



Dear Friends,

Let's say goodbye to 2020! We are pleased to close the history book of such an unusual year. But before we do, we want to **THANK YOU** for making it another record-setting year for CLHA in some fantastic ways. Previously, 2019 was the Association's most successful year to date. But we managed to top those all-time highs in 2020:

- **Memberships were up by 20%**
- **Fundraising** for our three special appeals in support of construction projects, the acquisition of the Taylor Ice Truck, and the Innovation Fund **was up by 30%**
- Although we lost 2 months of our tourist season, and museum visits were dramatically down, the **single-day events** that we were able to host, such as the member cookout, art show reception, and family fun fest, were markedly **better attended than in year's past.**

Plus, it wasn't only our rock-star members who supported our mission to present the relevance of Cedar Lake history in 2020. Take a look at page 2. **Grant agencies awarded us a breathtaking total of \$96,909!!!** Honestly, there aren't enough exclamation points in the world to adequately relay our enthusiasm.

In 2021, we are going to need your help to set a new record with volunteerism. We have exciting experiences for you, but we need a small army to pull them all off. Please contact our executive director, Julie, for more information. Best wishes for good health. We hope to see you soon!

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Rest in Peace Ronald Gracz

It is with heavy hearts that we share that our tour-guide extraordinaire and local water-ski legend, Ron Gracz, passed away on December 3, 2020. Ron was a masterful storyteller and always conscientiously sought to make sure that visitors connected with the stories of Cedar Lake.



The loss of his exuberant personality has left a void in our museum family. You can read kind words offered in our Facebook post from February 27, 2021. Please share your memories of Ron therein and remember his family in your prayers.

✧ CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ✧



The lockdown of 2020 forced us to postpone our centennial celebration. In hindsight we were able to take the curse and turn it into a blessing, as our research revealed that Lassen's Resort Hotel (where our museum is housed) first opened on May 7, 1921. We invite you to join us as we turn lemons into lemonade in 2021.

Save the date for our Grand Reopening & Reimaging of our museum on **Friday, May 7, 2021** to see history come alive in a fresh way!

2020 Financial Summary

INCOME*

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Membership Dues | \$4,870.00 |
| Gift Shop Sales | \$ 507.00 |
| Fundraisers | \$ 409.00 |
| Rentals | \$ 250.00 |
| Programs/Events | \$1,576.00 |
| In-kind Donations | \$15,000.00 |
| Donations/Grants | <u>\$88,354.00</u> |
| | \$110,966.00 |

EXPENSES*

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| Advertising | \$ 624.00 |
| Convention/Mtg Expense | \$ 134.00 |
| Dues/Subscriptions | \$ 683.00 |
| Exhibit Maint/Collection | \$11,704.00 |
| Food & Beverage | \$ 744.00 |
| Insurance | \$2,703.00 |
| Maintenance/Repairs | \$ 100.00 |
| Office Expense | \$4,312.00 |
| Professional Service Fees | \$30,717.00 |
| Service Fees (Online) | \$ 75.00 |
| Supplies & Materials | \$6,284.00 |
| Utilities | <u>\$ 120.00</u> |
| | \$58,200.00 |

*Unaudited totals. Grant expenses and award payments cross multiple fiscal years. Information is provided herein for basic reference. For a complete picture of our financial activity, please view our tax return on GuideStar.org or contact us to schedule an appointment.

MORE FACTS & FIGURES...

- ❖ Over 1,100 Visitors toured the museum and attended special programs
- ❖ Over 4,000 Volunteer hours were logged
- ❖ Key Programs: Member BBQ, Vera Dines-Whitlow Community Art Show, Family Fun Fest, and History Road Show
- ❖ Affiliations/Memberships: American Alliance of Museums, AASLH, AASLH StEPs Museum, Calumet Heritage Partnership, Cedar Lake Chamber, Crossroads Regional Chamber, Indiana Historical Society, Indiana Landmarks, Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society, South Shore Convention & Visitors Bureau Partner, Time Travelers Reciprocal Program

Gifts & Grants Further our Mission

March 2020: A **\$2,500** grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation & Cedar Lake Community Fund was awarded for exhibit design consultation and planning.

March 2020: A disbursement of **\$4,725** from the Town of Cedar Lake Tourism Funds was granted in support of the Steam through History program week (event postponed until July 2021 due to COVID pandemic).

May 2020: Indiana Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act economic stabilization plan of 2020 granted **\$5,000** to be utilized for CLHA operating expenses.

July 2020: Our members and donors came together in support of a special appeal to fund construction projects at the museum. Over **\$3,400** was gifted for window and plaster repair, floor refinishing, hot water heater installation, custom cabinetry for the conference room, and related project supplies.

July 2020: A **\$47,600** Heritage Support Grant (HSG) provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment, Inc., was awarded to implement a seven-room Exhibit Gallery Reinterpretation. This marks the 7th award for CLHA under the HSG program since 2016!

August 2020: A Capacity Building Grant for **\$2,085** from the second phase of the Lake County COVID-19 Response Fund, made possible by the Legacy Foundation & Crown Point Community Foundation, was awarded to implement virtual meeting technology.

September 2020: The Steam through History program received its second funding award, a **\$20,000** Collaboration Grant from Indiana Humanities in cooperation with the National Endowment of the Humanities to support several aspects of event week.

September 2020: Todd Taylor donated a **1947 International KB5** truck which was owned and operated by the Taylor Ice Co. of Cedar Lake from 1948 to 1988. The truck will be a mobile museum exhibit and participate in various community events beginning in 2021. Read more on page 5.

October 2020: Our 8th (!!!) Heritage Support Grant provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment, Inc., for **\$4,999** was awarded in support of the Steam through History program.

December 2020: Steam through History was selected for funding from a fourth agency. A Legacy Foundation Transform Lake County grant for **\$10,000** was also awarded to bring the special event to life in July 2021.

Historic Supporters Registry

Memorial Gifts

Rocking Chairs

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Memorial Bench

Larry & Sue Coffin *Coffin's Shady Beach*

Unrestricted Donations

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In Memory of Vera Dines-Whitlow
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Funded hot water heater purchase and installation, window repairs, conference room enhancements, floor refinishing, and related supplies.

Eagle Scout Sign Repair

Ross Kozora

Preserving YOUR history is important to us! CLHA is pleased to offer oral history services to Cedar Lake families. Please contact us for more information about documenting the stories of community individuals and organizations.

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*Representing memberships processed from **January 1-December 31, 2020**. If you identify an error or omission herein, please contact us with more information.*

Cabinet Project

(2020 donations for 2019 project)

Iris & Yolanda Martinez
 Carol Mason
 Todd & Julie Zasada

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cedarlakehistory.org

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*In memory of Vera Dines-Whitlow
 and Ron & Pat Gracz*
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 The Gerstenkorn Family
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In memory of Emilie Sumara
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Taylor Ice Truck Sponsors

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In 1922, Thomas J. Taylor, Sr., established the Taylor Ice Co. His son, Thomas J. Taylor, Jr., assumed operation of the company in 1948 and delivered to local homes and businesses until 1988. The 1947 International KB5 Taylor ice truck made its final deliveries to the Lake County fairgrounds in 1988.

The Association held a dedication ceremony on October 24, 2020 with the Todd Taylor family to celebrate the donation. The truck is now a rolling museum exhibit, and will participate in community events beginning this spring. Follow the event schedule on Facebook at **TaylorIceTruckCLHA**

To support ongoing maintenance of the truck, the Association sells Taylor ice truck graphic t-shirts or you may mail a check or make a secure donation online at **cedarlakehistory.org**.



2021 Season Events At-A-Glance

Sunday, March 28th | 2pm

History Road Show: Dr. Robert W. King

Saturday, April 10th | 9am-Noon

Clean-up & Uncover Museum Exhibits

Sunday, April 25th | 2pm

Museum Volunteer Training & Orientation

Friday, May 7th | 6pm

Grand Opening of our Re-imagined Museum

Thursday, May 27th | Noon-5pm

Seminar for NWI Historical Organizations at Lighthouse

Saturday, June 12th

CL Chamber Business Showcase at Town Grounds

Sunday, June 27th | Noon-2pm

Annual Member Cookout on Museum Lawn

Sunday, July 4th | 1-4pm

Pie & Ice Cream Social during Summerfest

Saturday, July 17th | 6pm

Summer Social

July 23-25 | Vera Dines-Whitlow Community Art Show

Artists: please register by July 1, 2021

July 26-29 | Hours Vary

Steam Through History Week

Sunday, August 15th | 1pm

Behind-the-Scenes Museum Tour

Sunday, September 12th | 11am-2pm

Family Fun Fest and Camp LRCA Reunion at Museum

Museum Hours | May-September

Thursday & Friday 3-6pm, Saturday & Sunday 2-6pm

Dates are subject to change. Follow us online or at Facebook for details. Additional programs will be scheduled.

Thank You 2020 Volunteers

Claire, Cooper, & Carter Benton,
Scott Bocock, Lexi Brady, Tim, Lori &
Brad Brown, Meghan Clinger, Tim
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Justin, Tim & Nate Zasada,
and Judy Zellers.

Remember: We need an army of
volunteers this season to execute
Steam Through History. Please
contact us to learn how you can help!