



**GERMAN
AMERICAN
HERITAGE**
center & museum

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DAVENPORT, IOWA 52802

**2019 ANNUAL
REPORT**





Our focus is cultural programs and immigrant contributions. We seek to reach out to other cultural groups and demonstrate the contributions immigrants from many countries and from varied backgrounds have made to the ethnic palette which is the United States.

Our mission is to preserve and enrich for present and future generations knowledge of the German immigrant experience and its impact on American Culture.

STRATEGIC GOALS

2016-2021

Strategic Initiative #1:

Build the constituents who are the key audiences by improving awareness of the Center and its offerings

Strategic Initiative #2:

Attract a wider audience

Strategic Initiative #3:

Improve the financial health of the organization

Strategic Initiative #4:

Examine and clarify board and staff roles, responsibilities, and governance

Engrossing glimpse of history! I have German ancestors and figured this would be a good way to find out more on how they immigrated. This museum far exceeded my expectations. It was well organized and so very informative. The video "footprint" feature was wholly engrossing. Employees were wonderful and helpful. If you have an interest in history, this is a must see.

Visitor from Sioux City, IA

Quiet little Jewel

I've been to many meetings there, they rent a lovely room with an outstanding view. It's been completely renovated by the German Heritage Center. Originally a boarding house, it's gift shop and history exhibits are amazing. Should you need a room for business, small wedding it's charming.

Visitor from Davenport, IA

What a gem! We had a 15 year old visitor from Germany who we thought might enjoy seeing this place, and it turned out all of us loved it, including my 11 year old and 13 year old. I will be back to spend more time reading the displays. Nicely done small museum!

Wendy Kelley, Davenport, IA

This is such a warm and welcoming museum with great history of the area. It was an Immigrant hotel & has a sample room that immigrants would have slept in. I love the "step into their shoes" exhibit with stories of real immigrants.

Joan Kranovich, Quad Cities

2019 BALANCE SHEET

German American Heritage Center
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2019

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ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	55,156.73
Accounts Receivable	486.26
Inventory	27,335.00

Total Current Assets 82,977.99

Fixed Assets 2,226,371.83

Other Assets

Bank Orion CD	420,000.00
Walcott CD	50,693.36

Endowment Accounts

Community Foundation Endowment	115,028.14
Baird Endowment Account	1,108,954.33

Endowment Accounts 1,223,982.47

Total Other Assets 1,694,675.83

TOTAL ASSETS 4,004,025.65

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Credit Cards	-3,226.48
Other Current Liabilities	41,966.26

Total Current Liabilities 38,739.78

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Equity 3,965,285.87

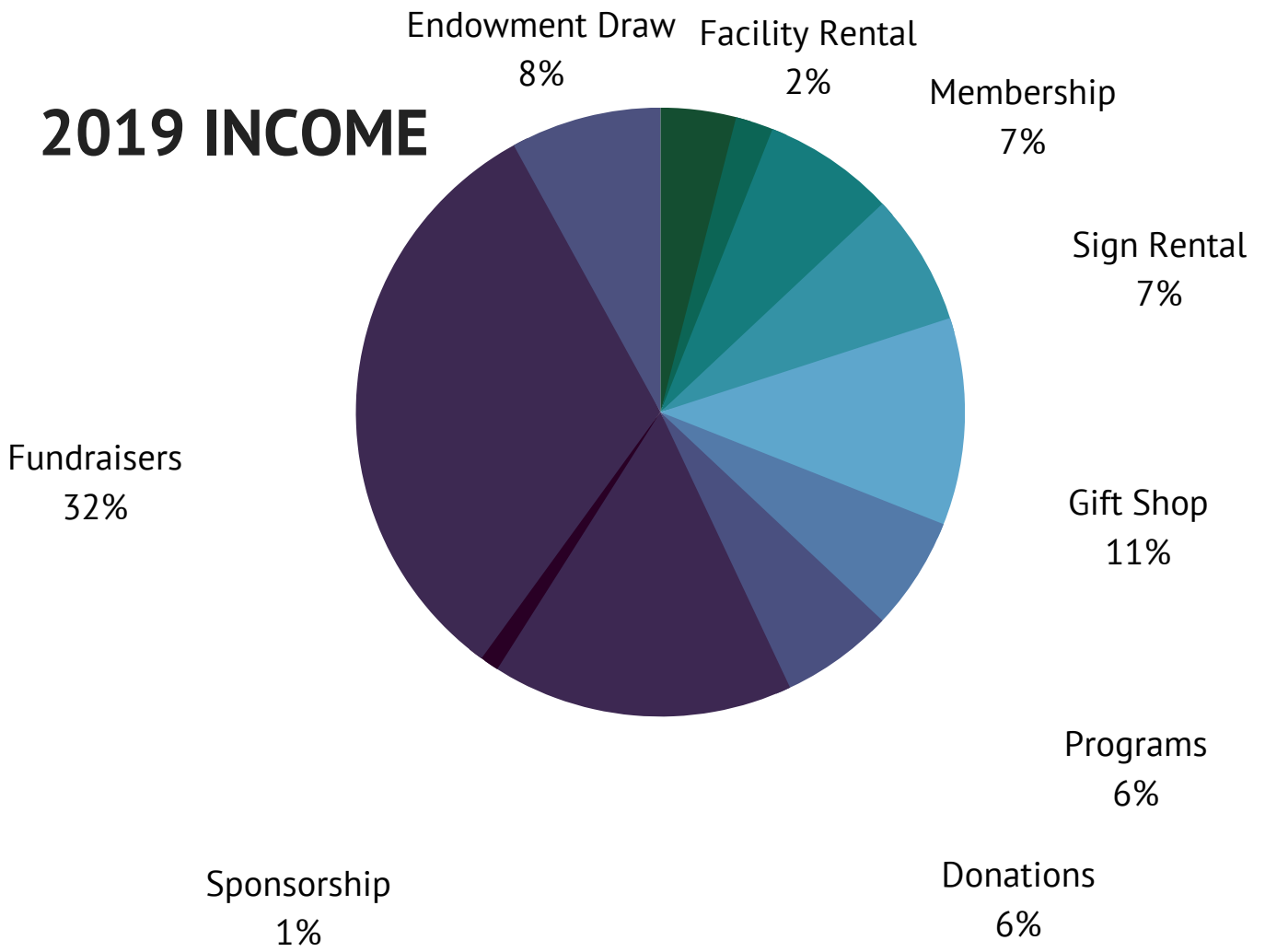
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2019 PROFIT & LOSS

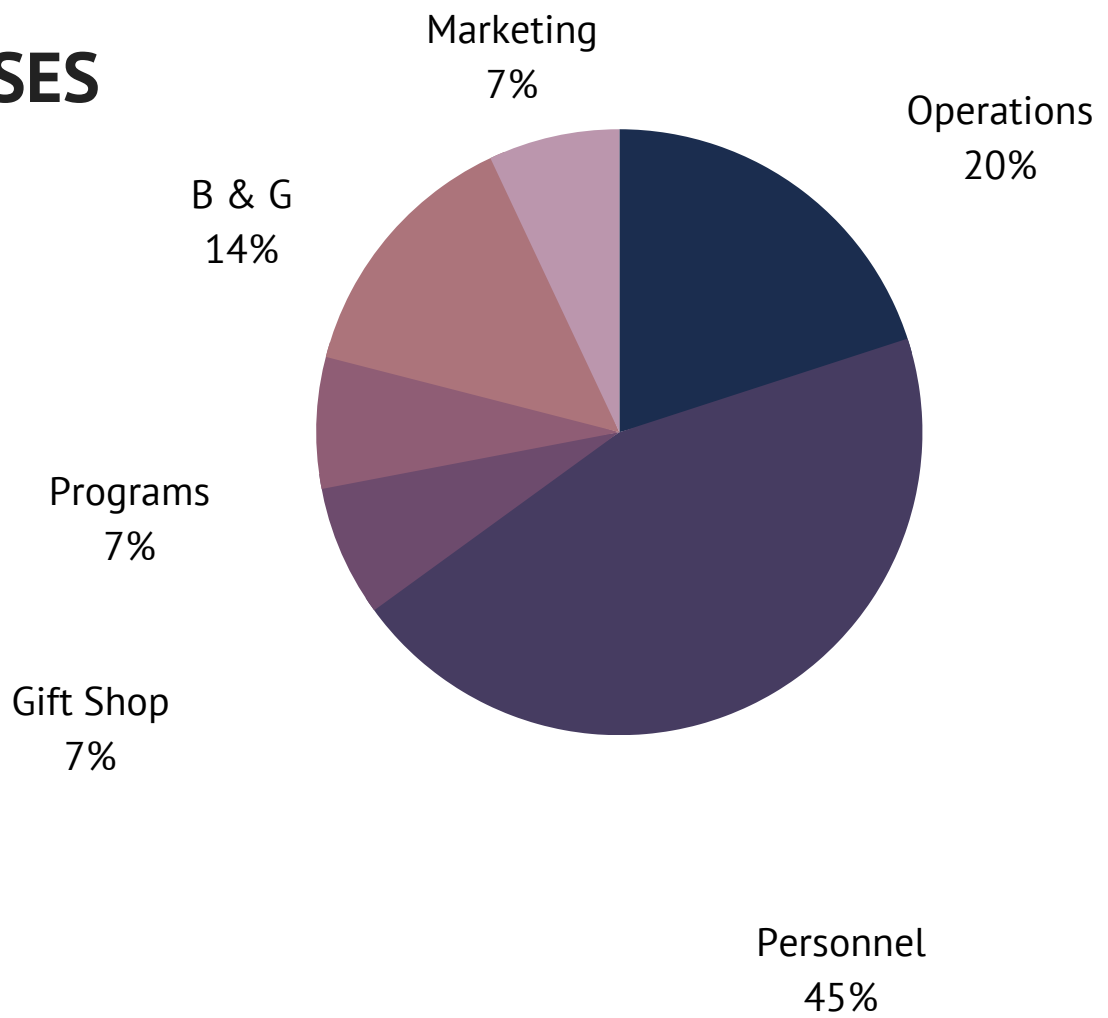
German American Heritage Center Profit & Loss Actual vs Prior Year & Budget Comparison January through December 2019

	Actual YTD	Prior Yr YTD	Var. YTD	Budget YTD	Var YTD
INCOME					
OPERATING INCOME					
Admissions	11,499.86	16,038.98	(4,539.12)	18,000.00	(6,500.14)
Facility Rental	6,672.40	4,115.00	2,557.40	5,500.00	1,172.40
Lease Income	1,903.23	0.00	1,903.23		1,903.23
Sign Rental	18,000.00	12,104.32	5,895.68	18,000.00	0.00
Gift Shop Revenue	30,059.29	36,451.95	(6,392.66)	38,000.00	(7,940.71)
Program/Events Income	16,763.50	23,625.01	(6,861.51)	23,000.00	(6,236.50)
Endowment Draw	23,802.77	0.00	23,802.77	0.00	23,802.77
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	108,701.05	92,335.26	16,365.79	102,500.00	6,201.05
DONATIONS, CONTRIBUTIONS, GRANTS					
Donations & Contributions	17,554.24	39,803.71	(22,249.47)	40,000.00	(22,445.76)
Grants	48,248.00	22,495.64	25,752.36	20,000.00	28,248.00
Fundraising	94,551.00	100,848.60	(6,297.60)	84,000.00	10,551.00
Sponsorships	2,700.00	6,850.00	(4,150.00)	8,000.00	(5,300.00)
TOTAL DONATIONS, CONTRIBUTIONS, GRANTS	163,053.24	169,997.95	(6,944.71)	152,000.00	11,053.24
MEMBERSHIP	20,761.07	21,397.36	(636.29)	26,000.00	(5,238.93)
TOTAL INCOME	292,515.36	283,730.57	8,784.79	280,500.00	12,015.36
EXPENSE					
Gen., Admin. & Oper - Expenses	54,810.73	51,101.47	3,709.26	39,000.00	15,810.73
Personnel Expenses	126,028.25	127,111.08	(1,082.83)	124,000.00	2,028.25
Gift Shop Expenses	21,243.87	30,154.65	(8,910.78)	29,000.00	(7,756.13)
Program/Events/Exhibits	20,621.96	23,252.64	(2,630.68)	18,000.00	2,621.96
Building & Grounds	38,252.23	41,067.78	(2,815.55)	39,000.00	(747.77)
Marketing	18,841.29	18,995.72	(154.43)	23,000.00	(4,158.71)
TOTAL EXPENSE	279,798.33	291,683.34	(11,885.01)	272,000.00	7,798.33
NET ORDINARY INCOME	12,717.03	(7,952.77)	20,669.80	8,500.00	4,217.03
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE					
Non-Operating Income					
Endowment Income	555,793.14	(38,147.98)	593,941.12		
Interest Income	24.13	2,941.30	(2,917.17)		
7030 - Other Income	633.61	11.00	622.61		
Total Non-Operating Income	556,450.88	(35,195.68)	591,646.56		
Other Expense					
Interest Expense	6,323.15	3,912.56	2,410.59	0.00	6,323.15
Total Other Expense	6,323.15	3,912.56	2,410.59	0.00	6,323.15
NET OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE	550,127.73	(39,108.24)	589,235.97	0.00	550,127.73
NET INCOME	562,844.76	(47,061.01)	609,905.77	8,500.00	554,344.76

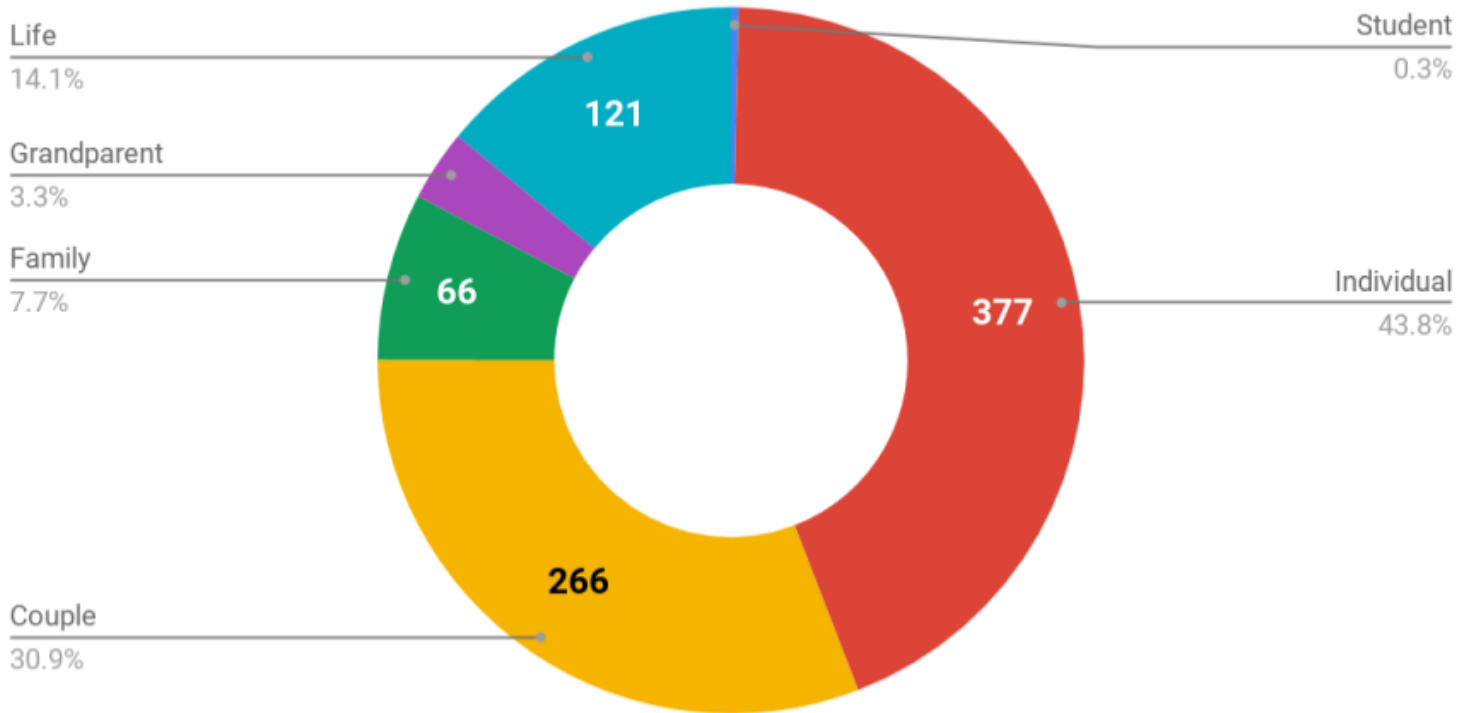
2019 INCOME



2019 EXPENSES

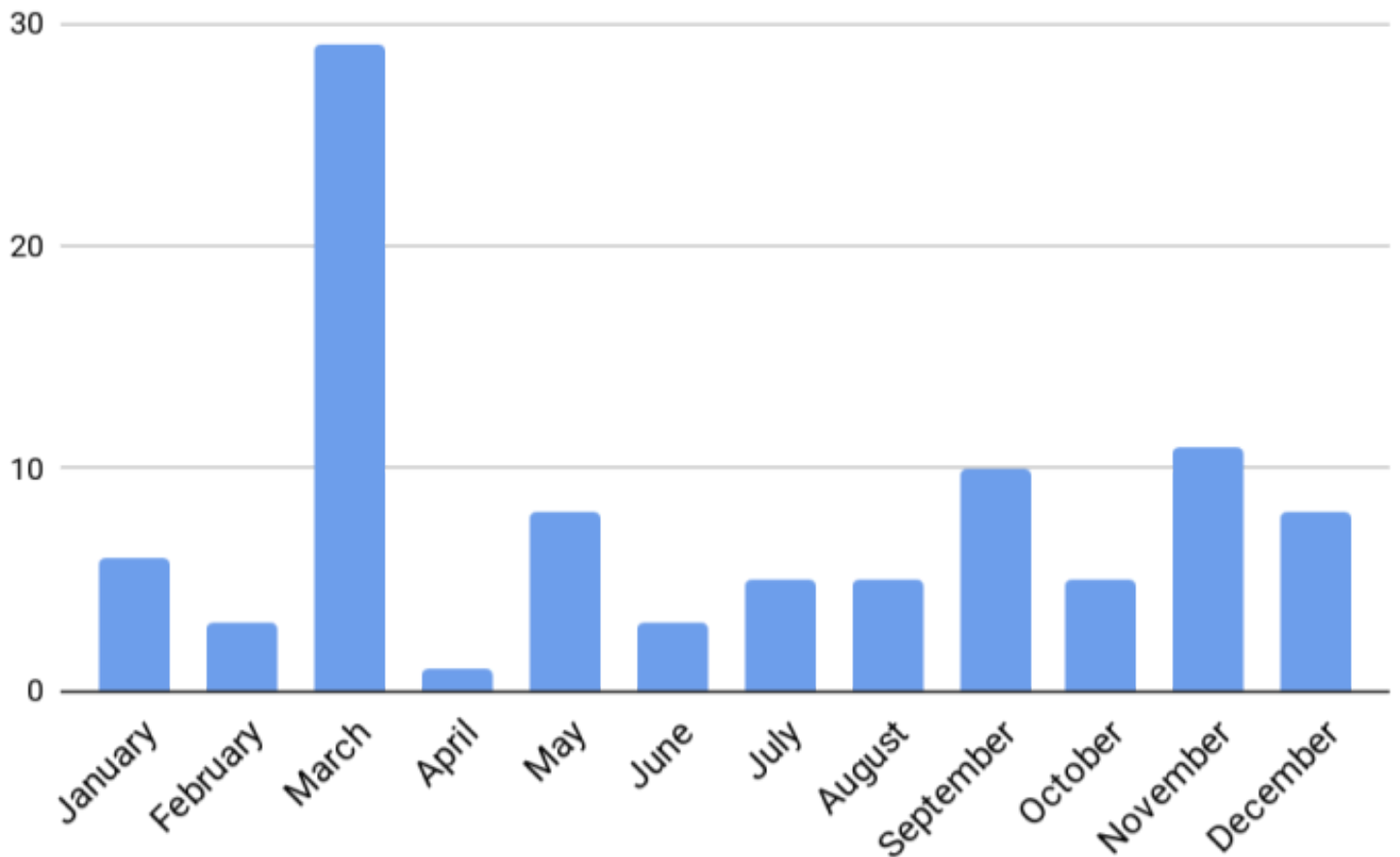


2019 MEMBERSHIP TYPES

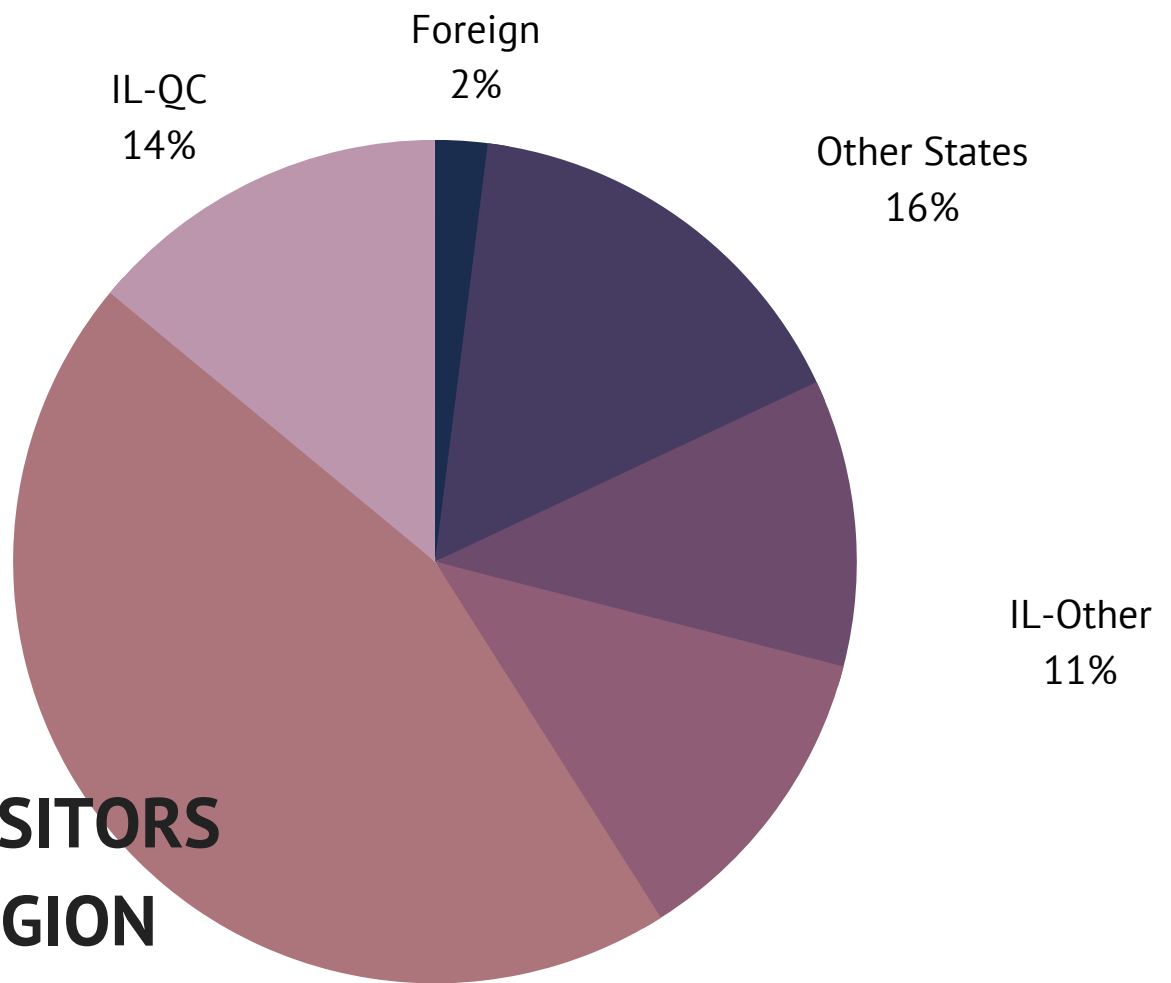
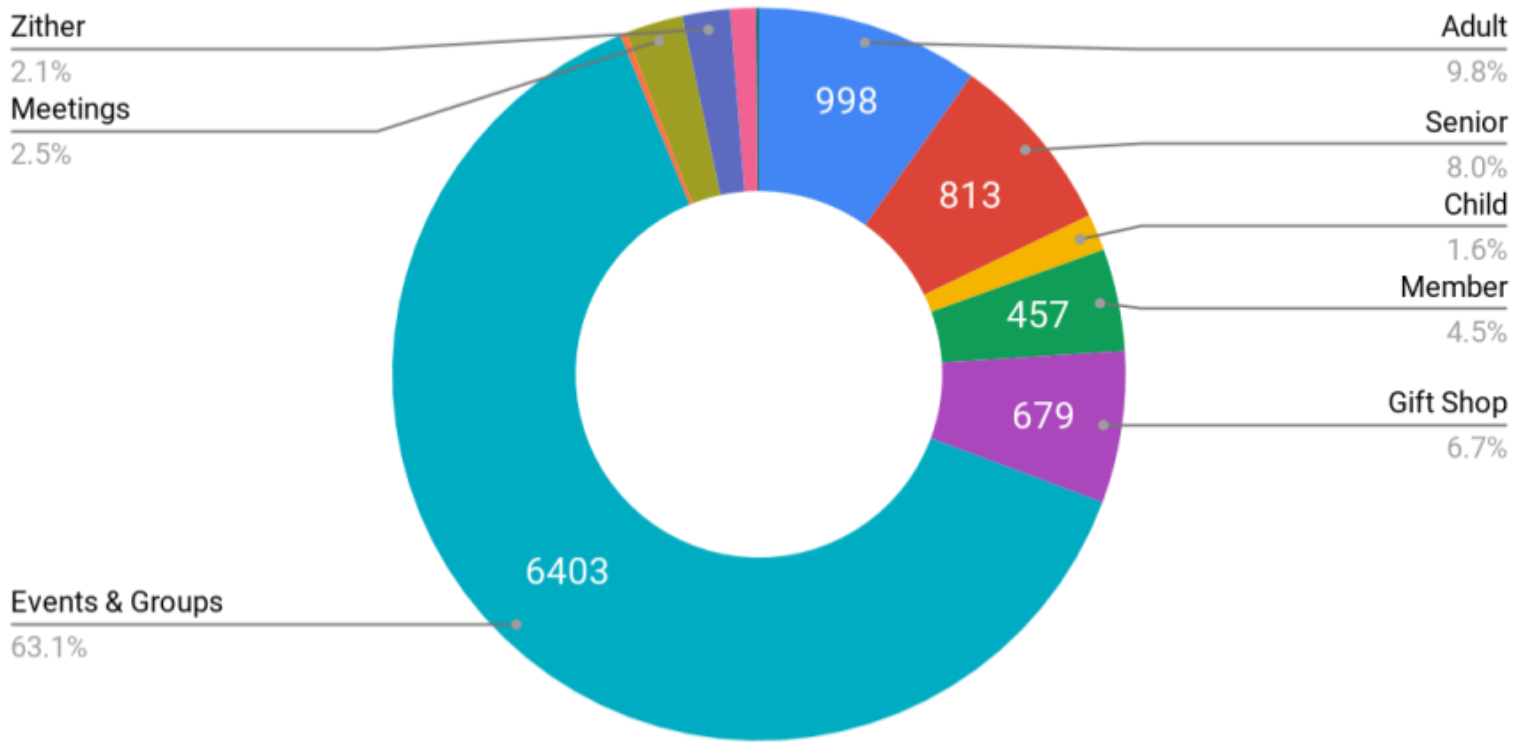


New Members

2019



2019 VISITORS

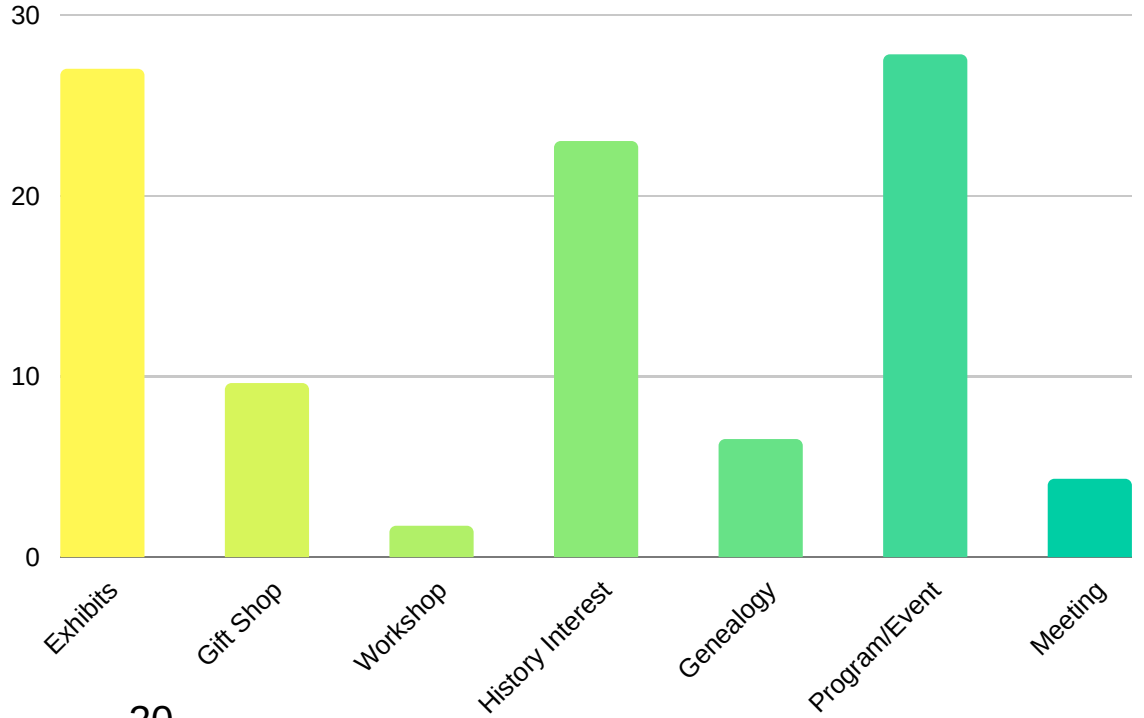


2019 VISITORS BY REGION

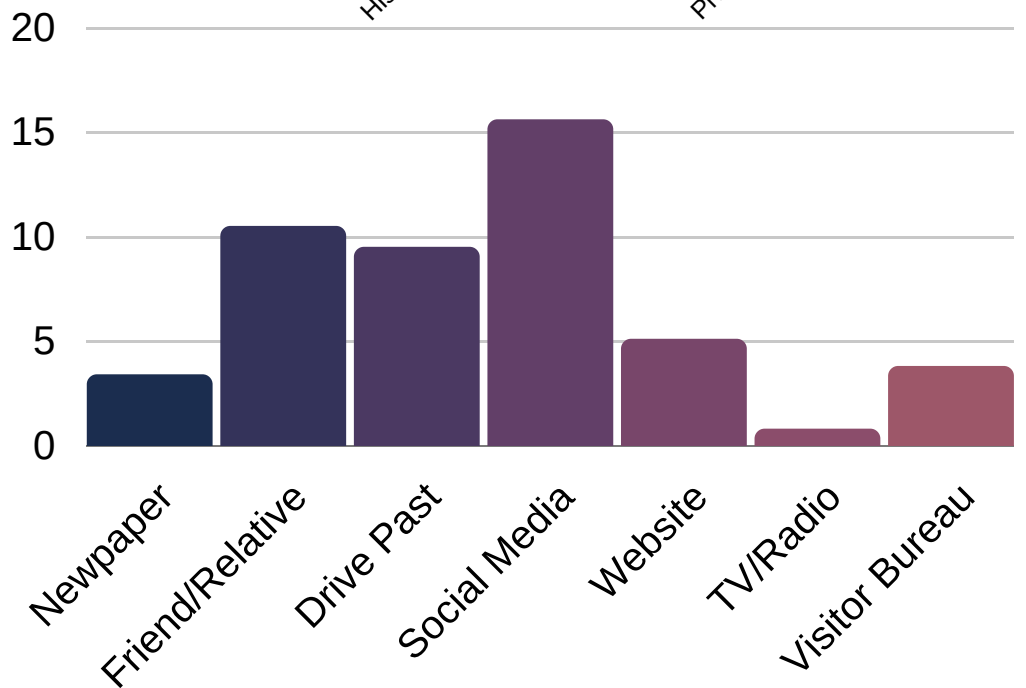
IA-Scott
45%

IA-Other
12%

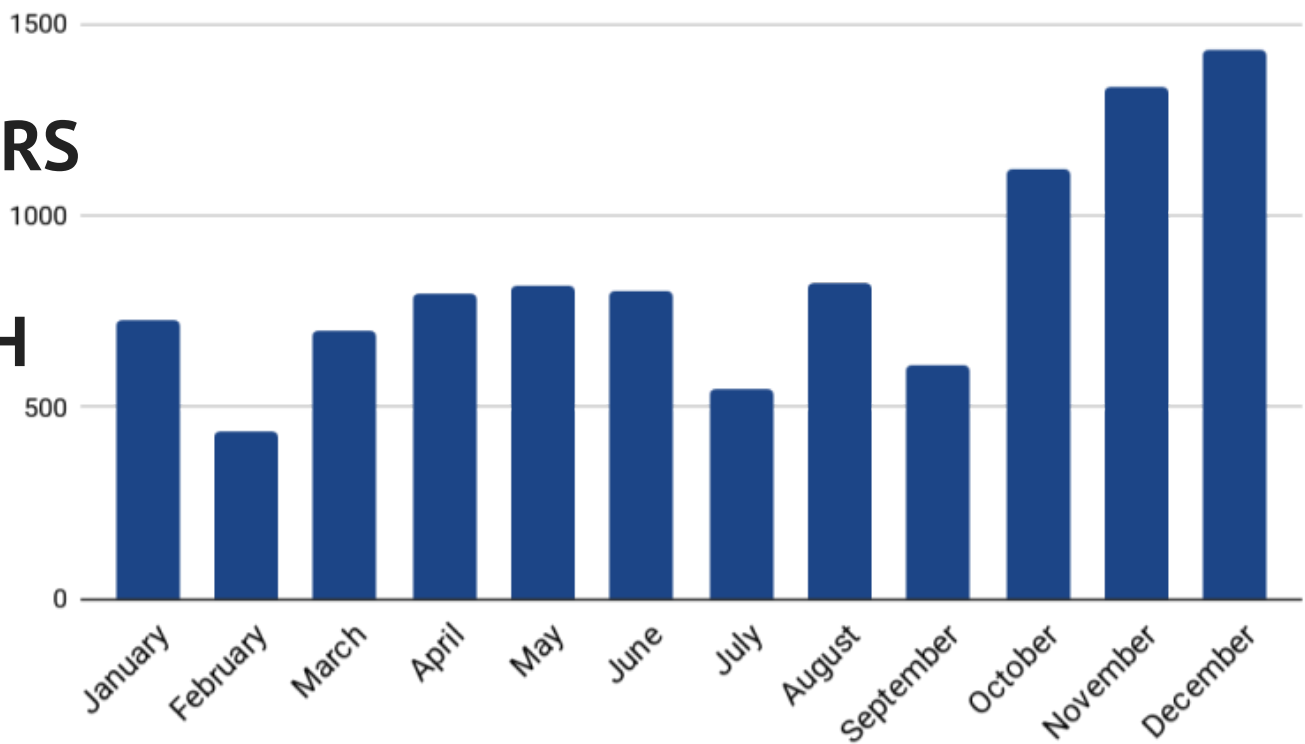
2019 PURPOSE OF VISIT



2019 HOW DID YOU HEAR OF US?



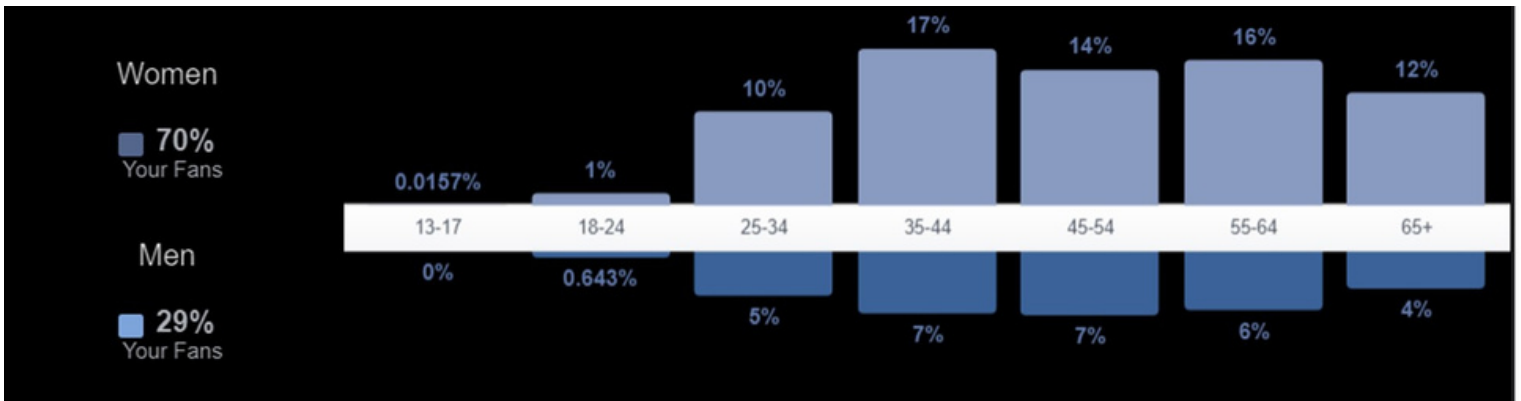
2019 VISITORS BY MONTH



2019 ENDOWMENT ACCOUNTS

	Community Foundation	Werner Family	Baird	Total
Beginning Balance	\$53,144.94	\$33,179.93	\$481,721.89	
Gifts Deposited	\$200.00	\$16,670.00	\$525,000.00	
Interest and Dividends	\$7,940.00	\$6,538.00	\$126,735.00	
Draws for Operations	-\$2,000.00	-\$1,600.00	-\$22,000.00	
fees	-\$436.00	-\$2,010.00	-\$1,219.00	
End Balance	\$60,648.26	\$52,777.93	\$1,108,954.45	\$1,222,380.64

2019 SOCIAL MEDIA



2019 NUMBERS

- Added 93 new memberships & 4 new life members
- 81 programs conducted
- 10,141 total visitors, _% from Scott Co.
- 958 students
- 5944 followers on Facebook, 715 on Instagram, 4950 emails
- website- 637,284 visits, 154,443 visitors
- 2 shore excursions by the American Queen & Duchess
- 34 rental dates for private or corporate events
- 25 onsite tours, 14 offsite presentations
- 35 volunteers gave 1208 hours & 11 student interns
- Archive: 50 donors, 55 objects, 30 archives, 14 photographs, 6 library materials- 2499 total records
- Free Pass Library checkout program at 3 more (total 8)
- Completed 15 grants to 14 sources; funded for \$56,250 (\$85,250 requested)
- 12 sponsorships secured from corporate and individual sources for \$6,125
- 2 major campaigns, 178 donors, 20.4% of members give
- Fall Frolic raised \$5,300
- Holiday gift shop brought in \$15,000
- \$2000 rental to Sprint this summer
- Busiest days: Christkindlmarkt Craft Fair- 800+ visitors
- Best of the Wurst festival- over 200 visitors

EXHIBITS



ENTER THE BAUHAUS: PHILOSOPHY OF MODERN DESIGN

JANUARY 27- MAY 26

KAISERSLAUTERN, GERMANY: DAVENPORT'S SISTER CITY

FEBRUARY 10- MAY 12



BETTER THAN SLICED BREAD: GERMAN SCIENTISTS & INVENTORS

JUNE 9 - OCTOBER 27

AN AUSTRIAN OVERTURE: CLASSICAL COMPOSERS

MAY 19- SEPTEMBER 15



GOLDCOAST GLASS: WORKS FROM THE GERMAN HOME

NOVEMBER 3- JANUARY 12, 2020



WITNESS TO REVOLUTION: ACCOUNTS FROM AMERICANS WHO WERE THERE

SEPTEMBER 22 - FEBRUARY 23, 2020



PROGRAMS



NOTABLE PROGRAMS

- Scherenschnitte- Keith Bonnstetter
- Heritage Walking Tours
- Davenport Zither Ensemble concerts
- Duffy Hudson as George Burns
- Kaleidoscope with Tom Chouteau
- OJ Fargo- Civil War Reenactor
- Jacob Bancks Mahler 9th Symphony
- Making Sauerkraut- Kristin Bogdonas
- Iowans who Fought Against the Union
- Trivia Night! 'Acht' Du Lieber
- Hitler, WWI, and the Death of German Democracy with Robinson Yost
- Kaiserslautern & Rheinland Pfalz
- Eiermarkt Spring Craft Fair
- Time to Ship Another Steer- Bill Mueller
- Prohibition in Eastern Iowa, Linda McCann
- Felted Eggs with Gisela McDonald
- Basket Weaving- Tracy Welch
- Marine Mammals: Environmental Science
- From Grain to Glass: The History and Science of Brewing Brad Sturgeon
- The Tavern: A Social History of Drinking and Conviviality Steve Barleen
- Sweet and Savory Saturday Pop Up Vendors
- Bauhaus with Wynne Schaefer
- Glory of Germania with Reinhard Andress
- Kaffee und Kuchen with Suzanne
- Classical Composers with Nathan Windt
- Absolute Science Kids Programs
- Best of the Wurst Festival
- Christkindmarkt Craft Fair
- Giant Advent Calendar & Stained Glass Windows- CAA
- VW Car show
- GAHC Birthday Party
- Cheers and Biers Tasting
- The Iowa City Beer Riots of 1884 - Glenn Ehrstine
- Science Workshops with Putnam
- Hausfrau Honeymoon Beth Howard
- Stationary Walking Tour
- Fall of the Berlin Wall Russ Baldner
- Dr. Ellis Berlin Wall Talk
- 100 Year Anniversary of Germany's "Freistaat Flaschenhals Wolf Koch
- Stained Glass Trolley Tours
- The German 'Melusine' Misty Urban
- Making and Preservation of Stained Glass with Glass Heritage
- Christmas Markets with Wolf and Linnea
- Christmas Food Traditions in Germany & Switzerland with Suzanne

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Consul General Mossinger –first visit of post outside of Chicago
- Mayoral Proclamation for August 4th- German American Heritage Day in Davenport!
- Eddy Award from River Action for building preservation
- Hosted delegates from Wunderbar Together DANK
- Hosted delegates from Kaiserslautern, Germany Davenport Sister Cities
- Becoming American Project – Moline Library, SAU, Augustana, Jewish Federation, Swenson Center & Figge
- Historic Walking Tour & Haunted Walking Tours
- Partnered with Creative Arts Academy; Advent Windows & Xmas Program Fractured Fairy Tales
- Replaced Rooftop HVAC units
- Partnered with QCSO Masterworks Series
- Davenport Sister Cities Christkindlmarkt
- Sponsored Festival of Trees, tree by Keith Bonnstetter
- Site of Quad City Archives Fair
- Continued Strategic Plan implementation
- Continued Passive Endowment campaign
- 2nd Best of the Wurst Competition
- Hosted Exhibit from National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Cedar Rapids
- Borrowed objects from GoldCoast Homes & Putnam Museum
- Held Stained Glass Trolley tour of 4 local churches
- Featured on Channel 4 and 6, Mediacom and PSL
- Featured in QC Times, Dispatch
- Participated in Museum Week
- Community requests for genealogy and translations
- Book Club continues 21st year
- Membership in Chamber of Commerce, Assoc. of Fundraising Professionals, Hispanic Chamber, LeadHer, CFGRB Non-Profit Roundtable, Sister Cities, Downtown Davenport Partnership & CEO-Link, Midwest Museum Association, Creative Arts Academy Advisory Board, AASLH
- We survived the flood of 2019!

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Betsy VanderSchaaf- Accountant



Assistant Director Kyle Dickson moved to New Mexico for a career opportunity!

In 2019 Cal Werner and Betty Fogle retired from our Board of Directors and we thank them for their service!



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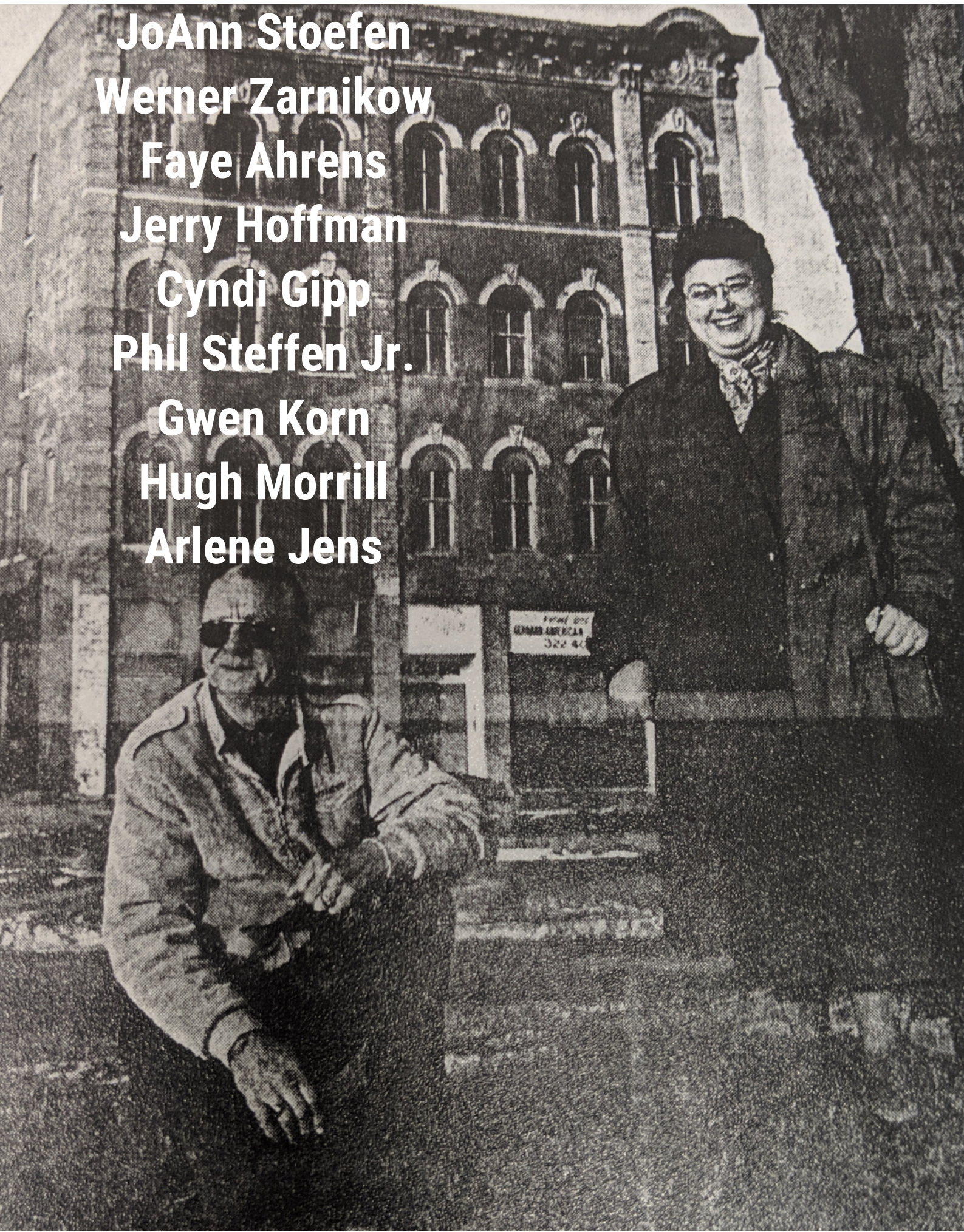
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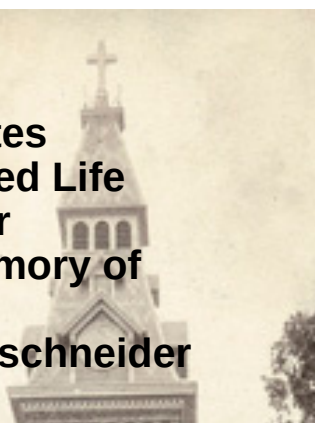
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Nieman Jerry
Nelson Betty J
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Obermann-Beck Foundation
Obermann-Beck Reunion
Offerman *LeRoy/*Roma
Palmer Vickie A
Peckenschnider **Bernadine
Pelzer Mary
Penix B. Howard/*Ursula
Peterson Leland D
Preston James/Cheryl
Prinz Anne
Prinz *Harvey/*Ruth

Puck Bill/Marilyn
Reeg Eric
Reeg Stan/Betty
Reeg Todd
Reppmann Joachim/Gitta
Reynolds Ruth E
Riedesel *Bill/*Evelyn
Riedesel David
Riedesel George/Ginger
Riedesel Richard/Judy
Riepe Anna Dittmer
Rock Wes/Georgene
Ruppersberger *Marianne K
Schabillion Jeff
Schaefer C.H./*Kathy
Schaefer *Henry/*Marie
Scheeper Marilyn
Schmidt Marlys G
Schneider *Doris/Diane
Schreiber Larry/Marilyn
Schwiebert Mark/Deborah
Scott Marian Postel
Smith *Wilma Kahler
Steffen Mark/*Linda
Steffen, Jr. *Phil T
Stengel William
Stoltenberg Gloria M
Story Construction Co.
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Swartzendruber Kristin (Werner)
Tank *Al
Thoms Mike/Sara
Thoms Stu/*Mary
Thoresen Erik (Werner)
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Vieth George/Jane
Voelcker Robert/Gayle
von Dresky Diane
von Maur *Richard/Susan
Wellendorf Clarice
Welzenbach Don/Lanora
Werner Ann
Werner Cal/Jill
Werner *Clem/*Jane
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Wiedenmann *Karen
Wiedenmann *Lynn/Violet
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Zost Eileen
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Lester
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Vielen Dank!

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