relating to its history, and maintain the Jenison Historical Museum as a place to share and display our heritage.

## MINUTES OF THE JENISON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING MAY 16, 2013

Members present: Mike Timmer, Ken Williams, Yvonne Williams, Nellie DeLaat, Barb Semeyn , Ruth Lowing, Ron Villerius and Gene Kort

### Association business

August meeting agenda read and nothing was added to the agenda.

Minutes of July: Accepted- Motion by Barb S. and seconded by Ron V.

Treasurer's report by Ruth Lowing was accepted. Motion by Mike T. and seconded by Gene K. Ruth reported that the treasury is almost to \$5,000.

Township Representative's Report: Ron reported the new architectural plans for 200 Baldwin have been approved. The exterior of the building is mostly glass. The building will be surrounded by a sidewalk. There will be a veteran's memorial near the corner. People will be invited to buy a brick to honor a serviceman of their choice in order to earn money for the memorial. The ten year plan is to buy and tear down the other properties in order to have a park in the area.

Acquisitions Report: Barb Semeyn reported that all the loans that she is aware of are up to date. The donations will be worked on next week.

Inventory: Ruth reported that all the loans are in the computer. She can produce letters in Past Perfect and will mail them out as needed for loans. She has a little more work on the loans.

Celebrate Community Expo: Ruth and Liz will try to get into this again.

### Museum Business

Maintenance Report: Mike reported that the light is not fixed outside as yet. The bid is in to the Township for repair to the trim next year. Nellie reported that the bricks inside the fireplace need to be checked. The bricks in the attic need new mortar. Some dead trees need to be cut.

Cleaning for the September open house was discussed with everyone choosing an area to concentrate on.

September Open House: The Tiffany House will be the subject. More information is needed as to who lived there. Ken will work on a schedule of themes to present at the next meeting.

### Other Business:

- Several items from the Hugh Lowing Estate were accepted and are being put on loan. Ruth Lowing will input the items into the new system.
- Ken gave his slide program of the boat ride, etc.

### Jenison Historical Association Treasurers Report 8/13/13 thru 9/11/13

Date	Account	Num	Transaction	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>Beginning Balance</b>						<b>\$4,921.63</b>
8/1/13	Checking	2038	Yvonne Williams	Reimb for Archival Materials	Misc	(\$85.86)
9/11/13		Dep		Open House 9/2/13	Donation:Open House	\$15.00
				Open House 7/2/13	Donation: Open House	\$25.00
				New Member	Membership Dues	\$10.00
					Interest Income	\$0.00
					Activity for report period	(\$35.86)
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>						<b>\$4,885.77</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>						<b>\$50.00</b>
12/1/12						
<b>Petty Cash Balance</b>						<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>ENDING Accounts BALANCE</b>						<b>\$4,935.77</b>
<b>2011 Retained Earnings</b>						<b>\$2,211.47</b>
Total Income 2012						\$7,189.50
Total Expenses 2012						(\$4,892.66)
<b>2012 Retained Earnings</b>						<b>\$4,508.31</b>
Total Income 2013						\$3,136.95
Total Expenses 2013						(\$2,759.49)
Petty Cash Box						\$50.00
<b>Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$4,935.77</b>
Aug-13	Writeoff ofReceivables-		Unpaid Dues of \$70	Unpaid Dues	Receivables	\$0.00
				Restoration Project		\$60.34
<b>Total Equity</b>						<b>\$4,996.11</b>
<b>SPECIAL FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-BEGINNING BALANCE</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>
				5/25 Puppet Show	Donations:Restoration Projects	\$25.00
				Restoration of Lucius/Lumen print	Repairs:Restoration Projects	(\$64.66)
				12/12/12	Donations: Restoration Projects	\$100.00
<b>SPECIAL FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-ENDING BALANCE (THIS PERIOD)</b>						<b>\$60.34</b>

submitted by Ruth Lowing, Treasurer

## Restorations Needed

The picture shown is but one of the pictures that JHA is looking to restore. This picture is of President Garfield and his family. He came to our area to visit his brother, Thomas, who lived in Jamestown, one account says his last visit was 3 years before he was assassination in 1881. This picture of Garfield and his family, is showing signs of deterioration which can still be stopped, but the price is upwards of \$600 for just this one picture.



JHA is starting a drive to build a restoration fund with the donations earmarked for just such projects. Would you be willing to donate to help restore this picture and others in need of repair?

Come to the next open house to learn more, or you can send your donation to PO Box 664, Jenison MI 49429 and mark it for the Restoration Fund.

## Upcoming

### September 2013 Open House

Back to our families of Jenison this month, and we will focus on the Families that lived in the Museum; such as, Husband, Elsie Martin, Hanchet and Tiffany's.

### October 2013 Open House

October we finish our family tour of Jension with a focus on the farms in Georgetown Township; such as Westrate, Steen, Bosworth, and Sweet.

### Christmas

As soon as the October Open House is completed, we will begin getting ready for Christmas. Volunteers will be needed for cleaning, decorating, etc. We will want to make the house shine for the Holidays!

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## JHA TRUSTEE'S

### Chair

Liz Timmer (13)  
457-3708

### Vice Chair/Curator

Ken Williams (14)  
772.6523

### Treasurer/Editor

Ruth Lowing (14)  
896-1447

### Social Secretary

Nellie DeLaat (13)  
457-1193

### Recording Secretary

Bev Potter (13)  
308-4490

### Tours/Co-Archivist

Joyce Klawiter (12)  
457-9018

### Co-Archivist

Barb Semeyn (14)  
457-9343

### Maintenance/Historian

Mike Timmer (13)  
531-1218

### Trustee

Yvonne Williams (14)  
772-6523  
Tim Boelema  
669-5079  
Linda Droog  
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### Township Rep

Ron Villerius

(##) = year of re-election to the board

**Contact Information:** Members may contact the board at the above phone numbers or leave a message at 457-4398 or [info@jenisonhistory.org](mailto:info@jenisonhistory.org)

## Historical Association of Michigan

Find us on the registry of the Historical Society of Michigan  
[www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)



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### 2013 Meeting Schedule

Thursday, September 19, Georgetown Library

Thursday, October 17, Georgetown Library

Thursday, November 21 - Georgetown Library

No Meeting in December, 2013

**All meetings begin at 6:45 PM unless noted**

### 2013 Museum Open House Schedule

September 21 2013 2-4 PM

October 19, 2013 2-4 PM

December 7, 2013 1-4 PM 2013 Holiday Open House

ALSO: 1st Tuesday of the month April thru November -  
10 AM - Noon

Call to volunteer your time at the open houses