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Presidents Column

Seven Person Board of Directors

At the membership meeting held on Sunday May 17th the motion was made and seconded not to wait until 2010 to establish a 7 person board. The vote was in favor and four (4) new board members were elected. The new board members are Jackie Reineke, Shirley Adams, Mary Jane Paez, and Dick Hyde. The new Board met on Friday June 26th at 10:00 AM. The four new members were joined by the existing Board members Wanda Slauson, Marylin Finney, and Dick Tarlton. Shirley Adams was unable to attend. Mary Jane Paez submitted her resignation from the Board due to time constraints. After some discussion the Board accepted her resignation. The Board elected the officers for the coming year. The new

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The seven member board and how it effects the operation of the society

We are going through a period of significant change on how the society is operated. It is going from a membership officer organization to an organization operated by a board of directors. The new seven person board will conduct the day to day operation of the society and they will have the responsibility for the business and affairs of the society. It is the goal of the Board to conduct the business of the society in a timely manner. We would like to hear from you on ways to improve the operation of the museum and communications between the Board and the members. We encourage feedback on how we are doing. We thank all those individuals who in the past have contributed to the success of the society and hope that they will continue to do so in the future

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officers are President Dick Hyde, Vice President Wanda Slauson, Secretary Jackie Reineke, and Treasurer Dick Tarlton. The Board toured the museum and discussed possible improvements.

The new computer system is up and running thanks to Keith Westbrook. It will be a great improvement over the old system. Everyone who has a P.C. can do things at home and load them on the new computer.

Johnston Green Days was held June 18-21 at Johnston Commons Park. The museum was open on Thursday June 18th from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM. On Saturday June 20th the Historical Society participated in the parade, from noon until 5:00 PM the museum was open and there were kids crafts in the barn. The Johnston Station Jazz Band played on the porch from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM and added a nice touch to the open house.

I look forward to the challenges of the coming year. Foremost is getting new members and keeping them through an informative newsletter. We will have articles about the Historical Society as well as articles about the happenings in and around Johnston that are of importance to our readers.

Dick Hyde



Dick Betz

Johnston Fire Department Honors the Service of Dick Betz

At the June meeting of the fire department association meeting everyone was shocked when long time fire department member and JSHS member Dick Betz announced he would no longer be responding to calls. Dick dedicated nearly 40 years of his life to JFD and was an invaluable resource to the department. With his years of service in mind the membership unanimously voted that Dick's status be changed to "Honorary". With this lifetime distinction Dick will always be welcome to participate in department functions. Congratulations Dick and thank you for your service - from JSHS.

Obituaries

Obituaries are compiled by Dick Tarlton. We have the obituaries of Johnston grads of 2008. This is a list of deaths that Dick could obtain. If anyone knows of others please let Dick know. Our address is 6161 Northglenn Dr. Johnston, IA 50131 or by email or phone.

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The society expresses sympathy to the family and friends of these grads.

Meet the Board A Quick Look at our Board Members.

President: Dick Hyde came to Johnston in 1947 and has lived here ever since. He graduated from Johnston consolidated High School, in 1950. Dick was in the Iowa Army Guard for 43 years and retired in 1992 where he held many positions, his last being the maintenance manager for the state of Iowa. Dick married Linda Danielson a 1953 graduate of JCHS in 1954 and had six children Julie, Stan, Brenda, Sharon, Steve, and Janet they all attended Johnston schools. Four of them still live in Johnston. He resides at 5559 N.W. 66th Ave. in Johnston.

Vice President: Wanda (McDowell) Slauson came to Johnston shortly after being born in 1931. Graduated from Johnston Consolidated High School in 1949. She married Russ Slauson a 1950 graduate of JCHS in 1950. In 1953 they settled in Grimes to raise their family. Over the years, she has worked part time at various jobs and volunteered with everything from Scouts to visiting nursing homes on a weekly basis. In 1994 we started attending the JSHS meetings where I enjoyed the fellowship and information. Now, I have the opportunity to serve as Vice President of the Board of Directors along with four other graduates from JHS.

Secretary: Jackie (Weatherspoon) Reineke was raised in Johnston and graduated from Johnston Consolidated High School in 1962. She attended the University of Denver where she received a business degree. She later became an educator, earning a Master's degree in teaching from Drake University and a doctorate degree in curriculum and instruction from Iowa State University. Jackie taught 5th and 6th grades in the Southeast Polk and Ames School Districts and was the Director of Curriculum for the Ankeny School District. Before her retirement she taught and advised elementary education students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Jackie and her husband Bob moved back to Iowa four years ago and currently reside in Johnston.

Treasurer: Dick Tarlton was born to Jack and Josephine along with a sister, Jackie, lived on Harlan Drive. Dick graduated from Johnston Consolidated High School in 1950. Dick was married to Beverly Wiles and they had two children Randall and Lynn. He worked for the Iowa National Guard at the U.S.P. & F.O. for seven years, in the oil business for twenty one, insurance and real estate fourteen and has been retired since 1995.

He currently lives in Clive but the property on Harlan Drive is still in the family after eighty five years. His folks built it in 1925 and it is now occupied by his grandson and his family.

Board member: Marilyn (Bauman) Finney: Marilyn Bauman Finney was born in her grandparent's home on "Ridge Road" overlooking Camp Dodge in 1931. She was raised on the farmstead on 70th AVE., riding the school bus for all 13 years of school, graduating in 1949. After Graduation she was employed almost 10 years as Secretary for the Iowa Farm Bureau in the claims Dept. Marilyn married Robert Finney in 1955 and they had a son and daughter. From 1967 until 1973 the Finney family served the Presbyterian churches in the outdoor Christian education. Marilyn served as hostess, registrar, business manager and all that is involved in food service for the camps. The Finneys returned to Iowa in 1994 and soon attended JSHS meetings at Crown Point. Marilyn is proud to say the original owners of the museum house were her grandparents John and Mary Bauman. Her father, Carl Bauman lived in the home until his marriage to Cecil Shiffer in 1921.

Board member: Sharon Hyde: Sharon Hyde was born to Dick and Linda Hyde in July 1961. She has lived in Johnston since. She graduated from Johnston High School in 1979. She joined the Iowa Army National Guard in 1982 and retired active duty guard in February 2009 after 27 years, 21 active duty. She was deployed for Desert Shield/Desert Storm 1990-1991 with the 1034th QM Co., Iowa Army National Guard. She is now a government contractor at USPFO, Iowa army national guard. She has one son, Skyler Hyde who is a junior at Johnston High School. She still resides in Johnston a block from where she grew up.



Gold Star Recipients



On Saturday June 13th, 2009 we welcomed the family and friends of John L. Coan, Tech Sgt. Army Air Corps; Lawrence R. Evans, Pvt. Army Inf.; and Berkley G. Flether, Cpl. Army Air Corps. These men were all from Johnston and gave their lives in service to their country. They were honored in a public ceremony at the museum. They will be added to the wall of fallen JHS grads at the Museum. We would like to thank all those who participated in the organization of this tribute.

Berkley Fletcher



Lawrence Evans



John Coan



Flag Pole

The society now has a beautiful flag and flag pole. It was donated by society member Barton Slanker in the name of his family including his wife and two children. It is located on the south side of the museum and is a great addition to the museum's appearance.

Thanks to Barton Slanker

New Accessions

New accessions have been an old iron collection consisting of irons dating from the 1800's to the present. This collection was donated by Jan Thran. Judy Bogard donated a book from the Johnston High School Library.

Thank you for the donations

Mark Your Calendar Johnston Historical Society Events

August: The JSHS August meeting will be a social gathering. A cook-out will be held in the Barn from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Thursday August 13th. Meat, drinks and tableware will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Guests are welcome.

September: The JSHS September meeting will be a fund raiser held on Sunday the 13th from 1 P.M. until 3 P.M. We will have an ice cream social with the public invited. We could use volunteers to help with this event. If you can help, contact the museum by E-mail or phone. Come and join the fun the 13th of September!

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Deaths of Johnston H.S. Grads 2008

Name	Class	DOD	Location
Mary Helen Ferrel Moore	1931	6-26-08	Tempe, AZ
Marjorie Hunt Brawner	1934	1-22-08	Sun City, AZ
Catherine McDivitt Elings	1934	4-12-08	Des Moines, IA
Edwin Walter Ferrel	1935	4-29-08	Modesto, CA
Mary Goodman Watts	1935	4-09-08	Clarion, IA
Richard William Kuefner	1935	3-20-08	Waukee, IA
Kenneth Neal Keyte	1936	1-23-08	Denver, CO
Pauline Kaltenheuser Cox	1937	2-23-08	Ankeny, IA
Doris Michael Besco	1937	3-06-08	Harlingen, TX
Donald Ray Perdue	1937	6-02-08	Johnston, IA
Marjore Weiser Randall	1937	6-12-08	Guthrie Center, IA
Thomas Elmo O'Connell	1939	12-29-08	Washington D.C.
James Edward Fletcher	1941	6-01-08	Urbandale, IA
Alice O'Connell Proudfit	1941	6-18-08	Rockwell, TX
William Edmund Byers	1942	6-26-08	San Diego, CA
C. Vaughn Steen	1943	3-17-08	Des Moines, IA
Harry Earl Nagle	1946	7-03-08	Des Moines, IA
Suzanne Bilz Flitcraft	1952	4-20-08	Santa Barbars, CA
Sidney Michael Howley	1955	4-13-08	Washington, IL
Richard D. Orr	1955	12-27-08	Urbandale, IA
Sandra Pontious	1958	8-25-08	Azusa, CA
John F. Theison	1962	5-13-08	Oceanside, CA
Patrick L. Burke	1964	6-20-08	Unknown
John Robertson	1964	7-29-08	Des Moines, IA
Michael L. Krueger	1969	4-05-08	Des Moines, IA
Cynthia Deskin Willis	1975	10-31-08	Des Moines, IA
Shawn Paul Halbur	1991	5-02-08	Ft Dodge, IA
Eric W. Norris	2008	06-21-08	Johnston, IA

If you have not renewed your dues for 2009, please send a check or cash to the **Johnston Historical Society, 6161 Northglenn Drive, Johnston, IA 50131**. Dues are \$12.00. Your support is appreciated

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