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## ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May 24, 2012

Dear Members,

This is a Very Important Newsletter! (1) It's time to elect Board Members. (2) We will **NOT** be going to the Golf Club for our meeting on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

That's right, instead of having our meeting on Arsenal Island, we will be taking a tour of a Victorian era house! One of our members, Jolene Keeney, has graciously agreed to let us visit her 1901 home that she is restoring. It's the Ball-Rosborough House, named for John Deere's nephew and his son, located at 1235 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline (corner of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street). The tour will start at 6:00 p.m., and when finished, those who wish to have dinner may head to the River House Bar and Grill, in downtown Moline at 1510 River Drive (one block east of the iWireless center, and across River Drive from Isabel Bloom). The River House menu includes everything from soups, salads and wraps to burgers, pasta and dinner entrees.

If you plan to dine at the River House, please call **Monica Holeman** at (563) 650-4349, or **Linda Miller** at (563) 355-6165, or, email Linda at [chiicaliinda@aol.com](mailto:chiicaliinda@aol.com). That way we can reserve adequate space for our group. Reservations for the June 7th meeting are due by noon on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Only on-the-street parking is available near Jolene's home, so you may want to carpool. It is suggested that you double up with a friend who lives nearby, or you could meet at the River House and carpool from there.

### **IMPORTANT!!!**

#### **Annual Election for Board of Directors**

It is time to select three board member positions at the Annual Meeting on June 7, 2012. At that time, the current terms for, **Arlis Enburg** (Secretary), **Jim Jochum** (President), and **Pat Morthland** (Member at Large) will end. The ballot, **(last page of this mailing)**, has a slate of candidates for the three board positions that will expire in 2015. If you wish to serve on the board of directors or wish to nominate another member of the Historical Society, you may use the write-in spaces on the ballot. Every current dues-paying member of the Historical Society is eligible to vote. Your ballot must be returned by 6:00 pm on June 7th, 2012. You may mail it (see address on the ballot), or bring it with you to the Annual Meeting at 6:00 p.m., just prior to the tour of Jolene Keeney's home. Ballot results will be counted and announced at the Annual Meeting. **FILL IT OUT NOW!**

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**MEMBER NEWS**

## **You Are Invited To a Party!**

Congratulations to loyal RIAHS members, Morris and Karon Merle, as they celebrate 50 years together at an Open House, Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be held between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. at Club Mokan, 4227 West Kimberly Road, Davenport. A Food Buffet, Beer and Pop and Cash Bar. NO GIFTS PLEASE, but photos and memorable stories to share are welcome.

Hosts are the Merle's daughter Sue Grant and her husband Derek. Please RSVP to them by June 8<sup>th</sup>. Call 563 322-2307 or email sgrant@minutemanpress.com

## **Current Museum Hours**

Remember, Rock Island Arsenal Museum is now open to the public only on Tuesday through Saturday, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Closed on Sunday, Monday, Federal Holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Visitors age 16 and older require a current photo ID, and visitors from foreign countries must register one week ahead by calling 309-782-2686. (28 May 2012 is Memorial Day, a Federal Holiday).

## **Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Volunteers (April)**

**Judith Belfer** – Board Business

**Arlis Enburg** - Board minutes; Board business

**Jerry Geiger** – Gift Shop

**Dick Hochstetler** –Board financial business

**Monica Holeman** – Historical Society Dinner Reservations

**Anne Jochum** – Board publicity, Volunteer Recognition

**Jim Jochum** – Board business, Volunteer Recognition, Representative on Quad Cities Henry Farnam Dinner Committee; Representative on Rock Island Arsenal Sesquicentennial Committee

**Linda Miller** - Board business; Historical Society dinner reservations

**Pat Morthland** - Board business

**Elaine Vinzant** –Historical Society newsletter; Board business

## **Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Museum Volunteers (April)**

**Bob Horton** – SNL database project

**Elaine Horton** – SNL database project

**Anne Jochum** – Photographic archives project; History Breaks

**Jim Jochum** – Archives project; History Breaks

**Morris Merle** – Historic tour of Rock Island Arsenal

**Andrew Padavich** - Archives project

**Andrew Ring** - Collection project; archives project

**Greg Shelangouski** – Archives project

## **Rock Island Arsenal Museum April Activities**

On Monday, April 9, 2012, Jennifer Malone met with Katie Voelliger, RIA-JMTC (Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center), to review archival material that may be used for JMTC's 150<sup>th</sup> celebration programs. Ms. Voelliger browsed the archives again on Monday, 16 April and Monday, 23 April.

On Thursday, April 12, 2012, Jim Jochum and Kris Leinicke assisted with the History Breaks lunch and learn program on *RIA by RAIL: Bridging the Mississippi*, presented by Paul Ferguson, JMC (Joint Munitions Command) Archivist. Twenty-seven employees and members of the general public attended this program. The History Breaks are being held to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of Rock Island Arsenal, established by Act of Congress on July 11, 1862. The History Breaks are being presented on the second Thursday of each month in 2012. The programs are open to the public and held from 1200 to 1300 in the Caisson Room, Building 60.

On Thursday, April 12, 2012, Jodean Rousey Murdock met with Scott Pettis, US Army Corps of Engineers, to look at prop uniforms for possible loan for the Healing Fields Tribute to Our Fallen which will be held in August.

On Friday, April 13, 2012, Kris Leinicke presented the program, *Rock Island Arsenal History and Sites*, to Bettendorf High School's QC Development Class. The program was held at Bettendorf High School, Bettendorf, Iowa and 15 students were in attendance. The students visited the museum the following Tuesday, April 17, 2012.

On Monday, April 16, 2012, a volunteer recognition was hosted in the Museum Resource Center for the Rock Island Arsenal Museum and Historical Society volunteers. Certificates of appreciation were handed out to 13 volunteers in attendance. Mr. Himsl, Garrison Manger, was in attendance.

On Wednesday, April 18, 2012, Jennifer Malone and museum volunteers moved 18 linear feet of photographs from Building 110. The photographs were left from the E.L. Hamm audio visual contract.

On Wednesday, April 18, 2012, Kris Leinicke presented the program, *Rock Island Arsenal: History and Sites*, for the *Talk of the Town* series offered at the Center for Active Seniors, Inc. The program was held at the CASI, Davenport, Iowa, and 55 adults were in attendance.

On Friday, April 20, 2012, Kris Leinicke and Eric Cramer, Garrison Public Affairs Officer, met with staff members from the *Argus/Dispatch* and the *Quad-City Times* newspapers to gather information to be used for an article on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rock Island Arsenal. As a result of this meeting, Kris Leinicke presented "Meet the People of Rock Island Arsenal" to 13 reporters and editorial staff on Thursday, April 26, 2012. During the month of April, Jennifer Malone and Kris Leinicke provided information and images to Paul Colletti, Roy Booker, and John Beydler.

On Saturday, April 21, 2012, Kris Leinicke presented a program, *Rock Island Barracks* and a walking tour of the National and Confederate cemeteries to 19 adults with the Moline Public Library. The presentation and tour was part of their Civil War Series Program.

On Monday, April 23, 2012, Kris Leinicke represented the garrison at the RIA 150th Anniversary Celebration IPR (in-process review) held for MG McQuiston, Army Sustainment Command (ASC).

On Tuesday, April 24, 2012, Bill Johnson met with researcher Lee Hoffacker who acquired permission to study and photograph artifact 6793, a .22 cal. M1 Garand rifle.

On Tuesday, April 24, 2012, Jodie Creen Wesemann submitted 443 completed artifact records for the CMTH A1 (Contract Maintenance Truck Heavy) acquisition to the Center of Military History.

On Wednesday, April 25, 2012, sixteen students in the Western Illinois University Collections Management class visited for a behind-the-scenes tour. Jodean Rousey Murdock conducted the tour through the museum and the primary artifact storage. Kris Leinicke and Bill Johnson conducted the tour through the resource center and arms room.

On Thursday, April 26, 2012, Jodean Rousey Murdock provided a volunteer orientation to Clark Ramser, a Western Illinois University History major that who be volunteering this summer.

On Saturday, April 28, 2012, with the approval of Mr. Himsl, Garrison Manager, the Rock Island Arsenal Museum was open extended hours, from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm in support of the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club's Tour of Homes. Two hundred and seven people visited the museum.

From Monday-Thursday, April 30 – May 3, 2012, Kris Leinicke served as team leader on a Center of Military History Certification Inspection Team for the U.S. Army Transportation Museum, Joint Base Langley Eustis, Newport News, Virginia.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

#### **YOU ARE NEEDED for RIA's 150th Year Anniversary Celebration July 7<sup>th</sup>!**

Put it on your calendar now, and plan to help with the big, event-packed 150<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, July 7, 2012. There will be a Parade, Stage Entertainment, Historical Tours, Circus Performances, Car Show, etc. We need two volunteers for the RIA Historical Society info table (three two-hour shifts), potentially two volunteers for Children's Activities, possibly in the Museum, (three two-hour shifts), and four volunteers for three two-hour shifts at Quarters One. Shifts run 11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Contact Kris Leinicke at the Museum and let her know your preferences!

#### **History Breaks for June, July and August:**

June 14, 2012 – Tentative: George Eaton, "Battles of Credit Island and Campbell's Island"

July 12, 2012 –George Eaton, "History of Rock Island Arsenal"

August 9, 2012 – Benny Wild, "Modernization of Rock Island Arsenal Buildings."

Free sessions are in the Caisson Room, Bldg. 60. Bring your own brown bag lunch. Make reservations with Linda Miller at 563 355-6165, or email [chiicaliinda@aol.com](mailto:chiicaliinda@aol.com).

# BALLOT

## Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Board of Directors

Please vote for three directors for the board of the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society, each will serve a three year term to expire in 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_ Arlis Enburg (incumbent)

\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Jochum (incumbent)

\_\_\_\_\_ Pat Morthland (incumbent)

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Current members of the Board of Directors

Term expires 2012

Arlis Enburg

Jim Jochum

Pat Morthland

Term expires 2013

Anne Jochum

Richard Hochstetler

Elaine Vinzant

Term expires 2014

Judith Belfer

Linda Miller

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**This ballot is due Thursday, June 7, 2012, at the annual meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m., just prior to the Tour of the Ball-Rosborough House, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 133th Street, Moline.**

**Or, ballots can be mailed to: Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society  
c/o Rock Island Arsenal Museum  
Rock Island Arsenal  
Rock Island, IL 61299-5000**