

LANSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From the President . . . Tony DeLaurentis

Another year has come and gone and 2019 is well on its way. It has been another great year for LHS. We continue to welcome new members which helps keep us active in the community. The programs that Dan Bovino and Barb Dust have put together are exceptional. Visitors to the museum have been increasing every year.

A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped with making our "Festival of Lights" a huge success.

Looking ahead to 2019, we look forward to the remaining programs. I hope you take advantage of these very entertaining, informative, and free events. Invite a family member or neighbor to join you.

Make sure that you mark your calendars for our LHS banquet that will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall on May 20th.

As we enter the new year, I want to wish you and your family a very happy, healthy, and prosperous new year!

Tony

2018 ~ 2019

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ANNUAL MEMBERS PLEASE TAKE NOTE

LHS annual members will soon receive a reminder letter that the yearly membership fee of \$10 is due.

Please fill out the form when you receive the letter and mail it in with your check as soon as possible.



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Museum Curator ~ Barb Dust

What a joy it has been to host once again the Festival of Lights! Our attendance this year was up. The guest book contained 553 signatures, and there were probably others who did not sign in. This included about 20 people who came on the very last day to celebrate Epiphany or Three Kings' Day. Herb brought German gingerbread and I bought a Rosca de Reyes (Three King's bread) at the Mexican grocery store. It was a delightful end to the Festival.

I can't say thank you enough to all our members and others from the community who helped set up the trees and then act as guides. This year we had help from the TF South Multicultural Exploration Club under the direction of Cynthia Benson and Hannah Berridge. The students came twice to set up trees and put on the lights.

This year we had 36 trees representing 26 different countries. New this year was a grouping of small trees representing the Native American cultures as well as a tree from Ecuador. We also celebrated the Bicentennial of Illinois on Dec. 3rd with a tree decked out in ornaments made by local students. District 158 students under the direction of Mary DiGrispino made ornaments displaying Illinois symbols, and Heritage Middle School students under the direction of art teacher, Lynne Sandack, made portraits and reports on famous Illinois people.

We can't forget to thank the Friends of the Lansing Library for working their magic to construct the tree made entirely of books for the Brick Room. And a special shout out to our own Tony DeLaurentis who reworked the wiring set up several times so we would not blow a fuse!

Our visitors included the entire first grade from Coolidge School (over 100 students), several families from out of town and several community people with ideas for more trees next year! Many of our displays recreate Christmas in old Lansing or highlight what is unique about our village today. If we added up all the people who participated by setting up trees, acting as guides, or making ornaments we would see what a great community building activity the Festival of Lights really is.

Thanks again to everyone who made this happen!

Barb
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The T. F. South Choir entertained Historical Society Members before the unveiling of the 2018 "Festival of Lights"..



Why are frogs always so happy?
They eat whatever bugs them!

and one more . . .

England has no kidney bank, but it does
have a Liverpool.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

1 Naomi Guhl	5 Gloria Biondi
5 Therese Liesenfelt	8 Brad Borys
18 Jack Wilkening	19 Richard Dust
22 Penny Hoekstra	28 Michael Wolski

February

2 Bob Ore	3 Edwin Lugowski
8 JoAnn Kijewski	13 Jackie Trichak
16 Mickey Hillegonds	20 Linda Swisher
23 Christopher Bonessa	

March

2 Norm Abbott	2 Bob Malkas
4 Joan Pitchford	6 Virginia Schassburger
6 Ralph Foster	7 Cookie Borys
7 Betty Humphry	9 Barbara Beiner
10 Tom Highland	10 Shirley Schmueser
12 Cheryl Kasper	16 Milece Kritich
21 Sue Bovino	24 Tony DeLaurentis
25 Jackie Ore	26 Joe Kolarczyk

April

4 Milton Nesbit	17 Grace Bazylewski
20 Dr. Wes Molenaar	20 Duane Schultz
21 Vanessa Nesbit	21 Kim Piekarski
23 Nancy Lucas	



Welcome . . .

The Lansing Historical Society would like to welcome our newest members, Bob Malkas, Ralph Foster, and Tommie Laidlaw. We are so glad to have them join us!



A Reminder . . .

Make a point of marking your calendars for our upcoming programs. Invite a friend or neighbor to attend. Visitors are always welcome and who knows . . . Visitors may end up being members!

February 25 "The Underground Railroad in The Calumet Area"

March 25 "How Medicine Was Practiced"

April 22 "Coolidge School and the History of Lansing Schools"

May 20 "Annual Installation Banquet"

June 24: "Historical Walk on Ridge"

Check out the program brochure you received in September, 2018, for more information on the above programs.



As always the contributions and hard work of Barb Dust and her many volunteers helped insure that the 2018 "Festival of Lights" would be a memorable visit to all who came to see the display. Whether you helped setting up or taking down the trees and displays, or volunteered your time being a museum guide, your volunteerism was deeply appreciated!



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Below are a few pictures of the Christmas trees displayed in the Museum in December.



"Evening of Thanks"

Celebrating Lansing's Special Volunteers
November 9th , 2018

The Lansing Historical Society honored Herb Krumm for his many years of service to our Society.

Sue Bovino, LHS member, was honored for her volunteerism with the Lansing Beautification Committee.

John Cole, another member of the LHS Society, was recognized by the Village of Lansing for his endless hours of work and expertise in making sure the children of Lansing had a Santa House again.

We are so proud of Herb, Sue, and John and congratulate them on making a difference in the lives of so many in Lansing.





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MUSEUM HOURS

Monday 6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m.

(Except 4th Monday of the month)

Wednesday 3:00 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 ~ 1:00 p.m.



Lansing Historical Society Museum ~ Here I come.

*Remember: Good news is the best kind
of news. Please share yours with us.
Just call Toni (708-895-0993) or
email news to tdelaurentis@comcast.net*

*Next newsletter will be mailed out in May.
I want to thank everyone who
contributed articles and ideas to the
newsletter.*

Toni DeLaurentis



HAPPY NEW YEAR