



Newsletter

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Annual Venetian Potluck!

Even though it's still mid June, it is never too early to inform the membership about our annual late July event, the Venetian Festival Fireworks Potluck at the Depot, this year on Friday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. The tables will be set up in the beautiful Heritage Garden area near the pergola and brick walkways with easy proximity to the Depot kitchen if microwaves, the refrigerator, and a little warm-up on the stove are needed.

Members and their guests are invited to bring a dish to pass, including serving utensil(s), plus your own tableware, cutlery, viewing chairs if needed for the fireworks (the Depot has folding chairs and several upholstered arm chairs), and blankets. We supply hot dogs, buns, condiments, and lemonade. BYOB if you prefer something stronger. Volunteers for preparing, setting up, grilling, and taking down are needed. Call the Harsha House if you can lend a hand.

Be sure to arrive on time to get a parking space since they will be at a premium not much later as the beach fills up. Chicago Avenue leading down to the Depot is usually blocked off by the city once the time for the fireworks display nears. This display is always one of the most spectacular events of the entire year.

We will also be recognizing the Volunteer of the Year, as we will be foregoing the usual Ice Cream Social in September.

See you there! _

MUSEUM SUMMER HOURS

The museum will be open through June 28 Tuesday through Saturday from 12-4 p.m. Beginning Monday, June 30, summer hours will be Monday through Saturday from 12-4 p.m. through August 30.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual business meeting and election of officers will take place on Tuesday, July 8 at 4:00 p.m. at the Depot prior to the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors. The slate of nominated officers and directors, plus by-law changes, can be found on the following page.

Society members are encouraged to attend to vote and ask any questions about the state of the Society, its operation, goals, and financial condition. Anyone who would like to serve on the Board or in an advisory capacity in the future is likewise encouraged to attend.

VESSELS PROGRAM TO BE REPEATED

Your editor's recent illustrated program on the "Historic Vessels of Charlevoix" will be repeated at the Charlevoix Public Library's Community Room on Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

NOMINEES FOR SOCIETY OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2014-2015 ELECTION TO BE HELD AT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING JULY 8, AT THE DEPOT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015

PRESIDENT: Denise Fate
VICE PRESIDENT: Lore Silberman
SECRETARY: Kay Heise
TREASURER: Steve Paterka
FINANCE CHAIR: Craig Mann

DIRECTORS

TERM ENDING 2016

Phyllis Elzinga (replacing Chris Unbehaun)

TERM ENDING 2017

Don Voisin
Virginia Cash

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Article IV, Sec. 1. Delete "a secretary, a membership secretary, a treasurer, and a finance committee chair, each elected for a term of one (1) year."

Replace with: "a secretary, a treasurer, and a finance committee chair, each elected for a term of three (3) years, with no more than three (3) successive terms."

Article IV, Sec. 2. Delete "six (6) officers."

Replace with: "five (5) officers."

Article IV, Secs. 5 and 6. Combine responsibilities so that it becomes only Sec. 5 and now reads: "The secretary shall be responsible for the monthly updating of standing rules, responding to correspondence, maintaining accurate lists of current members by membership category, issuing notices of dues payable, and acknowledging all donations of both time and funds."

Article IV, Sec. 9. Delete "two (2) successive"

Replace with "three (3) successive"

Renumber Article IV: Change Sec. 7 to Sec. 6

Change Sec. 8 to Sec. 7

Change Sec. 9 to Sec. 8

NORWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER PROGRAMS

Our friends to the south in Norwood are hosting two programs this summer which should be of interest to our membership. On Wednesday, July 16 will be "What Really Happened to That B-52?" presented by Petoskey historian and former teacher Rick Wiles. Mr. Wiles has thoroughly researched the tragic and mysterious explosion of a USAF B-52 flight over Little Traverse Bay in January, 1971, an event that made worldwide news. These flights, which numbered over 10,000 by the time the project was terminated, electronically targeted the emissions stack of the Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant four miles north of Charlevoix during the height of the Cold War as training for Air Force pilots should real nuclear bombing ever need to be done. The explosion, which killed all aboard, pointed out the danger to the plant since the plane was only eleven direct flight seconds away when it blew up. The Pentagon subsequently sent all flights out over the water away from the plant and reconfigured the electronic scoring patterns.

Program number two will be on Wednesday, August 20, titled "Shale, Kettles and Concretions in Norwood." Presented by University of Wyoming geology professor Jim McClurg, this program will explore Norwood's shale deposits, their indentations called "kettles," and concretions, the mineral deposits found in the shale along the lakeshore south of the village.

Both events will be held at the Norwood schoolhouse at 7:30 p.m. Free for NAHS members, \$5 for non-members. For more information, go to www.norwoodhistory.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHICAGO CLUB BOATHOUSE

Next time you cross the bridge or walk through East Park or along the marina, take a glance across Round Lake at the long, low, white, always handsome Chicago Club boathouse. It is one hundred years old this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for two events coming up in August. On Tuesday, August 5 the Society will be presenting a program, at the Depot, on the history of the East Jordan Iron Works, which has had ties with Charlevoix since the first shipload of ore from the Upper Peninsula passed through town on its way down Lake Charlevoix over 125 years ago. And on Wednesday, August 27 we will again enjoy our annual narrated Sunset Cruise aboard the *Keweenaw Star*. Details in upcoming newsletters.

SOCIETY'S PHOTO COLLECTION MAKING AN IMPACT

Three new local eating establishments recently obtained classic images from our photo collection to embellish their walls—the Bridge Street Tap Room on Bridge Park (42 images), the Drawbridge in the Edgewater Inn (5), and Smoke on the Water at 103 Park Avenue (also 5). These photos emphasize what the channel, bridge, and harbor areas once looked like. Check them all out!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The busy summer season is now upon us, with so many wonderful things going on in Charlevoix. You may even see film crews here in July wrapping up much of the video production of Earl Young homes for the “Wizard of Boulder Park” documentary which we are partnering on with the documentary team from Bon Ami film works.

I am very pleased and thankful for the slate of nominees we have for the Board this year, who will bring with them a wealth of knowledge, talent, and passion. Look for more good things to come at the Society over the near future. We would be pleased to see you at the Annual Meeting on July 8 to meet everyone and cast your vote. Please do enjoy your summer and the warm, sunny weather when we have it!

Denise Fate

CENTRAL DRUG STORE 100th CELEBRATION

2014 marks the 100th year since pharmacist Harley Ochs went to work for Central Drug Store owner B. Herman. Ochs bought the business in 1929, and it has been in family hands ever since. Store owners and Society Patrons Lani and John (Harley's grandson) Ochs are marking the occasion with a small pictorial display. Stop in to see it and offer them congratulations on being the oldest family owned business in Charlevoix!

Donations in memory of David Lewis received in May from: *Robert & Marian Brewer,*
James and Marilyn Dana

The Society deeply regrets the recent passing of longtime Patron Ranny Riecker who
contributed very much over many years, lifetime member Katie Kiernen, and
Suzanne Miles Sweet Miller