Dear Friends,

Let’s say goodbye to 2020! We are pleased to close the history book of such an unusual year. But before we do, we want to THANK YOU for making it another record-setting year for CLHA in some fantastic ways. Previously, 2019 was the Association’s most successful year to date. But we managed to top those all-time highs in 2020:

- **Memberships were up by 20%**
- **Fundraising** for our three special appeals in support of construction projects, the acquisition of the Taylor Ice Truck, and the Innovation Fund was **up by 30%**
- Although we lost 2 months of our tourist season, and museum visits were dramatically down, the **single-day events** that we were able to host, such as the member cookout, art show reception, and family fun fest, were markedly **better attended than in year’s past.**

Plus, it wasn’t only our rock-star members who supported our mission to present the relevance of Cedar Lake history in 2020. Take a look at page 2. **Grant agencies awarded us a breathtaking total of $96,909!!!** Honestly, there aren't enough exclamation points in the world to adequately relay our enthusiasm.

**In 2021, we are going to need your help to set a new record with volunteerism.** We have exciting experiences for you, but we need a small army to pull them all off. Please contact our executive director, Julie, for more information. Best wishes for good health. We hope to see you soon!

Your 2021 Board of Governors,

_Jimmy Laud, Jr., President; David Needles, Vice President; Nicholas Perazzolo, Treasurer; LouAnn Miller, Secretary; Tim Cook, Earl Gundelach, Jennifer Lockhart, Sara Perazzolo, Vickie Rainwater, Sherryl Reeves, Sam Russell, Executive Director Julie Zasada, and Historian/Curator Scott Bocock_

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**Rest in Peace**  
**Ronald Gracz**

It is with heavy hearts that we share that our tour-guide extraordinaire and local water-ski legend, Ron Gracz, passed away on December 3, 2020. Ron was a masterful storyteller and always conscientiously sought to make sure that visitors connected with the stories of Cedar Lake.

The loss of his exuberant personality has left a void in our museum family. You can read kind words offered in our Facebook post from February 27, 2021. Please share your memories of Ron therein and remember his family in your prayers.

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**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ✧**

The lockdown of 2020 forced us to postpone our centennial celebration. In hindsight we were able to take the curse and turn it into a blessing, as our research revealed that Lassen’s Resort Hotel (where our museum is housed) first opened on May 7, 1921. We invite you to join us as we turn lemons into lemonade in 2021.

Save the date for our Grand Reopening & Reimaging of our museum on **Friday, May 7, 2021** to see history come alive in a fresh way!
2020 Financial Summary

INCOME*
Membership Dues $4,870.00
Gift Shop Sales $ 507.00
Fundraisers $ 409.00
Rental $ 250.00
Programs/Events $1,576.00
In-kind Donations $15,000.00
Donations/Grants $88,354.00
$110,966.00

EXPENSES*
Advertising $ 624.00
Convention/Mtg Expense $ 134.00
Dues/Subscriptions $ 683.00
Exhibit Maint/Collection $11,704.00
Food & Beverage $ 744.00
Insurance $2,703.00
Maintenance/Repairs $ 100.00
Office Expense $4,312.00
Professional Service Fees $30,717.00
Service Fees (Online) $ 75.00
Supplies & Materials $6,284.00
Utilities $ 120.00
$58,200.00

*Unaudited totals. Grant expenses and award payments cross multiple fiscal years. Information is provided herein for basic reference. For a complete picture of our financial activity, please view our tax return on GuideStar.org or contact us to schedule an appointment.

Gifts & Grants Further our Mission

March 2020: A $2,500 grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation & Cedar Lake Community Fund was awarded for exhibit design consultation and planning.

March 2020: A disbursement of $4,725 from the Town of Cedar Lake Tourism Funds was granted in support of the Steam through History program week (event postponed until July 2021 due to COVID pandemic).

May 2020: Indiana Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act economic stabilization plan of 2020 granted $5,000 to be utilized for CLHA operating expenses.

July 2020: Our members and donors came together in support of a special appeal to fund construction projects at the museum. Over $3,400 was gifted for window and plaster repair, floor refinishing, hot water heater installation, custom cabinetry for the conference room, and related project supplies.

July 2020: A $47,600 Heritage Support Grant (HSG) provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment, Inc., was awarded to implement a seven-room Exhibit Gallery Reinterpretation. This marks the 7th award for CLHA under the HSG program since 2016!

August 2020: A Capacity Building Grant for $2,085 from the second phase of the Lake County COVID-19 Response Fund, made possible by the Legacy Foundation & Crown Point Community Foundation, was awarded to implement virtual meeting technology.

September 2020: The Steam through History program received its second funding award, a $20,000 Collaboration Grant from Indiana Humanities in cooperation with the National Endowment of the Humanities to support several aspects of event week.

September 2020: Todd Taylor donated a 1947 International KB5 truck which was owned and operated by the Taylor Ice Co. of Cedar Lake from 1948 to 1988. The truck will be a mobile museum exhibit and participate in various community events beginning in 2021. Read more on page 5.

October 2020: Our 8th (!!!) Heritage Support Grant provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment, Inc., for $4,999 was awarded in support of the Steam through History program.

December 2020: Steam through History was selected for funding from a fourth agency. A Legacy Foundation Transform Lake County grant for $10,000 was also awarded to bring the special event to life in July 2021.

More Facts & Figures...
- Over 1,100 Visitors toured the museum and attended special programs
- Over 4,000 Volunteer hours were logged
- Key Programs: Member BBQ, Vera Dines-Whitlow Community Art Show, Family Fun Fest, and History Road Show
- Affiliations/Memberships: American Alliance of Museums, AASLH, AASLH StEPs Museum, Calumet Heritage Partnership, Cedar Lake Chamber, Crossroads Regional Chamber, Indiana Historical Society, Indiana Landmarks, Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society, South Shore Convention & Visitors Bureau Partner, Time Travelers Reciprocal Program
Historic Supporters Registry

Memorial Gifts

Rocking Chairs
Jacqueline Basilotta  Sen. Sue & William Landske
Ron & Patsy Casassa  Dr. Robert King
Patti Donovan  The Murray Family
The Gracz Family  Ron & Pat Gracz
Ed & Marie King  Mary Alyce King
John & Terry Schutz  John & Agnes Schutz
Obadiah Taylor Society  Obadiah Taylor
Cedar Lake Hist. Assoc.  Vera Dines-Whitlow

Memorial Bench
Larry & Sue Coffin  Coffin’s Shady Beach

Unrestricted Donations

Larry & Sue Coffin  In Memory of Vera Dines-Whitlow
Sandra Eenigenburg  In Memory of Elizabeth Sedey
Merlin Foresman  In Memory of Charlotte Iaconetti
Henry & Joyce Henke  In Memory of Vera Dines-Whitlow
Marion LoVerde  In Memory of Charles LoVerde, Jr.
Regina O’Brien  In Memory of James O’Brien Sr. & Jr.
Mike Conn / Conn Corp.  In Memory of Beverly Sparacio
John & Mamie Lilovich  In Memory of Vera Dines-Whitlow

Eagle Scout Sign Repair
Ross Kozora

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.
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PATRON
Dr. & Mrs. James Rajchel

SPONSORS
American Legion Post 261
Mike & Dolores Aylesworth
Scott Bocock
Kay Brunetti
Al Bunge
Conn Corp / Mike Conn
Fraternal Order of Eagles 2529
Ron Gracz
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Diane Jostes
Gloria Krejisa
John & Mamie Lilovich
Marion LoVerde
Carol Mason
David Needles
John Pruzin
Doug & Lorraine Sheehy
Richard & Betty Sowiak
Nancy Stivers
The Sumara Family
Kevin & Jerri Toth
Richard Whitlow
Todd & Julie Zasada
Anne Zimmerman

FAMILY
The Brown Family
Robert Carnahan
The Dickson Family
The Anne Dines Family
The Dorsey Family
The Gerstenkorn Family
Bob & Cindy Gross
Earl & Denise Gundelach
Bill & Karen Kuhn
The Iris Martinez Family
Nick & Sara Perazzolo
The Pratt Family
Tim & Vickie Rainwater
Jerry & Candi Reiling
The Rieger Family
Mark & Nancy Speichert
Wayne & Judith Stoll

INDIVIDUAL
Jacqueline Basilotta
Bradley Brown
Matt Dickson

INDIVIDUAL (Cont.)
Maria Fay
Linda Gentile
David Hilbrich
Robert Johnston
Brandon King
Jimmy Laud, Jr.
Terri Leslie
Jennifer Lockhart
Larry McClellan
Tom McDonnell
Biljana Mihajlovic
Doreen Pittman
Sam Russell
Nancy Teutemacher
Dorothy Tortorici
Shelly Ward
Lin Wozniewski

SENIOR COUPLE
Don & Bev Abbott
Ricky & Judith Aumock
Alice (& Phyllis) Beckman
Frank & Pat Brongiel
Ron & Patsy Casassa
Larry & Sue Coffin
John & Linda Connelly
Tim & Patty Cook
Kathryn & James Copak
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Thomas & Cecilia Ryan
John & Terry Schutz
David & Mary Ann Shaver
Carol & Brian Sok
Doug & Wendy Spencer
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Wenzell & Linda Elswick-Stocker
Clifford & June Swart
Gene & Carol Swart

SENIOR COUPLE (Cont.)
Lawrence Turnquist
Harold & Jeanne Vos
Monty & Chrysta Walker
Don & Barbara Wigley

SENIOR
Verna Babin
Betty Becker
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Patti Chorba
Sandra Eenigenburg
John Friend
Marthann Gatlin
Joyce Gluth
Dian Goff
Hazel Hamlett
Patty Hegyi
Charles Howkinson
Dorothy Martin
Peter Merwin
Al Mitchell
Regina O’Brien
Mary O’Connor
Christa Parasidis
Rhuben Pittman
Richard Shepherd
Karen Smith
Chester Sparacio
Paulette Young

Representing memberships processed from January 1-
December 31, 2020. If you identify an error or omission
herein, please contact us with more information.

Cabinet Project
(2020 donations for 2019 project)

Iris & Yolanda Martinez
Carol Mason
Todd & Julie Zasada

Download an electronic version of this report, our newsletter, book event tickets and more online at:
cedarlakehistory.org
Innovation Fund 2021

Bonita Adamczyk
Nickolas Bantsolas
Matthew & Sandy Bapple
In Memory of Phyllis & Morry Lund
Mary Ann Bocock
Scott Bocock
Frank & Pat Brongiel
The Brown Family
Jeremy Coffman
Jean Dahl
Chris & Dawn Dines
In the name of Tim & Katy Dines,
Anne Dines, Jacob Dines,
and Zach & Ashlee Dines
Maria Fay
In memory of Vera Dines-Whitlow
and Ron & Pat Gracz
Marthann Gatlin
The Gerstenkorn Family
Allan & Jackie Harris
David Hilbrich
In memory of Emilie Sumara
Robert & Mary Hogueisson
Mylene Hollar
In memory of Cordie & Sarah Coffin of Coffin’s Shady Beach
Paul Horgash
Diane Jostes
In memory of Jack Jostes
Rosalie Kallay
Suzanne Kizewski
Gloria Krejsa
In memory of Dr. Richard J. Krejza and Stanley & Dolores
Garmus
Jimmy Laud, Jr.
Wade & Judy Lietzau
Greg Marquardt & David Villalobos
Iris & Yolanda Martinez
Dr. Larry McClellan
Gary & Tami Miedema
Mary Lou Misch
In memory of Dr. William Misch
David Needles
Regina O’Brien
In memory of James O’Brien, Sr., James O’Brien, Jr., and
Raymond Kollo
John Pruzin
Dr. & Mrs. James Rajchel
George Rogge
Lori Rosenbauer-Huff
In memory of Sherman & Mary Rosenbower
Cheryl Satterlee
Mark & Nancy Speichert
Lee Vertucci
In memory of Dan Vertucci
Chrysta Walker
Richard Whitlow
In memory of Vera Dines-Whitlow
Donald & Barbara Wigley
David Willis
Richard Zarr
Todd & Julie Zasada

Taylor Ice Truck Sponsors

Todd Taylor
Justin Zasada
Lake Shore True Value
Amy Grout
John Taylor
Dorothy Tortorici
Tri Kappa — Zeta Psi Chapter
Tim Zasada
Fraternal Order of Eagles
John Pruzin
George Rogge
Doug & Lori Sheehy
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John & Irene Rokaitis
Gene & Carol Swart
Marion LoVerde
Shelly Ward
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Dian Goff
Iris Martinez
Alice Zasada
Nathan Zasada

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Linda Andres
Lynn Clements
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Denise Dust
Maria Fay
Trude Gebert
Bob & Mary Hogueisson
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Jeanene Letcher
Jennifer Lockhart
Greg Marquardt
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Hilary Peterson
Casey Platt
Clint Powell
Zachary Taylor
Wendy VanderKooi
Lori Vazquez
Sharon Zasada
Todd & Julie Zasada

In 1922, Thomas J. Taylor, Sr., established the Taylor Ice Co. His son, Thomas J. Taylor, Jr., assumed operation of the company in 1948 and delivered to local homes and businesses until 1988. The 1947 International KB5 Taylor ice truck made its final deliveries to the Lake County fairgrounds in 1988.

The Association held a dedication ceremony on October 24, 2020 with the Todd Taylor family to celebrate the donation. The truck is now a rolling museum exhibit, and will participate in community events beginning this spring. Follow the event schedule on Facebook at TaylorIceTruckCLHA

To support ongoing maintenance of the truck, the Association sells Taylor ice truck graphic t-shirts or you may mail a check or make a secure donation online at cedarlakehistory.org.
2021 Season Events At-A-Glance

Sunday, March 28th | 2pm
History Road Show: Dr. Robert W. King

Saturday, April 10th | 9am-Noon
Clean-up & Uncover Museum Exhibits

Sunday, April 25th | 2pm
Museum Volunteer Training & Orientation

Friday, May 7th | 6pm
Grand Opening of our Re-imagined Museum

Thursday, May 27th | Noon-5pm
Seminar for NWI Historical Organizations at Lighthouse

Saturday, June 12th
CL Chamber Business Showcase at Town Grounds

Sunday, June 27th | Noon-2pm
Annual Member Cookout on Museum Lawn

Sunday, July 4th | 1-4pm
Pie & Ice Cream Social during Summerfest

Saturday, July 17th | 6pm
Summer Social

July 23-25 | Vera Dines-Whitlow Community Art Show
Artists: please register by July 1, 2021

July 26-29 | Hours Vary
Steam Through History Week

Sunday, August 15th | 1pm
Behind-the-Scenes Museum Tour

Sunday, September 12th | 11am-2pm
Family Fun Fest and Camp LRCA Reunion at Museum

Museum Hours | May-September
Thursday & Friday 3-6pm, Saturday & Sunday 2-6pm

Dates are subject to change. Follow us online or at Facebook for details. Additional programs will be scheduled.

Thank You
2020 Volunteers

Claire, Cooper, & Carter Benton,

Remember: We need an army of volunteers this season to execute Steam Through History. Please contact us to learn how you can help!