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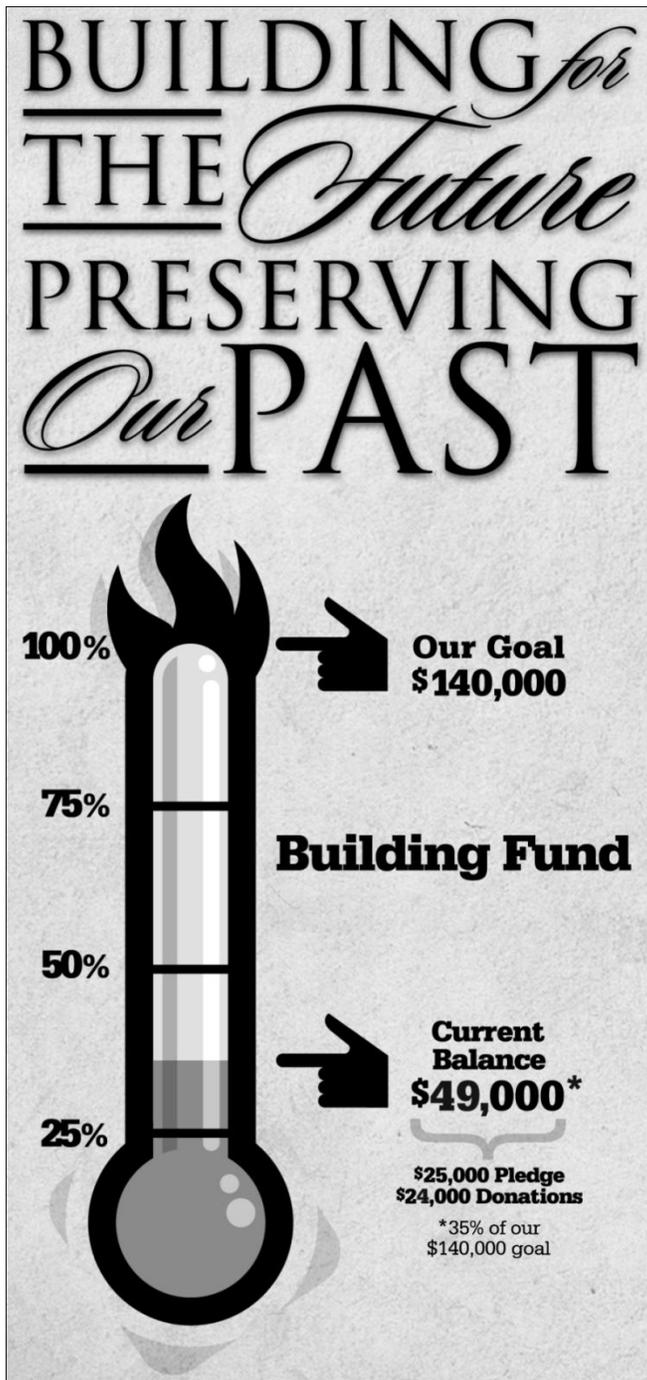
From the President

This is the last time I will write to you as President of the Historical Society. It has been a wonderful ride, from that first meeting at Readers Cove in December of 2009 until today. *The Society Pages* has offered me the opportunity to share my thoughts and dreams for our Society.

As I looked back over the last 21 months it was hard to pick one month as being the most enjoyable to be your President. Thinking about it I decided it was because of the Society members who chose to give their time and energy to make our Society a success. Over the years I have belonged to many organizations and have served on the Board of most of them, but none are like our Society. I guess it is because here on Harsens Island, our members are like having an extended family. I have seen our Historical Society extended family grow from the first small group who met in December of 2009 to our current membership of over one hundred and eighty. Like a family, each time one of our Board members had to step down another member of our Society family stepped up and has taken their place.

When asked to help with the Kids Games at last year's Lions Turkey Shoot, my extended family rose to the challenge and worked to make it one of the most successful events in recent years. The Society will be asked to help again this year and I know we will make it a success. Call me at (810) 748-3320 and sign up.

Growing up as a kid in Brightmore, part of Detroit, when my father needed something done the call went out to our family for help. Harsens Island is like that. When the Society needed help with the Fire Hall, the call went



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From the President

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out and our family stepped up with paint brushes and rollers. It proved the old saying many hands make light work. Step back and look at what you have achieved. Who would have thought that when our members visited the Old Fire Hall after a membership meeting last spring it would become the museum we have today!

If you have not joined our family at the Museum Social Hour please do so, it is held every other Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Your new Board will elect officers after the August Annual Meeting and one of them will take my place as the head of our Historical Society family. There is still a lot to be done as we move closer to achieving our goal of purchasing the Old Fire Hall. Each ad in the *Harsens Island Flyer* shows we are moving closer to our goal of \$140,000. When the goal is achieved the historic Old Fire Hall will become the permanent home for our museum.

In closing I can truly say I have enjoyed every minute of my term as President. I will miss writing *from the President* but look forward to what the new head of our family will say.

- Gary Grout

Thank You to Our Auction Contributors at the Rum Runner Party

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In Memorium to Florence Fullington from Jim & Martha Little	
In Memorium Charlotte and Donald Walker from Sheri Pitcock and Gregg Walker	
In Honor of Harriet Masters from your sister, Virginia Merritt	

Harsens Island / St Clair Flats Historical Society Social Hour

Wednesdays, August 10 & 24

5:00 to 7:00pm

at the Historical Society Museum

3058 South Channel Drive

Downtown Sans Souci

The Harsens Island Historical Society is making steady headway in its quest to be a catalyst for 'New Ideas on the Island'. The newly established Society Social Hour at the Museum on alternate Wednesdays 5 to 7 PM (new hours) has proven to be a success. At each of our meetings, there are new folks we have not yet met and many first time visitors to the Museum.

A lot of people have commented positively about the Social Hour as a means of meeting neighbors on the Island....some Islanders who have been winter and summer residents for many years are now meeting their neighbors for the first time.

"We like the Social Hour", said Rod McKnight. "It has given us a way to meet people we may not have had the opportunity to even say hello to", E.J. added. "We've met some nice people!" he quipped.

Please join us, meet your Island neighbors; and make some new friends. Please bring an appetizer to share, a lawn chair and your beverage.

Museum Donations Needed

If you have an item you would like to donate or loan to the museum, please call Nancy Boulton at 810-748-3802. We are seeking items from Harsens Island.

2011 Activities & Events Calendar

Dates and locations subject to change

Museum Open - New Hours!

Saturday's 10am – 3pm

Sunday's 12noon – 4pm

Volunteers are needed to staff the museum and should contact Nancy Boulton at 810-748-3802 for orientation and assignments. Visit our gift shop!

**General Membership Meetings held at the Old Fire Hall
3058 S Channel in downtown Sans Souci**

August	10	Social Hour 5-7pm at the Museum – see page 3
	20	ANNUAL MEETING 5:30 PM General Membership at Brown's Field Pavilion, BBQ Dinner at 6pm \$15
	24	Social Hour 5-7pm at the Museum – see page 3
Sept	24	2:00 PM General Membership Meeting
Oct	22	2:00 PM General Membership Meeting
Nov	6	2:00 PM General Membership Meeting
Dec		No General Membership Meeting

