



Dear Friends,

**We thank you** for making 2019 one for the record books for CLHA! We are pleased to share that visits to the museum were up 50%, memberships were up 30%, and individual campaign donations were up 18%. Attendance at special events such as our summer speaker series and history road shows even tripled in some cases. **Again, thank you!**

Our Executive Director continues to tour historic sites to discover ideas to elevate the visitor experience in our museum. In 2019, insight came from the West Baden Springs Hotel, French Lick Springs Hotel, French Lick West Baden Museum, Starke County Museum, Pullman Historic District, The Wellington A. Clark Homestead, LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, Hesston Steam Museum, Rumley Heritage Center, The Oliver Mansion, Studebaker National Museum, The History Museum (South Bend), Downtown Lake Geneva, and was capped by our annual board retreat at the AASLH award winning Porter County Museum.

Why so many tours you ask? Inspiration breeds excellence. **Did you realize that our building will mark its 100th anniversary in 2020?** A milestone this significant deserves unique recognition. We'll be unveiling a new look this season as well as scheduling a Centennial Celebration that's bound to help you let off some steam and enjoy the glory of summer resort fun in Cedar Lake. We cannot wait to see you!

Your 2020 Board of Governors,  
*Jimmy Laud, Jr., President, Sara Perazzolo, Vice President, Nicholas Perazzolo, Treasurer, LouAnn Miller, Secretary, Tim Cook, Earl Gundelach, Jennifer Lockhart, Vickie Rainwater, Sherryl Reeves, Executive Director Julie Zasada with Historian/Curator Scott Bocock*

### Rest in Peace

#### Vera Dines-Whitlow

On December 14, 2019, we lost a treasured member of the CLHA family, board member Vera Dines-Whitlow. Her creativity was abundant and evident, whether beautifully coordinating hospitality for our events or orchestrating every last detail of our annual community art show.



Words don't adequately express how much we miss her joyful presence. You can view memories shared and kind words offered in our Facebook post from December 17, 2019. We would love to know how Vera touched your life. Please leave a comment therein and hold her family in your prayers.

## ✧ CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ✧



In 1896, Chris Lassen came to Cedar Lake and began his resort operations on the site of the present-day town grounds with a single steam boat to ferry passengers from the Monon Railroad depot to various points around the lake. By 1920, his Dewey line fleet had six boats and the 20-acre resort had grown to include a dance pavillion, saloon, buffet restaurant, and the hotel that we now operate as a museum. Come learn more this season – we open **May 1, 2020**.

## 2019 Financial Statement

### INCOME\*

Membership Dues	\$3,520.00
Gift Shop Sales	\$1,160.00
Fundraisers	\$ 664.00
Rentals	\$ 300.00
Programs/Events	\$13,555.00
Donations/Grants	<u>\$49,990.00</u>
	\$69,189.00

### EXPENSES\*

Advertising	\$1,296.00
Convention/Mtg Expense	\$1,258.00
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 768.00
Endowment Expense	\$ 5.00
Exhibit Maint/Collection	\$3,818.00
Food & Beverage	\$1,798.00
Insurance	\$2,863.00
Maintenance/Repairs	\$1,206.00
Office Expense	\$2,950.00
Professional Service Fees	\$25,461.00
Service Fees (Online)	\$ 90.00
Supplies & Materials	\$7,897.00
Utilities	<u>\$ 120.00</u>
	\$49,530.00

\*Unaudited totals. In December 2018, the CLHA board of governors authorized a one-time disbursement of \$20,000 from the CLHA general operating fund to be deposited into the CLHA operating endowment fund at Crown Point Community Foundation to participate in the White Family Foundation Challenge Matching Grant. In February 2019, per the terms of the challenge grant, \$20,000 was awarded to CLHA to replenish its general operating fund.

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

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

Preserving YOUR history is important to us! CLHA is pleased to offer oral history services to Cedar Lake families. Please contact us for more information about documenting the stories of community individuals and organizations.

## Gifts & Grants Further our Mission

- ☞ January 2019: Through a \$1 for \$1 challenge matching grant sponsored by the Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation, the CLHA Operating Endowment Fund at the Crown Point Community Foundation was awarded **\$20,000**. We are thrilled to have been given the chance to quadruple the principal balance in our endowment fund through this generous program!
- ☞ March 2019: A **\$5,960** grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation & Cedar Lake Community Fund was awarded for lobby restorations including hardwood floor refinishing, plaster repair, photo enlargements, and lighting repair.
- ☞ June 2019: A disbursement of **\$2,362.50** from the Town of Cedar Lake Tourism Funds was granted and utilized for special event programming such as live music on the porch, a juggler at the Family Fun Fest, guest speakers, and tourism advertisements.
- ☞ July 2019: CLHA received a generous gift of **\$3,000** to offset the cost of museum projects. A special matching campaign raised more than **\$3,400** to facilitate conference room plaster repair and new blinds, several window repairs, a faucet for the 3-basin kitchen sink, and numerous supplies and construction materials.
- ☞ August 2019: The Culture Committee of the Zeta Psi Chapter of Tri-Kappa (Dyer, Schererville, St. John) made an unrestricted gift of **\$1,000** to further our mission and program initiatives.
- ☞ September 2019: The "Visual Pollution" mini-campaign was launched for custom office cabinets behind the front desk of the museum. Multiple donors responded with gifts totaling **\$2,617** and an in-kind donation of cabinet-grade lumber valued at **\$2,550** was received from Edward Labus. **Thank you Mr. Labus!** Thiel Cabinet Shop in St. John will design units that compliment original museum millwork.
- ☞ October 2019: We were proudly chosen as the beneficiary of **Branden Bishop's** Eagle Scout project. Branden's team replaced the dilapidated wooden porch stairs.
- ☞ October 2019: The Field Museum granted a **\$1,500** stipend for expenses related to participating in the Calumet Voices National Stories exhibition now open at the Gary Public Library & Cultural Center. Learn how Cedar Lake contributed to region history. For hours and details: [www.calumetheritage.org/calumetvoices](http://www.calumetheritage.org/calumetvoices)
- ☞ November 2019: We were once again chosen as the beneficiary of an Eagle Scout. **Isaac Coleman** and his team crafted porch foundation screens in an original style from the 1920's! We will install them in spring.

# Historic Supporters Registry ~ Our Donors

## Winter Social Attendees

Bonita Adamczyk  
Regina Adamczyk  
Alesia Aumock  
Mercedes Austgen  
Mary Ann Bocock  
Paul & Claudia Carlson  
Ron, Patsy & Krista Casassa  
Kari Czak  
Linda DUBY-Fleming  
Ryan & Kari Eckart  
Roberto Favela  
Kevin Feldman  
Dawn Fleming  
John Foreman  
Dennis & Barbara Gardner  
Julie Gebo  
Bob & Cindy Gross  
Diane Gross  
Ken & Tonya Jernberg  
Ed & Marie King  
Bill & Karen Kuhn  
Jimmy Laud, Jr.  
Frank & Debbie Lewandowski  
Christine Lira  
Greg Marquardt  
Megan McAuliffe  
Ralph & LouAnn Miller  
Carol Mish  
David Needles  
Nick & Sara Perazzolo  
Jack Pruzin  
Sue Reed  
Sherryl Reeves  
Susan Riley  
Rick & Georgia Sharpe  
Neil Simstad



Jim & Tina Smith  
Doug & Wendy  
Spencer  
Mary Sredin  
Clifford & June Swart  
Betty Tillson  
Jerry Tippy  
David Villalobos  
Shelly Ward  
Richard & Vera  
Dines-Whitlow  
Barbara Young  
Todd & Julie Zasada  
Anne & Paul  
Zimmerman

## Winter Social Raffle Donors

Anytime Fitness	Cedar Lake Florist
Cedar Lake Kitchen	Cedar Lake Sunset Cruises
Corky's Dogg House	Dairy Queen
Frank's Backyard BBQ	Harry O's Restaurant
Head Games Salon	Holiday Liquors
Northwest Indiana Symphony	Sandbar Grill
SOS Hair Design	Sportsman's Den
	Tastee Top Grill

*If you identify an error or omission herein, please contact us with more information.*

## July Construction Project

Michael Aylesworth  
Frank & Patricia Brongiel  
Kathleen & Nick Brunetti  
Ron & Patsy Casassa  
Larry & Sue Coffin  
Marthann Gatlin  
Linda Gentile  
Jerry & Gale Hacker  
David Hilbrich  
Paul & Mary Kselman  
Martha Kubal  
Brian & Lynette Kubal  
Jimmy Laud, Jr.  
Marion LoVerde  
Iris & Yolanda Martinez  
Carol Mason  
Gary & Tami Miedema  
John & Sharon Pruzin  
Dr. & Mrs. James Rajchel  
George Rogge  
John & Irene Rokaitis  
Fran Salvador  
Mark & Nancy Speichert  
Nancy Stivers  
Gene & Carol Swart  
Tastee Top Grill  
Deborah Thill  
Monty & Chrysta Walker  
Richard & Vera Dines-Whitlow  
Don & Barbara Wigley



Funding window repairs, conference room enhancements and so much more!

## Cabinet Project

Mercedes Austgen  
John & Linda Connelly  
Richard Henn  
Gloria Krejsa  
Paul & Mary Kselman  
Edward Labus  
John & Mamie Lilovich  
Iris & Yolanda Martinez  
Ralph & Lou Ann Miller  
Regina O'Brien  
Thomas & Cecilia King-Ryan  
Cheryl Satterlee  
John & Terry Schutz  
Doug & Lori Sheehy  
Nancy Teutemacher



Ending "Visual Pollution" in 2020 ☺



# Historic Supporters Registry ~ Our Donors

## Memorial Gifts

Henry "Hank" Gluth  
Korelli's Roofing  
Robert Kuva  
Arlo Kunnemann  
Christine Mikuly

Emilie Sumara  
Michael Sandler

Vera Dines-Whitlow  
Angie Sivak

## Unrestricted Donations

Lori Rosenbauer-Huff  
Lake Toy Rentals  
John & Terry Schutz  
June Swart  
David Villalobos

Bill & Karen Kuhn  
Donna Marvel  
Chester Sparacio  
Jerry Tippy  
Todd & Julie Zasada

Richard & Vera Dines-Whitlow  
Friends of LCPL Staff Association  
Tri Kappa Zeta Psi Culture Committee

## Innovation Fund

Ricky & Judith Aumock  
Scott Bocoek  
Larry & Sue Coffin  
Sandra Eenigenburg  
Marthann Gatlin  
Faythe Groot  
Jerry & Gale Hacker  
Allan & Jackie Harris  
Bill & Shelly Hillegonds  
Robert & Mary Hogueisson  
Jostes & Glynn LLP  
Suzanne Kizewski  
Jimmy Laud, Jr.  
Jennifer Lockhart  
Iris & Yolanda Martinez  
Dr. Larry McClellan  
Gary & Tami Miedema  
Nick & Sara Perazzolo  
John Pruzin  
Tim & Vickie Rainwater  
David & MaryAnn Shaver  
Nancy Stivers  
Gene & Carol Swart  
Nancy Teutemacher  
Kevin & Jerri Toth  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Wigley  
Todd & Julie Zasada



Funding projects that foster creativity and collaboration, helping us reach excellence in the areas of historical exploration and recreation.

## Memberships

### SPONSORS

American Legion Post 261  
Scott Bocoek  
Al Bunge  
Cedar Lake Lions Club  
Conn Corp / Mike Conn  
Gloria Krejsa  
Mary Lou Misch  
John & Sharon Pruzin  
Dr. & Mrs. James Rajchel  
George Rogge  
Doug & Lorraine Sheehy  
The Sumara Family  
Todd & Julie Zasada  
Anne Zimmerman

### FAMILY

Robert Carnahan  
The Brown Family  
The Dickson Family  
The Gerstenkorn Family  
Bob & Cindy Gross  
Earl Gundelach & Denise Mavity  
Bill & Karen Kuhn  
The Marter Family  
The Iris Martinez Family  
Nick & Sara Perazzolo  
Jerry & Candi Reiling  
The Rainwater Family  
The Reeves Family  
The Rieger Family  
The Schutz Family  
The Valuckis Family

### SENIOR COUPLE

Rodney & Wanda Ashcraft  
Ricky & Judith Aumock  
Ron & Patsy Casassa  
Larry & Sue Coffin  
John & Linda Connelly  
Tim & Patty Cook  
Kathryn & James Copak  
Bruce & Janet Flowers  
Ken & Pat Huseman  
Paul & Mary Kselman  
Wade & Judy Lietzau  
Jim & Dottie Machura  
Ralph & LouAnn Miller  
John & Irene Rokaitis  
Thomas & Cecilia Ryan  
David & Mary Ann Shaver  
Mark & Nancy Speichert  
Doug & Wendy Spencer  
Carol & Brian Sok  
Gene & Carol Swart  
Harold & Jeanne Vos  
Don & Barbara Wigley  
Ruth & Lawrence Willy

### INDIVIDUAL

David Austgen  
Bradley Brown  
Sandra Eenigenburg  
Linda Gentile  
Dian Goff  
David Hilbrich  
Robert Johnston  
Pam Kouder  
Jimmy Laud, Jr.  
Terri Leslie  
Marion LoVerde  
Jennifer Lockhart  
Larry McClellan  
Carol Oostman  
John Piening  
Doreen Pittman  
Diane Sprehe  
Nancy Teutemacher  
Lawrence Turnquist  
Shelly Ward  
Richard Whitlow  
Eleanor Willy  
Lin Wozniewski

### SENIOR

Verna Babin  
Betty Becker  
Alice Beckman  
Mary Ann Bocoek  
Patti Chorba  
Maria Fay  
Marthann Gatlin  
Joyce Gluth  
Ron Gracz  
Hazel Hamlett  
Mylene Hollar  
Charles Howkinson  
Dorothy Martin  
Peter Merwin  
Al Mitchell  
Regina O'Brien  
Rhuben Pittman  
Richard Shepherd  
Chester Sparacio  
Norma Willems  
Paulette Young

*Representing memberships processed from **January 1-December 31, 2019.** If you identify an error or omission herein, please contact us with more information.*

## CALUMET NATIONAL VOICES / STORIES

Journey through the Calumet landscape, an unexpected national treasure shaped by generations of grit and passion, home to fragile ecosystems and industrial might. Visit the Calumet Voices, National Stories exhibit series and explore the hidden gems, world-class innovation, and artistic expression that make this region like no other.

Presented by local museums, galleries, and history centers, each exhibit in the four-part series will be a unique display of artifacts and interactive components showcasing the region's unparalleled combination of natural, industrial, and cultural heritage. **The Cedar Lake Historical Association is a proud member of the Calumet Curators and will display memorabilia and artifacts from the CLHA collection as part of the second site exhibit at the Gary Public Library, open now through June 2020.** Full details: [www.calumetheritage.org/calumetvoices](http://www.calumetheritage.org/calumetvoices)

The Calumet Voices, National Stories exhibition series is a collaborative effort of the Calumet Curators, a group of the Calumet Heritage Partnership, and the Field Museum. This series showcases the rich cultural, industrial, and natural heritage of the Calumet region. The Calumet Heritage Partnership, the Calumet Collaborative, and the Field Museum lead the effort to designate the Calumet region as a National Heritage Area.



Calumet Heritage Partnership

Lead Partner in the Calumet Region:



### MORE FACTS & FIGURES...

- ✧ Over 2,100 Visitors toured the museum and attended special programs
- ✧ Over 4,000 Volunteer hours were logged
- ✧ Key Programs: Member BBQ, Pie & Ice Cream Social, Community Art Show, Family Fun Fest, Resort History Cruises, History Road Show, Nightmares at the Museum
- ✧ 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 2019 Volunteers

Mercedes Austgen,  
Jackie Basilotta, Zack Bevins,  
Scott Bocoock, Tim Cook,  
Jean Dahl, Maria Fay,  
Richard Ficek, Stanley Galbreath,  
Gretchen & Will Gerstenkorn,  
Ron Gracz, Earl Gundelach,  
David Harkabus, Dave Hilbrich,  
Paul Horgash, Sarah Hurtubise,  
Robert Johnston, Ross Kozora,  
Jimmy Laud, Jr., Robert & Susan  
Loeber, John Maranowicz,  
Iris & Yolanda Martinez, Denise  
Mavity, T.J. McGovern, Ralph &  
LouAnn Miller, Bob & Carol Mish,  
David Needles, John Ols,  
Janice Par, Christa Parasidis,  
Nick & Sara Perazzolo,  
Millie Perry, Stacey Previs,  
Vickie Rainwater, Sherryl &  
Ashley Reeves, Sue Riley,  
Ted Rita, Gregorio Rodriguez,  
Autumn Sample, June Swart,  
Shelly Ward, Nick Werley,  
Richard & Vera Dines-Whitlow,  
Brandon Wilczewski, Mathew  
Witvoet, Paulette Young,  
Todd, Julie, Justin, Tim & Nate  
Zasada, Judy Zellers, the students  
of Revolution Music Studio,  
Randy Budrick and the moving  
team, an army of volunteers from  
Bogathy Fright Productions,  
Branden Bishop & his Eagle Scout  
team, and Isaac Coleman & his  
Eagle Scout team.

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

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## 2020 Season Events At-A-Glance

**Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> - June | Call for Hours**  
Calumet Voices/National Stories Exhibit in Gary

**Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> | 6:00pm**  
History Road Show: Binyon's & Cedar Lake Golf Links

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> | 10am-2pm**  
CPCF Volunteer Fair at Crown Point High School

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> | 11am-3pm**  
CL Chamber Business Showcase at Hanover-Central H.S.

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> | 6:30pm**  
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> | 2pm**  
History Road Show: Lassen's Resort

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> | 9am-Noon**  
Clean-up & Uncover Museum Exhibits

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> | 11am-3pm**  
Explore the South Shore Event at Indiana Welcome Center

**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> | 2pm**  
Museum Volunteer Training

**Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> | 3-6pm**  
Museum Opens for 2020 Season

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> | Noon-5pm**  
Seminar for NWI Historical Organizations at Lighthouse

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> | Noon-2pm**  
Annual Member Cookout on Museum Lawn

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> | 1-4pm**  
Pie & Ice Cream Social during Summerfest

**July 24-26 | Vera Dines-Whitlow Community Art Show**  
Artists: please register by July 1, 2020

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> | 1pm**  
Behind-the-Scenes Museum Tour

**Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> | 11am-2pm**  
Family Fun Fest and Camp LRCA Reunion at Museum

### MORE TO COME!

Resort History Cruises, Summer Speaker Series, and Summer Fun for Kids are just a few of the programs currently being planned.

## 2020 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/>

2020 Renewal Due  
 Become a new Member Today

Individual \$20  
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 Family \$40  
 Sponsor \$100 (10% store discount)  
 Patron \$250 (15% store discount)  
 Sustaining \$500 (20% store discount)  
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