

NEWSLETTER
LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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**FOUNDING FAMILIES of
LINCOLN PARK**

Exhibit opens on September 25

The Lincoln Park museum's new exhibit, "**Founding Families of Lincoln Park**" will focus on the people who settled here prior to 1921 when the village of Lincoln Park was incorporated.

This early settlement was begun over a hundred years earlier with the ribbon farms along the river, and later formed a part of Ecorse Township in 1827. More families moved into the area over the next century leading to the first business community - Quandt's Corners - in the Lincoln Park location and its civic development.

The first subdivisions appeared in 1913, and by 1920 several hundred residents had settled here, many drawn by the automotive industry and Henry Ford's promise of a \$5-a-day wage, a revolutionary idea at the time.

We are still hoping to hear from more folks whose families were among these early residents. We are also looking for photographs of the older families and old businesses in Lincoln Park. (We will scan and copy these and return them to you.) We extend an invitation to attend the **opening reception on Saturday, September 25, from 1:00- 4:00 p.m.**

September 25 has been designated as National Museum Day.

The "Founding Families" exhibit is a good opportunity to learn more about our early local history. It will also serve as a fitting prelude to next year's 90th birthday of Lincoln Park, established as a village on June 28 of 1911.

SOCIETY PROGRAMS

Saturday, September 25, 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.
"Founding Families Exhibit Opening Reception"



Wednesday, October 6, 7:00 P.M.
SOCIETY MEETING & PROGRAM
"The Story of the Toll House Cookie"

Wednesday, November 3, 7:00 P.M.
SOCIETY MEETING & PROGRAM
"Stories of the Founding Families"



Rose Clemente Jackson greets Mary Meyer and Muriel Lobb. Some of the LPHS folks dined at Clemente's on May 24 to say goodby. Clemente's closed its doors after 80 years, on June 15, 2010.

New Acquisitions

Recent gifts to the museum include this beautiful European made wall telephone, with wooden cabinet, donated by John Harnois of Allen Park. The phone belonged to his mother, Ann Marie Harnois. This is a nice addition to our collection of telephones used over the years.



The President's Message

What a president does when she has no board meetings - she enters and wins Second Place in an International Speech Contest for Downriver Toastmasters. My topic was "Stuttering - How it effects your image." Now it is time to get busy with our image of the museum. Fall will be here before we know it with the usual flurry of activity. Come join us as we get ready for new happenings to polish that image - and strengthen the bonds of community.

Love and Light - *President Lucille Stroh*

From Muriel's Desk:

There has been a good deal of activity in the summer months at the museum. Jeff is doing research on the Founding Families for the 90 year observance of Lincoln Park's incorporation. Since the families are intertwined by marriage, he has files all over the place. We are all intrigued by the history emerging from forgotten facts hidden away in files.

The volunteer staff has been busy reorganizing storage for our many artifacts, and checking each against the computer for its catalog number. It is a tedious process, but a satisfactory one.

We had the tile on the main floor cleaned and refinished, so the staff is still washing glass and re-doing exhibits. Two new Lincoln Park residents joined us as volunteers this summer. **Edith Andrews** helps at the Library and then joins us for a couple of hours each day. New member **Theresa Dodd** also shares some time with us each week. If you visit the museum, you will notice that the broken granite stone pieces are gone from the side lawn.

Our visitors registration recognizes former residents from all over the country, and they are most complimentary in their comments. New residents to LP seem pleased to find so much history available to them without cost. We are a treasure, and we know it - thanks to our many contributors.

Clemente's - We are watching bulldozers tear up the parking lot around the two buildings, and seeing the huge dumpster fill up with materials from inside the restaurant-bowling alley. It's hard to watch --- so many memories over 80 years.

LPHS Membership - Time for Renewal

Membership Chair Grace Wangbickler reminds us that the annual renewals will be mailed out with the current newsletter, and an envelope is provided for those who need to pay them. If there is no envelope, your dues are paid. Isn't that nice? It pays to be a Life Member. Please take a moment to complete your renewal.

We welcome three new members: **Theresa Dodd** of Lincoln Park, and **Robert & Patricia Barnes** of Norcross, Georgia.

We invite new members, so please pass the word to those who you think would support the aims of our local history museum. Membership dues are still very reasonable, starting at just \$10 a year for an individual. In these difficult economic times, the museum especially needs to be remembered. Your continuing support is so appreciated.



Pictured at the Annual Dinner in May: Society members **Grace Wangbickler**, Membership Chair; **Lucille Stroh**, President, with long time supporter **Adele Montie Woch**. The Montie family was one of the earliest families to settle in the Lincoln Park area.

Gerry Wykes, park ranger from Erie Metropark, spoke to us about Lewis Cass at the dinner. Here he is pictured with an original Lewis Cass pipe from his collection, dating to 1848 when Cass campaigned as the Democratic candidate for U.S. President.



Do You Remember?

Do you have any memories of **Miriam McNaughton** or **Norma Shauer** that might bring to mind some old stories - or perhaps old photographs? Please contact us if you do.