Wrapping up 2020

Anyone else looking forward to putting 2020 behind us?! While it was not a “bad” year for CLHA, the stress and uncertainty that caused us to have to pivot in so many ways is definitely an experience we’d like to leave in the history books.

The museum is now closed for the season, but we are not slowing down by a long shot. Progress continues on our exhibit redesign. We’ve been waiting to close the doors so that we can install some of the most exciting aspects for you! Save the date now: May 7, 2021. It is the 100th anniversary of the Lassen’s Resort hotel grand opening – and we’re going to celebrate with you in a GRAND way ;)

Our mini-construction project campaign from July is also in full swing. So far, we made electrical upgrades, added a “slop sink” for mopping, and a hot water heater that services the new sink and bathroom. We heartily extend our gratitude to our donors: Don & Bev Abbott, American Legion Post 261, Joan Andreotti, Ricky & Alesia Aumock, Michael & Dolores Aylesworth, David Austgen, Verna Babin, Mary Ann Bocock, Bonnie Calarie, The Chalos Family, Larry & Sue Coffin, Mike Conn, Robert Echterling, Marthann Gatlin, Linda Gentile, David Hilbrich, Bob & Mary Hogueisson, Suzanne Kizewski, Wade & Judy Lietzau, John & Mamie Lilovich, Iris & Yolanda Martinez, Beth McCuskey, Regina O’Brien, Gene & Pat Peto, Doreen Pittman, Dr. & Mrs. James Rajchel, George Rogge, Tom & Cecilia King-Ryan, Rich & Betty Sowiak, Nancy Stivers, Kevin & Jerri Toth, Bob & Barb VanRamshorst, Richard Whitlow, Don & Barbara Wigley, and the Zasada Family.

Membership Voting

The election of the Board of Governors and Officers of the Association will be held at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 24th at 6:30 PM in the Museum conference room.

Each dues-paying member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP at 219.390.9423 so we can set the room in advance. We are hoping to have our technology set for Zoom meeting as well. Email us at info@cedarlakehistory.org for details.

Read our Constitution & Bylaws at cedarlakehistory.org/board.php

Taylor Ice Truck at CLHA

On October 24, 2020, we dedicated our newest “exhibit on wheels,” the Taylor Ice Truck, donated by Todd Taylor. Read more on page 2. To support the ongoing maintenance of our girl, purchase this awesome graphic t-shirt! Available in youth small to 3XL for $28 each (upcharge on 2XL & 3XL). Order by November 8th at https://crownpointprinting.com/stores/CLHA/
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We are thrilled to share that we have accepted the donation of a 1947 International KB5 truck which was owned and operated by the Taylor Ice Co. of Cedar Lake, from Todd Taylor (pictured in the center of the top left photo).

In 1922, Thomas J. Taylor, Sr., established the Taylor Ice Co. in Cedar Lake. His son, Thomas J. Taylor, Jr., assumed operation of the ice company in 1948 and delivered to local homes and businesses. Todd assisted his father, Thomas Jr., in the family business throughout high school and again from 1971 until the close of operations in 1988. The Taylor ice truck made its final deliveries to the Lake County fairgrounds in 1988.

We are honored to be entrusted with this incredible gift. After a fundraising campaign, the Association hired local mechanic, Clint Powell, to get the truck running after several years in storage. Powell, who was already familiar with Internationals on his grandpa’s farm, put in a new fuel pump and brakes and rebuilt the carburetor and water pump. The Association held a dedication ceremony on October 24, 2020. View the video on our YouTube page (accessible from the bottom of our website homepage) or on the truck’s very own Facebook page: 

@TaylorIceTruckCLHA

We intend to utilize the truck as a rolling museum exhibit, and will participate in community events beginning next spring. To support additional repairs and ongoing maintenance of the truck, the Association will sell Taylor ice truck t-shirts in an online, two-week campaign until Sunday, November 8th (see page 1). Cash donations to the maintenance fund are also welcome and your name will be added to the donor board that will travel with the truck. You may mail a check or make a secure donation at www.cedarlakehistory.org.

Taylor Ice Truck Maintenance Fund Donation

Amount of Gift Enclosed: $__________
The History Road Show returns for its 4th season with our “Citizens of Cedar Lake” presentations that will explore the biographies of prominent individuals who contributed to the founding and success of our community. Participation is free, but RSVP is required due to limited capacity within the museum conference room. Reserve your seat at www.cedarlakehistory.org

Sunday, November 22, 2020 | 2:00 pm
Beatrice Homer-Castrogiovanni, First Town Historian (top left)

Sunday, December 13, 2020 | 2:00 pm
Florence Wahlberg, Civic Leader and Businesswoman

Sunday, January 17, 2021 | 2:00 pm
Senator Sue Landske (center left)

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 | 6:30 pm
Geraldine Kortokrax, Civic Leader and co-founder of Cedar Lake

Sunday, March 28, 2021 | 2:00 pm
Dr. Robert W. King, "Father of Cedar Lake" (bottom left)

All programs will be in the museum conference room. Dates and location may be subject to change. We may offer the programs via Zoom meeting or playback from our YouTube channel. Please contact us with questions.

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Volunteers Sought

Can you lend a hand?

There are no museum tours offered October through April; however, there will be plenty of activity around the museum. We are seeking able-bodied ladies and gentlemen to help with renovation odds and ends this winter. Grab your work gloves and give us a call.

Internships also available. Or do you have another area of expertise or skill such as electrical, carpentry, window repair, drywall, plaster repair, painting, video production, photography, non-profit business management or more? We’re interested! Contact us TODAY at 219.390.9423.

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Partner to Preserve Our Past
Additional Ways to Give

For Use Today...

We are presenting the relevance of Cedar Lake history through our unique programs, special events, and history museum on the shores of Cedar Lake. Partner with CLHA to create opportunities for history, recreation, and education by giving a gift to our organization. Financial contributions are welcomed and used for general operations. Please make checks payable to Cedar Lake Historical Association.

Amount of Gift Enclosed: $_________

This is a tribute gift in (circle one):
 Honor of  Memory of  Appreciation of

Name of Honoree:_________________________

...Or Forever

The purpose of our Endowment Fund is to provide operating support in perpetuity for the Association. The endowment is a permanent fund. The principle is never depleted, only the interest is used to support the organization. Consider a contribution to increase this fund and provide us with a source of revenue forever!

Our endowment fund is managed by Crown Point Community Foundation.
The easiest way to give is a cash gift.
Please make endowment gifts payable to the Crown Point Community Foundation with “CLHA Operating Endowment” in the memo line. Endowment gifts of stocks and securities, real estate, insurance, and tangible assets are also accepted. All gifts receive the maximum deduction allowed by law. Please call us with questions at 219.390.9423 or read more or donate online:

www.thecpcf.org/funds.html

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

In late January, Calumet: The Land of Opportunity opened at the Gary Public Library. The facility closed in response to COVID-19 concerns. The Cedar Lake Historical Association is a proud member of the Calumet Curators and has displayed memorabilia and artifacts from the CLHA collection as part of the exhibit. A virtual version of the exhibit is adapted from the current installation.

Explore highlights from the exhibition online at www.CalumetVoicesExhibit.com

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