

NEWSLETTER

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Grey Gables Holiday Dinner



The Society invites you and guests to join us for our annual festive holiday celebration to kick off the season at the **Grey Gables Restaurant**, **308 Belvedere Avenue**, **Tuesday**, **December 5. A holiday cheer cash bar and social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m.**

The delectable choices (walleye, chicken, pork) will be described in our eNewsletter around mid-November. If you are not already subscribed, you can do so from the Society's website, chxhistory.com. Click on "Subscribe to our eNewsletter" at the top right of the home page.

To do some good in the community as we did last year, bring a donation of a non-perishable food item for the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry. Those who do will be entered to win a holiday gift basket as a door prize. Food suggestions include pasta or rice packages, canned goods, cereal, peanut butter and jelly. Visit chxcommunityfoodpantry.com for more details.

Please rsvp for the dinner by Friday, December 1. Call the Museum at Harsha House, 231-547-0373, with the number in your party and menu choices. Price: \$60 per person, tax and gratuity included. A portion of this benefits the Historical Society. No prepays needed. Payment by cash, check or credit card accepted upon entry.

President's Message

This fall we topped off a year of celebration and fundraising for our beloved South Pier Lighthouse to ensure its ongoing restoration and preservation. Many of you turned out for celebration events and made a financial commitment to keep the light shining in our community for years to come. Thank you. Your continued support through membership renewal is very important to our financial well-being and will allow the Society to move into the new year in pursuit of our goals to better manage our collections, facilities and databases.

I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season, and look forward to seeing a good number of



Geoffrey Reynolds, President

Society President Emerita Denise Fate (left), Janet Kohler, and John and Jeri Duerr follow behind a replica of the South Pier Lighthouse while promoting the "Keep Charlevoix Lit" fundraiser for lighthouse restoration and preservation during the Venetian Parade.







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Capital Campaign Initiative - Update

Last fall, a capital campaign initiative was launched to raise \$300,000 for projects in need of completion over the next couple of years. Below is the status of the fundraising and the projects.

	Goal	Raised thru 10/15/23	Project Status
I/T Upgrades	\$30,000	\$30,000	Near completion
Collections Management System	20,000	-0-	Deferred until 2024
Fire-resistant Archival Vault	75,000	-0-	Awaiting final plans
Depot roof and pergola repair	100,000	40,000	Pergola - Oct/Nov
			Roof - Summer 2024
South Pier Lighthouse repairs	60,000	<u>51,000</u>	In progress
-	\$285,000	\$121,000	

As you think about charitable contributions this year and possibly taking advantage of tax breaks for Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) with donations made directly to qualified organizations, we hope you will consider a gift to the E.P.C. campaign and the projects to be funded for 2024/25.

Gifts can be made to the Charlevoix Historical Society Preservation Fund - Grantmaking at the **Charlevoix County Community Foundation** online at c3f.org, or by check, mailed to P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727. Call them at 231-536-2440 for assistance with fund or stock transfers.

We are extremely grateful to all donors to the initiative as well as grantors. Gifts were received from the following between March 1-Sept. 30, 2023 ("Lighthouse 75" gifts listed separately): James & Mary Larimer, Julia J. Taylor.

Grants awarded for the Depot roof: MI State Historic Preservation Office (for Certified Local Government) \$20,000, Michigan Arts and Culture Council \$17,500, Charlevoix County Community Foundation \$1000. Grants Pending: \$21,400

Denise Fate, Capital Campaign Chair

Jamie McLane, Finance Chair

Memberships Received by October 16, 2023

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"Lighthouse 75" Events a Great Success!

The "Lighthouse 75" / "Keep Charlevoix Lit" festivities concluded on September 30, 2023, culminating with a birthday celebration at Michigan Beach Park and a fundraising Sunset Cruise on the Beaver Islander ferry. The afternoon event was well-attended, and included Lighthouse Keeper Interpreter Carl Jahn in authentic attire and numerous lighthouse artifacts. A cake in the shape of the South Pier Lighthouse, made by Annie Russell of Bywater Cafe, had '75' candles on it, and "Happy Birthday" was sung by the crowd.

The cruise was sold out in advance. Over 90 people enjoyed a beautiful, balmy September evening cruising the calm waters of Lake Charlevoix, Round Lake and Lake Michigan. These events raised close to \$4,000 in support of lighthouse preservation and maintenance. The Society is very grateful to Tim McQueer and his crew from Beaver Island Boat Company for supporting the event, along with all of the attendees.

Combined with the online auction of lighthouse photos and art, celebrity bartending at the Bridge Street Tap Room and Boyne City Tap Room, merchandise sales and with other donations over the course of the year, close to \$51,000 has been raised so far! This positions the Society and the City quite well to get the needed repairs completed in the next year or two and to seek a MI State Historic Preservation Office grant. Some work has already been done this summer - concrete repairs to stabilize the base, interior clean-up, and carpentry and painting in the lantern gallery.



Thank you to all who participated and donated! Lighthouse merchandise, including winter gear and custom silk handbags made by Red Dirt Road are still available in the museum gift shop. These would all make great holiday gifts!

Donors to the "Lighthouse 75" Campaign:

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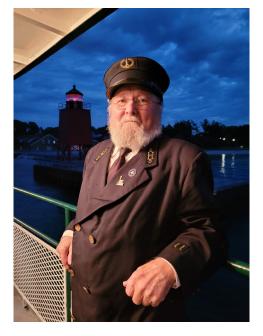












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Thank you for supporting the Charlevoix Historical Society. We do our best to keep an accurate record of memberships and apologize for any errors or omissions. Please contact us for any corrections, 231-547-0373 or info@chxhistory.com

Membership Campaign

Renew Your Membership Today!

It is now time to renew your membership in the Charlevoix Historical Society for 2024, as we kick off our annual campaign. Please complete and return the form below with your payment, or visit https://chxhistory.com/donate/ to renew online. (Of course, you are always welcome to renew in person at the museum as well.) Your membership includes a subscription to the newsletter, free admittance to all programs and exhibits, and a 15% discount on museum purchases.

The Society marked 2023 with several key events, including the launch of our extensive maritime exhibit at the Museum at Harsha House, and the recent celebration for the 75th anniversary of the South Pier Lighthouse. Our guided tours and topical presentations have been exceptionally popular this year. And, by also delivering programs via Zoom and YouTube, we continue to reach members far and wide, and spark interest for new members. We are extremely grateful for our members' generosity, which allows the Historical Society to remain strong and

We value you as a member, and your dues support our operations. Please take a moment now to renew your membership - and be sure to include your email address to receive our eNewsletter to stay upto-date on the Society's activities. Thank you!

Janet Kohler, Secretary / Membership Chair



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