



Dear Wexford County Historical Society Members and Supporters:

Greetings and Best Wishes for a Wonderful Summer Season!!!

On behalf of the board, thank you for your continuing support and commitment to the future of our community through your ongoing recognition of the importance of our community's past. We want to review some of our recent accomplishments as well as a few of our goals for the future.

The board held a special meeting on February 6, 2018 to review and assess the appropriateness of a plan to restore all museum conditions and make the museum Adults with Disabilities compliant. After receiving and reviewing all available information, the board unanimously approved a capital campaign project, "Destination Restoration", to make all necessary and recommended improvements to the museum within a two-year time frame. We are excited to announce that we have received commitments from local community members and businesses supporting this campaign and we are close to one third of the needed funds as of this time. Please see the enclosed flyer which summarizes the goals and designated application of funds from the Destination Restoration capital campaign. The board's goal is to complete the capital improvement campaign by year's end. The Destination Restoration capital campaign is ongoing, and we welcome all donations of any size, large or small. Our hope for the goal is to have 100% participation of all members. We believe it is more meaningful to have 100% membership support of the campaign than it is to set a goal for any particular level of financial donation. So, please reflect on this museum campaign and let us know your level of commitment decision by providing us with your financial commitment amount now or let us know what your intended payment plan will be. The board's goal is to have all projects completed within a two- year time-frame so we can focus on being a museum and a historical society, instead of frequently needing to address stop-gap, one-time, quick repairs to the museum on a continuing random basis. Thank you for taking the time to reflect on what your level of support will be for this important and permanent community project.

The Lumberjack Dance held at the Cadillac Elks on Saturday, April 7, 2018 was another great success. Many members of the historical society as well as community members attended. There was a raffle, silent auction, live auction, live band and dancing. Between those that attended and various dedicated sponsoring businesses, we were able to raise a meaningful portion of our 2018 operating expenses.

We kicked off our 2018 Season Opener at the Museum on Friday, May 4, 2018 featuring music by Zak and Dave Bunce. The event feature door prizes and a chance for the first 20 people attending to receive a Lyric Theater Cinema Tour. It was a great success enjoyed by all who attended.

Just prior to the kickoff event, we held our museum cleanup day on Saturday, April 21, 2018 to spruce the museum up for the season. We are pleased to report that this is the second season that we are fortunate to have Master Gardener Desiree Lumbert at our museum taking care of our landscaping through the generosity of Linda George. They helped us make significant improvements to our grounds last summer and their efforts continue this summer. Thank you, Linda and Desiree!

It is our good fortune to have regularly updated museum displays at Cadillac City Hall, Brink's Framing, Carl T. Johnson Museum, and the museum thanks to the efforts of Meril Mattson. We are pleased to see these displays generating interest throughout the community in touring the museum as well as many compliments from members of the public throughout the year. Thank you Meril!

Top Sjogren continues to be a major supporter of the museum through volunteering to meet and educate those attending various events at the museum and in the community, donating all funds to the museum generated by his book "Timber Town Tales", and various other efforts. We have placed these books at the Museum, Horizon Books, After 26 Depot and the Ultimate Gift Shop. We are regularly receiving requests for supplies of new books as they are frequently being sold out. Thank you Top!

We have been fortunate to have Richard Kraemer serving the museum as our Docent for the last several years. He has been a kind and dedicated liaison to the museum and community during his service as Docent at the museum. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have both been especially dedicated to the museum through their gifts and talents. We have received dozens of compliments regarding Richard's tours as well as many special gifts recognizing appreciation for Richard's excellent tours because of his dedication to providing high quality services to our visitors. Richard and his wife let us know that he will be leaving the community to pursue new interests in Wisconsin in July 2018. We will miss Richard and his wife more than they will ever know and we certainly thank them from the bottom of our hearts and wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

We will have a booth at the Cadillac Arts Festival on July 20 and 21, 2018 to share some historic information and to serve prime rib sliders and side dishes to visitors. If you are inclined to take part in this community event, please call the museum at 231-775-1717 or myself at 231-357-3827 to arrange to participate as a cook or host. We would love to have you join us!

Your President,

Amy Schmid