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Gifts Grant the Present Building a Future.

Making a sentence out of those words is easy. The first four can be used either as a name or an action. The fifth sums up their combined impact. Each word alone was very important in 2017.

Gifts of time, talent and money from members, musicians, and visitors kept activities humming on the corner of Fifth and Scott Streets. Musical Mondays, organ concerts, car shows, craft shows brought in friends from far and near. Celebrations included five weddings, two graduation parties, a commencement ceremony, a 100th birthday party, fund-raisers, and meetings. More than 1200 people stopped to visit during summer hours.

Grant should actually be plural. Last year, a grant from the Keweenaw Community Foundation provided funds for an assessment of the building's needs. During 2017, those same funds allowed for weather stripping around the doors and for lock repair on the front door. "Warm" and "Safe" are also really important words. (We love not using a chain on the front door!) To follow up on the suggestions about the needs of the building, we are grateful to the Americana Foundation and the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission.

Present ought to be plural too. The word can mean "gift" or describe a time period. In addition, it has the action of making something appear. Funds from the grants *presented* the resources for replacement of glass blocks, tuck pointing, refurbishing window frames, repairing both the leaking roof and the ceiling damaged by the leaks, and repairing the front steps.

Building is another case of a word that names and acts. Gifts, grants, and presents were all devoted to the structure and *built* its safety and security.

Pictures of the projects will show what was done to assure the **Future**. We hope you will be pleased by what you see and will continue to be a part of all our efforts.

From Phyllis Locatelli, Co-Chairperson:

Greetings,

2017 has been another busy and exciting year at the Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's. People have found the KHC to be the perfect place for Musical Mondays, weddings, birthday and graduation parties, concerts, and meetings.

We thank the performers who donated their time and talents for the Musical Monday performances. Those in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the evenings. Organ concerts held at the KHC were also well received. Our host volunteers are much appreciated for also sharing their time. We are always in need of hosts. It is an enjoyable afternoon visiting with guests. Please consider becoming a host. We also need board members. If you are interested, please contact any current board member or call me at 337-1640.

The building was built in 1900 thus repairs are ongoing. The board members are grateful to the Keweenaw Community Foundation, The Americana Foundation, and the KNHP Advisory Commission for fulfilling our grant requests. These funds allowed many projects to be done.

Thank you to Paul Lehto and the township employees who are always willing to help us. Special thanks to John Sullivan for donating his Professional Engineering expertise. Last but certainly not least, thanks to my fellow board members for your dedication and unending efforts.

Merry Christmas and may 2018 bring you good health, happiness, and many visits to the KHC.

Best Regards,
Phyllis

The Gift of Time from the Keweenaw Heritage Center Board

Board members give their time and talent freely. The all-volunteer Board is made up of generous people who logged more than 350 hours during the year:

Kathleen Arten: Organ and organists' performances

Jean Ellis, Co-Chairperson, newsletter, Facebook, grants, interim secretary, exhibits

Tricia Gokus, Treasurer

Bob Langseth,, exhibits, liaison with Keweenaw National Historical Park

Phyllis Locatelli, Co-chairperson, rentals, summer guides, Musical Mondays

Marcia Primeau, Corresponding secretary

George Siira, Building, electrical needs

Joe Snow, website,

The Board thanks Al Brokaw for the time and information he contributed during the spring of 2017.

The Gift of Time from Volunteers:

The Heritage Center was open for visitors on Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. during July and August. Visitors during the summer added to those at Musical Mondays, concerts, special events like Pasty Fest, and craft or quilt shows amounted to approximately 4,000.

Keweenaw Heritage Center could not live up to its motto, "Opening Doors to Our Heritage" without the help of wonderful volunteer guides. Our thanks go to: Janice Crouch, Bonnie Dyni, Jean Ellis, Dave Grahek, Kathy Hendrickson, Karyn King, Lori Kinonen, Margaret Kekko, Bob Langseth, Margaret Lauren, Marilynn Lightfoot, Phyllis Locatelli, Patricia Miller, Darlene Pomroy, and Claire Snow.

The Gift of Talent Delights Audiences.

The organ continues traditional musical heritage.



The Organists of the Keweenaw spend countless hours rehearsing and providing beautiful music on the 1898 Barckhoff organ. Jan Dalquist began the performances on July 4 this summer. Tom Kraska continues to work with many others, inviting out-of-the-area organists to play on this rare instrument, donated by the Simonson family. Here, Jan List practices for an afternoon session.

Musical Mondays showcase a different part of our musical heritage.

Polkas and jitterbugs weren't part of the musical offerings in the building before 1966 when the building was still a church! But thanks to the generosity of performers who continue to donate their talents on Monday evenings, the joint is often jumping! Phantom of the Opera intrigued everyone when Jim and Teri Enrietti kicked off Musical Mondays in July.

Billing their performance as "Sock It to Us", Jim and Teri invited the audience to wear special socks. Here's the most colorful pair!



The audience brought other socks, too. Learning that needy students often don't have socks, KHC's Facebook page asked people to bring along a pair. In true Copper Country tradition, people responded. 180 pairs of socks went to Horizon's Alternative High School for their students.

Cathy Isaacson and Friends were the next performers, followed by Ron Lahti and Dick Storm, the Copper Country Community Band, and the Keweenaw Symphony Wind Quintet.

Grants provide resources to attend to the Building's Needs

Last year's newsletter celebrated the awarding of a grant from the Herman Gundlach fund at the Keweenaw Community Foundation. The KHC Board had asked for help in hiring a professional engineer to assess the needs of the building. The generosity of the Keweenaw Community Foundation allowed us to hire Michael Drewyor. We received his report after the 2016 newsletter went to print. We were relieved to know that the building is basically sound, but that there were some things that needed immediate attention as well as some that require planning for the future.

The grant application also requested funds for some things that were obviously needed:

professionally done weather stripping and lock repair.



After 116 years of service, the lock on the front door had had enough! It just would not turn.

Although the chain seemed to be a solution, it didn't really do the job. The door would open a crack and let water and snow come in.

To the rescue came Peninsula Locksmiths. She got the old lock to work and also ordered an antique replacement.

RE Johnson Company completed the rescue with great weather stripping on all doors and even donated part of their services. Thank you!

There's an old adage that "Knowledge is Power". Unfortunately, knowing what needed to be done didn't mean that we had the power to do it. It was time to turn to old friends for more help.

Some years ago, the Board of the Americana Foundation visited the building. We showed them the videotape that Bob Langseth shot when the building was first acquired. One of their Board members watched it and made this comment, "I can't believe you didn't just walk away from it." Since that time, the Americana Foundation has been a wonderful friend to the Keweenaw Heritage Center, providing both moral and financial support.

This time was no exception. We requested funds to fulfill the needs identified as immediate. Those included: tuckpointing areas on the north and south side of the building; replacing broken glass blocks on the lower level; repairing areas that leaked on the roof; repairing the ceiling upstairs where water had leaked; repairing the front steps; and painting and restoring the frames around the stained glass windows.

To say that we were thrilled when we got the reply from **Americana** would be an understatement. They had agreed to our request for \$25,000! It would go a long way toward the needed repairs.

The Keweenaw Heritage Center is one of the Heritage Sites that make up the **Keweenaw National Historical Park**. When the announcement that Heritage Sites could apply for funding from the **Advisory Commission**, we applied. Our request for \$15,000 was granted! Wow! Making all the recommended repairs could be a reality.

Thanks to John Sullivan for his help (pro bono, completely donated), descriptions and the need for bids went out to local contractors. Repairs on the roof came first; the rest had to wait until fall. Pictures on the following pages show the progress.

Tuckpointing needs



Mortar between the sandstone block deteriorates, causing the blocks to shift and leak. Both the back and front of the building had places with significant deterioration. A few places on the sides showed problems and repairs in the stones around the glass blocks were needed.



Completed restoration is a present to the building, assuring its future.

Replacing Broken Glass Blocks on the Lower Level



Removal



Restoration completed



Restoration of stained glass window frames



Stained glass windows were restored, repaired or replaced in 1997. 20 years of weather have taken their toll on some of the frames.



Cranes and scaffolding were necessary equipment.

Look for a beautiful glow from the newly cleaned lighted windows during the holiday season.

Donations Contribute to the Present and Keep the Building Running.

Gifts from

David and Jackie Aalto	Walter and Maryann Anderson	Gene and Sharon Arntsen
Blaise and Ethel Audet	Mary Ann and Ralph Bammert	Sigmund and Bonnie Boberg
Gracia and Greg Bracco	Anita and Paul Campbell	Frank and Cornelia Carlton
James and Jennifer Casper	Tony and Christine Clements	Copper Country Ford
Ron and Janice Crouch	Janet Dalquist	Michael and Janet Dudenas
Marilynn Ehrenreich	Roland and Barbara Elenich	Jean Ellis
David and Kathlyn Elsila	Randal and Patricia Golus	Jim and Bonnie Hay
Alison K. Hoagland	Insight Eye Care (Donald and Cynde Mitchell)	
Jade Enterprises (Deborah Frontiera)		Virginia Jamison
Eleanor Kehoe	George and Linda Kingstrom	Brian and Charlene Laakonen
Andrea Lane	Robert and Deloris Langseth	Joseph Lizzadro
Tony and Phyllis Locatelli	David and Jacqueline Mente	Rodney and Patricia Mishica
Robert and Marjorie Nelson	Ann and Robert Newton	Judi Nuottila
Keith and Claire Ojala	Anita Roux	James Ruppe Foundation
Philip E. Ruppe	John Ryan	William (Pat) and Jean Ryan
Ruth Sablich	Jerome and Carol Sachinski	Carmen Sandretto
Pamela Shaughnessy	Leonard and Karen Simonson	David Smith
Raymond and Diane Tiberg	UP Engineers & Architects	Claudette and Gerald Vairo
Margaret Vanek	Mary Margaret Wagner	Bonnie Wolff
Harold and Valerie Zimdars		

Matching Gifts from WE Energies provided matching funds for gifts from

Jill Ninko	Craig Williams	Mary Wolter
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Gifts were made to honor:

Jean Ellis	By:
Bob and Deloris Langseth	Terence and Patricia Murphy
Bob and Deloris Langseth	Karl Langseth
	Tony Ozanich Family

Gifts made In Memory of were made by:

Marlene Adams	Ralph and MaryAnn Bammert, Gracia and Greg Bracco, Randal and Patricia Golus, Tony and Phyllis Locatelli
Anthony (Bob) Bracco	Jim and Bonnie Hay
Contratto & Sangrass grandparents	Eleanor Kehoe
John Dawson	Jean Ellis
Ruth DuCap	James DuCap
Tom Ellis	Frank and Cornelia Carlton
Sylvia Elsila	David and Kathlyn Elsila
Mary Lizzadro	Miriam Lytle
Clifford Morton	Jerry and Ann Burdette, Jean Ellis, Michael and Karen Newell, Mary Ann Priuska, Howie and JoAnn Strey
Douglas Sherk, M. D.	Patrick and Anna Roche
Helen Sullivan	John Sullivan

Gifts for the Organ from

Roland and Barbara Elenich	Virginia Jamison	Ruth Sablich
Carmen Sandretto		

Opening Doors to Our Heritage includes Building the Future



Keweenaw Heritage Center is proud to be on the National Register of Historic Places. You can make the important events in your life even more memorable by celebrating them where these young couples did.

The beautiful upstairs is a perfect setting for a wedding. Erika chose to start the walk down the aisle by meeting her father on the stairs.

Serenity and simplicity contribute to an elegant place for this couple to celebrate their wedding vows.

The upper level can easily accommodate more than 200 people.



Guests can enjoy a reception downstairs. With new tables and a wonderful catering kitchen, Keweenaw Heritage Center can seat 200+ people.

Since 2015, two lifts offer access to anyone with mobility issues.

KHC is the perfect place for weddings, birthdays, holidays, fund-raisers, and meetings. Build your heritage and memories here.



Your Gift to a genealogist or historian could be a Present to the Building. Since 2005, CDs of the Calumet and Hecla Records have raised more than \$5,000.

Here's a recent chapter in the story. Late in November, this request came in:

Hello, I saw on an Ancestry message board that it was possible to obtain a copy of the cd containing the listing of the Calumet and Hecla pay records. Is that still true?
If it is possible, I would be very interested. Happy to provide a donation for obtaining the records if you could provide me details as to where to send the funds.

The response:

Yes, the CD is still available but there are some things you should know about it. The original records were in a fire. Many cards were damaged or destroyed. As a result, there are no last names beginning with A. B names start with Bas. There are no last names beginning with E or I. There are some DA but they end before DAV. Only 1 name that begins with F survived. The Gs start after GA.

That said, there are 15,108 names. Not all have full information. Some have only names. Fields include last name, first name, pay #, start date, position, date of birth, place of birth, immigration date, marital status, spouse name, # of children, date of death, place of death, cause of death, last place of employment, whether reads and writes, and any comments.

All proceeds go to the Keweenaw Heritage Center, a building essentially abandoned but restored through donations and volunteer work. We ask for a \$20 donation plus \$3 postage. If you still think you want a CD, let me know. You can send a check made out to Keweenaw Heritage Center and I'll get the CD in the mail to you. My address is Jean Ellis, 167 E. North St., Eagle Harbor, MI 49950.

And here was her reaction:

Jean, just wanted to let you know I received the CD yesterday. Thanks so much for such quick turnaround. I already found a specific person I had been looking for.

My grandfather came from the Canavese region in Italy and his 1900 passenger record says he's heading to Calumet, but I have found no record of him anywhere until 1910 in San Francisco. I read about the fact that a lot of people from that area in Italy went to the Calumet and Houghton County area, but it's really cool to have the spreadsheet where I can see specific people from the area and the wider Piedmont area in Italy, and be able to sort and search the spreadsheet to really get at the information. When I was in Italy two years ago and met for the first time some second cousins in San Benigno (a location on the list a lot) we talked about the migration and they had heard of Calumet (!) and that it was a place relatives and ancestors, their neighbors and friends went to.

I haven't found my grandfather yet - it's possible he's on the list with a name misspelled (he also lived under a different name, and maybe he used one I'm not aware of) so will keep looking, but I found my great-uncle who I knew arrived in America in 1903 but could never figure out where he was until 1913. Now I know where he was at least at one point during that period and it helps to reinforce the theory that my grandfather was possibly also there somewhere. There are also other familiar names I'm seeing for me to compare to my family tree. Cool!

Anyway, thank you again for all your hard work on this.

We thought you'd like the story and might want to place an order for Xmas!

How You Can Help in Building the Future

Important as the building improvements are, a lot of other things contribute to KHC's future. You can help assure that in different ways.

Spread the Word

We are continually amazed at the number of people who say they have never been in the building. Let everyone know that this is a great place to meet, to celebrate, to build on the heritage of the Keweenaw. Rental rates are very reasonable. Here's some important information:

Rental fees per level:

2-hour meetings.....	\$35.00
4-hour event	\$70.00
6-hour event	\$100.00
Daily event (12-hour maximum).....	\$175.00
Weddings(each level).....	\$500.00

Rules:

- No smoking
- If alcohol will be served, make arrangements with your homeowner's policy carrier
- No decorations shall be attached to the walls
- KHC must be cleaned before leaving
- KHC must be locked and the key returned to the designated person/place
- KHC must be closed at 12:00 midnight

Contact person for rentals: Phyllis Locatelli, 906-337-1640

Contribute Your Time and Talent

An all-volunteer organization has a lot of ways to contribute. Here are some examples

- Be a guide in the summer;
- Help with filing;
- Work with publicity (that might mean developing brochures or simply distributing them)
- Serve on the Board

Join these others at Keweenaw Community Foundation to help build the Endowment for Keweenaw Heritage Center:

Alison K. Hoagland
Roberta Noetzel

James Johnson
Dr. Sally Orr

Rev. Robert Langseth
Mary Saylor

Dr. Joseph Kirkish
Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stuart

Follow our activities on the website: www.keweenawheritage.org

Like us on Facebook, along 1084 other Friends.

And **really, really important**, fill out the form on the next page to Continue Your Membership.

EMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM (GIFTS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE)

Name(s): _____ Address _____

City, ST, Zip _____ E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

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

\$ _____ Donation

In addition, please accept my donation of:

\$ _____ for: Adopt-A-Pipe contribution toward restoration and upkeep of the organ

\$ _____ Donation made in memory of or to honor: Please notify (name and address) of my gift in memory or honor:

Check total: \$ _____

Mail to: Keweenaw Heritage Center, 25880 Red Jacket Rd., Calumet, MI 49913

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