



SOLON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

February 12, 2021

Solon Historical Society Members,

Welcome to 2021! Hopefully you were able to celebrate the holidays with a bit of normalcy and look forward to seeing an end to the Corona Virus and mask wearing mandates. Under normal circumstances the 2021 event schedule would be included but due to the same issues as last year we are not able to offer events to our members or the public until the vaccines have been given. Enclosed you will find your 2021 dues notice. If you are a Lifetime member you are encouraged to please send an additional donation.

2020 saw the passing of longtime members and former Board members Gerald (Jerry) Cohen, Julie Sanda and Clyde Knowles Jr. Donations in memory of these members have been used to restore some of the stained glass windows in the museum.

Just because the museum is not open for events doesn't mean your Board hasn't been busy. The basement remodeling is pretty much complete with much thanks to MFS Supply, Carter Lumber, Calvetta Brothers and Robert Vaughan for their donation of goods and services. The next project will be the remodeling of the front chapel room into a library. We have also received many new donations of uniforms, memorabilia, pictures and documents.



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Thank you to everyone that helped update the Society By-Laws. It was a long process but it was worth all the debate. I sent out notice that one Trustee position currently held by John Zahuranec was up for election. No members announced interest in the position by the deadline. John said he would be happy to stay on board.

Our annual 3rd grade tours were also cancelled in 2020 due to the virus. Our team put together a virtual video tour that we could share with the teachers that was as close as possible to what the children would have seen and hear in person.

Unfortunately, our 2020 Bicentennial celebration was also cancelled. The City had budgeted for monthly events to celebrate the Bicentennial. We have some great souvenirs available if interested. There is a possibility that the Time Capsule opening event may still be held this year if things start to open up again. The City is also planning to have a bi-monthly Farmers Market in the Historical Society parking lot starting the end of June from 3:00 to 7:00PM. More details to follow when confirmed.

With the loss of the Lynch house will hopefully come a new Bicentennial Park this year. Plans are in the works to complete this project which will create a nice campus area with the Museum, Bull home and the Solon Center for the Arts.

The museum is still open the second Sunday of the month from 2 till 5. Thank you all for your continued support. Please continue to be safe and healthy. hope to see you all soon.

Robert P Shimits
President, Solon Historical Society