

CUDAHY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



NOVEMBER 2016

4647 S. KINNICKINNIC AVE., CUDAHY, WI
MAIL: PO BOX 332, CUDAHY, WI 53110

The Purposes of this organization are exclusively educational and shall be to preserve, advance, and disseminate knowledge of the history of Cudahy Wisconsin.

From the President's Desk... Jill Gestwicki



Hello Friends!

Fall is here and winter is not far behind. It's time to get ready for our winter events.

The annual pie sale, Pie-A-Palooza, will be held on Saturday, November 19 at the Depot. This gives us all the opportunity to buy some homemade, frozen pies for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The event will be at the Depot this year. We are taking pre-orders so that you will be guaranteed to get your favorite pies. See flyer for more info. Please consider baking pies for this event. Every pie is \$10.00 and 100% profit for the Society.

Christmas at the Depot will be Saturday, December 3. We look forward to members baking their homemade delights for our bake sale. We will have lunch and pictures with Santa.

Mary Jo Hallfeld is our new Sunshine person. Please contact Mary Jo at (414) 483-4998 if you hear of a member needing a little "sunshine". Thank you Mary Jo!

November's speaker will be the Friends of Milwaukee Co. Zoo Speaker's Bureau—The History of Zoos. Be sure to join us!

I look forward to seeing you on November 15 at the General Meeting. I encourage more members to get involved with helping hands. I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas...

Gratefully, *Jill*



Memberships DUE

The Cudahy Historical Society membership year runs September 1—August 31. Yearly dues may be mailed (see back of newsletter), paid online at www.cudahyhistoricalsociety.org, or paid at the general meeting. Checks are made payable to Cudahy Historical Society. Membership cards will be given upon request. If you have any questions please contact Membership Chairperson Jill Gestwicki at (414) 481-7341. Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15, 2016
General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

November 19, 2016
Pie-A-Palooza, Depot

December 03, 2016
Christmas at the Depot

January 17, 2017
Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

February 21, 2017
General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

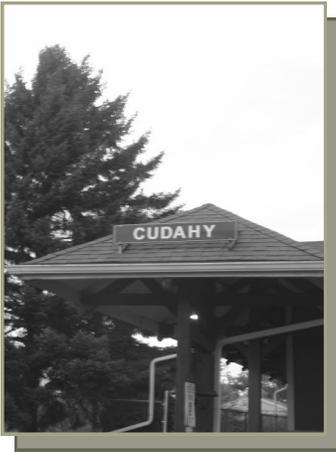
March 21, 2017
Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

April 18, 2017
General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

How Can I Help During the Holidays?

- *Volunteer to help at Pie-A-Palooza and/or Christmas at the Depot
- *Help decorate the Depot for Christmas
- *Bake Pies for Pie-A-Palooza
- *Bake treats for Christmas at the Depot
- *Attend Christmas at the Depot, purchase bakery, photos, ornaments or lunch
- *Purchase a Depot ornament—\$8.00
- *Purchase Pies at Pie-A-Palooza—\$10.00
- *Purchase a CHS t-shirt—\$15.00
- *Give a gift membership to the Society—\$10.00 Individual/\$15.00 family
- *Purchase a brick—\$60.00
- *Sponsor-A-Month of Landscaping—\$500.00
- *Donate to the Cudahy Historical Society (any amount is appreciated)





Officers / Board

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“ALONE WE CAN
DO SO LITTLE...
TOGETHER WE
CAN DO SO
MUCH”.
HELEN KELLER



THANK YOU!

Please patronize these local businesses that continue to support the Cudahy Historical Society.



Sponsor A Month Program—Cudahy Historical Society



WHAT? - "Sponsor A Month" of lawn and landscape maintenance of the depot grounds by making a \$500 donation to cover our annual costs.

WHEN? - Anytime is a good time to start! We have months remaining to be claimed. Hurry before YOUR month is gone!

WHY? - To honor, celebrate or remember a special someone or something, or simply because you care about our National Treasure and want to see it preserved for generations to come.

WHO? - Anyone, any group, or any business can purchase a month. If we are blessed with an overage, we can designate those funds for your chosen month the following year.

HOW? - Mail your check payable to Cudahy Historical Society to Kathy Lorum—Fundraising Chair, 1532 W. Grange Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53221

All donors will be recognized on our marquis sign during the month they have selected. They will also be mentioned on our website cudahyhistoricalsociety.org and our Facebook page, @Cudahy Historical Society.

Sponsor A Month —September 2016—Petie Schroettner

*Thank you to Tom and Joan Paul for the gift of 1 month of landscaping to the Cudahy Historical Society for the month of September in memory of Joan's dear sister, Petie Schroettner.



CHRISTMAS AT THE DEPOT

Saturday, December 3

10 AM—2 PM

**Cudahy Historical Society Depot
4647 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., Cudahy**



- *Visit Santa
- *Pictures with Santa
- *Hot Lunch - Café
- *Bake Sale



*MEMBERS—PLEASE DROP OFF BAKERY AT 9:30 AM. Thank you!

Wish List

2 Ceiling Fans—\$200.00 each

4 8-foot Lightweight Folding Tables—\$75.00 each

Welcome New Members

Lee Sprengel, Cudahy—Individual Membership

Arlene Wilson, Cudahy—Individual Membership

Denise Wranik McLoughlin, Prophetstown, IL—Individual Membership

Steren McDonald's Restaurants, Cudahy—Business Membership

Thank You for Donations

Ruth Raczka

Steren McDonald's Restaurants

VOLUNTEERS

don't necessarily
have the time;
they just have
the heart!



ORNAMENTS

\$8.00 OR 3 for \$20.00

*Available at the Depot

*Limited Supply

*Great Christmas presents



10th Anniversary of Immigrant Family Park—Sept. 04, 2016

The community enjoyed an “Old Fashioned Picnic in the Park” as we celebrated the 10th anniversary of Immigrant Family Park. Apple pie, ice cream, lemonade, licorice, and anniversary cake were enjoyed by all as the kids played nostalgic picnic games. The South Milwaukee Municipal Band rounded out the afternoon with an excellent performance. It was a memorable, special afternoon of family fun. Many thanks to our team of volunteers for putting this event together!



The dream of what is now the Immigrant Family Park began 41 years ago, when the abandoned 1892 Cudahy Depot was acquired and restored by the Cudahy Historical Society. For many years attempts were made to acquire the stretch of land between the Depot and Layton Avenue from the Railroad, but the efforts failed.

The concept of a statue to honor the hundreds of courageous and determined immigrant families that passed through the Depot in the late 1800's and early 1900's grew into a mission.

2003: A 6-member committee renewed the effort to acquire the railroad property and convert it into a beautiful park that would serve as a pleasing introduction to the city for visitors as well as a setting for the immigrant Family Statue.

2004: The City was able to negotiate a buy/sell agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad and took possession of the land.

2005: The city deeded the property to the Cudahy Historical Society and the fund raising for the park and statue began.

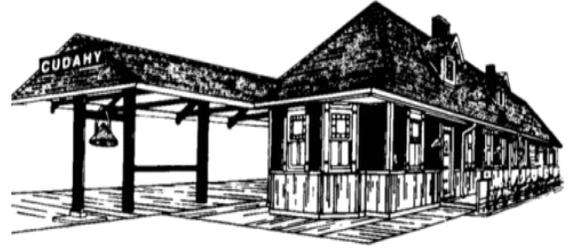
With generous contributions of many donors and the purchase of memorial bricks, the fundraising goal was reached and exceeded. Every donated dollar was invested in the park and statue.

On October 22, 2006, the centennial year of the City of Cudahy, Immigrant Family Park was dedicated to the Citizens of the City of Cudahy.

Cudahy Historical Society

P.O. Box 332 / Cudahy, Wisconsin 53110

November 1st, 2016



Dear Cudahy Historical Society Member and/or Business Owner,
The City of Cudahy is home to a real-life treasure. In fact, not only is it a treasure to the city, but it is also recognized as a county, state and national treasure! That's right! The old train depot on S. KK Ave. – headquarters for the Cudahy Historical Society – is in fact listed on all of these registries, including the National Registry of Historic Places! Did you know that the depot is the ONLY building in the city of Cudahy to have this distinction? It is no small feat by which we have achieved this goal. Since 1978 the Cudahy Historical Society has worked tirelessly to restore, rehabilitate, and ultimately beautify the building and grounds of this gem that had been slated for demolition! The land on the south side of the grounds, known as Immigrant Family Park has become somewhat of a "gateway" into the city. We are so very proud of our work but with mounting costs and dwindling membership it has become increasingly difficult to meet our \$13,000+ in annual operational cost. We are completely non-profit and raise 100% of our money through our fundraising events and capital campaigns.

We are writing you today to make you aware of a capital fundraising campaign currently in progress at the Cudahy Historical Society. In December of 2015, we kicked off a campaign collecting donated funds to cover our annual lawn and landscape costs at the Cudahy Train Depot Grounds located at 4647 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue. Although our actual maintenance services span a 9 month period, we decided to offer the opportunity over a 12 month period to make room for more sponsors as well as to lower the cost per month. We have had an excellent response with 9 of the 12 months covered in 2016 through the generosity of individuals and businesses alike. We couldn't have asked for a better result on our first time out with this campaign! With the new year approaching we find ourselves looking ahead to 2017 and our continual need to meet our expenses. Therefore, we will once again offer the "Sponsor a Month" opportunity, and I'm pleased to report that 2 of the 12 months are already covered for the 2017 season! We ask that you consider a \$500 donation for one month of your choosing of our remaining months in 2017 (January and April are taken). For this donation we will acknowledge your family, business, or memorial of your choosing on our marquis sign in front of the depot building for the month you sponsor. We will also recognize your donation on our website, our Facebook page and in our newsletter publication.

Perhaps "Sponsor a Month" is more than you can commit to at this time, or perhaps you'd like to even do more than "Sponsor a Month". If this is true for you, please know that we are most happy and grateful to accept any monetary amount you or your business can give us. All donations are tax deductible, and we will recognize ALL donors on our social media sites as well as in our newsletter publication.

In the meantime, it is our hope that you will give earnest consideration to making a donation to our cause. While we acknowledge that we are a private organization, we feel that our building and grounds are the jewel of the city, the basis for our foundation as citizens of Cudahy, and deserving of public support. We must preserve this history and be caretakers of the cause for our next generation. Please check us out at www.cudahyhistoricalsociety.org or on Facebook @Cudahy Historical Society.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

Jill Gestwicki

Jill Gestwicki, President – Cudahy Historical Society
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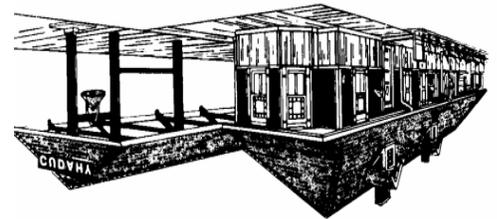
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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

_____ Donation to Statue/Park Maintenance

_____ \$3 Student Membership

_____ \$10 Individual Membership

_____ \$15 Family Membership

_____ \$25 Business Membership

_____ \$100 Lifetime Membership

_____ Additional Donation

Date: _____

I am interested in serving as:

_____ Baker

NEW: _____

_____ Gardening

RENEWAL: _____

_____ Newsletter

_____ Publicity

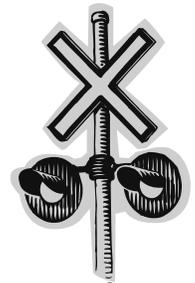
_____ Officer/Board Member

_____ Social Helper

_____ Fundraising

_____ Depot Maintenance

_____ Other (special talent) _____



The Cudahy Historical Society meets 5 times per year—February, April, June, September and November. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot. A newsletter is sent to members prior to each meeting.

*Checks are payable to Cudahy Historical Society

Membership runs September 1 thru August 31



Cudahy Historical Society

PIE-A-PALOOZA

Saturday, November 19, 2016

9:00 a.m.—noon (or until sold out)

Cudahy Historical Society

4647 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., Cudahy

\$10

****NEW THIS YEAR****

Pre-Order your FAVORITE! Deadline to order: 11/12/16

1. Choose Pumpkin, Apple, Pecan or Breakfast Quiche
2. Go to www.CudahyHistoricalSociety.org
3. Click the yellow DONATE button to pay online -\$10 each
4. Click "write a note" to tell us your pie selection
5. Pick up your pies on 11/19, 9 AM—noon

*All sales final. Pies must be picked up on 11/19.

Frozen Homemade Pies! Get your favorites!

They sell fast! Just in time for the Holidays!

Made with Love!

Sponsored by:
Cudahy Historical Society



***MEMBERS—PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR PIES AT 8:30 AM. Thank you!**