

Cedar Lake Historical Association

VISIT THE *Lake of the Red Cedars* MUSEUM

LOCATED ON THE SHORES OF CEDAR LAKE

Letter from Our President

Dear Friends,

We have just completed our most exciting season yet in 2017 thanks to you!

Museum tours surpassed expectations – over 1,200 visitors signed the guest register which marks a 150% increase over 2016. The 2nd Annual Community Art Show grew to feature nearly 25 artists – about a 500% increase from its inaugural year. We closed the year with another record-setting grant award year, receiving over \$50,000 for special projects (see page 2).

One notable Heritage Support Grant provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment, Inc. was awarded to launch the Innovation Fund in December. The Innovation Fund is an initiative that will be used to bring to life new programs for our visitors and the community. We are humbled by the outpouring of support from many long-standing donors as well as several new ones. Please stay engaged with us through social media or our email list in order to learn about the special project chosen for implementation in 2018.

If you have not visited the Museum in a while – make 2018 your year. You can't miss us anymore! Our wayfinding signs will be up around town soon and new monument signs have been installed on the property with Transforming Lake County grant funds received from the Legacy Foundation.

The sails are set for 2018. Please join us in our goal to be a premiere *Escape to the Past* for visitors of all generations!

Jimmy Laud, Jr.

3rd Annual Winter Social

is scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 2:00-5:00 PM at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Cedar Lake. Our raffle and singer and musician, J.T. Trimmel both return this year.

NEW! St. John Malt Brothers will bring three of their signature craft brews for tasting and The Coca Exchange will provide chocolate pairings for your wine tastings!



Admission is \$30 per person. A cash bar will also be available. Purchase tickets from a board member or online today! www.cedarlakehistory.org

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Thanks in part to a generous sponsorship from the Legacy Foundation, we welcomed over 100 guests to the annual **Family Fun Fest** on Sunday, August 27th! We added several new lawn games – including 4 mini-golf greens in homage to our days as Lassen's Resort when a full miniature golf course was situated on the property. Visitors dined on \$1 chicken dinners, 10 cent hamburgers and 5 cent hotdogs. And children made homemade ice cream to finish off the day's activities. We have plans to expand the **August 26, 2018** event...and we're looking to host **Camp LRCA** alums so spread the word please and ask all campers to call us!

2017 Financial Statement

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$3,110.00
Museum Admissions	\$1,743.00
Gift Shop Sales	\$ 944.00
Programs/Events	\$8,629.00
Donations/Grants	<u>\$61,310.00</u>
	\$75,736.00

EXPENSES*

Administration	\$ 334.00
Advertising	\$4,967.00
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 835.00
Education/Training	\$1,011.00
Fundraising	\$2,433.00
Insurance	\$1,741.00
Museum Maintenance	\$5,622.00
Museum Repair	\$17,397.00
Office/Supplies	\$ 787.00
Postage	\$1,001.00
Printing	\$1,455.00
Professional Services	\$37,304.00
Programming	<u>\$2,268.00</u>
	\$77,155.00

*Expenses include spending approx. \$15,000 grant funds that were received in 2016.

DID YOU KNOW? You can download an electronic version of this Annual Report, our most recent newsletter, view Facebook posts, purchase Winter Social tickets and more on our website:

www.cedarlakehistory.org

❖ Over 1,200 Visitors toured the Museum and participated in special programs

❖ Over 3,300 Volunteer Hours were logged

❖ Key Programs: Live Music Sundays, Member BBQ, Pie & Ice Cream Social, Community Art Show, Family Fun Fest

❖ Affiliations/Memberships: American Alliance of Museums, AASLH, AASLH StEPs Museum, Blue Star Museum, Calumet Heritage Partnership, Cedar Lake Chamber, Crossroads Regional Chamber, Indiana Historical Society, Indiana Landmarks, Monon Railroad Historical Society, Smithsonian Museum Day Live!, Time Travelers Reciprocal Program

Gifts & Grants Further our Mission

- ❖ January 2017: We received **\$2,500** from the Indiana Landmarks Endangered Places Fund to cover expenses related to two engineer projects.
- ❖ March 2017: Our 2nd Heritage Support Grant provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment, Inc. was awarded for **\$4,943.73** relocate the museum archives from the 2nd floor to the 1st floor.
- ❖ March 2017: The Lake County Master Gardeners granted us **\$300** which was used to purchase new perennials for our flower bed replanting project. We were also graciously assisted twice by scouts and leaders of **Troop 542** from St. Thomas More Church in Munster. They worked on the conservation project for rank advancement or to earn the Camping merit badge by leveling the museum flower bed soil and spreading mulch.
- ❖ March 2017: Indiana Humanities awarded **\$1,630** to produce educator's packets and materials to enhance school field trip tours.
- ❖ June 2017: A **\$34,000** Heritage Support Grant provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment, Inc. was awarded to perform capital campaign planning.
- ❖ August 2017: The Legacy Foundation provided a **\$1,000** sponsorship grant to make our 5th Annual Family Fun Fest the most successful yet!
- ❖ August 2017: Our 4th Heritage Support Grant provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment, Inc. for **\$4806.16** was used to launch our first annual appeal – The Innovation Fund.
- ❖ August 2017: A **\$5,000** Transforming Lake County grant from the Legacy Foundation was awarded for the purchase of museum signage and marketing consultation.
- ❖ September 2017: Attendees of the Crown Point Community Foundation's annual Women's Giving Circle dinner voted to grant **\$1,000** to CLHA for the implementation of the History Road Show – a series of programming events held in the community from October 2017 through April 2018. Our final 3 events will be: Historic Valentine's on February 10th, Vacationing in Cedar Lake on March 10th, and Teen Painting on April 26th. Visit our website for more details.

Innovation Fund Launches

The Innovation Fund has been established to support projects that foster creativity and collaboration, with the idea of helping the museum reach unprecedented levels of excellence and recognition in the areas of historical exploration and recreation. The Board of Governors will decide what project to direct the funds towards and will communicate the impact through our website, email, and Facebook page.



Thank you to those who made generous donations:

Anonymous, Mary Ann Bocock in honor of Robert Bocock, Jr., Kathleen Brunetti, Robert Carnahan, Tim & Patty Cook, Sam Dearth, Cedar Lake Fraternal Order of Eagles 2529, Marthann Gatlin, Henry & Joyce Gluth, Ron Gracz in memory of Patricia Gracz, Ken G rimm, Hazel Hamlett, Joyce Henke, David Hilbrich, Suzanne Kizewski, Gloria Krejsa, Bill Landske, Jimmy Laud, Jr., Wade & Judy Lietzau, Iris & Yolanda Martinez, Lois Martinez, Beth McCuskey, Ralph & Lou Ann Miller, Mary Lou Misch in honor of Dr. William Misch, Al Mitchell in honor of Louise Mitchell, Nies Engineering, Regina O'Brien in honor of James O'Brien Sr. & James Jr. - both loved & served Cedar Lake, John Pruzin, Dr. & Mrs. James M. Rajchel, John & Irene Rokaitis, Cheryl Satterlee, David & Mary Ann Shaver, Richard Sowiak, Douglas & Wendy Spencer in honor of U.S. Veteran Joseph Dmit, Nancy Stivers, June Swart in honor of The Art Group, Tastee Top Grill, Deborah Thill, Lake County Commissioner Jerry Tippy, Richard & Vera Whitlow, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Wigley, Paulette Young, and Todd & Julie Zasada

SURVEY SAYS...

Our Giving Tuesday online survey yielded great feedback as we strive to constantly refine our focus and efforts.

- ✓ 90% said the amount of communication received is just right.
- ✓ 50% said they became involved with CLHA to raise awareness about Cedar Lake history (42% to learn more about CLHA programs and events)
- ✓ 80% said when it comes to the museum, they are most interested in helping capture the history of Cedar Lake and the Region.
- ✓ 40% said they want their donations to impact capital and structural improvements (38% toward history programming and 22% toward children and family programming)

Please feel free to share your additional feedback anytime with an email to clhamuseum@yahoo.com

New Board Member Emeritus

Diane Jostes, our long-time Secretary and volunteer, has been given emeritus status after her recent term ended. As you see her around Cedar Lake – please thank her for her service as one of the premiere guardians of Town history!

Thank You 2017 Volunteers!

Jerry Bender, Scott Bocock, Tim Cook, Dan Cooper, Summer Crosser, Becky Davis, Jean Dohmeier, Maria Fay, Jeanette Geresy, Dawn & Russ Gower, Ron & Patricia Gracz, Dave Hilbrich, Paula Honeycutt, Paul Horgash, Michele Johnson, Diane Jostes, Lorraine Keilman, Peggy King, Lisa Koester, Jimmy Laud, Jr., Kazimere Laurinaitis, Iris & Yolanda Martinez, Joe Mattimoe, Larry McMahan, Francheska Miller, Ralph & LouAnn Miller, Ryan Niemeyer, Sharon Pawlik, Diana Petros, Doreen Pittman, Jack Pruzin, Samantha Rasmussen, Jerry & Candi Reiling, John Schutz, J.T. Trimmel, Dan & Lee Vertucci, Shelly Ward, Nick Werley, Richard & Vera Whitlow, Todd, Julie, Justin, Tim & Nate Zasada, Anne Zimmerman, the musicians of the Dyer Wind Ensemble, and the scouts and leaders of Troop 542 from St. Thomas More Church in Munster.

2018 Season Events At-A-Glance

Thursday, January 4th | 10am – 2pm

Cabin Fever Kids History Camp at Cedar Lake Library

Saturday, January 27th | 2-5pm

Winter Social at Lighthouse Restaurant

Saturday, February 10th | 1pm

“A Piece of Love: Historic Valentines” at Cedar Lake Library

Saturday, March 3rd | 10am-2pm

CPCF Volunteer Fair at Crown Point High School

Saturday, March 10th | 1pm

“Spring Break: Vacationing in Cedar Lake” at Cedar Lake Library

Saturday, March 24th | 11am-3pm

CL Chamber Business Showcase at Hanover-Central H.S.

Saturday, April 21st | 9am-Noon

Clean-up & Uncover Museum Exhibits

Thursday, April 26th | 4-6pm

“Art in April: Teen Painting Class”

Saturday, April 28th | 11am-3pm

Explore the South Shore Event at Indiana Welcome Center

Sunday, April 29th | 1-3pm

Museum Volunteer Training

Thursday, May 3rd | Museum Opens for 2018 Season

Thursday, May 24th | Noon-5pm

Seminar for NWI Historical Organizations at Lighthouse

Monday, June 11th | 1pm

“History of Candy for Kids” at Cedar Lake Library

Sunday, June 24th | Noon-2pm

Annual Member Cookout on Museum Lawn

Monday, June 25th | 1pm

“CLHA History Sock-Hop for Kids” at Cedar Lake Library

Sunday, July 8th | 1-4pm

Pie & Ice Cream Social during Summerfest

Monday, July 16th | 1pm

“Violin String History for Kids” at Cedar Lake Library

July 27-29 | Community Art Show (artists register by 7/1)

Sunday, August 12th | 1pm

Behind-the-Scenes Museum Tour

Sunday, August 26th | 11am-2pm

Family Fun Fest and Camp LRCA Reunion at Museum

2018 MEMBERSHIP

All CLHA memberships include the Time Travelers discount program, a reciprocal membership network for historical sites and museums throughout the United States. Learn more at <http://timetravelers.mohistory.org/>

2018 Renewal Due

Become a new Member Today

Individual \$20

Senior \$15

Senior Couple \$20

Family \$40

Sponsor \$100 (10% store discount)

Patron \$250 (15% store discount)

Sustaining \$500 (20% store discount)

Benefactor \$1000 (25% store discount)

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