

# Cedar Lake Historical Association

VISIT THE *Lake of the Red Cedars* MUSEUM

LOCATED ON THE SHORES OF CEDAR LAKE

## Letter from Our President

Dear Friends,

What an honor and privilege it was to witness all the excitement during our museum's 30th Anniversary season in 2016!

It was a year of many firsts. We hired an AmeriCorp student employee who facilitated a Community Art Show and summer children's programs. We also held our first Winter Wine Event, Live Music Sundays from the porch, an extended season through October, and a record-setting grant award year. We received nearly \$25,000 for special projects (see page 2).

Also in 2016, our board and volunteers served a combined 2,500 hours to further our mission of bringing together those interested in the history of Cedar Lake and those seeking to understand our traditions and heritage. Over 165 wine event attendees, 800 visitors and 70 members offered their financial support. And 1,820 followers on Facebook interacted with us by liking our "Throwback" pictures and sharing favorite memories of time spent at Cedar Lake.

If you are not yet involved, I ask that you consider supporting our organization. The 2nd Annual Winter Wine Event on February 4th at the Lighthouse Restaurant would be a perfect way to start (see sidebar)! But if many miles (or an ocean) keep us apart, a membership or endowment donation are wonderful ways to support our efforts too.

We are setting our sails for 2017 when our Association celebrates its 40th Anniversary of incorporation. Please visit us. We look forward to being your *Escape to the Past!*

*Jimmy Laud, Jr.*

**2nd Annual Winter Wine Event** is scheduled for **Saturday, February 4, 2017** from **2:00-5:00 PM** at the *Lighthouse Restaurant* in Cedar Lake. Singer and musician, *J.T. Trimmel*, will entertain with a **"Songs You Love"** Branson-style show at **3:00 PM**.

**NEW!** Raffle with prizes from Cedar Lake Sunset Cruises, Holiday Liquors, Bobb Auto, a "Taste of Cedar Lake" restaurant gift card package and more!

Admission is **\$35 per person** and includes 10 tastes. Cash bar also available. Purchase tickets in the Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce office or online today!  
[www.cedarlakehistory.org](http://www.cedarlakehistory.org)

## ✧ ✧ ✧ MISSION MOMENT ✧ ✧ ✧



Alice Bibby is an example of the reason that we strive to preserve Cedar Lake history. Alice and husband Phil of Ipswich, England, traveled to Cedar Lake on the last leg of their incredible journey to the United States. Armed with very little information, she has spent the last quarter century searching for her biological father, who her mother had met while working at Midway Ballroom in the summer of 1961. In March 2016, Alice, formerly an only child, found that she has 3 younger half siblings! After spending time on the east coast with her sisters she flew to Kansas to meet her brother. Before heading home they made time to visit the place where the story all began. Alice had originally contacted CLHA for information in the early 90s at the beginning of her journey. We were honored to show her around as she completed her quest.



## 2016 Financial Statement

### INCOME

Membership Dues	\$2,188.00
Museum Admissions	\$1,599.00
Gift Shop Sales	\$ 708.00
Programs/Events	\$7,656.00
Donations/Grants*	<u>\$18,180.00</u>
	\$30,331.00

### EXPENSES

Administration	\$2,902.43
Advertising	\$ 612.00
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 355.00
Education/Training	\$ 344.00
Fundraising	\$2,369.57
Insurance	\$1,730.88
Museum Maintenance	\$2,874.57
Museum Repair	\$ 715.51
Office/Supplies	\$ 29.10
Postage	\$ 224.15
Printing	\$ 905.03
Professional Services	\$1,447.95
Programming	<u>\$ 683.63</u>
	\$15,193.82

\*Grant funds will be expensed in 2017.

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✧ Over 800 Visitors toured the Museum and participated in special programs

✧ Over 2,500 Volunteer Hours were logged

✧ Key Programs: The Liar's Bench, Live Music Sundays, Member BBQ, Pie & Ice Cream Social during Summerfest, Doll Tea Party, Community Art Show, Afternoons with Author Jeff Manes, Family Fun Fest, Behind-the-Scenes Museum Tour, Happy Hoosier Bicentennial Program, Virtual Graveyard Tour, and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

✧ Affiliations: AASLH StEPs Museum, Blue Star Museum, Smithsonian Museum Day Live!, Time Travelers Reciprocal Member

## Gifts & Grants Further our Mission

- ✧ March 2016: We were one of 3 lucky participating organizations to receive a **\$500** grant at the Crown Point Community Foundation's annual Volunteer Fair which we used toward publicity expenses.
- ✧ July 2016: We were accepted into the American Alliance of Museum's Museum Assessment Program (MAP) to complete a Community Engagement Assessment valued at up to **\$6,000**.
- ✧ September 2016: We received **\$5,000** from the Indiana Landmarks Efroymson Fund for window repair.
- ✧ October 2016: The Crown Point Community Foundation & Cedar Lake Community Fund jointly awarded **\$8,500** toward additional window repair (\$3,000) and bathroom improvements (\$5,500.00).
- ✧ December 2016: A **\$4,500** Heritage Support Grant provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment, Inc. was awarded toward structural engineering designs for the museum's foundation.

## Thank You 2016 Volunteers!

Mercedes Austgen, Glen Barker, Bob Brannon, Summer Crosser, Jay Cruz, Josie DeSanto, Mary Joan & Matt Dickson, Jean Dohmeier, Isaac Drayo, Musicians of the Dyer Wind Ensemble, Maria Fay, Jeanette Geresy, Russ Gower, Ron Gracz, Bertha Hernandez, Paul Horgash, Micaela Knox, Barbara Krieger, Kaz Laurinaitis, Matthew Lawson, Christine Lira, Germaine Mantel, Iris & Yolanda Martinez, Larry McMahan, Francheska Miller, Rebecca Monk, Elaine Mylius, Carol Oostman, Sharon Pawlik, Bessie Petrov, Doreen Pittman, Jack Pruzin, Candi Reiling, Fran Salvador, John Schutz, Bertha & Raul Sosa, Tim Storey, Emilie, Natalie & Caroline Sumara, Jan Symmes, Sharon Varga, Haley Veschak, Chrysti W., Nick Werley, Ken Wyrick, Todd, Justin, Tim & Nate Zasada, and Anne Zimmerman.

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## 2017 Special Events

**Saturday, February 4th | 2-5 PM**  
Winter Wine Event at Lighthouse Restaurant

**Saturday, March 4th | 10AM - 3 PM**  
CPCF Volunteer Fair at C.P. High School

**Saturday, March 18th | 10AM - 3 PM**  
CL Chamber Business Expo at Hanover H.S.

**Saturday, April 22nd | 9 AM-Noon**  
Museum Clean-up & Uncovering Day

**Saturday, April 29th | 1-3 PM**  
Museum Volunteer Orientation & Training

**Saturday, May 6th | 9AM - 3 PM**  
Treasure Hunt - Museum Lawn Sale

**Sunday, May 21st | 4-6 PM**  
Live Music Sunday on the Museum Porch

**Thursday, May 25th | Noon-4 PM**  
Preserving History in NWI  
A Seminar for NWI Historical Organizations

**Sunday, June 18th | 4-6 PM**  
Live Music Sunday on the Museum Porch

**Sunday, June 25th | Noon-2 PM**  
Annual Membership Cookout

**Sunday, July 2nd | 1-4 PM**  
Pie & Ice Cream Social during Summerfest

**July 13th-23rd**  
Christmas in July at the Museum

**Sunday, July 23rd | 4-6 PM**  
Live Music Sunday on the Museum Porch

**July 28th-30th**  
Community Art Show at the Museum

**Saturday, August 12th | 2 PM**  
Behind-the-Scenes Museum Tour

**Sunday, August 20th | 4-6 PM**  
Live Music Sunday on the Museum Porch

**Sunday, August 27th | 11 AM - 3 PM**  
Family Fun Fest  
on the Lawn of the Museum

**Sunday, September 24th | 2:30 PM**  
Folklore & Legends of Cedar Lake

Board meetings are held approximately the 4th Sunday of each month in Cedar Lake Town Hall or the Museum conference room.

Changes may occur. Visit our website to confirm 2017 Schedule of Events.

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### Museum Hours for 2017

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

3:00-6:00 PM

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

2:00-6:00 PM

May 4th through October 1st

*Tours will also be scheduled by appointment.*

### 2017 Membership Levels

All memberships include free tour admission all season, newsletters, 2 guest passes, and the Time Travelers discount program, a reciprocal membership network for historical sites and museums throughout the United States. *Renew or become a member today!*

Circle your Desired Level Below

Individual :: \$20                      Family :: \$40  
Senior :: \$15                      Senior Couple :: \$20

Sponsor :: \$100 (general benefits plus 2 add'l guest passes & 10% store discount)

Patron :: \$250 (general benefits plus 4 add'l guest passes & 15% store discount)

Sustaining :: \$500 (general benefits plus 6 add'l guest passes & 20% store discount)

Benefactor :: \$1000 (general benefits plus 8 add'l guest passes & 25% store discount)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to Cedar Lake Historical Association and mailed to:

Cedar Lake Historical Association  
P.O. Box 421, Cedar Lake, IN 46303

219.390.9423 | clhamuseum@yahoo.com

### Partner to Preserve Our Past Additional Ways to Give

Our mission is to bring together those interested in the history of Cedar Lake and those seeking to understand our traditions and heritage. Consider partnering with CLHA to preserve our past by giving a gift to our organization.

Financial contributions are welcomed for operations and as a match for our grant support. **Please make checks payable to Cedar Lake Historical Association.**

**This gift is designated for** (choose below):

- CLHA Operating Expenses**
- Grant Match Dollars**
- CLHA may choose the greater needed use**

**Amount of Gift Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**This is a tribute gift in** (circle one):

**Honor of      Memory of      Appreciation of**

Name of Honoree: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 the Crown Point Community Foundation. The easiest way to give is a cash gift. **Please make endowment gifts payable to 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 at:

[www.thecpcf.org/funds-and-giving.html](http://www.thecpcf.org/funds-and-giving.html)