

NEWSLETTER OF THE AUXILIARY BOARD OF  
STAN HYWET HALL AND GARDENS, INC.  
DECEMBER 2018



**AB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

MONDAY, December 17, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Wolle Building Conference Room. If unable to attend, please call Elise Bennett at 330-808-3050.

**AB GENERAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, December 19, 2018. Fairlawn Country Club, Social at 9:30 a.m., Program and Meeting at 10:00 a.m. with luncheon to follow. Program: St. Cecilia Choral Society

**PLEASE NOTE: FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019.** AB items including changes of street or e-mail addresses, marriage, congratulations, illness, death, etc. should be sent to Phyllis Woodrum at [jwoodrum@roadrunner.com](mailto:jwoodrum@roadrunner.com) or call 330-666-4713.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear Members,

My favorite AB meeting is coming up this month with our Holiday Luncheon at the Fairlawn Country Club. It will be a day of celebration as we transition our ten Provisional members to Active members. Be sure to read through the bios in this AB Times of all six (6) members who have been nominated to serve on the Membership Committee. Active members will be voting for three (3) of those nominees at the December luncheon meeting. Following the meeting, this year's entertainment of the St. Cecelia Choir will definitely put us in a merry mood. It is always fun to see everyone in festive attire while we enjoy a lovely lunch together.

I hope *every member*, whether Provisional, Active, or Sustainer will attend the luncheon. I wish each of you a joyful Holiday, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Kind Regards,

**Elise Bennett, AB President**

**VICE PRESIDENT**

The information and reservation form for the Christmas Luncheon on December 19 featuring the St. Cecilia Choral Society is included with this issue of the AB Times. We will meet at Fairlawn Country Club and please note the regular meeting start with coffee at 9:30a.m., program & meeting at 10:00a.m., and luncheon at 11:45a.m. Reservations are due by **December 12, 2018**.

**Susie Wallace, Vice President**

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

A thinking of you card was sent to Cindy Wolcott. Please mark your directories for these changes: ***Linda Hecker's correct e-mail address is lhhecker@gmail.com; Suzanne Nolte's street address is Acacia Lane and not Acadia Lane; and Edna Hartschuh's new address is 3669 Chestnut Chase, Dellenberger #408, Copley, OH 44321.*** The deadline for the February AB Times is January 31, 2019.

**Phyllis Woodrum, Corresponding Secretary**

## **ASSISTANT TREASURER**

**Dues for AB are due by February 2, 2019.** Gentle Reminder – Dues for 2019 will be collected at the December luncheon. Active and Provisional dues are \$20, while sustaining dues are \$25. Checks should be payable to Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, Inc. Dues may be paid at any time prior to the luncheon by mailing your check to the Assistant Treasurer – Helyn K Docs, 392 Stone Bridge Drive Sagamore Hills, OH 44067.

**Helyn K. Docs, Assistant Treasurer**

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The bios for the six candidates for the **Membership Committee** follow. We will be voting for three new members at our luncheon December 19.

**Nora Kelly, Nominating Committee Chair**

### **LINDA HECKER**

I was born in Charlottesville, Virginia. When it was time for college, I crossed the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Shenandoah Valley to attend James Madison University where I received a B.A. in English and secondary education. I also hold a master's in school counseling from the University of Dayton. I taught tenth and eleventh grade English in both Virginia and Ohio. I served as District Career Coordinator for Lancaster City Schools as well as a junior high counselor prior to retirement (for my third and final time).

On Christmas Eve in 2013, I moved from my home in Lancaster, OH, where I had lived for over 35 years to a condo in West Akron. After my husband's death ten years ago and my retirement, I decided to move closer to at least one of our children. We have three married daughters and six grandchildren.

Since arriving in Akron, Stan Hywet was the first of several places where I volunteer. I became a manor house guide in 2014, but I have stuffed envelopes, worked with education visitors, ushered for Shakespeare in the Garden and Ohio Mart. Stan Hywet remains my favorite volunteer place. I look forward to additional opportunities to serve Stan Hywet through the Auxiliary Board.

### **REGINA KANE**

Regina was born in Youngstown, Ohio and moved to Akron in 1969 to attend Akron General Hospital School of Nursing. After graduating with a diploma in nursing in 1972, Regina remained in Akron. She became a mental health nurse and worked at several different mental health facilities in the area. She graduated from University of Akron in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Shortly after receiving her BSN Regina moved to the Central Valley in California. She retired in 2017 and returned to Akron. Regina has one son. She is living in his two-story 108 year old house in Highland

Square. She is currently looking for a one-story house. She loves traveling, going to the beach, concerts and gardening.

Regina began volunteering at Stan Hywet last year and includes Ohio Mart, Deck the Hall, Easter Egg Hunt, and Father's Day Car Show. Upon completion of Tier 1 Training, she has been conducting tours on Tuesday afternoons.

### **KIRKLYN KUZDRALL**

Kirklyn has been volunteering as a house interpreter at Stan Hywet since 1998, and has developed several personas for History First Hand, the Meet the Staff program, and Murder in the Mansion. She has also volunteered for Deck the Hall, the Gate Lodge, Founders' Day and other events. Kirklyn joined the AB in 2004, and has chaired the Volunteer Tent, Volunteer Hours, Exhibitor Donations Committees for Ohio Mart, and for the last 2 years has been the Ohio Mart secretary. She has served as Archives Chair, Nominating Chair, and Recording Secretary for the AB. She also volunteers for the Summit County Juvenile Court Women's Board. In her spare time, Kirklyn likes to read, attend plays and movies, and whenever she can, travel!

### **KEN NILSESTUEN**

Ken is a native of Minnesota although he has now lived in Akron more than half his life. His career was as a CPA, working in the Big Four and for several large public companies in Northeast Ohio. Of all things to choose, his specialty was international tax. Now retired, he spends time with family, spread from Georgia to California, riding his bicycle, and on his lifelong hobby of stamp collecting. Ken volunteers as treasurer of the Cleveland International Piano Competition, the American Philatelic Research Library, the Institute for Analytical Philately and others. He is also president of the France and Colonies Philatelic Society. You can tell he is active in the stamp hobby, which also causes him to travel - in 2017 he was in St. Pierre, a French protectorate off the eastern coast of Canada, in San Francisco, and several other cities in between. Yet he still finds time to help his wife, Pat, by volunteering for the Akron Symphony and Ohio Mart.

### **AMY PRATHER**

I was born, raised and educated in Taipei, Taiwan. I moved to Akron, Ohio in 1976. I officially retired from Macy's in May of this year. I joined AB in 2009 and served as AB treasurer from 2010-May 2017. I also served as assistant treasurer for Ohio Mart through 2017. In addition, I volunteer in the butterfly exhibit and accounting office whenever necessary. I enjoy traveling overseas--Asia, Europe, South America and some parts of Africa which included a safari. There are still plenty of places on my bucket list to check off. While I am not traveling, I enjoy exercise, going to the park and swimming whenever I get the chance. Also, I enjoy herbal gardening, trying new, interesting recipes, reading, and relaxing in my backyard watching deer.

### **LISA VIERLING**

I was born and raised in Akron. My love for Stan Hywet began the summer of 1955. My girlfriend and I were at Stan Hywet playing outside near the music room. Mr. Seiberling (94 years old) heard us playing and walked with a cane out onto the stone patio. He talked to us for some time and he was so very kind. He gave each of us a silver dollar. He passed away later that summer.

My mother loved Stan Hywet. She, and some of her friends, would go to Stan Hywet to clean the house until it was decided Stan Hywet would become a foundation. Later, she was a regular volunteer. My husband proposed to me in Stan Hywet gardens. Our wedding reception was held at Stan Hywet. My husband, son and daughter moved to Ft. Myers, FL in 1983. I joined a women's civic group. One of our responsibilities was to decorate Thomas Edison/Henry Ford's winter estate for Christmas. We moved back to Akron in 2003. I became a provisional to the Stan Hywet Auxiliary Board in 2011.

## STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS, INC. AUXILIARY BOARD GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 28, 2018 MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Elise Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Elise welcomed members and guests and reminded everyone to silence their cell phones.

**PROGRAM:** Vice President Susie Gaebel Wallace introduced the speakers – Sue Fassoles and Candy Marang from the Stan Hywet Needlework Guild. They shared with us key conservation projects (past and present) that they have completed in support of the Collections Department in the Manor House.

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the October, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Joann Wallace submitted the following report:

Beginning Balance: \$1,873.58, Income: \$0.00 Expenses \$64.73

Ending Balance: \$1,808.85.

Memorial Fund Balance \$1,883.82

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Corresponding Secretary Phyllis Woodrum advised the members that the deadline for the December AB Times is November 30, 2018. Phyllis also asked members to mark their directories for the correct e-mail address for Linda Hecker: lhhecker@gmail.com. Phyllis also asked if anyone had information about Edna Hartschuh as the October AB Times was returned. Roberta Searle provided some information regarding Edna's address. Phyllis also noted that a "Thinking of You" card has been sent to Cindy Wolcott.

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY:** Assistant Secretary Mary Kay Danckaert reported the following attendance for the November meeting: Total Attending: 82; Active Members: 66; Sustaining: 2; Provisionals: 9  
Guests: 5.

**ASSISTANT TREASURER:** Assistant Treasurer Helyn Docs advised that she will be collecting dues at both the November 2018 meeting and the December Luncheon at Fairlawn Country Club. Active member dues are \$20.00, Sustaining member dues are \$25.00.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**ARCHIVES** – Michele Mills – No Report

**CRAFTS:** Wilma Hardman – No Report

**FINANCE:** Kathy DeBarr – No Report

**HOSPITALITY:** Hospitality Chair Barb Wulff introduced November's Hostess and Host, Jackie Sonderman and Ken Nilsestuen

**Jackie Sonderman** was born in Akron, and educated at St Martha's, St Vincent HS, and was graduated from both Kent State University and the University of Akron. She had a 35 year career in various capacities in Akron Public Schools, starting her career teaching mathematics and ending in administration. While teaching she and her family visited all 50 states. After her retirement, she and her husband started traveling internationally. She would like to see the other two continents! Jackie previously volunteered at the Perkins Mansion and was an officer in Christ Child Society, before becoming a sustainer. She also enjoys gardening and her two teenage grandchildren!

**Ken Nilsestuen** - I am a Minnesota native who has now lived in Akron more than half my life. I recently retired from a 40+ year career as a CPA to devote more time to volunteer activities. One of those is Stan Hywet Hall, of course, where I have been helping with Ohio Mart parking for seven years, with banner set-up and take-down plus exhibitor check-out for about four years. I am treasurer of the Cleveland International Piano Competition and the American Philatelic Research Library, and an officer or director in half a dozen more stamp collecting organizations. Pat makes sure I don't over commit so we still have time to travel.

Elise Bennett gave a huge "Thank You" once again to **Jenny Thomas** for the beautiful flower arrangement that was displayed on our refreshment table.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chairperson Barb McDonald provided the following report:

All of the Provisionals are completing or have completed their requirements to become an Active Auxiliary Board member. An induction ceremony will take place at Fairlawn Country Club as part of our Christmas Luncheon on December 19, 2018. Barb once again introduced the Provisional Class for 2018 and asked them to stand and be recognized: Carol Brockenbrough, John Mills, Eva Nicodemus, Nancy Stanforth, Charles Steiner, Regina Kane, Lee Meyer, Ken Nilsestuen, Jackie Sonderman, and Linda Hecker. Barb asked that the Provisionals meet with her at the front of the room immediately following the meeting for photographs.

**NOMINATING:** In the absence of Nominating Chairperson Nora Kelly, Elise Bennett gave the following report: The Committee has chosen a slate of six potential candidates for the Membership Committee. At the December General meeting, an election will be held to elect three of these candidates to complete the Membership Committee for 2019-2020. The slate of candidates includes the following members: Linda Hecker, Regina Kane, Kirklyn Kuzdrall, Ken Nilsestuen, Amy Prather, and Lisa Vierling. Please be sure to read the bios for these candidates in the December AB Times.

**OHIO MART:** Ohio Mart 2019 Chair Teri Woodruff presented the following update:

Teri and Vice Chair Darby Ashelman met immediately after the close of Ohio Mart 2018 to discuss the details of how they will be splitting the tasks for the upcoming event. They have made a tentative list of suggestions and changes that may be implemented during the planning process. The 2019 Ohio Mart Budget meeting was held on November 27, 2018 at 10:a.m. In addition, they have compiled a list of the open committee chair positions and have begun conversations with AB members who are stepping away from their previous roles to see which committees they will be helping on in 2019. ***The current list of open-chair positions are as follows:***

***Bakery, Coffee/Cider/Donuts, Decorating, Parking, Signs, Soft Goods, Sweepstakes Co-Chair, Table/Chair Rentals and Volunteer Facilitator.***

Teri asked members to look over these positions to see if they might be interested. Elise reminded members that it isn't a requirement for an Ohio Mart Committee Chair to be an AB member. She encouraged members to let either Teri or Darby know if they know someone who might be interested in chairing one of these committees.

**VINTAGE FINDS:** Committee Chair Gretchen Gibson presented the following report:

The Vintage Finds Committee would like to thank the members once again for all the donations that you have given us this past year. The 2018-19 Committee members are Gretchen Gibson, Chair, Michele Pringle, Co-Chair, Susan Muffet, Treasurer, Janina Postma, Barb Vargo, Jean Allread, Diane Kozak, Sharon Kozak, Alice Mull, and Vickie Steele. We are a year-round committee and regularly work on Thursdays and sometimes on additional days. In addition we have a core of 30 volunteers during the four days of Ohio Mart. If you are interested in volunteering either as a committee member or as an Ohio Mart volunteer, please let us know. We are now accepting new donations for the upcoming 2019 Ohio Mart. If you happen to find time to clean things out, please contact one of the Committee members or leave a message on the Vintage Finds voicemail: 330-315-3245. You can also box the items, label it Vintage Finds, and take it to Admissions. Make sure that inside the box you write your name and address on a sheet of paper listing your items. We will send you a letter as proof. For your records, you will need to make a list of the items and their market value. Attach our letter to it. Also please save your holiday tissue and bubble wrap and bags with handles. We will reuse it. You can take these items to Admissions as well.

**PROGRAMS:** Vice President Susie Wallace stated that the information and reservation form for the Holiday Luncheon on December 19<sup>th</sup> featuring the St.Cecilia Choral Society appeared in the November Newsletter and will run again in the December AB Times. Reservations are due by **December 12, 2018**.

Susie noted that she has extra reservation forms with her today and that she is happy to take any reservations you may have brought today. We will meet at Fairlawn Country Club and please note the regular meeting start with coffee at 9:30 a.m. program and meeting at 10:00 a.m. and luncheon at 11:45.

**PROPERTIES:** Roberta Searle – No Report

**PUBLICITY:** Char Bolek – No Report

**VOLUNTEERS:** Char Bolek reminded everyone to be sure and turn in their volunteer hours to Emma.

**REVIEW/PLANNING:** Millie Telford – No Report

**YEARBOOK/BYLAWS:** Joanne Karm – No Report

### **ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES**

**COLLECTIONS:** Cindy Bruning reported that SHH&G is currently 4th in the Best Holiday Home Tour 2018. She encouraged everyone to vote and vote often.

**GARDEN –** Michelle Blondel – No Report

**GILDE:** Barb Vargo – No Report

**MOLLY'S SHOP:** Barb Van Fosson gave the following report:

Molly's now opens at 1 P.M. throughout Deck the Hall. Molly's big sale will be sometime in February. The exact date has not yet been announced. Barb said that she thinks that between Christmas and New Year's Christmas items will be on sale at Molly's.

### **STAN HYWET REPRESENTATIVES**

**FRIENDS COUNCIL:** Elise Bennett gave the following report:

Next year's theme is Gertrude Seiberling – artist. There will be local tie-ins and the theme will include gardens. Campus improvement still moving forward. There was a large donation made and matched to support the campus improvement project. GAR will fund 3 years of 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Akron Public Schools for the Meet The Staff Program. There are still some openings for full-time Sales & Planning and part-time Public Programs. Both are posted on the website. Another night was added to Holiday Magic because it is so popular. There will be about 50 new volunteers this year. Sue Manolopolulos reported that Horticulture has planted 20,000 spring bulbs and are helping with 1 million Deck The Hall lights. Barbara Schereer from the Needlework Guild reported that they have been involved with the Hower House decorations.

**PARLIMENTARY ADVISOR:** Janet Caudill – No Report

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:** Hugh West reported that license plates with Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens on them has passed the state legislative body and is waiting for the Governor's signature. He is not sure when the first plates will be available. Elise thanked Hugh for the update and asked that he keep us updated on the progress.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- The Social Media Committee will be meeting on **Dec. 17, 2018** following the Executive Board Meeting.
- The Meet & Greet Committee will be meeting **Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 10 a.m.** at Panera Bread, 2855 W. Market Street. Members are Teri Woodruff, Wilma Hardman, Carolyn Hahn, Ciarin Reilly, Millie Telford, Susan Hasenstab, and Karen Jones. Representatives from other SHH&G Volunteer groups have also been invited to attend as well as Valarie Still and Emma Rainear. The event date is **April 4, 2019** in the Carriage House Auditorium.

- Name Badge Recognition Committee (Diane Kauffman and Mary Ann Stuyvesant) will be meeting with Emma Rainear at **1 p.m. on January 7, 2019.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Elise Bennett held up The AB Special Recognition Award for everyone to see and placed it on the table on the side of the room. She invited all to stop by the table to take a closer look. A permanent location for the award will be announced later.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Next Executive Board Meeting, **December 17, 2018, 9:30** Wolle Bldg.
- Next General Meeting, **Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 9:30** Fairlawn Country Club. Reminder that reservations are due to Susie Wallace by **December 12, 2018.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.



**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD LUNCHEON ON NOVEMBER 2, 2018**