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 pavilion, 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 $49,990.00
- **Total Income $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 $120.00
- **Total Expenses $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.

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.

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**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.
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
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Bob & Cindy Gross
Diane Gross
Ken & Tonya Jernberg
Ed & Marie King
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Frank & Debbie Lewandowski
Christine Lira
Greg Marquardt
Megan McAuliffe
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Jack Pruzin
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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

July Construction Project

Michael Aylesworth
Frank & Patricia Brongiel
Kathleen & Nick Brunetti
Ron & Patsy Casassa
Larry & Sue Coffin
Marthann Gatlin
Linda Gentile
Jerry & Gale Hacker
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Tastee Top Grill
Deborah Thill
Monty & Chrysta Walker
Richard & Vera Dines-Whitlow
Don & Barbara Wigley

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

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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 Teutmacher

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

Ending “Visual Pollution” in 2020 😊
Historic Supporters Registry ~ Our Donors

Memorial Gifts

Henry "Hank" Gluth          Emilie Sumara
Korell’s Roofing             Michael Sandler
Robert Kuva
Arlo Kunnemann
Christine Mikuly
Vera Dines-Whitlow          Angie Sivak

Unrestricted Donations

Lori Rosenbauer-Huff        Bill & Karen Kuhn
Lake Toy Rentals            Donna Marvel
John & Terry Schutz          Chester Sparacio
June Swart
David Villalobos            Jerry Tippy
Richard & Vera Dines-Whitlow Todd & Julie Zasada
Friends of LCPL Staff Association
Tri Kappa Zeta Psi Culture Committee

Innovation Fund

Ricky & Judith Aumock
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David & MaryAnn Shaver
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Gene & Carol Swart
Nancy Teatemacher
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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.

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The Sumara Family
Todd & Julie Zasada
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FAMILY

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Bill & Karen Kuhn
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The Rieger Family
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Representing memberships processed from January 1-December 31, 2019. If you identify an error or omission herein, please contact us with more information.
Thank You 2019 Volunteers

Mercedes Austgen,
Jackie Basilotta, Zack Bevins,
Scott Bocock, Tim Cook,
Jean Dahl, Maria Fay,
Richard Ficek, Stanley Galbreath,
Gretchen & Will Gerstenkorn,
Ron Gracz, Earl Gundelach,
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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.

www.cedarlakehistory.org

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

www.calumethersitage.org/calumetvoices

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.calumethersitage.org/calumetvoices

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2020 Season Events At-A-Glance

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

Thursday, February 6th | 6:00pm
History Road Show: Binyon’s & Cedar Lake Golf Links

Saturday, March 7th | 10am-2pm
CPCF Volunteer Fair at Crown Point High School

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

Thursday, March 26th | 6:30pm
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Sunday, March 29th | 2pm
History Road Show: Lassen’s Resort

Saturday, April 11th | 9am-Noon
Clean-up & Uncover Museum Exhibits

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

Sunday, April 26th | 2pm
Museum Volunteer Training

Friday, May 1st | 3-6pm
Museum Opens for 2020 Season

Thursday, May 28th | Noon-5pm
Seminar for NWI Historical Organizations at Lighthouse

Sunday, June 28th | Noon-2pm
Annual Member Cookout on Museum Lawn

Sunday, July 5th | 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 16th | 1pm
Behind-the-Scenes Museum Tour

Sunday, August 30th | 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

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Checks should be made payable to Cedar Lake Historical Association and mailed to:

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