

Winter Issue, 2022

HAHS Caboose & D



Depot Museum Complex

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President's Message

First and foremost, I'd like to thank the board, for dedicating your time and efforts to preserving our local history for future generations.

"In no particular order, I'd like to thank Gerri for buying and planting the flowers every spring, and maintaining them throughout the season. Thank you for recruiting the Bonk family to help us redo the wiring for the camera system. I'd also like to thank the young ladies from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- Day Saints for helping us with some things this spring, always under Mary and Don's watchful eye. It was great to see Sheila Warren and have her help during Melon Fest. As always. Such a sweet lady!

Kerry Maiolatesi our newest Trustee, is always willing to step in and help whenever needed, including this summer at Melon Fest with the popcorn machine and junk sale. We greatly appreciate the Maiolatesi kids for their willingness to help!

I'd like to thank Ed for continuing to try to help and make meeting whenever he can, in spite of having a tough year with pain and mobility. You are much appreciated, and we are here to support you wherever possible, in any way we can help.

I'd like to thank another of Don and Mary's daughters, Katy, for running our Instagram page, in spite of having a tough year herself, health-wise. We are all pulling for her as well. Granddaughter Mia was a great help as always during the season.

As far as day – to – day operations, Mary is not just my savior; but ours- she does it all. Taking calls, emails, taking donations, getting the mail, cleaning and organizing and cataloging the museum, meeting with vendors, doing the newsletter; a huge task in and of itself, and about 500 other things we may otherwise overlook. I know you love this place and it's sorta your "getaway place", we greatly appreciate all that you do! Thank you, Mary :)

Our Melon Fest car show is our money maker that helps us continue to run the place for the rest of the year- this doesn't happen without all of Don's hard work setting it all up. From calling, emailing and even visiting potential donors and sponsors, to getting the dash plaques and banners made by our

dear friends, Dan and Carol at Spirit of Livingston, to emailing all the previous participants to remind them of an upcoming show, to creating the grab bags, or in the case of this year “grab buckets,” Don does it all. In fact, after doing this for a few years now, he has it so down-pat that all I had to do was show up, and it ran smooth as glass. We were lucky to have the help of new member, Nate, parking cars with my dad, Dave, and generous main sponsor, Andy Dobek of Auto Lab Car Care in Howell. Thanks, also, to Louie’s Muffler & Auto Svcs., Auto Zone, Spartan Tire, Bank of Ann Arbor, Mi. Psychological Care, Scully Monroe Insurance, and, of course, Spirit of Livingston. We appreciate all of you.

Thank you, Don! We can’t do it without you, buddy!

All in all, 2022 was a great year. In spite of not having any specific “themes” this year, as we sometimes have done in the past, we had a great turnout nearly every weekend, with many new visitors and many who were returning. One of my favorite additions this year was having our young friend, Gus Berntsen on board, ready to help in any way possible, especially with opening the caboose to visitors during Melon Fest, and pretty much every weekend since. Let’s just say, having Gus and his classmate, Josh, around has somewhat renewed my faith that some kids still care about our shared local history, are deeply interested, and personally invested in helping us preserve it, so maybe, it’s around for their children and grandchildren, like it was for us and ours.

Thank you,
Rudy

Howell Area Historical Society Board for 2023

President: Rudy Rudolph

V.P./ Trustee: Gerri Moen

Treasurer: Don Maiolatesi

Secretary: Mary Shaughnessy

Trustee: Ed Grima

Trustee: Kerry Maiolatesi



Thank you to the Courthouse Questers for their generous purchase of two lights for the caboose. We appreciate their concern, and continued support.

Can anyone guess what storefronts these are today? They, for sure, do not resemble the photos below from a few years back. Today, they are great examples of the ongoing pride shown by the proprietors, and owners around Howell.



Jenna Kator



Can you guess what store this is?



Chocolate Boutique and Bakery





Top: Shelving unit from Young Brothers' Meat Market, which was located where the Bank of Ann Arbor's parking lot is now located

Left: Ticket window in men's waiting room

Middle Left: Case in Stationmaster's room with various railroad objects

Right Bottom: Stationmaster's ticket window, 1920's radio, and railroad ticket shelf

Are we having fun, yet?



Our Board members, Gerri Moen and Don Maiolatesi, braving the October weather, in order to decorate the fence with Christmas lights for the 2022 holiday season. Thanks to Gus for his help, also.

This is just one of the zillion chores that the Board members handle each year. Our museum depends, completely, on volunteers, and monetary donations. Did you know that the Howell Area Historical Society is not supported by any corporation, or large charity? We only receive occasional donations from visitors, and sometimes, from local foundations, for which we are so grateful.

We have a few painting projects coming up next spring. Our beloved caboose needs a bit of scraping and painting on the south side, which gets a tremendous amount of sun. The sun has caused a lot of peeling, which must be attended to, in order to keep the 1888 caboose in good condition. Our benches, and ramp must be painted, also.

If you would like to help by volunteering, just call 517-548-6876, and let us know. Just retired, and looking for a little something to do? Come on down. Do as little, or as much as you would like.

We would love to have you.

101 East Grand River



Above is a 1915 photo of the Goodnow Jubb store location on the southeast corner of Grand River and Michigan. Most of you will recognize it as the Bank of Ann Arbor building. The business owners dealt in hardware items, such as stoves, furnaces, paints, and plumbing materials, etc. The owners, Don Goodnow and Henry Jubb owned the store until 1914.

The smaller building to its left is the former Van Winkle Law Office, which is currently being restored to its more original façade, which will only add to the beauty of downtown Howell.

Special thanks to Spirit of Livingston, located at 3280 W. Grand River, for generously printing our newsletter. The store is the place for all of your spirit needs; such as, letter jackets, hats, shirts, trophies, various printing jobs, tee shirt printing, and much more. Call: 517-545-8831.

Please renew your membership for 2023. The fiscal year starts in January.

Please designate the Museum as your Kroger charity. We are a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit.

Support HAHS with your membership and /or donation. Not a member? Join today! Your support is vital to the preservation of local history.

Membership year, January 1 – December 31

Name_____ **Phone**_____

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Memberships: **\$15 Single** **\$25 Family** **\$500 Lifetime**

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