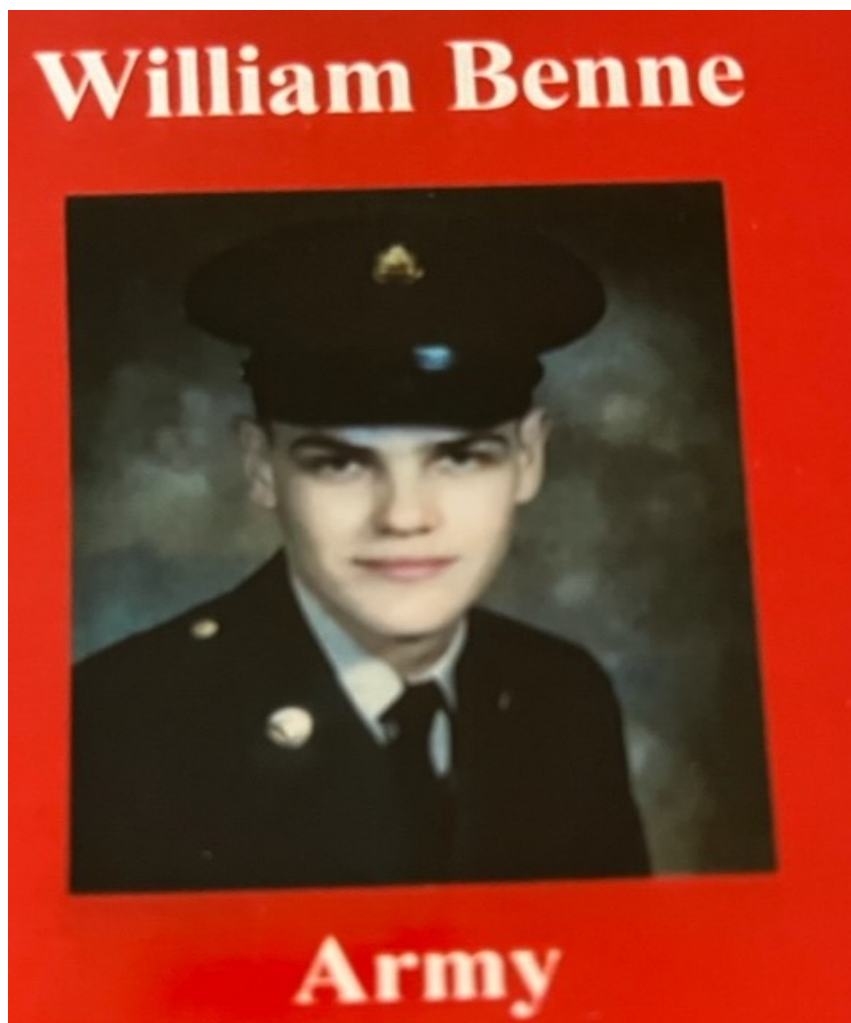


**LANSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER**

May 2023



**HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO
2023**

FROM THE PRESIDENT ~**Tony DeLaurentis**

Another successful Lansing Historical Society year has ended. Sue Bovino put together monthly programs that were very educational and entertaining, while Barb Dust's creativity brought the museum to life with all of her wonderful projects.

Barb and her troop of helpers are busy getting the June Brides' Display ready. The display will be showcased at the museum during the month of June. Every year new gowns are displayed, so whether you are new to the display or are a returning visitor, you are sure to find some unique additions this year. We thank Barb for her commitment to our museum.

Our annual banquet took place at Kasey's Banquet Hall in Lansing on May 15. Those who attended were treated to a delicious dinner, wonderful raffle prizes and lots of camaraderie. 2022-2023 officers all agreed to serve another year and were installed at the banquet. Congratulations to all. Thank you to the banquet committee for their great work.

As this LHS year ends, I wish everyone a safe, fun and relaxing summer. We look forward to another successful year when our first meeting and program starts in September.

Tony DeLaurentis

Barb Dust ~ Museum Curator

Although the fiscal year for the Lansing Historical Society winds down, our involvement &

participation in the community

continues. Be sure to check out the

June Brides display in the museum

and don't forget the annual Block

Party outside the library July 29th.

Mary DiGrispino will once again be

teaching her summer school "Time

Travelers" history class, then bringing

her students to the museum sometime

this summer. We have Autumn Fest

at Fox Pointe on Sept. 29-30. So, you

see, even though the general meetings

are done for the summer, we are still

active. Join us for some fun this

summer, better yet, volunteer to work

one of these activities. It's easy, it's

fun and you get to meet the nicest

people!

Hope to see you there!

2023 – 2024**Officers**

PRESIDENT:	Tony DeLaurentis
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Sue Bovino
SECRETARY:	Sharon Murphy
TREASURER:	Phyllis Drewno
DIRECTORS:	Rich Dust
	Marti Benne
	Dan Bovino
CURATOR:	Barb Dust



LHS member, Marlene Cook has been nominated for the Illinois Woman's Press Association 2023 Communicator of Achievement Award. This prestigious award is the highest honor bestowed by the National Federation of Press Women and is meant to Recognize "members who have distinguished themselves within and beyond their profession." Congratulations, Marlene, you make us all proud!

The Lansing Journal

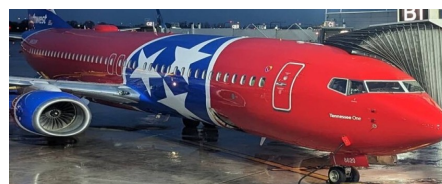
Welcome to Our New Members:

Barb McKinney
 Chuck & Jane Roseen
 Elly Clousing
 Darlene Kadar
 Jen Polley

Honor Flight Chicago 2023

William Benne

Former LHS President, William Benne, was one of 113 veterans on the Honor Flight May 10, 2023. William served in the Army from 1972-1974. The veterans were flown to Washington, D.C. for the day to visit the memorials of our veterans from WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Upon their return, the veterans received a "Welcome Home" tribute at Midway Airport. Our town of Lansing had a parade of its own to welcome William home. A special thank you to Lansing's Police & Fire Depts., Trustees Brian Hardy and Maureen Grady-Perovich, and the Legion Riders and our family for escorting him home! It truly was a sight to behold!



African American Heritage Water Trail

Our February Program featured speakers, Lillian Holden & Laura Barghusan who told stories of Bishop Ford, Larry Hawkins, Jan Ton to name a few.



19th Century Life Through Artifacts

Our March Program was presented by Mario & Michael Bovino. Their research on historical maps have dug up some amazing artifacts. Their presentation gave us a look into what life was like here from 1860-1890.



Exploring Our “Roots”: Farming History

April seemed the perfect time for this program which involved several LHS members. We had a round table discussion with our audience telling stories of their families’ farmlands



If you have not been to one of our general meetings, you are missing out on some very interesting and entertaining programs! These programs are **FREE**, not only to our members, but to the general public. So, plan on coming and bring a friend or two! We will be posting the schedule of the 2023-2024 programs in our next newsletter.

The Lansing Historical Society Annual Banquet

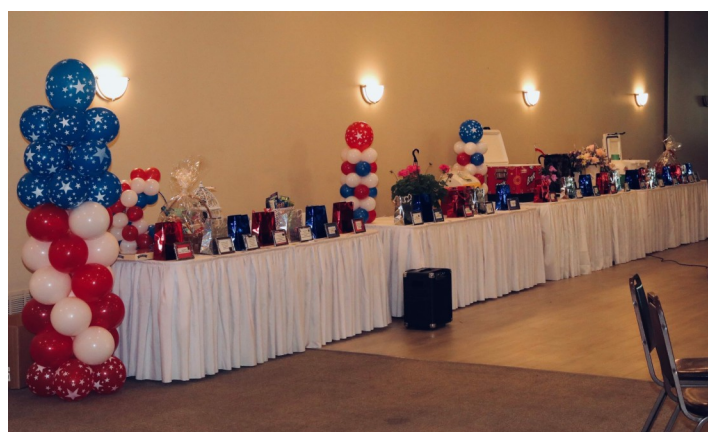
Our banquet theme, “America Sings,” lined up with that of Lansing’s Good Neighbor Day Parade. We had 61 in attendance. The delicious food was provided by The Cookout at Kasey’s Banquet Hall. We had 24 donated raffle prizes from local businesses and members. We also had door prizes, did a 50/50 raffle, and raffled off 2 Cubs tickets. Marlene Cook displayed some musical instruments and photos of singers in their younger years which we tried to guess who they were. Jackie Brown created and donated the centerpieces, while Mayor Patty created and donated the balloon decorations. Thank you to our Banquet Committee and to all who made this banquet such a success! “Good Food, Good Friends, Good Times!” Join us next year!



Top: Centerpiece with pictures of iconic singers through the years
Right: Table of 24 raffle prizes



Remember These?



Board Members

Photos by Dan Bovino



Just enjoying the evening!

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Lansing Historical Society meetings and programs are normally held the fourth Monday of most months.

No meetings are scheduled in June, July and August.

We welcome new members! Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to come see what we're all about!

New Museum hours:

Mondays: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Visits at other times can be arranged
by calling Barb Dust at 708-474-7497