

80th Birthday Gala for Dave Miles at Argonne House February 14th!

The Historical Society is so pleased to be able to honor long-time curator and local historian David L. Miles at a Gala Fundraising Dinner on the occasion of his 80th birthday. The dinner will take place at the newly renovated Argonne House on Boyne City Road in Charlevoix on Friday, February 14, 2020, starting at 6 pm. Taking a nod to the year Dave was born, the theme for the evening will be the 1940s, and will include the Pine River Jazz Band playing swing music from the era. Period attire is welcome!

There will be a cocktail hour from 6-7 pm, with a cash bar, followed by the program and dinner. Tickets are \$80 per person and can be purchased by contacting the Historical Society at 231-547-0373 or online at chxhistory.com/miles. Proceeds will benefit the Charlevoix Historical Society and the photographic collection which Dave and his father, Bob Miles, have preserved.

The program in store for the evening, besides music and maybe even some dancing, will include a historic journey of Charlevoix in the 1940s, stories about life in Charlevoix over the decades and other surprises.

Argonne House, which went by several names in its early years, originally opened in 1925 and was a thriving dance club from the 1920s through the 1940s. It was named The Argonne in 1933 by Leo W. Powers when he leased the Club from L.E. Juilleret in memory of his brother, who had died in WWI at the Battle of the Argonne Forest in France. The restaurant was purchased by Frederick Taylor in 2018 when owners Steve Ager and Cindy Whitley decided to retire. It has undergone extensive renovations since then, and is slated to open to the public later in February. With so many people holding fond memories of the restaurant, we're lucky to have it re-opening and, as you will see, looking better than ever!

Argonne House requests that we get our count for the Gala in by February 10 - and we're hoping for a sell-out, so be sure to buy your tickets as soon as you can. For more information and to buy tickets, or make a donation in Dave's honor, contact the Charlevoix Historical Society at 231-547-0373 or visit chxhistory.com/miles

E.P.C. Campaign Updates:

Embrace.Preserve.Cherish. capital campaign materials were sent out in November outlining the Society's needs and goals for 2020/2021. I am pleased to report that we are making good progress - the match for the Challenge Grant of \$25,000 has been met! Responses have been received from a wide variety of people - and we are extremely appreciative of your gifts. We plan to begin work at the Harsha House this spring. We need to keep up the momentum, however, to reach our "103 for 103 State Street" goal by year end. Thank you for participating. - Denise

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We've wrapped up another successful year at the Society, thanks to the terrific support of our members, patrons and others who so generously sponsor our efforts. Included among them are the volunteers who give their time and expertise to assist with our operations and projects. We will recap all of our 2019 activities in our upcoming Annual Report, which will be available on our website. Please join me in welcoming Dennis Halverson to our Board of Directors!

I am honored and humbled by the recent announcement of having been selected as Charlevoix's Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce. This second chapter in my life, called 'retirement' since 2008, has been most fulfilling as I have found meaningful outlets for my talents and energy, including the Historical Society and other organizations, in addition to golf, of course. I am most grateful that we chose to settle in this incredible city of Charlevoix which has so much to offer and so many wonderful people.

We look forward to a good party on Valentine's Day!

Denise

The Society welcomes new members Buck & Cindy Scott, Bill & Judy Carey, Paul & Kimberly Hauschild (Patron)

Donations in memory of Jack Begrow received from: *Nancy Letherby, Richard Neumann, Kurt & Linda Beuthin, Mike & Rhea Dow, The Dune Condominium Association, Nestlerode & Loy, Inc.*

Donation in memory of Marjorie Brow Lerman received from: *Marilyn Gibbons*

Donation in memory of Dr. James Stewart received from: *William & Carol Venema*

Donations (unrestricted) received from: *Charles & Linda Eisendrath, Buck & Cindy Scott, Gail DeMeyere, Petoskey Area Antiques Club, Dorothy Irwin*

The Society deeply regrets the passing of longtime member Dr. F. James (Jim) Stewart



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