

Sainte Marie Foundation News

To celebrate our very special hometown's winter season 2017

Volume 10, Issue 1

Annual Report on Inside Pages

Happy New Year! For the first time ever, the **Annual Report (Oct. 1, 2015 – Sept. 30, 2016)** is printed on the inside pages of this newsletter. Thanks to all.

Mark Your Calendars!

April or May – Business Exhibit opens at the Museum **May 27 – SM Village-wide Garage Sale**, 7 – 11 a.m. by Community Club with food from Sons of the American Legion from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. **July 22 – Cork & Pork Festival**

Business Exhibit Setup

We're looking for items for the next museum exhibit! CAN YOU HELP? The exhibit will be about past and present businesses in Sainte Marie. If you have anything of interest: business giveaways, work uniforms, old pictures, etc. please contact Mike Hartrich at 618-562-8678 or Donna M Keller at 618-562-3434. Thank you!

What we would like to know:

- 1. Date business was started. Nature of the business?
- 2. What prompted you to start the business? Or did you inherit it? Or why did you buy this business?
- 3. Give us some history of the business? How many employees did you start with and when did you get to the current number of employees? How have you changed the business since you acquired it? Have your products/services changed and how?
- 4. What would you want people to know about your business? For example, if a group were to visit, what would you tell them that would make your business unforgettable to them?
- 5. Do you have a story you would like to share about your business? Your best (worst) day ever? Something you accomplished that surprised you?

Pictures will be scanned and returned to you. If you could, please send via e-mail to Donna Keller at rakeller73@gmail.com.

Jasper County Citizens of the Year

In late fall 2016, the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce selected the Hartrich Family - Mike, Mark, Tony, Amy and their families - as the 2016 Jasper County Citizens of the Year. The anonymous person who nominated them said: This family goes above and beyond in our community and should be honored for all that they do. They are always there to help when needed. At their family-owned-and-run business, Hartrich Meats, they give tours to schools, 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, and host meat judging competitions. It is all of the little things they do that add up. Sometimes, it is just participating in an event that someone is hosting and sometimes it is being part of a local board. They are an example for others to not sit back and wait for someone else to do something.. We congratulate this wonderful group of people. Mike, of course, serves on the Foundation Board and is co-curator of our Museum.

Picquet Gift for the House

Thanks to **Glenn and Brenda Picquet**, TX, for \$5000 that we are using to renovate the dining room, the last room at the House that needed work.. "I want everyone to know that the Picquets have not abandoned Sainte Marie," said Glenn when he sent the check. We thank this very generous couple for their gift and their assurance that the Picquets still support the town their ancestors founded.

Flower Basket Waterer Needed

Oh, how we all love those flower baskets. But they do need to be watered *every day*. We are in great need of a <u>volunteer</u> to help one week a month with early morning watering. You will get lots of compliments from people who stop and thank you for doing that job, because those baskets are so gorgeous. Call **Bob or Tammy Frye at 618-455-3524.**

Heath Foundation Grant

Thanks to the Heath Foundation, Robinson, the SM Foundation received a \$2,977 check in December – a grant request for several items for our museum. We are very grateful to Heath board for this and their past contributions that have made our museum possible.

To Book the Foundation House

Call Ron or Carolyn Kirts $618-\overline{45}5-3153$.

2016 SAINTE MARIE FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Dear Friends.

We have changed the format of our Annual Report this year. Rather than a separate flyer that we usually sent out in mid-November, we are including it in this winter newsletter, saving both postage and printing costs. Please note that our <u>fiscal year ended September 30, 2016</u>, so any donations made since then will be part of next year's annual report. We thank each and every one of you for your loyal support, whether it be with a \$\$ donation or with volunteer efforts. We continue to be a very successful organization with your help. Somehow, that just seems right – Sainte Marie has always been successful in so many of its endeavors!! The Foundation Board sends it most sincere thanks.

Pat Reis, president; Mike Hartrich, Vice President; Kevin Parker, Secretary; Ron Kirts, Treasurer; Bonnie Jackson; Donna Keller; Ed. Reis; Jason Warfel

2015-2016 Donations to Sainte Marie Foundation

\$0 - 49

American Legion Auxiliary, Post 932 Anonymous* (Francis Hartrich)

Marilyn Bahney Elaine Coyle

Sylvia Sparks Gormley* (Mary Hartrich)

Ashley Goss* (Mary Hartrich)

Ann Harding

Jim Kocher* (Mary Hartrich)

Francis X. Michl

Mary Evelyn Merriman

Dean Smithenry

Eileen Smithenry

Marie Wagner

Georgianna Bolander Weber* (Leo/Charlene Bolander)

Charles/Shirley Zuber

<u>\$50 – 99</u>

David/Betty Keller Davison* (Vincent Keller)

Joyce Keller Decker**(Louise Keller birthday)

Donald E. Frauli* (Charles/Ruby Frauli)

Jody Gormley* (Mary Hartrich)

Don/Susie Graham* (Helen Keller Graham)

Brian Helregel

Lois Kautau

Karen Keilman Rose LoGrasso

Timothy McDonald* (Mary Hartrich)

Richard/Joyce Ochs* (Don Perille)

Roger Picquet* (Raymond Picquet 1911-1971)

Margo Regas* (Don Perille)

Anthony Reis

Sandy Rice

Janyce Barthelme Rubsam

Jean Keller Smith

Herb/Ellen Spitzer* (Herb Sr,/Betty Spitzer)

Dr. Rose/Glenn W. Sunderland** (Ste. Marie Music Students)

D. Kathryn Weintraub

Michelle Wright* (Mary Hartrich)

Jerome Zuber Estate

Ron/Nancy Zwilling

\$100 - 299

Ted Barthelme* (Bud/Evelyn Barthelme)

Sylvia Geltz Brinkoetter

Maxine Calvert

Jud Cameron* (Jud/Emma Cameron; Carol Martin)

Richard Cameron* (Jud/Emma Cameron)

Joan Cunningham

Gene/Sandy Fehrenbacher* (Roy/Viola Fehrenbacher)

John/Naomi Fox

Ron/Joelyn Gentry** (Thelma Spitzer Hoetzer)

Carol Gormley* (Mary Hartrich)

Gowin Family* (Ruthann Gowin)

John Handzel* (Don Perille)

Mark/Randi Handzel* (Don Perille)

Will/Lori Handzel* (Don Perille)

Bruce Hartrich* (Kenneth and Marge Hartrich)

Robert/Donna Keller George Kirts

Janette Michl Kramer* (Lawrence/Sophia Michl)

Don/Christine Litzelman

The Mullinax Clan* (Mary Hartrich and Paul Mullinax)

Louis Ochs

Norma Ochs

Donald Perille

Bonnie Petty

Sara Rawson* (Louise Keller Wells)

Jean Barthelme Regas** (Pat Reis Birthday; *Don Perille)

Gloria Zuber Schwartz

Joseph/Cecilia Zuber Shelley

Michele Helregel Vogt* (Carole Reis Helregel)

Alan K. Wells* (Louise Keller Wells)

Martha Yockey* (Mary Hartrich)

Jim/Karen Young* (Don Perille)

Vincent/June Keller Zuber

\$300 - 499

Reis Farms: David & Scott Reis Families* (Norton Reis)

Katie Keller Wait (Brick and donation)

\$500 - \$999

Anonymous

Dawn Ann Calvert (*Brick and extra donation honoring her parents*)
Paul/Rosemary (Hartrich) Mullinax estate (*For the beautification of the Village*)

Ste. Marie Open Golfers

Kenneth E. Stone

\$1000 - 3000

Patricia Reis* (Don Perille, Mildred Schmidt, Art Keller, Mary Hartrich, Chris and Austin Zuber)

\$4000

Cork and Pork 2016

Engraved Bricks (Donor and Engraving)

Two-line Bricks @ \$200 each

Leonard/Joyce Decker (Leonard and Joyce Decker)

Barbara Timberman (Mary Ann Adams 1866-1957

From the Foundation Board and Maxine Calvert (In Memory of Don Perille)

Four-Line Bricks @ \$400 each

-Douglas Wait/Katie Wait (William A. & Katie Keller Wait)

-Grandchildren: Alan Huff, David Huff, Daniel Huff, Edward Rohr, Thomas Rohr, David Rohr, Sue Rohr Jansen, Ted Rohr, Diane Rohr Steele, Sharon Huff Early, Patricia Huff McPherson, Edward Huff, Janet Huff Rhoades (*Timothy & Josephine Huff Family*)

-Dawn Ann Calvert (Maurice/Maxine Calvert, Volunteers Extraordinaire)

TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR (incl. Flower Basket Sponsors) \$17,777.87

Significant Donations

John Ochs – 35 Ochs Family books valued at \$500

In Memory of Don Perille \$915 (multiple donors)

In Memory of Mary Hartrich \$870 (multiple donors)

In Memory of Paul and Rosemary Mullinax \$500 (from estate)

In Memory of Mary Hartrich and Paul Mullinax from the *Mullinax Clan* \$250 (multiple donors)

Flower Basket Donors at \$115 each

Sponsors

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 932

American Legion Post 932

BJ's Interior Decorating (Bonnie Jackson)

Sylvia Geltz Brinkoetter

Hartrich Meats, Inc.

Paul & Carolyn Keller

Meyer Funeral Homes, LLC

Picquet Brothers (Texas)

State Rep. David Reis & family

Sainte Marie State Bank

Shane's Machine & Welding

Ralph & Carrie Weiss – Weiss Renovations

Sam & Linda Zuber Family

2016 Baskets In Memory Of

Bud & Evelyn Barthelme From Margo Regas

Joe & Marjorie Barthelme From their children

Neeah Bogard/Don Bogard; Lawrence/Clorene Ochs

From Ted & Susie Ochs

Betty Borgic From Borgic Enterprises

Jud & Emma Cameron & Carol Cameron Martin

From Jud, Dick, Phil, Mike Cameron & Peg Cochran

Hilda Dallmier From the George Dallmier family

Harry/Edith Elie; Tom/Pat Elie; Ira/Anna/Edmund Shryock

From Jane, Pat, Nancy, Barbara, Judy & Janet

Denise/Dorothy/Jim Hahn

From Kathy, Annette, Karen, Sharon, Jim, Larry & Kevin

Albert & Marge Hartrich From Dave Hartrich family

Mayme Hartrich From Mary Hartrich family

Art & Alice Keller From the Art & Alice Keller family

Harley & Lena Kirts From the children of Joan Kirts Heneberry

Lora Kocher; Sheryl Paul; Ted & Martha Kocher From Ed Kocher family

Bernard & Marie Ochs From their family

Annis Menacher & Margaret Hunzinger

From Robert/Dottie Rumpp/Elizabeth Valbert & Artie Hunzinger

Mildred Schmidt From Barb Schmidt Martin

Hamer & Martha Stone From Ken & Jan Stone

Bob & Freda Swisher From Carol, Jim & Patti

Maude & Francis Wagner From their daughters

William Wait From Mary K. (Keller) Wait

Francis Yager From Marilyn Hawes

2016 Baskets In Honor Of

All past and present service men & women

from our community From D. M. Manufacturing II, Inc.

Lucie Hartrich From Mike/Teresa Hartrich

Don & Christine Litzelman From Jim, Cheryl, Susan & Tony

Joyce Mast From Melinda Mast

Romonna Ochs From her daughters

Theresa M. Ochs From her children/grandchildren & great grandchildren

Donation of In-Kind/Significant Items

Maxine Calvert – Flower Basket watering

Bob/Tammy Frye – Planting/care of Flower Baskets

Hartrich Meats – Lunches for volunteers

Mike/Teresa Hartrich - Museum Curation

Donna Keller - Museum Curation/Cork & Pork Chair

Ron/Carolyn Kirts – Electrical; House supervision and maintenance; Flower

Basket watering

Annette Reis Lynch - Landscaping

Robert/Dottie Rumpp - Mailings

Gene/Madonna Schachmann - Brick imprinting; landscaping

Marie Wagner - Flower Basket watering

Roger/Sue Wheat - Landscaping

David E. Wiltshire – Cabinetry

Volunteers for Events/Projects

The American Legion Post #932 Organizations

Dawn Ann/Maxine Calvert

Bob Helregel

Carolyn Keller

John Lybarger

Annette Reis Lynch

Joyce Ochs

Gene/Madonna Schackmann

Bill Schwartz

Roger/Sue Wheat

Dave E. Wiltshire

Landscaping: Sue Hunzinger Wheat (chair), Patti Swisher Bunten, Janeth Hartrich, Carolyn Kirts, Annette Reis Lynch, Madonna Schackmann, Roger

<u>Mowers:</u> George Kirts, Bill Hartrich, Bob Helregel, Robert Rumpp, Jack Thompson

CORK AND PORK FESTIVAL SPONSORS

IRS

Peoples State Bank

Farm Credit Services

Illini Builders Co.

DM Manufacturing II

Farley Insurance

FS TLS/NAHC/EAHC & Hubbard Feed

Seed Solutions - Channel Seed - Chip Keys

Smithenry Concrete Construction

Smithenry Trenching & Excavating

Farmweld, Inc

Embarras River Tourism Council

Furst-McNess

Dependable Electric

Keller Grain & Livestock, Inc

Niebrugge Ag Service

Mont Eagle Mills

The Equity

John Kocher Trucking

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 932

Sainte Marie Foundation

Hi-Benders

JrO Concrete Construction

Jensen Equipment Co.

Cochran Excavating

Rudolphi Veterinary Services

Dieterich Bank

Kraus Farms, Inc.

Borgic Enterprises

HSF Excavating, Inc

Sainte Marie State Bank

W.E.T. Pools & Spa

American Legion Post 932

Borgic Custom Pumping

Ste. Marie Storage

ASL Solutions, Inc.

Louis Ochs -Chevrolet- Olds - Buick

Meyer Funeral Home

Midwest Tractor Sales, Inc.

Total Grain Marketing (TGM) Willow Hill

Dick Dickerson Dozing

The Gas Station

ALSO THANKS TO

Randy Bergbower Painting (Ice)

Eagle Country Water Works (Bottled water)

Republic Services – John Michl (Dumpster and totes)

John Geltz (Use of sound equipment)

Casey's General Store (Napkins)

Probst Seed (Use of coolers for beer) Kuhl's Trailer Sales (Use of box trailer)

Urfer Transportation, Inc (Use of flatbed trailers for bands)

St. Mary's Church (use of tents, tables, flagging, fencing, etc.)

Dundas Ruitan (Use of picnic tables)

Village of Sainte Marie (Use of Picquet Park)

Special thanks to chair Donna Keller, to the organizing committee and to the many volunteers of this successful event.

Sainte Marie Foundation P.O. Box 186 Sainte Marie, IL 62459

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Transitions

-Mary Hartrich 94, (*Just missed the last newsletter but was featured in Fall Bonus pages*). survived by her four children, Elisabeth (Jeff) Thacker, Oblong; **Donald** (Nikki) Hartrich, Moore, MT; **Phyllis** Moraga, Eureka Springs, AR and **Joseph** (Liz) Hartrich, Ashland, OR; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

This active Sainte Marie advocate was a supporter of the Foundation from our first days. We will miss her!



-Liz Valbert, 74 (Pix at left). Survived by one daughter, her sister Dottie (husband Robert Rumpp), brothers Louis and Gilbert.

News about our Board Members

- -Congratulations to Foundation Board member **Jason Warfel** who was elected in November to fill an opening in District 3 (Sainte Marie area) on the Jasper County Board.
- -By the time you read this newsletter, we will have added a new Board member or rather an "old" Board member. **Gina Mullinax Fox**, Newton resident and a member of the initial board of this Foundation, is returning to the Board. More about her in the next newsletter, but those of you who know Sainte Marie history will remember that her grandmother, **Mayme Hartrich**, was VERY active in Sainte Marie events, chaired the 125th anniversary and wrote the first history book in 1962. And Gina's mother, **Rosemary Hartrich Mullinax**, followed in her mother's footsteps chairing the 150th celebration of the village and also writing the second history book in 1987. Gina left the original Foundation Board to pursue an advanced degree that would enhance her teaching career. We welcome Gina back to the Board.

Michl-Hoffman Family Reunion

Descendants and other relatives of **Lawrence and Sophie Michl** are welcome to this reunion to be held Saturday, May 27, 2017 at Red Bud Cottage, Lake Sara, Effingham. Contact Andrea at abs0662@yahoo.com or call her at 512-552-3167.

Guests at the Foundation House

Brothers **John**, Woodstock, IL, **Gary**, VA and **David Moore** (CA) visited SM Oct. 11 and 12th, staying at the Foundation House and sharing info and pix about the old Bolander House that is being renovated by Robbie Alblinger. John commented on their visit," We loved staying in the Foundation House and being in the town where we spent our early years. Our mother was the daughter of A.C. Bolander. We hope the pix we shared of the house as we knew it will help Robbie return the house to its former glory."(*See pix in e-mail Bonus Pages*)

Bonus Pages in the e-mail version of this newsletter—If you have e-mail, you can receive the extra pages of this newsletter (request at <u>patreisprpr@yahoo.com</u>) or go to the Sainte Marie Foundation website to view all past and present newsletters. Get more pictures and historical information from the Bonus Pages.

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To Friends of the 2017 Flower Basket Project:

January, 2017

We are enlisting your help once again for the Sainte Marie Foundation's most popular project – our beautiful Flower Baskets. As you well know, people living in and traveling through Sainte Marie enjoy these cheerful baskets during the spring, summer and early fall months.

Many of you have graciously helped with this project in the past, and we hope you will once again choose to sponsor the 2017 Flower Basket Project. Plans need to be made early. The plants for the baskets are started in a greenhouse after the first of the year and are planted in the baskets in March. They grow in an Amish greenhouse north of Oblong

until the baskets are hung sometime in May. We also need plenty of time to get the signs made that list all of the donors..

A donation of \$115.00 will name you as one of the sponsors of the 14 flower baskets. Each donor (individual or business) is listed on professionally printed signs displayed on the old bank's windows. We also list "In memory of" or "In honor of" your loved ones, if you prefer that kind of donation...but of course that space is limited. Actually, this project has proved so popular, that we accept unlimited donations each year (as long as we have space on the signs) and are now using the extra monies for other Foundation expenses. We hope you do not mind.

Please consider helping us with this worthwhile project. The baskets not only beautify the quaint little village of Sainte Marie, but they show what incredible pride we all (near and far) have in this community as did our ancestors before us.

Should you decide to help sponsor this project, you can send your check by March 1, 2017, made out to the Sainte Marie Foundation, for \$115.00 along with the completed enclosed form. The form (next page) should be returned to Carolyn Keller, P.O. Box 6, Sainte Marie, IL 62459 by March 1st.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Sainte Marie and the Sainte Marie Foundation.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Keller Sainte Marie Foundation Board

The Sainte Marie 2017 Flower Basket Project

Yes, I would like to help sponsor the 2017 Flower Basket Project. I have enclosed meck for \$115.00, made payable to the Sainte Marie Foundation.	\mathbf{y}
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none E-Mail	

Please make your \$115.00 check payable to the Sainte Marie Foundation. Thank you for your continued support in making our village so beautiful.

Please return to:

Carolyn Keller P.O. Box 6 Sainte Marie, IL 62450

Bonus Pages for E-mail Subscribers

These pages are <u>only</u> sent to e-mail subscribers. If you have family or friends who receive the printed version, you might copy these pages for them. Or better yet, if they have e-mail, send us their e-mail addresses, and we will send it to them directly. Thank you for saving us the postage \$\$ it would cost to mail this to you.

Sainte Marie Foundation Newsletter, Winter 2017, continued......

We Get Mail

-From **D. Kathryn Weintraub**, Chicago

Kathy sent a very nice donation with a note about our newsletters that she loves to read because "They are so different from the events I have known." Kathy became a friend of the Foundation when she donated her Grandpa Finn's chair – which is now prominently displayed in the "Wedding Bedroom" at the Foundation House. Take a look at it when you are visiting the House, because it is most unique and could easily have been a chair that the founding Picquet family might have picked up in Ohio on their way to IL.

From Eileen Franke, St. Louis, MO

-Many thanks for the fall newsletter -- a very interesting issue. Great pictures!

-From Phyllis Kaufmann, Austin, TX

I just love reading the newsletter. This past summer, while in Europe, a friend drove me to Bremerhauser at the North Sea. Almost all immigrants from 1700-1850 departed from here. The museum there was a replica of the small, crowded, smelly ships our ancestors sailed on for 4-6 weeks to reach the USA. My friend then drove me to the Alsace province of France to see where my Mom and Dad's ancestors came from. We drove through the villages of Forstfeld, Niedeerroedern, Aschbach and Oberroedern. The villages were pristine, and the fields around the villages really resembled our village of Ste Marie except there the fields are out-lined with linden trees. We continued south through Haguenau and the city of Strasbourg. We then proceeded to the area around Saar, Switzerland, where the Kaufmann's originated before migrating to the Haguenau area. I was overcome with gratitude that these brave souls gave up their homes and farms for the unknown of the USA. We descendants have a better life because of them. Alsace is such a beautiful area; the land has been fought over since the Roman Empire. Napoleon wanted it as did every powerful king since then. It was damaged greatly during WWII. Yet, being strong farmers, the villages rebuilt. We have strong, brave roots.

P. S. Mom's family (she was **Serena Kocher Kaufmann**, originally from Stringtown) was traced back to 1640 in those towns. BTW, there is a Ste Marie a little southeast of Strasbourg.

Editor's note: Thanks, Phyllis, for the very interesting e-mail! We received a lovely note and book from the Haguenau mayor during our 175th anniversary year in 2012. It is on display at the Foundation House.



Here's a great picture sent to us by **John Moore**, Woodstock, IL. Taken around 1926, the picture includes John's grandfather, **A.C. Bolander** (center back), and his mother **Teresa** (on left) with her siblings, Zita, Patrick and Beatrice. In the background, behind that wonderful old car is the Foundation House, with the open porch wrapping nearly all around the house. Sometime later the porch on this south side of the house was enclosed. Also, to the right you can see the original St. Mary's church – the one that burned in 1933. You can see it is much taller than the current St. Mary's and that the rectory is a different house.

John Moore and his siblings, Gary, David and Lucy, spent their early years in the living in the A.C. Bolander house. A.C. was a lumber man so he put the finest woods into that house, which is just south of the Foundation House. It has been empty for a number of years, but is now being renovated by **Robbie Alblinger**. The Moore brothers brought pictures of the house to give to Robbie who was most interested in how the old house looked when they were growing up.



Philip Picquet, Nebraska, wrote, "Here is a pic of my wife Jamie, and our son Ian with Craig and Amy Hartrich (in orange shirts) (Mark and Janeth Hartrich's son and daughter in-law) with their son and nephew outside of Memorial Stadium before the Nebraska vs Illinois game in Lincoln. They were in Omaha visiting Craig's sister, so we got some extra tickets, and they came to the game with us. Great time. I thought it would be nice to have in the newsletter and show how history still can tie people together."

Editor's note: Philip, Jamie and their son visited Ste. Marie last summer for the Hartrich/Picquet Reunion, which is where they connected with the Hartrich relatives! So nice to see they were able to get together last fall! Philip is superintendent of a school district in Nebraska