PRESIDENT’S LETTER

This year has been another productive year for the Society. Beginning with our Annual Tour of Homes in June, 2011 and ending with our Annual Meeting in May, 2012, we had more than 2,000 people attend our events, visit our museum or use our research library. And our educational programs introduced our rich and varied history to an increasing number of both area grade school and high school students.

Our book, *Waukegan: A history*, published in 2010, continued to attract new readers; to date 80% of those originally published have been sold. To capitalize on the large number of great images of Waukegan in both this book and in our archives, we have just begun making a select number of prints available to the public to purchase. See our revamped website, www.waukeganhistorical.org for details.

In keeping with our effort to identify and recognize historically significant local structures, this year we added 12 new Historic Markers to homes, and for the first time, a commercial building, Cribb’s Fine Foods, was marked as well.

Finally, after being on the back burner for most of this year, work has begun again on the expansion of both the Museum and the Research Library. A new conceptual plan has been prepared and is currently being reviewed. We look forward to being able to present this to you, our loyal supporters, in the near future.

Dennis Moisio
PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

June 26, 2011-The annual Tour of Homes. The event was again very successful with over 500 participants. The 2011 Tour included the Waukegan History Museum, 614 N. Genesee Street, 918 N. Sheridan Road, 434 Center Street, and 310 Douglas Avenue. Significant assistance with the Tour was provided by the News Sun, the Waukegan Park District, the generous home owners, and the many volunteers who staffed the tour homes.


September 17, 2011-Oakwood Cemetery Walk in partnership with the Waukegan Park District. This year’s theme was the “Civil War.” 200 people participated in the event.

October 23, 2011-Program “What’s It Worth?” featured Karl Gates, a certified appraiser, who gave a very entertaining talk on antiques and collectibles and then evaluated a wide array of family heirlooms and precious items that folks brought with them to the program.

October 30, 2011-We participated in the “Vincentennial” Event celebrating the 100th birthday of actor Vincent Price at the Genesee Theater.

December 10, 2011-Holiday Open House at the Waukegan History Museum.

April 15, 2012-Program The Titanic: A Fateful Ticket to Waukegan presented by Ty Rohrer. 120 people attended the program held on the anniversary date of the sinking of the great ocean liner.

May 20, 2012-Waukegan Historical Society Annual Meeting. Included in the day was a Year in Review presentation by President Dennis Moisio and Museum Supervisor Ty Rohrer, the election of new Board of Directors, and the presentation of the 2012 Metro History Fair Award.
MUSEUM SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

The 2011-12 fiscal year was successful in terms of new faces coming through the museum as well as popular new special exhibits. We welcomed nearly 2,000 people this year.

Due to popular demand the exhibit The Civil War: The War Efforts in Waukegan was extended through the end of May 2012. This exhibit brought in many people to the museum and we look forward to finding alternative locations to showcase it as celebrations continue in celebrating 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

We commemorated two historic events of 1912 in our small rotating gallery. First we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts in the exhibit 100 Year of Girl Scouts. We also remembered the sinking of the R.M.S. Titanic in the exhibit The Titanic: A Fateful Ticket to Waukegan. This exhibit brought forth the story of two local men who died about the ocean liner and also told the story of how the people in Waukegan were reacting to the news.

The Museum also had exhibits set-up for various events in Waukegan this past year. We helped the Genesee Theater celebrate the 100th birthday of actor Vincent Price with an exhibit on the actor’s grandfather Dr. Vincent Price, who was a prominent resident in early Waukegan. The Society and Museum also participated in the January ArtWauk in downtown Waukegan. Temporary exhibits such as Ray Bradbury: Waukegan’s Influence on a Visionary, What’s In a Name?, and the African-American History of Waukegan were set-up for ArtWauk participants to enjoy.

EDUCATION OUTREACH

Our Education Outreach Program continues to make big strides. This past fiscal year, 179 programs were given, the majority in Waukegan schools. Glen Flora School even had all nineteen outreach programs presented to the third grade students during the school year.

The third grade teachers at Glen Flora, Ms. Mendez, Ms. Munoz, and Mr. Gross came up with the brilliant idea of a historic bus/walking tour of Waukegan to show the students the many places that they had learned about in the outreach programs.

The tour was led by Museum Supervisor Ty Rohrer. We went to many historic places on our bus/walking tour including the “Lonely One’s” ravine in Ray Bradbury Park, Veterans Memorial Plaza, the home where Abraham Lincoln slept, an Underground Railroad site, and of course a quick inside tour of the Genesee Theatre.

Historical Society President Dennis Moisio and Board of Director Jim Maguire and his wife June were chaperones for the day. Mayor Robert Sabonjian also came along for the ride to the delight of the students. We had a great time touring the city and we hope to incorporate this again in the future.

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FINANCIAL DONORS

$1.00 TO $100.00

Joan Alders
Carmen Fulkerson
Marlene Graham
John Homer
Therese Ives
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Peter Ludkovic
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R. Vincent & Anne Hughes Johnson
Dennis & Marilynn Moisio
WTHS – Class of 1956

WAUKEGAN HISTORY MUSEUM

498 Total Walk-Ins
(399 adults, 99 students/child)
660 Total Scheduled Tours
(251 adults, 409 students/child)
716 Total Special Events
(Dandelion Wine Festival – 50)
(Tour of Homes – 300)
(Independence Day – 207)
(Cemetery Walk – 115)
(Holiday Open House – 44)

1,874 Total Visitors

VOLUNTEER HOURS

WAUKEGAN HISTORY MUSEUM, SOCIETY EVENTS, PROGRAMS, and MEETINGS
1,020

RESEARCH LIBRARY
1,421.5 HOURS

2,441.5 TOTAL COMBINED HOURS
INCOME

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**Total net income**

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Value of In-Kind Contributions - $75,000
## Waukegan Historical Society
### Balance Sheet
Year Ended May 31, 2012

### Assets

#### Current Assets
- Cash: $21,196
- Investments: $76,111

Total current Assets: **$97,307.00**

#### Fixed Assets
- Equipment: $4,552.00
- Accumulated depreciation: $4,552.00

Total fixed assets: **-$**

#### Inventory
- Inventory: $8,985.00

Total Assets: **$106,292.00**

### Liabilities and Equity

#### Current Liabilities
- Current Liabilities: $2,662.00

#### Long Term Liabilities
- Long Term Liabilities: $3,000.00

Total liabilities: **$5,662.00**

#### Equity
- Equity: $100,630.00

Total liabilities and equity: **$106,292.00**