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Letter from the President:

After a seemingly unending winter it is a welcome relief to look forward to the 2018 "summer season" of the WLAHS. As we begin this season we are pleased to welcome Laura Connell as our new V.P of Education, and Carol Ackerberg, who will be joining us as secretary once fall comes. We give a heartfelt "thank you" to Katherine Mason who has served faithfully as secretary for several years, but has moved out of the area. We will surely miss Katherine's quiet demeanor and her meticulous record keeping, and wish her our best.

We are also pleased to announce that we now have a place to call our "home" thanks to Helen Fink's offer of use of a portion of the Meinhardi Building, and the donation of several file cabinets from White Lake Community Education. Now our records are all in one place! Thank you, Helen!

I am sad to announce that, due to lack of support from the membership, Celebrate White Lake will change. Still ponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, it will now be named White Lake Classic Boat and Car Show. It will still look similar, however, so please continue to come out in support. Many, many thanks go out to Tom Thompson, who headed it up for the past several years, putting in hundreds of hours to ensure its success.

As we enter the 2018 season please encourage younger members of our community to join us as we celebrate the rich history of this are we call home. If you have some ideas for future programs, please write them on a slip of paper and hand them to any board member for consideration. It is ALWAYS a challenge to come up with new program ideas.

This year's programs will be as follows:

May 17... "History Days"

June 21... "Voyageurs and Fur Traders of the White Lake Area"

July 19... Tour of the Ripley House (on Old Channel Trail)

Aug 16... History and tour of the Montague Museum

Sept 20... "Life in the Lumbercamps"

Oct 18... History and tour of the National Guard Armory

All programs begin at 7 p.m., so mark your calendars, invite someone new, and watch for additional information in the White Lake Beacon and on our website

Sincerely,

Cheryl Lohman, President.

WEBSITE: <http://www.whitelakeareahistoricalsociety.com>

Meetings are 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm each month

May 17 – ***National History Day competitors*** from Whitehall Schools with Jan Klco
Lebanon Lutheran Church, 1101 S. Mears Ave., Whitehall.
This meeting is expected to end around 8:30, so come early to make sure
you have time to see the displays (see more info on p. 4 here).

June 21— ***Voyageurs and Fur Traders of the White Lake Area*** at Lebanon Lutheran Church

July 19— ***Tour of the Historic Lafayette G. Ripley House***, with new owner Annie Rupert.
8543 Old Channel Trail, corner of Old Channel Trail and Custar St., Montague.
Parking on Custar and Meade Streets. *Be sure to bring a folding lawn chair!*

August 16—***History and Tour of the Montague Museum***, 8717 Meade St., Corner of Meade
and Church Streets, Montague. *Be sure to bring a folding lawn chair!*

September 20— ***Life in the Lumber Camps***, Montague United Methodist Church, 5181 Hancock
St., Montague

October 18—***History and Tour of the National Guard Armory***, 8061 Cook St., corner of Cook
and Industrial Park Road, Montague.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff Weesies

We have \$7,091.63 in the CD and \$6,652.28 in our checking account for a total of \$13,743.91.
In addition there is \$1,488.01 in the memorial fund.

MEMBERSHIP -- Tom Lohman

Currently the White Lake Area Historical Society has 152 members. Of the 152 there are several
categories of members that we call active. These categories include those that are life members
and those that pay dues every year.

We 52 members that have life membership, which are either family or individual life members.

That means we have 100 members that pay their dues every year. Our bylaws states that if a
member has not paid their dues for three years then that member can be dropped from our rolls.
Currently we have 13 members that will be dropped from our rolls.

We also realize that life and schedules bring changes. If you would like to be dropped from our
membership, please let us know

One of problems we have is keeping our membership updated on upcoming meetings. We try to do this with this newsletter, but a more active method is by email. The one problem we have is we have no active email address for over 20 members. If we do not have your email address on file, please forward your email address. tomlohman@yahoo.com or (231) 893-5545

THANKS to TOM LOHMAN

Thanks to Montague Mayor Tom Lohman, Membership Chair/Corresponding Secretary, for the **WLAHS WEBSITE**— looking terrific! <http://www.whitelakeareahistoricalociety.com/> .

MONTAGUE MUSEUM: Would you like to spend an afternoon welcoming visitors to the Montague Museum (and exploring things yourself while you are there)? The **Spring Meeting** signing up for summer shift help on Sat. and Sunday afternoons (June through Labor Day) is on **May 24, 7:00 pm**, Masonic Hall, corner of Whitbeck and Dowling. Bring your calendar!

Michigan's Heritage Park

Whitehall has been fortunate enough to have a unique outdoor park tracing Michigan history through 10,000 years. Visitors walk between sites, outdoors, and it is handicapped and wheelchair accessible. **Michigan's Heritage Park** is located just east of the Whitehall exit at 637 North Durham Rd. (phone 231-894-0342). Here is the summer schedule for the park:

Registration now open for summer camp

Two weeklong summer camps held at the park for kids 7-12 yrs. old, 9-3:00 M-F
June 25-29 and July 30-Aug. 3
Regist. closes June 18, July 23 respectively

\$120 for members, \$150 for non-members
Full scholarships are available for Whitehall or Montague children if needed. Contact Gwen Miller gwen@lakeshoremuseum.org

Sample activities: search for beavers, making cheese as in 1930, spear throwing, games from various periods of history.

May

Monday-Friday 9 am to 3 pm (last ticket sold at 2:15 pm)

Closed: Saturday and Sunday

June-September

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday
10 am to 4:30 pm (last ticket sold at 3:45)

Closed: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday

October

Monday-Friday 9 am to 3 pm with last ticket sold at 2:15 pm

Closed: Saturday and Sunday

National History Day students competing well again this year

We are uniquely fortunate to have a dynamic after-school academic program in our local schools (grades 4-12) in which students volunteer to do research, define topics, compile extensive bibliographies, and design a presentation of their work in a nationally-run program called National History Day. This year's theme was **CONFLICT AND COMPROMISE**.

First, students compete in their District in the winter, then winners go statewide (end of April), and finalists can compete for national awards at the June finals near Washington, D.C.

Our first meeting in 2018, on May 17, will feature several of these student projects. **Here is a message from Jan Klco, Advisor for the Whitehall Students, sent in at the end of April:**

WHAT A DAY! As usual, there were highs and lows to the National History Day State Contest yesterday [April 28]. For Whitehall, there were mostly highs. The quality of entries was impressive this year, but the Whitehall team was ready for the challenge and each member brought her A Game. Here are the results in brief:

YOUTH DIVISION

Megan LeaTrea, Individual Performance: 1st Place - "I'm Your Man: Sarah Emma Edmonds Compromises Conflicts in the Civil War"

JUNIOR DIVISION

Amelia Chen, Individual Website: Best Entry Using Oral History - "The Compromise that Saved a Continent: The Antarctic Treaty"

Alison Chen, Individual Performance: National Alternate - "Catalyst for Conflict: the Inequality between the British and Chinese Empires during the Opium Wars"

Laura Thielman, Individual Performance: National Qualifier - "From Compromise to Chaos: A Conflict of Cultures Results in the Partition of India"

Audrey Johnsen, Individual Website: National Qualifier - "Compromise Kills: PBB in Michigan's Pastures"

SENIOR DIVISION

Shelbie Noel and Alydia Jura, Group Performance: National Qualifiers - "Lobotomy: The Cutting-edge Procedure that Compromised the Integrity, Independence, and Identity of the Mentally Ill"

Avery Christensen and Isabelle Uganski, Group Performance: National Qualifiers - "'Let Oppression Shrug Her Shoulders and a Haughty Tyrant Frown': The Lowell Mill Girls' Short-term Defeat becomes a Long-term Victory in the Battle Against Workplace Injustice"

Morgan VanderLeest, Individual Website: National Qualifier- "Magnus Hirschfeld: Rocking the Boat for Gay Germany"

Lauren Geiger, Individual Exhibit: National Qualifier AND Best Entry Using the Arts or Music - "Quelle Horreur! 1863 Salon des Refuses refocuses Reality"

We are looking forward to taking 5 entries/7 members to the NHD National Contest on the campus of the University of Maryland, June 10-14.... Onward to DC!

Jan Mecoli Klco, Coach, Whitehall National History Day Team

THE WHITE LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONGRATULATES ALL LOCAL YOUTH WHO COMPETED IN THIS CHALLENGING EVENT!