

# Report of the Museum Committee For June 13, 2016

We had (18) visitors sign the register for the month of May.

We made (1) purchases of artifacts since the last report:

We purchased (5) Real Photo Postcards of the 1911 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade that we didn't have from Barbra Kresse for \$8 each which is a very good value. A 1939 Towle pin \$10, a souvenir Bowl \$20 and a souvenir plate \$10 for a total of \$80.

We had (2) individual donations of artifacts to the Museum in May:

Cindy Enos a Moore fountain pen display case  
Justin Lindholm a second hall or armed dinning room chair

We have purchased (6) L.E.D. spot light bulbs and installed them in the Corbin-Edgell-Champollion (CEC) room. They are the "Daylight" style. If you get a chance take a look and compare the light between the CEC room and the room with the Winter Carnival Display. The old incandescent bulbs give off a flat yellow glow while the L.E.D. bulbs give off a brilliant white glow.

Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> was a VERY GOOD and bad day for the Museum. The desk top computer that Todd Coull custom built for us in 2007 died, the clock had a dead battery and the condensation pump for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor air-conditioner died. That same day the condensation pump was replaced, the clock has a new battery and Cathryn Baird donated a newer working desk top computer. Cathryn also arranged for a commercial printer that Summercrest had to be donated to the Museum. Dean Stetson and Larry Cote picked it up and it resides on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. The day ended with a plus (1) in the Museum column. Thank you Cathryn and Dean!

EssCor Electronics trouble shot the old desk top computer and determined that the "mother board" needed to be replaced. They cannot find a replacement mother board. If they were to repair the computer they would also have to replace the operating system. They can extract the hard drive data and write it to a thumb drive so we can write it to the new computer that Past Perfect is now installed in. The estimate for this is about \$110 depending on the amount of data in the hard drive. I told them to extract the data and not repair the computer.

The pest control people emailed us to ask if we wanted them to spray for ants. They said ants were bad this year. We put the stones around the foundation to prevent ants from getting into the building. Anyone have an opinion?

We are always looking for new Docents, training will be provided. You will enjoy your time there and will learn a little more about your Town.

Respectfully

Larry Cote, Newport Historical Society Museum Director