

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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On Saturday April 27, the State Historical Marker for 'Pontiac's Council/Council Point' was dedicated during a ceremony honoring the 250th Anniversary of the Pontiac Council held at the site on the same date in 1763.



Grace and Linda Kreuger check out the new state historical marker at Council Point Park. (photo by Jeff Day)

On **SATURDAY, APRIL 27, the 250th Anniversary Commemoration of Chief Pontiac's Council**, an event coordinated by the American Indian Movement's Michigan Chapter (AIM-Mi) and the LP Historical Museum with support from the City of Lincoln Park, was held at Council Point Park. The commemoration included AIM's 2-day Powwow and culminated with a ceremony held at 5:00 p.m. at which time the State Historical Site marker was formally dedicated by **Richard Micka**, Michigan Historical Commissioner. The Invocation was given by **Potawatomi Elder Mona Stonefish**. **Mayor Pat Krause** welcomed everyone and introduced the presentations made by **State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood** and **Wayne County Commissioner Ilona Varga**. **Grand Chief Ted Roll** of the Wyandot of Anderdon Nation spoke of the Wyandot alliance with Pontiac. Sharing the unique aspect of the French community at Detroit in 1763 was **Ken Navarre**, president of the Wyandotte Historical Society and a descendant of Robert Navarre, the official notary at Fort Detroit during the time of the Pontiac siege. Following the dedication, the 'Seventh Generation' family of Chief Pontiac, members of *the Saginaw Chippewa Nation* and led by family member **Ben Hinmon**, held the Eagle Staff ceremony. The family unveiled the grand staff dedicated in honor of their great grandfather Pontiac for this 250th Anniversary occasion. Family members sang the Honor Song as part of the ceremony. (see photos)



Richard Micka, Michigan Historical Commissioner, speaks at the dedication of the marker on April 27

(Photo by Pat Kush)



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Ben Hinmon, (right), speaks about his Seventh Generation ancestor Chief Pontiac at the 250th Anniversary ceremony. *"It is foretold in our Anishinabe prophecies that the Seventh Generation would begin the movement to restore our culture and light the Eighth Fire. My siblings and I represent the Seventh Generation from Obwandiac and we share his vision and understand the wisdom of his efforts. We have lived through the period of Great Confusion and recognize the awakening that is happening across Turtle Island as Anishinabe people rekindling the Sacred Fire of Knowledge to set a path for our children and theirs."*

The Pontiac Family Eagle Staff created for the 250th anniversary was unveiled at the ceremony on April 27



(Photos by George Gouth)

Pontiac Family members performing the Honor Song at the ceremony



The Lincoln Park Historical Society continues its quarterly newsletter publications with this May 2013 issue. We will be delivering newsletters by email as much as possible. If you'd like to receive newsletters and special announcements via email, **please send your email address to curator@lphistorical.org**. The Museum's regular hours are 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

If you are interested, the Windsor Community Museum has installed an exhibit on Chief Pontiac which opened on May 9 and runs through most of this anniversary year. The museum is located at 254 Pitt St in downtown Windsor. www.windsormuseum.ca 519-253-1812

THANK YOU To Our Many Volunteers!

In addition to the many AIM volunteers on hand to work security, provide cultural programs, and handle the set up and take down, the following museum volunteers did a great deal of work to make the Pontiac commemoration event a success: Bev Vincent, Paula Grimaldi, Pat Kush, Carol Collison, Sandi and Dan Horst, Merritt Solomon, Barbara McShane, Robert French -- handling everything from canvassing for sponsors, updating the website, cleaning up the park (on a very blustery cold Friday afternoon), to setting up on the day of the ceremony, directing traffic and handing out programs. We can't thank you all enough for your time and efforts.

MORE THANKS: to the City of Lincoln Park Department of Public Services, the Police and Fire Departments, and Parks and Recreation Department, the Mayor's Office, and City Clerk's office and to Boy Scout troops 1380 and 1381 for helping this event to run smoothly. Boy Scout leader David Oakley reinstalled the Council Point sign created by Troop in 1999.



Anishinabe musician **Jiiniikwe** works with students from Lafayette Elementary. Lafayette fifth grade students were one of the many schools groups attending the educational and cultural programs at Council Point Park during the week of April 22 to 26.

MEMORIALS

We are saddened to report the recent passing of long-time historical society members and supporters

DAN VANDENBERGH on January 20

BEVERLY DUHADWAY on March 22

SARAH BUCKLEY on April 28

Our deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME to our newest members - **Merritt Solomon**, of Lincoln Park, a student at U of M Dearborn, and **Sandi and Dan Horst**. Sandi and Dan are originally from Lincoln Park and now reside in Wyandotte. Not only are these three folks new members but they are also volunteers who helped us greatly with the Pontiac commemoration activities and preparations. (See 'Thank You' above.)

LP Historical Society Board Officers 2013-14

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	Bea Partridge
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Museum Director Muriel Lobb

Museum Curator Jeff Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 17 - FRIDAY 6:30 P.M. ANNUAL DINNER
Grand Harbour Banquet Hall, Wyandotte – featuring the Installation of Officers for 2013-14, and the Program: 'Highlights of the Chief Pontiac 250th Anniversary Commemoration'.

JUNE 12 - WEDNESDAY 7:00 P.M. HENRY FORD BIRTH SESQUICENTENNIAL (1863-2013) co-presented by the LP Historical Museum and the LP Preservation Alliance – The life of Henry Ford, the man who's industry had much to do with the rapid development of our fair city in the 1920s, is the focus of this program by Mike Skinner, Henry Ford collector and speaker. Free of charge to the public.



2-year old Henry Ford

UPCOMING: Lincoln Park Memorial Parade, Sunday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m., along Fort Street from White Street to Memorial Park. **Healing Field** May 19 to 26; closing ceremony Sunday May 26, 12 noon.

The Detroit Institute of Arts "**INSIDE/OUT**" community art event comes to Lincoln Park at the end of June for three months, coordinated by the Lincoln Park DDA. Reproductions of six of the museum's major art pieces will be placed at sites within our downtown area. Visit www.dia.org for more information about the project. In conjunction with the 'Inside/Out' event, the DDA is working with the Downriver Council for the Arts on a street art project that will present works by a variety of area artists in window fronts along our downtown district over the summer. If you are an artist, you can contact the DDA or the Downriver Council for the Arts about being a part of this exhibit.

A few days after the celebration at Council Point we received the bad news of the theft of the Lincoln Park World War I memorial plaque (dating from 1938) from the Memorial Park monument. Former police chief, Tom Karnes, who serves on the Historical Commission, tells us that a police report has been filed. We are hoping for its quick return. We ARE LOOKING for GOOD photos of the monument and plaque that have been taken in past years – if you have any please contact the museum.



The new directional sign at the corner of Southfield and River Drive, designed and built by Vince Tobias of Sign Specialties. Our thanks to Vince, and to the DPS for its installation prior to the celebration weekend.