

SCHOOL YEARBOOKS - KELLEYS ISLAND STYLE by Leslie Korenko

We've all seen them, the yearbooks from the 1970s when Kurt Boker had a hand in preparing them. They were hardbound and full of photos from the school and its students, but they also contained loads of historic pictures, stories and information.

One of the projects that Leslie undertook for the KI History Museum was scanning all these old yearbooks and posting them to the [KIHA website](#). These yearbooks contained quite a few surprises. The earliest complete yearbook we found in our files was from 1954 and came from Iola Riedy's house.

Iola Riedy lived in the stone building on Division St. that used to be the stone school house. After the death of her husband, Gilbert, Iola, who was a professional librarian, installed a branch of the Sandusky library in a small room she added to the



SW side of her house. The library served islanders and summer visitors until 1985 when she retired. Islanders recall putting their returned books on the washing machine inside the back door. The Stone School House was built around 1853 and was the first permanent school on the Island. It was known as School District No. 1. The library then moved into the basement of Estes School.

Along with this yearbook, Iola also had quite a collection of newsletters from the school – called the Kelligian from the 1950s.

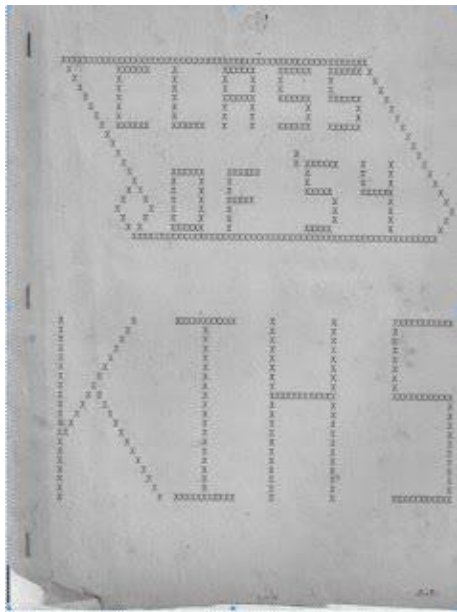
So, here is a brief look back at some of these early yearbooks – have some fun. Each yearbook is on the KI History Museum's website and has a list of the names, photos and/or activities appearing in the book as well as a link to the fully scanned book.

1920-1930

The Erie Echo, published between 1924 and 1931, often contained photos of graduating classes, including some from Kelleys Island.

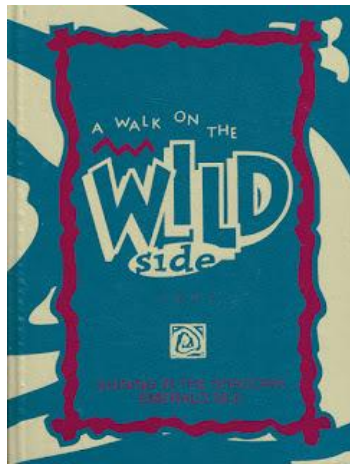
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NEVA DWELLE A good sport and a good sort. Glee Club Track Team	MARY AUGUSTA HUGHES. Junior Sweetie and Pianist. Assistant Editor Vice-President of Junior Class Dramatics. Glee Club Glee Club Pianist. Track Team.	PAUL BAUMAN Our Dramatic Hero—in our plays. Athletic Editor President of Junior Class. Dramatics Glee Club Track Team
STEVE FEYEDELEM A Dashing young Artist. Advertising Manager Class Secretary Dramatics Glee Club Stage Decorator Track Team.	CECIL MARCHKY A will be Burbank. Track Team	HAROLD SCHOEWE Our Rescued Bathing Beauty. Dramatics. Glee Club
HELEN PERKINSON A bit of Bashfulness. Dramatics Glee Club Track Team.	ANNA LENYO A decided Vamp. Glee Club.	



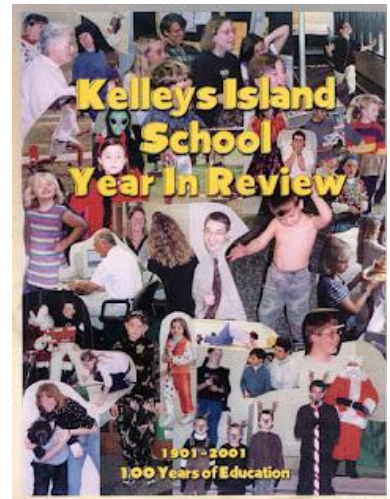
1954 – WOW, this one is handmade, obviously a rare, limited edition. The pages are typed and the photos, and there are lots of them, are glued to the page. This is a glimpse into school activities from almost 70 years ago.

(OK, now are you feeling really old?)



1995-1998 – We have all but one, and these are hardbound too. We are missing 1996. A particularly rare find was the 1997 yearbook – one we haven't seen before; and thanks to Rick Holmes there is now one in the museum library.

2001-2010 – Either the museum is missing a whole bunch or they weren't published every year, but they picked up again in 2001. The 2001 one is actually 1901-2001 – recalling the school's history and including photos from years gone by. Unfortunately, they are missing the year 2004-5.



In the interim, there was a monthly newsletter put out by the school. These contained mostly school news from each grade. This one, from 2003, was already Vol. 7.

The contents of many of these yearbooks included class photos from dating back to the 1800s.



Stop by the Museum's [School Yearbook page](#) and take a walk down memory lane.

Check out Leslie's books for loads more information on the school and its activities.

