

Meet One Of Our Managers



Henry and Cora Dykema

**Henry: Store Manager;
One of the few paid positions at ditto.**

We moved to Holland again in 2004. We started to volunteer at ditto in August 2004. In January 2005 I was asked to assist as a manager. Since Cora and I are attached at the hip, we are always at ditto together. One of the most memorable moments at ditto was in 2008 when we came to work on a Saturday and there was 14 inches of rain water throughout the store, after a heavy rain-fall in Holland. With many wonderful volunteers the store was dry and ready at the end of the day. We truly enjoy working at ditto, especially because of the cause of Christian Education.

Cora: Linens; volunteer

Cora works in the Linens department. She checks the donations that come in, sizes, folds and prices bedding, towels, tablecloths, curtains, and all other linens. A special talent Cora brings to ditto is taking home every bread maker that comes in, she cleans and tests each one, often making cinnamon rolls and bringing them to the early morning Board meetings. Thank you Cora we really appreciate you!!!!

Check out our website, updating soon.
www.dittoresale.com



Did you know that ditto had a float in the Holland Tulip Time Parade, the Zeeland Memorial Day Parade and the Pumpkin Fest Parade, all in 2011.

We decorated it differently for each parade, be sure to look for us again this year in these same parades and maybe more.

ditto fun facts

July 15, 2004 ditto opened it's doors for the first time at 661 East 24th St Holland.

That first year (around 5 months) we took in \$243,973.

The second year we took in \$563,787.

We had our best month ever in October 2011, we took in \$97,781.

We opened at our current location in May 2009.

ditto Consignment Policy

If it's no longer becoming to you then it should be coming to us.

Asking price has to be mutually agreeable to the seller and ditto.

Minimum value per item is \$400.

Pick-up is included free within 10 mile radius.

All items must be clean and ready to sell.

If the item is not sold in 6 months, it becomes property of ditto.

Sellers may retrieve their items prior to 6 month period.

Pricing is subject to whatever storewide sale is taking place that week, if any.

Price is to be set for the first 30 days, ditto has the right to discount 10% each month until sold. Within 30 days of sale, ditto will issue check to seller of item.

ditto will retain 50% of the net sale price after sales tax, balance to seller of item.

ditto is not responsible for theft or damage to item while on ditto property.

The seller will agree to the terms in writing when ditto receives the item.

Ditto management has the right to deny any consignment item.

Our Mission Statement:

Encouraging **Stewardship**

Serving our Community

Supporting Christian Education

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Upcoming Important Dates

Ditto first opened its doors in July of 2004. Since then it offered its customers bargains and a whole lot more. There is clothing, furniture and select items for every season All at a price that is low and quite within reason.

People have come to shop from many cities and towns For clothing, books, furniture and even wedding gowns. There is something for every person, young and old In every season, be it warm, hot or wintry cold.

The secret of ditto of course are the donors and volunteers Providing good products and many hours of service with good cheer. The donations which have been given are too numerous to count But their value over the years totals to a fantastic and great amount.

Not only do they help the families and children in our schools But also the buyers find bargains among clothing, tables and tools. In this process all items are recycled and used as new Helping donors, buyers, families and students to name a few.

So, if you are looking to spend some useful, idle time Volunteering at ditto is the place, even though you don't earn a dime. But the fellowship is good and the cause is certainly great And what you can do to help you must never underestimate.

Of course all this is possible through the God of all grace Who has given us so much in this time and place. And it is this treasure that we want to pass along So that our children will grow in faith and be strong.

Henry

Changeover date is Monday, February 27. This is the date we clean out the old (recycle the winter clothing) and bring in the new clothing for the upcoming season, in this case summer. We work hard, but have a good-time. Lunch is provided. We would love to have you come, if you could call the store to let us know you are coming, we can plan better for lunch. There are many things to do and we will find something you enjoy and put you to work. We start at 9 am and work till we are finished. You can come and go as you please.

Look for ads in the Holland Sentinel and the Flashes for sales leading up to the changeover day.

Work Bees will be February 13.

March 19.

April 16 and 23.

May 14.

All Work Bees begin at 6 pm and end at 8 pm. Things we do at Work Bees are: hang up clothing, price clothing, put clothing out in the store, move things around, clean and fix things and set up displays. We will find something you can do.

Do your students need service hours? Don't wait till the last minute, call ditto and set up a time to come help us out. Many students really enjoy coming to ditto, and volunteer again.



Call ditto to schedule your items for pick-up.
616-396-8870

Volunteer Spotlight

Our featured ditto volunteers are Dave and Shirley Witt of Holland. Their attention to detail has blessed ditto in countless and creative ways. Shirley enjoys creating the beautiful window displays for the front of the store as well as working at least twice weekly as a cashier and welcomes customers as they arrive in the store. While Shirley spends her time in the front of the store, Dave works in the back room testing and repairing the electronics that come into the store before they are priced and brought out to sell.

If you've enjoyed ditto's clean carpet, Dave and Shirley are the couple to thank as they have also volunteered their time during week-ends to spot clean all of the store's carpeting...and that's a lot of carpet!!

Dave and Shirley have warm memories when it comes to the Christmas season as they have played the role of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for the Fennville and Saugatuck communities for many years. This role inspired their latest creation which started with two large pieces of wood, some carpeting, recycled clothing and left over red velvet fabric and after three days of diligent work on both of their parts resulted in a beautiful depiction of Sinter Claus. (see photo) Hopefully you were able to enjoy their work of art along with a wonderful holiday shopping season at ditto!

Thank you Dave and Shirley for graciously sharing your gifts with all of us!

