



## Letter from Our Board

Dear Friends,

Each December we take time to travel outside Cedar Lake for a board retreat where we plan for the upcoming year and find inspiration for the future of the Cedar Lake Historical Association. In 2017 we traveled to the Aquatorium, located in Gary's beautiful Marquette Park – a 2014 Indiana Landmarks "Cook Cup for Outstanding Restoration" award winning project. And in 2018, we headed north once again to the brand new Mascot Hall of Fame in Whiting. These brief times of retreat reenergize our team so that we are able to set our sights higher and dream bigger for the benefit of this community. If you have been watching our progress from afar and would like to become more involved with strategic planning and achieving excellence in historical, recreational, and educational endeavors, please contact us for more information about CLHA board service.

If you did not visit the Museum last year – or have not for many years – let's end that streak in 2019. There will be much to see when we open on Thursday, May 2, 2019. Please join us in our goal to be a premiere *Escape to the Past* for visitors of all generations!

### *Your 2019 Board of Governors*

Jimmy Laud, Jr., Vera Dines-Whitlow, Nicholas Perazzolo, LouAnn Miller, Tim Cook, Sara Perazzolo, Vickie Rainwater, Sherryl Reeves, Doug Spencer, Julie Zasada with Scott Bacock, Historian/Curator

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Social is scheduled for Saturday, **January 26, 2019** from **2:00-5:00 PM** at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Cedar Lake. Singer and musician, J.T. Trimmel will return this year and will likely encourage a conga and/or chorus line at some point ☺.

Once again, St. John Malt Brothers and The Coca Exchange will provide alternatives to 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](http://www.cedarlakehistory.org)*

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The campers came home at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual **Family Fun Fest** on August 26, 2018. It was a joy to hear them share fond memories of their time at the museum when it was the site of Camp LRCA. They took a behind-the-scenes tour and even sang the camp song...see the video on our Facebook page! We're hoping to welcome them again at the 2019 Family Fun Fest on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.



## 2018 Financial Statement

### INCOME

Membership Dues	\$2,220.00
Gift Shop Sales	\$ 240.00
Programs/Events	\$6,422.00
Donations/Grants	<u>\$45,649.00</u>
	\$54,531.00

### EXPENSES\*

Advertising	\$2,834.00
Convention/Mtg Expense	\$1,686.00
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 598.00
Endowment Expense	\$20,000.00
Exhibit Maint/Collection	\$5,219.00
Food & Beverage	\$3,022.00
Insurance	\$1,752.00
Maintenance/Repairs	\$1,782.00
Office Expense	\$2,070.00
Professional Service Fees	\$21,672.00
Service Fees (Online)	\$ 83.00
Supplies & Materials	\$1,033.00
Utilities	<u>\$ 120.00</u>
	\$61,871.00

\*Expenses include spending approx. \$7,000 of grant funds that were received in 2017. See also the note about our endowment challenge grant below.

**DID YOU KNOW?** You can download an electronic version of this Annual Report, our newsletter, or purchase Winter Social tickets and more online at:

[www.cedarlakehistory.org](http://www.cedarlakehistory.org)

In December 2018, CLHA was encouraged to participate in an extremely unique grant opportunity through the Crown Point Community Foundation (CPCF). Through a challenge matching grant sponsored by the Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation, any contributions made to the CLHA Operating Endowment Fund at CPCF were matched \$1 for \$1. As a result, the CLHA board of governors authorized a one-time disbursement of \$20,000 from the CLHA checking account to be deposited into the CLHA endowment fund. In spring 2019, a sum equal to \$20,000 will then be granted back to CLHA to use on its operating expenses. We are thrilled to have been given the chance to quadruple the principal balance in our endowment fund through this generous program!

## Gifts & Grants Further our Mission

- ☞ March 2018: A **\$6,576** grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation & Cedar Lake Community Fund was awarded for the purchase of an HVAC unit to heat and cool the museum conference room.
- ☞ April 2018: Our 5<sup>th</sup> Heritage Support Grant provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment, Inc. was awarded for **\$4,999** to perform much needed structural reinforcements to the porch.
- ☞ June 2018: We were proudly chosen as the beneficiary of Daniel Cornejo's Eagle Scout project. Along with professionals, and scouts and leaders of **Troop 542** from St. Thomas More Church in Munster, Daniel's team installed a beautiful garden path constructed of bricks from historic Lincoln School in Cedar Lake.
- ☞ June 2018: An **\$8,823** Heritage Support Grant provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment, Inc. (our 6<sup>th</sup>!) was awarded to continue engineering review and designs related to our ongoing capital campaign planning.
- ☞ August 2018: The Legacy Foundation provided a **\$1,250** sponsorship grant to help bring Indiana Historical Society's History on Wheels automobile museum exhibit to our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun Fest.
- ☞ August 2018: CLHA received a generous gift of **\$3,000** to offset the cost of museum projects. A special campaign was launched to match the gift, and several of you responded! More than **\$4,000** was donated to facilitate the "Café Project" (as we have nicknamed it). Three lake view exhibit rooms have been combined to form a gathering room for special events. An extensive donation of kitchen equipment from 1-65 and 30 Venture LLC (aka Twin Towers), as well as donated labor by Ross Kozora (Tiger Plumbing) and plumbing supplies from Leep's, are being used to perform a much needed kitchen enhancement as well.
- ☞ September 2018: Attendees of the Crown Point Community Foundation's annual Women's Giving Circle dinner voted to grant **\$1,000** to CLHA for the continuation of the History Road Show – a series of programming events held in the community from November 2018 through March 2019. Our final 2 events will cover the historic villages of Hanover & Cook on February 13<sup>th</sup> at Holy Name (6:30 pm) and the villages of Creston, Tinkerville, & West Point on March 24<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall (2:00 pm). Visit our website for more details.

## Innovation Fund 2018

In 2017, an Innovation Fund was 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. From the creation of our Hands-on History Room to Resort History Cruises to the September series, "Fall into Christmas," we hope you agree that the fund successfully brought innovation to you. There's more to come in 2019 thanks to the donors who participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Innovation Fund campaign:



### Thank you to those who made generous donations in 2018:

Linda Abbott, David Austgen of Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis P.C., Mercedes Austgen, State Representative Mike Aylesworth, Betty Becker in honor of Jack Becker, Scott Bocock, Michael Boos of Assoc for Wolf Lake Initiative, Paul Bremer, Frank & Pat Brongiel, Kathleen Brunetti, Bonnie Calarie, The Chalos Family, Sandra Eenigenburg in memory of Keith Eenigenburg, Anna Freeman, Marthann Gatlin, Henry & Joyce Gluth, Jerry & Gale Hacker, Hazel Hamlett in honor of Ralph & Beverly Hamlett, Richard & Janice Harrison, David Hilbrich, Suzanne Kizewski, Gloria Krejsa, Jimmy Laud, Jr., Wade & Judy Lietzau, John Lilovich, Iris & Yolanda Martinez, Beth McCuskey, Gary & Tami Miedema, Nick & Sara Perazzolo, John Pruzin, John & Irene Rokaitis, Cheryl Satterlee, Schieben Automotive, Doug & Lorraine Sheehy, Angie Sivak, Richard Sowiak, Chester Sparacio in honor of Beverly Sparacio, Nancy Stivers, Buda & Larry Suarez, Gene & Carol Swart, Deborah Thill, Dan & Lee Vertucci, Chrysta Walker, Richard & Vera Whitlow, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Wigley, Todd & Julie Zasada, and Judith Zellers.

### MORE FACTS & FIGURES...

- ✧ Over 1,400 Visitors toured the Museum and participated in special programs
- ✧ Over 3,300 Volunteer Hours were logged
- ✧ Key Programs: Member BBQ, Pie & Ice Cream Social, Community Art Show, Family Fun Fest, Resort History Cruises, History Road Show
- ✧ 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!, South Shore Convention & Visitors Bureau Partner, Time Travelers Reciprocal Program

## Thank You 2018 Volunteers!

Andrew Allen, Mercedes Austgen, Brandyn Becker, Scott Bocock, Tallie Brookover, Wyatt Chalos, Tim Cook, Bill Crocilla, Summer Crosser, Becky Davis, John & Heather Dessauer, Jean Dohmeier, Josh Evers, Maria Fay, Stanley Galbreath, Ron Gracz, David Harkabus, Dave Hilbrich, Paul Horgash, Mary Ann Jimenez, Robert Johnston, Ross Kozora, Rhett Laud, Jimmy Laud, Jr., Nicole Laurinaitis, Kazimere Jackson, John Maranowicz (& "junior crew"), Iris & Yolanda Martinez, T.J. McGovern, Larry McMahan, Ralph & LouAnn Miller, Carol Mish, John Ols, Christa Parasidis, Sharon Pawlik, Nick & Sara Perazzolo, Doreen Pittman, Stacey Previs, Jack Pruzin, Vickie Rainwater, John, Sherryl & Ashley Reeves, Sue Riley, Ted Rita, Gregorio Rodriguez, Don Sikma, Angie Sivak, Doug Spencer, Diane Sprehe, June Swart, Rick Thacker & Plum Grove Music staff, Gloria Tuohy, Lee Vertucci, Shelly Ward, Nick Werley, Richard & Vera Whitlow, Brandon Wilczewski, Mathew Witvoet, Paulette Young, Todd, Julie, Justin, Tim & Nate Zasada, Judy Zellers, the musicians of the Dyer Wind Ensemble, Bill & Shelly Hillegonds and the Verge Excel team from Bethel Church, Randy Budrick and the moving team, and Daniel Cornejo with the scouts and leaders of Troop 542 from St. Thomas More Church in Munster.

*There are several ways to become involved, including internships. Please visit our website for details.*

## 2019 Season Events At-A-Glance

**Monday, January 7th | 6:30pm**

History Road Show: Armour at FOE 2529

**Saturday, January 26th | 2-5pm**

Winter Social at Lighthouse Restaurant

**Wednesday, February 13th | 6:30pm**

History Road Show: Hanover/Cook at Holy Name

**Saturday, March 2nd | 10am-2pm**

CPCF Volunteer Fair at Crown Point High School

**Saturday, March 23rd | 11am-3pm**

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

**Thursday, March 28th | 6:30pm**

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

**Sunday, March 24th | 2pm**

History Road Show: Creston/Tinkerville at Town Hall

**Saturday, April 13th | 9am-Noon**

Clean-up & Uncover Museum Exhibits

**Saturday, April 27th | 11am-3pm**

Explore the South Shore Event at Indiana Welcome Center

**Sunday, April 28th | 1-3pm**

Museum Volunteer Training

**Thursday, May 2nd | 3-6pm**

Museum Opens for 2019 Season

**Thursday, May 30th | Noon-5pm**

Seminar for NWI Historical Organizations at Lighthouse

**Sunday, June 23rd | Noon-2pm**

Annual Member Cookout on Museum Lawn

**Sunday, July 7th | 1-4pm**

Pie & Ice Cream Social during Summerfest

**July 26-28 | Community Art Show**

Artists: please register by July 1, 2019

**Sunday, August 11th | 1pm**

Behind-the-Scenes Museum Tour

**Sunday, August 25th | 11am-2pm**

Family Fun Fest and Camp LRCA Reunion at Museum

### MORE TO COME!

Resort History Cruises, Brown Bag History Lunches, Live Music Performances, and Summer Fun for Kids are just a few of the programs currently being planned.

## 2019 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/>

2019 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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