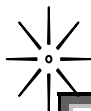


THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

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FROM MURIEL'S DESK

We've been in the Lincoln Park birthday mode for quite a while now, leading up to Recognition Sunday. Now we are doing what all homeowners are doing about this time; looking around our abode to see what has to be done before cold weather, and what we can put off until spring. A pressing need at this big house is a new locking system for our front doors. Secondly, a window repair because of a leaky air conditioner. Next spring will find us looking for someone to sand and paint all of our railings. We will put the 'dream list' on hold until later.

On another note, we have two cultural establishments in our city: the museum, supported by the LP Historical Society, and the library, supported by Friends of the Library. If we live in the city, we SHOULD be members of both groups. Why not? Can you imagine our city without them?

Summertime brings the out of towners back to LP to look us over, tell us stories, and look for friends. This year was no different, except we are adding NEW residents to the city checking on Lincoln Park's history. Another recent visitor was LP High graduate ('54) Robert Jenkins of Kentucky. He and the museum are exchanging newsletters. Bob sends his twice a year to LPHS alumni from the '50s.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

We welcome newest member **Joseph Turinsky** of Lincoln Park; Joe grew up here in Lincoln Park, and has also lived in Allen Park, where his business, Three Jays Building Co., is located. Joe is a member of the local D.A.V. chapter, has served on several LP commissions, and recently served on the 'Lincoln Park at 90' Steering Committee.

During our anniversary year, we are offering to **NEW members** a complimentary CD-Rom of approximately 80 photos of early Lincoln Park, prepared as a slide show for the celebration of our 90th anniversary. The slide show was nicely arranged by volunteer Don Daniels. These same discs are also available in the gift shop for \$3, and would make a nice gift for your LP friends.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Historical Society Meetings will be held:

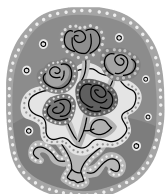
Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday November 2, 7:00 P.M.

Programs TBA

Friday, November 11 at 11:00 A.M

**Annual Veterans Day Commemoration
& Bell Ringing**



Memorial Service arrangements for Barbara Wilcox are still pending at press time, you can call the museum to get further information.



Barbara Barron-Wilcox

We are saddened to report the untimely death of our long time member and friend, Barbara Barron-Wilcox, on August 5. Barbara was currently serving as the Vice President of the Historical Society. She and her mom, Crystal Booth, were both stalwart Lincoln Park community and museum supporters over these many years. Barbara's health had been up and down since surgery in January and made a turn for the worse in recent weeks.

Barbe grew up in Lincoln Park, graduating from LP High School in 1949, married, had two sons, Dan and Brian. She lived away from the area for a time, and returned to teach Theater at the High School through the 60s and 70s. Theater and Music were in her blood. In addition to teaching, she has been employed as an actor, role player and presenter at Greenfield Village for over 25 years, and has been singing with a local Sweet Adelines chorus. Barbe was 79. Her passing is a shock to us all; we will greatly miss her and her many gifts.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

We have had many acquisitions recently, more than we can list. Among them is a 14" fur dream catcher from **Virginia Pieratt**, plus china doll frames of Abe and Mary Todd Lincoln. We acquired a 20's era spindle wood clothes dryer frame from **Juliann Bademian**, a cast iron waffle iron that fits over open flame, and a car phone from the early 90s to add to our historical telephone exhibit. On loan to us from Virginia Pieratt are a canvas oil painting of her Indian grandmother, the son, and young granddaughter, Virginia.

We have received from the Yatchman family a collection of art works of **Ruth Yatchman**, who passed away earlier this year at the age of 83. Ruth's talent and skill will be remembered by many of our community for her creative paintings on china and porcelain. Over the years, she painted, traveled, and lectured throughout the Midwestern states. Her pieces became highly valued for quality and color.

Early in her career she collaborated with local artist, Crystal Booth, in painting on copper.

We are extremely grateful to her daughter, Michelle, who lives in Seattle, for the generous donation. Along with the art work, we received a file of news items and photographs pertaining to Ruth's artistic pursuits.

Smaller pieces in the collection are now on permanent exhibit at the museum (a few are pictured here); the larger art pieces will be on view in the near future.



Lincoln Park at 90 ReCap

We express our great thanks to all those who worked so hard on the recent "Lincoln Park at 90" Heritage Festival, which took place over the weekend of June 24 to June 26. The Steering committee began working together in January and as time went on new members came on board; they are, in alphabetical order: **Jeanne Atkinson** of the Historical Society, **Jeff Day**, Museum Curator, **Mike Horvath** of the LP Exchange Club, **Pat Krause** of the Community Improvement Commission, **Leslie Lynch-Wilson** of the LP Preservation Alliance, **Councilman Don Majors**, **Virginia Mondon** of the Cultural Commission, **Bea Partridge** of the Historical Society, **Mary Partridge**, **Lucille Stroh** of the Historical Society, and **Joseph Turinsky**. Our thanks also go to **volunteers Edith Andrews, Carol Callison, Helen Flynn, and Sherry Huntington**.

The Saturday 'Downriver Cruise' on Fort Street proved less of a draw than we'd expected for the all-day Heritage Open House located at the city center. Those folks who were able to attend the Saturday events enjoyed activities at the library and museum, visiting with the firemen and policemen, and the many vendors on the museum grounds, including several food and drink options for keeping cool.

On Sunday afternoon, the Recognition Ceremony at Memorial Park honored our residents who are celebrating a 90th birthday during this anniversary year. It was heartening to see many of them together on the stage of the band shell. Certificates were also bestowed on the many (over 30!) long-time Lincoln Park businesses who have served the community faithfully for 50 years or more.

On hand to assist with presentation of certificates were **Commissioner, and LP resident, Ilona Varga** and her staff, **U.S. Congressman Hansen Clarke** of the 13th District, **State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood**, and **State Representative Paul Clemente**. Lincoln Park received proclamations of recognition from the Wayne County Commission, the Senate and House of the State of Michigan, and from the U.S. Congress – and our neighbor the city of Southgate. These Proclamations are all currently on view at City Hall.

Photos from the Recognition Ceremony June 26
taken by Sherry Huntington



Al Petri & Sons Bike Shop being honored for over 60 years of business; pictured are **Commissioner Ilona Varga, Joscelyn Van Cleave, Debbie and Don Van Cleave, Congressman Hansen Clarke, and Mayor Pro Tem, Joe Kaiser, Jr.**



Commissioner Ilona Varga presents the proclamation from Wayne County to council members **Suzanne Moreno, Joe Kaiser, Jr., Tom Murphy** and **Don Majors** (City Clerk **Donna Breeding** can be partly seen in the back)



Margaret Goodell, center, representing the Goodell family, shares a laugh with nonagenarians, **Mary Kolaz**, right, and **Frank Bartal**, left.



Manila Metzner Lavoie, center, reads the certificate she received for sharing her 90th birthday with Lincoln Park; looking on are fellow recipients, **Clara Jarrell**, left, and **Trinie Diaz**, right. Trinie's 90th birthday actually took place on Sunday, June 26!



Joe Clemente and Rose Jackson, receiving recognition for Clemente's Restaurant's 80 years of business, with Council members **Tom Murphy** and **Joe Kaiser, Jr.**

For a full list of all those who were recognized, and many more photos from the event, please check our web site at www.lphistorical.org.

The Historical Society continues its quarterly newsletter publication with this May 2011 issue. During the anniversary year, we will also be periodically posting an "electronic newsletter", which will deal specifically with the 90th anniversary of Lincoln Park's founding. These e-letters will focus on matters related to the year 1921, the years leading up to its founding and the early years of Lincoln Park, and our community's pioneers in business, education, civic and religious life. If you'd like to ensure receiving a copy of these e-letters, please send your email address to: curator@lphistorical.org. You are invited to contact us with any suggestions for topics on early Lincoln Park that might be covered in one of these letters.