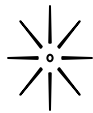


THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

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FROM MURIEL'S DESK

Well, people, after about twenty-five years or a bit more, it is time to backtrack a bit, so I will be serving the museum only one day a week, rather than my usual three, as of November 1. Halloween is my 94th birthday - - it is time. I will ignore my new semi-retirement until after our Christmas Open House, of course; too much going on until then.

I hope that you are as happy as we are to see Jim Nelson accept the office of President of our Society. I have known Jim, as well as his parents as close friends. He knows Lincoln Park well, grew up here, as well as his dad. Now retired, he believes in "giving back", so as a new member of LP Rotary Club, and a Life Member of the Society, we all benefit.

Alyce Riggs and I were invited to speak to the students of Miss Bow's 3rd Grade Class and Miss Kupser's 2nd and 3rd Graders at Carr School. The subject was "community". Both of us enjoyed our time with those active minds.

We've decided to make the big tree in the middle of the room be the children's tree this year, so we have invited kids from 6 to 12 to decorate balls for the tree and to be hung throughout the building. There will be no charge, as our members are furnishing the materials. Two Saturday morning mornings in November (the 5th and 12th) ought to do the trick. The Riverside Park Questers visited our museum in October, and member Pat Mann donated a large bag of round ornaments for us to decorate.

We are checking into the feasibility of having a chairlift installed in the stairway to the lower level. The cost of the elevator and maintenance is going out of sight. Things move slowly when both the city and the state are involved, so there will be no movement on this without informing our members for their approval. We can afford the chairlift right now, if there are no snags from the state inspectors, and it would be of great benefit for our senior members and visitors.

The idea for our November 2 program of "North End Stories" was instigated by Henry DesHarnais, with some help from Almo Straccia and Les Pegouske - we'll have all we can do to keep order. Come and share some of your own memories.



A FEW CHANGES

With the new year in 2012, we are going to change our hours of operation as follows: (We will still close in January, as we have in the past).

Beginning on February 1, 2012, we will be open **Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays** from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. (due to adding Saturday we will no longer have Tuesday hours.) Muriel will continue to staff the museum on Thursdays, and Jeff will staff on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Volunteer greeters are still needed to welcome visitors, and we are hoping for more family visits during the Saturday hours. Please call the museum if you can help out.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS & COUNTRY STORE

Renewal time has come and gone (although, it's never too late) - membership dues were due in August. If you have an envelope include with your newsletter, it means you have not yet renewed your membership. Remember, by supporting the museum you are helping to guaranty that our local history will be passed on for future generations.

I would like to remind our members that our Society meetings have started so our callers will be making their phone call announcements again. If you do not want them to call, please mention it to them to remove your name from their list. Or call the museum and tell us.

I would like to say 'Thank You' to Doris Irving, who was one of our callers for many years. Doris and her husband John moved out of LP and can no longer call for us. Thank you, Doris, for all the years you donated for the museum.

-- Grace Wangbickler, Membership Chair

Our Country Store has received some new items, including a nice selection of jewelry - stop by and check us out. We also have a few T-shirts and posters remaining from the 90th Anniversary, at discounted prices. A CD-Rom of the historical photo slide show compiled this summer by volunteer Don Daniels is also available for just \$3. **New memberships** during this anniversary year will include a complimentary copy of the CD. Memberships in the Historical Society are a great holiday gift idea for your LP friends and family. Individual annual memberships are just \$10, and couples are \$15. (Students are still only \$5!)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Wednesday November 2, 7:00 P.M.

Historical Society Meeting
Program - "North End Memories"

Friday, November 11 at 11:00 A.M

Annual Veterans Day Commemoration
& Bell Ringing - Museum lawn, with indoor reception following

Saturday November 5 and November 12

Children's Holiday Ornament Workshops
10 A.M. to 12 Noon

Holiday decorating ongoing in November - call if you can come in and help us out 313-386-3137

Sunday, December 11, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. **Annual Holiday Open House with live music, decorations and refreshments**

Saturday, December 17 at 4:00 P.M.

Movie: "The Kid" with Charlie Chaplin and Jackie Coogan
(1921 silent movie with music score),
opening with an early 'Felix the Cat' cartoon

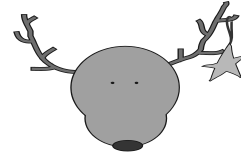
The exhibit case holding the “1921” exhibit, a part of



which is pictured here, will be changed during November to a holiday theme; the November 2 meeting may be your last opportunity to check it out. The exhibit reflects a bit of what life was like in 1921, the year Lincoln Park was founded.

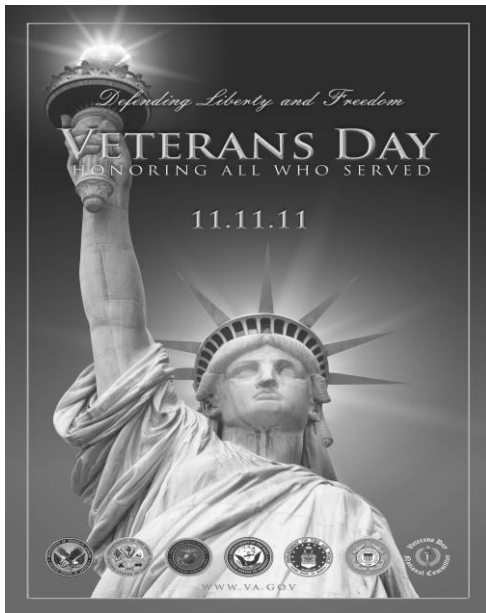


Our Annual Holiday Open House will take place on Sunday, December 11, from 2pm-5pm – we will have the museum decorated and a special theme will be featured in the large exhibit case. Live music along with refreshments is planned for your enjoyment. Invite your friends!

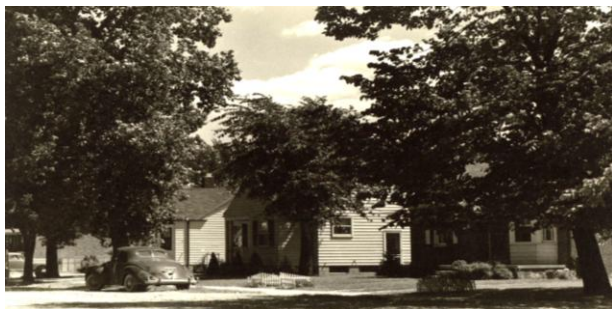


“THE KID”, which opened in February of 1921, was the first feature film from Charlie Chaplin, who went on to make classics ‘The Gold Rush’, ‘City Lights’ and ‘Modern Times’. We selected this film because it was released during the year that the village of Lincoln Park was founded. Silent movies were a big draw by the 1920s, and nearly every community had a movie theater. Lincoln Park would build its first, and only, theater - The Park Theater - in 1925, the year we became a city. (Films with sound, using various technologies, began to appear in 1927.) Silent movies were typically accompanied by live piano or organ music. This version of ‘The Kid’ features a music score composed by Chaplin that was added for later releases of the film.

We will be showing **“The Kid”** – a family friendly film running about 70 minutes in length - at the museum on Saturday, December 17 at 4:00 P.M. -- accompanied by a ‘Felix the Cat’ cartoon, of course. There is No Charge.



On Veterans Day, we will once again honor our local veterans who have served from World War II to the present time. We are especially looking for eleven Lincoln Park service veterans to help ring the bell on the museum grounds at **11:00 A.M. on Friday November 11**. If you are a veteran (or if someone you know or are related to is a veteran), please let us know if you’d like to participate, by calling the museum at 313-386-3137. An indoor reception at the museum will follow.



Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 P.M.

“Lincoln Park Memories” – Stories of the neighborhood kids who grew up on the north side of town in the 40s, 50s and 60s. This should be an interesting program with lots of reminiscing – come and listen in or share your own stories.

Programming in 2012 that you won’t want to miss:

- ✓ The Girl Scout Centennial Anniversary
- ✓ A Quilt Show and Appraisal, with Bake Sale
- ✓ The Civil War comes to Downriver
- ✓ Artist Gary Grimshaw, LP native, will present some of his acclaimed posters and talk about his work during the height of the rock and roll era.

See the February newsletter for dates and more specific information on these programs. Remember, the museum will be closed during the month of January.



Lincoln Park Historical Society Officers 2011-2012

President	Jim Nelson
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The Historical Society continues its quarterly newsletter publication with this November 2011 issue. We are hoping to deliver our newsletters by email as much as possible. If you’d like to receive newsletters and special announcements via email, please send your address to curator@lphistorical.org.



Happy Holidays!
from the
**Lincoln Park
Historical Society
& Museum**

