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### **Sainte Marie Foundation's New Board Member**

At a recent board meeting, the Sainte Marie Foundation appointed Donna Keller of rural Sainte Marie as a new director.

Donna has been an active member of the Sainte Marie community since she married Robert (Bob) Keller, son of Arthur and the late Alice (Cunningham) Keller, in 1973. She is an active member and officer of the Sainte Marie American Legion Post 932 Auxiliary; a longtime, active member of St. Mary's Church of the Assumption where she has held various posts and, most recently, the chairman of the 175<sup>th</sup> Parade, one of the grandest parades Sainte Marie has ever seen. Donna also was parade chairman for the 1987 Parade.

Bob and Donna have one son, Jason Robert Keller, who married Anna Klingler in 2007, and two grandchildren, Brittany Mae born 2009 and Alex James born in 2011. Bob and Donna are part owners of Keller Grain and Livestock, Inc. , and Donna is part owner of Simple Rewards Day Spa and Salon in Newton.

She helped the Foundation most recently with the sale of ads for the 175<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Book, *Stories and Reminiscences: 1837-2012*. "Without her initiative," says Foundation President Patricia Reis, "we would not have had the very attractive, hard cover book that was published."

Whenever anyone asks the Kellers where they are from, they proudly say, "Sainte Marie! " Donna explains, "Sainte Marie is not just a town; it's a community that encompasses people from the whole rural area who call the village home. I am pleased to join this Foundation Board to make sure it survives and thrives in the future."

Other Sainte Marie Foundation Board members include: Patricia Reis, President; Mike Hartrich, Vice President; Kevin Parker, Secretary; Ron Kirts, Treasurer and Maxine Calvert, director.

The Sainte Marie Foundation is incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit, founded exclusively for charitable purposes and dedicated to the improvement and historical preservation of Ste. Marie.

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