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Cudahy Historical Society "The Depot"



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

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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E . . . J I L L G E S T W I C K I



Dear Members,

All Aboard! Time to track what has been happening at the Cudahy Historical Society and Train Depot!

There is a lot to report since the onset of Covid and a series of unfortunate events.

*December 2019 was our last event held; Christmas at the Depot.

*Covid confirmed in US January 2020. Shutdowns and group gatherings restrictions began in March 2020. Board meetings were limited. General meetings were cancelled. There have been no open houses or events since.

*Board determined with these restrictions, it was a good time to catch up on projects. Photographs, files and documents that have been stored at the depot have been transferred to the Cudahy Family Library for safe keeping in their environmentally controlled room which is intended for preservation. The docu-



ments will eventually be digitalized, cataloged, and listed in the Library data base. Originals will be stored and preserved by the library. Copies of the originals will be provided to the Cudahy Historical Society. This task is still in process.

*Vandalism in February 2020; windows broken, items damaged and destroyed in museum. Board approved cost to clean up the building of glass and rocks, and repair, historically restore, and paint windows exterior. Windows on the west side of the depot have remained boarded for protection. Inquiry into protective glass or acrylic proved to be expensive and difficult to find a company who will agree to the project. The need for cameras as a preventative protective measure were discussed but not installed due to no internet connection. Cost again is an issue.

*Board Officers terms were extended an additional year due to the extenuating circumstances and lack of meetings to nominate and vote.

*Racoons wreaked havoc in February

2021. Destruction of items throughout the museum and storage areas plus feces contamination. A wildlife organization was hired to capture the critters which took time. Trees were trimmed by a professional to eliminate access to the roof and prevent reentry. A window was boarded on the roof to prevent further reentry. The chimney now has a cap to prevent entry. The clean up from these rascals is still in process.

*With the depot needing cleaning and reorganization, the board decided it would be an appropriate time to paint the interior drywalled areas of the building. All items, photos, etc. have been removed and walls repaired, holes filled, stains repaired, and walls painted. It was decided to maintain the natural historical look of the wainscoting and wood work which remains as it was.

*This summer a bird flew into one of the kitchen windows and put a hole in

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it, setting off the alarm and dispatching police to the Depot. No other damage was found. The window was boarded up and needs to be replaced.

What's next?

- +Catalog/list items transferred to the library.
- +Spring Planting of our gardens and area around the Immigrant statue.
- +Thoroughly clean the depot and the museum.
- +Develop new historical artifact displays within the depot and the museum which will include new photo displays.
- +Replace the window curtains, most of which were destroyed by vandalism and some deteriorated with age. Curtains have been purchased and alterations are in process. New rods will need to be installed.
- +To reopen our doors and grounds to our members and the community. To once again plan events, open houses, educational presentations, and fundraisers to continue our mission to preserve the history of Cudahy.
- +The roof and boardwalk around the building need to be replaced.
- +To resume our general meetings and presentations beginning November 2022.
- +Next Meeting; Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 PM
- +Next event; Santa at the depot, and Santa Paws on December 03, 2022.

We have a lot to do to get back on track! We need your help to keep us chugging along.

We would like to be able to contact our members by email and on the website for upcoming meetings, volunteer opportunities, and events. Please notify us of your email for communication purposes.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with any of the above tasks, please contact one of the Board members listed on the front page.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2023, dues will be collected before and after the General Meeting.

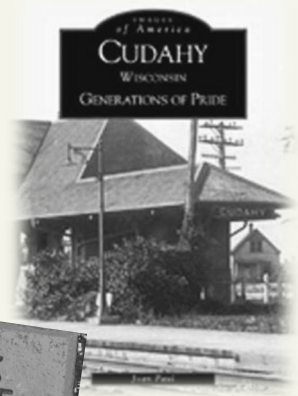
We look forward to seeing you again on **November 15 6:30 p.m. at the General Meeting.** We will be discussing the items listed in this newsletter. We encourage ideas and suggestions.

I encourage more members to get involved with helping hands.

Gratefully, *Jill*

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Only 6 weeks until Christmas! Get your ornaments, bricks, books, gift memberships and Depot prints today! The ornaments are \$8.00 or 3 for \$20.00. You can get a 4" x 8" brick for \$60.00 (14 characters max per line—3 lines). The Depot (unframed) prints are \$10.00. The original was hand-drawn by Stephanie Kalinowski. Available online, at the November 15 meeting, or call Jill at (414) 737-4305. Hurry—limited supply of ornaments and prints!





SANTA AT THE DEPOT

Photos with Santa & Bake Shoppe
Re-Opening of the Depot to the Community



Saturday, December 3

10 AM—2 PM

FOLLOWED BY...

SANTA PAWS



VOLUNTEERS & BAKERS NEEDED!

Please help to make this a successful event by volunteering and/or baking delicious treats, candies, or dog treats for the sale.

Contact Cheryl Orlando at:
(414) 744-8063

*Drop off bakery or confections
Saturday Dec. 3 between 8—9
AM.

Pet Photos with Santa

Dog Treats for sale

2:00—4:00 PM



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MEMBERSHIP

The membership year runs September 1—August 31. Yearly dues may be mailed (see back of newsletter), paid online (www.cudahyhistoricalsociety.org) or paid at the general meeting. Checks are made payable to Cudahy Historical Society. 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 6:30 p.m. at the Depot, with a speaker at 7:00 p.m. A newsletter is sent to members prior to each meeting. Contact Membership Chairman Jill Gestwicki (414) 737-4305 with any questions.

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\$3	Student Membership
\$10	Individual Membership
\$15	Family Membership
\$25	Business Membership
\$100	Lifetime Membership



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

_____ Donation to Statue/Park Maintenance

_____ \$3 Student Membership

_____ \$10 Individual Membership

_____ \$15 Family Membership

_____ \$25 Business Membership

_____ \$100 Lifetime Membership

_____ Additional Donation

I am interested in serving as:

_____ Baker

NEW: _____

_____ Gardening

RENEWAL: _____

_____ Newsletter

_____ Publicity

_____ Officer/Board Member

_____ Social Helper

_____ Fundraising

_____ Depot Maintenance

_____ Other (special talent) _____



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