



Sainte Marie Foundation News

To celebrate our very special hometown's winter season 2012

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Decorating the Tree

These children decorated the Ste. Marie Village Christmas tree

with ornaments on Sunday, Nov. 20. The event concluded with refreshments and the showing of the movie *Shrek the Halls*. Thanks to **Annette Kirts** who chaired the event and to **Maxine Calvert and Ron Kirts** who earlier in the month strung the lights on the giant tree. All are Foundation Board members.

Foundation Receives Grant

Thanks to the Heath Foundation, Robinson, IL, the Foundation House museum will have at least one new display case for the 175th celebration. Heath awarded \$3500 to the Foundation in early December. Vice President **Mike Hartrich** picked up the check and thanked Heath board members for supporting our Foundation, especially during this 175th celebration.

TV Stars from Ste. Marie?

Tornado-torn Joplin, MO, got a huge boost from a former Ste. Marie resident and her family when *ABC's Extreme Makeover* came to town to build seven houses in seven days in late October – in cooperation with Pittsburg State University's (PSU), KS, department of construction engineering technology.

Deborah Bigard Dallman, a daughter of **Eufala Bigard**, and sister of **Marge Thompson (SM)**, **Ginger Robins** (Newton) and **Sandra Fisher** (Teutopolis) was a volunteer for the build, but her daughter (Eufala's granddaughter), **Rebekah**, was one of the *project's team leaders*. Rebekah is a senior at PSU where her father, **Bruce Dallman**, is dean of the College of

Technology at PSU. He was also involved in the build. Rebekah called it "the best job experience ever" since she is soon to graduate with a construction engineering technology degree.

Marge writes: "My sister said that Ty Pennington of *Extreme Makeover* had a big wooden map of the U.S. made with a gigantic nail in Joplin. All the workers and volunteers were hammering a nail in their birth place and stringing a nail to Joplin. Deborah put one in from Ste. Marie." The episode is scheduled to air Jan. 13th.

Flower Basket Sponsors

Last call for sponsor/supporters for the flower baskets! We want to have a wonderful display for the celebration this summer. Your name/s will be listed on the old bank windows! Sponsorship: \$100.00.

New Foundation Officers

The Sainte Marie Foundation Board elected new officers in early November. They include: **Patricia Reis**, President; **Mike Hartrich**, Vice President; **Kevin Parker**, Secretary and **Ron Kirts**, Treasurer. Other Board members are **Maxine Calvert** and **Annette Hahn Kirts**.

CORRECTION TO 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

We forgot to list **Karen and Jim Young** as special event volunteers on Labor Day weekend. Thank you!

We Get Mail

From **Barbara Bremerman Timberman**, Newland, NC: *My grandmother, Anna Newsome Adams (husband Fidalis Adams, originally Adami) lived in Ste. Marie, and I visited her summers, probably 1936 to '43. I have such wonderful memories of being there.*

*Her house was on the left, down the little hill, if you start at the center of town, looking toward the river. I was a good friend since childhood of **Jean Huff Gala**, who recently died. The Huffs lived across the road and slightly closer to the river. I am so happy to learn about the Foundation and how you are preserving the atmosphere of a place I hold very dear to my heart. Blessings.*

David Wiltshire, Spencer, IN, wrote:
*The **Emil “Mon” Spitzer** (David’s grandfather) family recently had a reunion in Indianapolis (over 100 attended), and there was a lot of interest and enthusiasm about the 175th celebration in SM this summer. Many of us are planning to attend – because SM is one of our most favorite places!*

From **Angela Geltz**, Effingham:
*My sons **Gerry and Pete Geltz** ran and completed the St. Louis marathon on October 22, 2011. Pete has run one previously. Gerry ran several including the Chicago marathon a couple years ago when it was sooooo hot. He did complete the run and said it was rough.*

From Jim Litzelman, Arlington, VA
I was in Russia again in June for a couple of weeks. I had a successful concert (full house and encore!) in the Rachmaninoff Hall of the Moscow Conservatory. I had the good fortune of being there when the Tchaikovsky Competition was taking place, and I heard lots of incredible piano playing, all in the spectacularly refurbished Grand Hall of the conservatory. I was even there on opening night and we were sitting only a few rows behind Vladimir Putin! And for the first time, I went to St. Petersburg and was there during "white nights". What a city that is, much more beautiful than Moscow, and it does live up to its reputation as being the Venice of the North. And I went to the Marinsky Theatre and saw the Kirov Ballet doing Swan Lake--how Russian is that??!!

A phone call from Ruthann Gowin, River Grove, IL - Ruthann called to say that the DVD of the **Dorothy Helregel Mathious** concert (Sept. 3, 2011) was just superb. She especially loved all the Sainte Marie scenes that **Annette Lynch** put into it. Glad

you enjoyed it, Ruthann. The DVD’s (**Jim Litzelman’s** too) are still available at the **Sainte Marie State Bank** or by mail (\$20 plus \$5 postage).

Quartoseptcentennial Celebration **June 29 – July 1, 2012**

THE BOOK

Because we have mid-Feb. deadlines for entries for the commemorative book, we need to hear from you right now if you want to be included. You might be listed in these chapters:

-Educators – All those people who left SM to become teachers or other school personnel. Write us a paragraph including name (maiden and married), where you live, your connection to SM, birth year, education, where you worked, something about yourself you want to include. **LIMIT: 125 words!**

-People who left SM – Were you a nurse, an engineer, a business person, etc. Write a paragraph including the above (omit education if you wish).

-Grandchildren – Did you visit your grandparents in SM? Why was that important to you? What do you remember best? Use same format as above.

-Last call for “stories” – Many of you have told me you have a story you want to have included. Now is your last chance to get that to us.



-Picture Scanning – If you have pictures for the BOOK, please drop them off with **Joyce Reis 618-455-1408** (actually **Clayton** will be doing the scanning) who will get them back to you. Those outside SM, please scan and send as *jpeg, 300 dpi, grayscale photos* to patreisprpr@yahoo.com. Esp. want WWII pix, and pix from last 25 years of any activities. **Left: Art Keller, 1951-53 Korean War picture**

-Ad page – If you want to make sure you are in the book, buy an ad. The **Faltemier** family is doing so. The **children of Louise Keller** bought one honoring their mother. **Robert Geltz** has one on his life, etc. Send stories and pictures to patreisprpr@yahoo.com **by Feb. 15**. Same deadline for ads - forms on web.

REMEMBER: FEB. 15 IS THE DEADLINE!!!!

THE 175TH COMMITTEE

Meeting **Wed., Jan 11 at 7 p.m.** at Village Hall.

Committee requests:

1. Ideas for what could be placed in the time capsule
2. Entries for the parade, Sat., June 30 at 10 a.m.
3. People to volunteer to help an hour or two with the celebration on Friday or Saturday.
4. Entries for the 5K run on Sat. Cost: \$10 (includes tee shirt). Sign up form is on website. www.saintemarie175.com

Contact: **Julie Warfel** at 618-455-3173.

Check out the website: www.saintemarie175.com for more information and for articles for sale, including tee shirts, sweat shirts, and hats.

Also, and this is IMPORTANT, we need help from people outside SM –yes, those of you from Springfield, or Chicago or wherever. Sainte Marie no longer has the population it once had, so if you will just volunteer for a two-hour shift, we can all have a great time and not overburden the hosts!! Check out the “contact” part of the website and write a note to the committee giving your name, address and phone number. You will be contacted with an assignment. Or call Julie (phone above).

Quilts needed for Quilt Show

Anyone who has a SM quilt, particularly one that was won at the Picnic, please send **Eufala Bigard** a letter or e-mail ebigard@yahoo.com if you want to show your quilt. Include the name of quilt (if there is one), who quilted it, date and short history, if possible. Eufala needs the info about the quilt because there is going to be a quilt book. A week before the event, you will be asked to put the quilt in a pillow case with your name on it (and make sure your name is on quilt). You will be told where to deliver it. And you can pick it up after the quilt show ends on Saturday. For further information, contact **Eufala Bigard 618-455-3334, Mildred Schmidt or Romonna Ochs.**

From **Donna Keller** (rakeller@dishmail.net)

-Looking for pictures of Oak & Pond Grove Schools for Betty Keller Davison

-Looking for a pictures of Kevin Orput, Master of Ceremonies of Parade, at the Sesquicentennial (1987) (Trivia...WTHI Weatherman Dave Kirk was MC in 1962, WTHI Weatherman Kevin Orput in 1987 and WTHI Weatherman David Wire will be MC in

2012. Seems we have a tradition going! I have a picture of Dave Kirk in 1962).

-Does anyone know where the old white school bell went?

-Remember to get your parade entry forms in to Donna Keller as soon as possible. Entry forms are on the website – www.saintemarie175.com

-If anyone has a convertible that we can use in the parade for dignitaries/queens/belles, etc...let me know...would also need to drive.

And more.....

From **Janet Faltemier Sitkewich, CA:**

*This past summer, **Bonnie Hunzinger Petty** and I drove to Olney, Robinson, and Effingham to look for accommodations for the June 28-30 Sainte Marie Centennial. We investigated 7 hotels in the 3 towns and chose Hilton Garden Inn in Effingham, 1301 Ave of Mid-America. Phone: 217-540-7777. I reserved 20 rooms – 10 rooms are taken by the **Faltemier family** already. If you are interested, there is a Group Rate of \$99 for 1 King or two Queens. The hotel has an indoor pool, nice exercise room, refrigerator and microwave in each room. Please come join us.*

Order Nametags for 175th

Janet Faltemier Sitkewich is providing artistic nametags for the Quartoseptcentennial. You can order these custom-made nametags in advance by sending your *printed* name to Janet (Women: please include your maiden name). The cost is \$1.50 (for materials only), which will be collected when the nametag is picked up at a tent on the square from June 27- 29 (Thursday through Saturday). Please order via:

Mail: Janet Faltemier Sitkewich, 110 Calle Nivel, Los Gatos, CA 95032

Phone: 408-370-9270

Or e-mail : jansitke@ix.netcom.com

The Official Website of the Sainte Marie 175th Anniversary Celebration is a beautiful website created by Jason Warfel, chairman Julie's husband: <http://www.saintemarie175.com>

Condolences to the family of Serena Kaufman, 101, who was a longtime SM resident.

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Here's a group of children at the American Legion Christmas Party 2011. Oh, wait!! Santa is there, in the back row, just to the right of the middle!! Thanks, **Robert Rumpp**, for helping out.

And special thanks to Dottie Valbert Rumpp who handles our mailings!

The Sainte Marie Foundation newsletter is published quarterly. Send comments to writer/editor Pat Reis, patreisprpr@yahoo.com. The Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization, duly recognized as an Illinois charitable corporation. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Do you have a Sainte Marie story you would like to share? Write your own and/or contact Pat Reis patreisprpr@yahoo.com. We reserve the right to edit.

Ad Request for Commemorative Book

YES, I want to be included in the 2012 Book commemorating the 175th anniversary of the founding of Sainte Marie.

Name _____

CompanyName _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

Ads available:

_____ Full Page - Inside \$150.00 - approximately 7 " x 9"

_____ 1/2 page - Inside \$75.00 - approximately 7 " x 4 1/2"

_____ 1/4 page - Inside \$37.50 - approximately 3 1/2" x 4 1/2"

_____ 1/6 page - Inside \$25.00 - approximately 3 1/2" x 3"

Make checks payable to the SAINTE MARIE FOUNDATION, PO Box 186, Ste. Marie, IL 62459. Please submit electronic copy to patreisprpr@yahoo.com (preferred). Or attach paper copy to this form and mail to above address. A copy of the book will be sent to the above address. Thank you for your assistance with this project. DEADLINE: Feb. 15, 2012