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November/December 2010 Newsletter

A Permanent Home for Sandcastles!

The Sandcastles Board of Directors is happy to announce that we have purchased the former Elks' building as a permanent home for the museum. The Elks will remain in the historical eastern part of the building until the end of the year, but we have already begun to work on renovations to the western side of the building. Our plans for 2011 include renovating both levels of the main floor for the museum itself and creating a room for parties and community events on the lower level. Our only plan this year for the upper floor is to locate the board business office there.

We are pleased to own such a historical building and delighted to establish our permanent home in downtown Ludington. We will honor the heritage of the building, the Lumberman's Association, and the Elks in a display at Sandcastles.



Roger Martin's drawings depict our vision of the exterior.

We need your financial support!

Sandcastles is asking the community to show its support by donating to our Capital Campaign Fund within the Community Foundation of Mason County. Our goal is to raise at least \$300,000 to purchase and renovate the building. We would like to start debt free in our new building. To avoid financing, we need to raise \$125,000 by March 2011. A donation of any size will help us achieve that goal. Checks may be written to the Community Foundation for Mason County (CFMC) and sent to Sandcastles at PO Box 595, Ludington, MI 49431. You may also go on line (mason-foundation.org) to make a credit card donation directly to the Sandcastles Capital Campaign Fund. A permanent donor board, which identifies levels of giving, will recognize those who give \$500 or more. Donations \$100-\$499 will be recognized on the Building Blocks Board, and children who donate \$25 (or donations of \$25 on behalf of children) will be featured on our Pavers for the Future Board.

We are asking those of you who are able to make a large donation to make a year-end charitable donation to Sandcastles, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, or to add Sandcastles to your planned giving for 2011. Donations of \$50,000 or more will qualify for a naming opportunity at the museum. Call Kristin at 231-690-6735 for more information.

In addition to our many wonderful regular volunteers, we do have the need for some volunteers with specific talents. Our work crew is doing tear down, removal, and dismantling work, and they will soon be building, installing and finishing. There may be some wiring or plumbing issues, and there will definitely be the need for those with carpentry and painting skills.

We also can use help with cleaning both the new building and the "big blue building," packing up and storing things from the new building, moving exhibits and supplies, and returning the blue building to its former appearance.

In other words, if you have some time to offer, please call!

Remodeling: Mark Todd

Other tasks: Kristin Korendyke

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volunteer
support!

Dining to Donate at Applebee's

December 1 is a great day to plan on lunch or dinner out with friends or family. Applebee's will donate 10% of your check to Sandcastles IF you make sure to tell your server you are there on behalf of Sandcastles. Take-out orders are included.



Rockin' the Parade

December 3

7-9:30 pm

Aleksy and Rebecca Urick, owners of 108 Threads and Be Beautiful, welcomed Sandcastles as new neighbors by naming us the upcoming recipients of their annual holiday fundraiser. Previous recipients of their generosity include the Women's Imaging Center and COVE.

Each year the Uricks host *Rockin' the Parade* as a customer appreciation celebration. This year's events include live music, a fashion show, a Troll Beads trunk show, and refreshments. They will raise money for Sandcastles through the sale of specific items.

Please stop in at *Rockin' the Parade* after the Santa Parade. If one of the special sale items appeals to you, 100% of your purchase will go directly to the Sandcastles Capital Campaign. Thanks to Rebecca and Aleksy for their warm welcome to the neighborhood!



Advisory Committee

The board has established an advisory committee to assist us with planning, fundraising, and the search for grant funding. Members include Bill Anderson, Don Clingan, Ben Korendyke, Jim McLean, Jeanne Oakes, Budde Reed, Jim Scatena, and Mark Todd. The breadth of knowledge, variety of experiences and expertise they offer are vital to us as we make decisions for the future of Sandcastles.

Wish List

Our greatest need right now is for a better, "new" (to us) digital camera that takes pictures suitable for our website or other promotional materials. We need one that offers excellent resolution and that can also capture the quick movements of children. If you find a new camera under the Christmas tree and wonder what to do with the old one, think about Sandcastles.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 1: 11:00 am to 11:00 pm

Dining to Donate at Applebee's

Friday, December 3: Open 9:30—1:00

10:00 Preschool Program **Make A Snowman**

5:30-6:30 Hot Chocolate and Popcorn at Sandcastles

6:30 Santa Parade on Ludington Avenue

7:00-9:30 Rockin' the Parade at *108 Threads* and *Be Beautiful*

Saturday, December 4

10:00 Program **Paper Airplanes**

Friday, December 10: Open 9:30—1:00

10:00 Preschool Program **Gingerbread Houses**

Saturday, December 11: Open 9:30—1:00

10:00 Program **Christmas Traditions**

11:00—1:00 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 17: Open 9:30—1:00

10:00 Preschool Program **Make An Ornament**

Saturday, December 18: Open 9:30—1:00 Last Day for 2010 Season

10:00 Program **Make a Gift**

After 1:00 Children's Parade to the new Sandcastles Building

We will be carrying bins and boxes to begin our move.



Sandcastles Committees

Please contact Kristin if you would like to work on fundraising or grant writing. Experience is a plus but not a necessity. There are other committee openings, too. Please contact any board member if you would like to serve on a committee.



Sandcastles Board Members

Kristin Korendyke, President
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