

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

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MARY MOORE

“A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN”

We are very pleased to announce that on Saturday, September 23rd, **Lincoln Park native Mary Moore** will be speaking at the historical museum about her experiences in the **All American Girls Professional Baseball League**. Mary, who was one of the first inductees into the Lincoln Park Sports Hall of Fame in 2001, played for both the Springfield Sallies and the Battle Creek Belles in the early 1950s.

The All American Girls Professional League was originally formed in 1943 from an idea of Chicago Cubs' owner Philip Wrigley during the Second World War, when most able-bodied ballplayers were serving in the military. Mary joined the league after graduating from Lincoln Park High School in 1950, eventually playing 124 games with the AAGPBL.



Mary's career was shortened after an injury to her throwing hand in an accident at the plant where she worked making parts for Packard automobiles. She was later employed with Michigan Bell for 35 years as a supervisor in the company's central office.

The women's league, which operated from 1943 to 1954, entered popular culture with the hit 1992 film, **“A League of Their Own”**. The AAGPBL represents one of the most unique aspects of our nation's baseball history. Come join us on the 23rd of September and hear Mary share her stories.

“I started playing baseball when I was nine or 10. I had a paper route, so I had the money to buy bats, balls and other equipment. If the boys wanted to play baseball, they had to come to me.”



Mary Moore will speak at the museum on Saturday, September 23rd at 2:00 p.m.

"I loved sports. We'd have to take a sickle and a scythe to cut the grass in the vacant lot where we played as kids [near the Moore family home on Wilson]. Right field was usually “out” because we did not have enough players. Eddie Lake, [shortstop with the Detroit Tigers from 1946 to 1950], lived three blocks away and he'd hit balls to us sometimes.” [quotes excerpted here are from Mary Moore's 2010 interview with writer Jim Evans, of *The Oakland Press*.]

TUCKER EXHIBIT

A reminder to all that the current exhibit **“Preston Tucker and His Dream Car”** remains on display through Saturday, September 30th. Try to come by and check it out before these rarely displayed pieces are returned to the Tucker Automobile Club of America and to the personal collection of Tucker’s grandson, John R. Tucker Jr. We are thankful to them for generously loaning these for the current exhibit which coincides with the 70th anniversary of the Tucker car’s debut.

The gift shop has copies of the exhibit’s advertising poster for sale, signed by Lincoln Park artist Sean Manuel. The 11” x 17” posters are selling for \$15.



Rebecca and Nathan Calmus, pictured here with their children, Nolan and Avery, visited the museum recently to see the Tucker exhibit. The Calmus family now owns the home on Fort Park where Preston and Vera Tucker and their family lived in the late 1920s.



John Tucker, Jr. grandson of Preston Tucker, here with Historical commissioner **Sherry Huntington** at the exhibit opening on June 19th.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

The public is invited to all Society events.

Current - “Preston Tucker and His Dream Car” exhibit continues through Saturday, September 30th.

Saturday, August 19th, 10 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

“YE OLDE YARDE SALE”/AIR-CONDITONING FUNDRAISER The Historical Society is hosting a yard sale in the museum parking lot on Aug. 19th. We will have a few tables of items to sell; **outside sellers and vendors are invited to register for a space (10’ by 16’) for \$15.** Contact the museum; the deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, Aug 16th. The monies raised by the Society will go toward costs for the new air conditioning system for the museum.

Saturday, September 23rd, at 2:00 p.m.

Lincoln Park native **Mary Moore** will present a talk on her baseball career with the All American Girls Professional Baseball League in the 1950s. (see article on first page.

Wednesday, October 4. 7:00 p.m.

Our evening program #1 of the fall season, PROGRAM: “Let’s Go Steamboating!”, given by local historian **Bob Wittersheim**. Bob will speak on his experiences in the summer of 1965 working on the cement hauler J.A.W. Inglehart, and traversing the Great Lakes. Bob is always a great story teller. His past presentations for us have included the popular “Springwells Brick Industry in 19th Century” and “What the Heck is it?” programs.

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Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.

Evening program #2, PROGRAM topic: “Reformation or Revolution? Martin Luther and Protestantism - 500 years. In a nutshell” by curator Jeff Day

Saturday, November 4th, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser held at the Lincoln Park Moose Lodge. 1600 Fort Street. (see article on next page)

Saturday, November 11, 11:00 a.m. Annual

Veterans Day Bell Ringing Ceremony on the museum lawn. Local veterans are invited to attend with their families. An indoor reception follows.

IN MEMORIAM



Barbara Horvath

We were very saddened to learn of the passing of Society member, **Barbara Horvath**, in June. Barbara and her late husband Robert were both very involved in community affairs in Lincoln Park for many years. They were long-time members of the Lincoln Park Exchange Club, and active supporters of the Historical Society. Our deepest sympathies to the Horvath family.

HERITAGE PLAZA

The **Lincoln Park Heritage Plaza** will hold next year's dedication of bricks in May of 2018. Please know that brick orders are accepted at any time, with the engravings and installation taking place each spring. Order forms are available at the museum, city hall and the public library, or call us for more information.

MUSEUM TO BE CLOSED FOR WORK

OCTOBER 11 THRU OCT 25

For two weeks, from Wednesday, October 11 through Wednesday, October 25, the historical museum will be closed while the building undergoes the installation of a new air conditioning system and upgrades to the building's electrical system. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience. **The museum will reopen on Saturday, October 28th.**

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER: Held Saturday November 4th from 4pm to 8pm at the Lincoln Park Moose Lodge #1665, located at 1600 Fort Street. Our thanks to the Moose and administrator Vinnie Bruzzese for offering their support! Advance Tickets for Adults are \$8, or \$10 at the door; children 12 and under are \$5. Funds raised from the dinner will go **to the replacement of the first Lincoln Park War Memorial plaque, dedicated in the 1930s** which was taken from Memorial Park in recent years. The new plaque will be re-dedicated during next year's (2018) Memorial Day ceremony.

NEW MEMBERS

Membership chair Alyce Riggs reports two new members have recently joined the Society:

Holly Ivey, of Lincoln Park

Janice McLaughlin, former LP resident, now of Hi Nella, New Jersey

We welcome these new members and friends!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

As we explained in the last newsletter, the membership dues for the coming year will be going up effective August 1st. The enclosed renewal envelopes reflect the new amounts for each membership level. The new "Benefactor" level at \$35 offers you a tax-deductible option for the dollar amount over and above the membership dues; for example, if your membership level is \$15, the donation is \$20; if your membership is \$20 the donation is \$15. (Membership dues themselves are not tax-deductible.)

Single members are \$15; Couples are \$20; Benefactors are \$35; Life Memberships remain at \$200; and students at \$5. We currently have 65 life members and 141 general memberships.

Note: Recently-joined members and Life Members will not receive renewal envelopes enclosed with your newsletters.

Lincoln Park Historical Society Board 2017-2018

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