



# Annual Report 2017

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**Museum auditorium windows.**

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**50th anniversary celebration, October 2017.**

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**Changing America exhibit, January 2017.**

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## Introduction

DuPage County Historical Museum (DCHM) functions as the only institution dedicated to the collection, preservation and interpretation of the material culture documenting the county of DuPage, Illinois. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation raises money for the support of the Museum.

## Mission Statement

The DuPage County Historical Museum is operated as a facility of Wheaton Park District, owned by the County of DuPage by resolution of the County Board pursuant to state statute. Its principal purposes are to educate the general public through the collection, preservation, interpretation, & exhibition of materials which document the history of DuPage County & its relationship to Illinois and the nation, and to provide local history services for historical organizations and for scholarly endeavors.

## Stakeholder Quotes

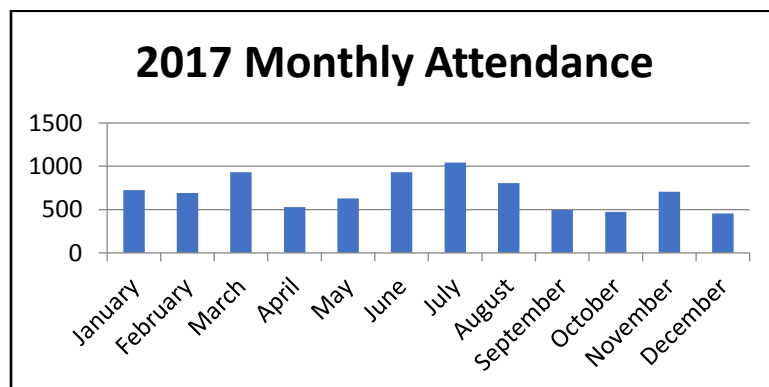
“Thank you so much for doing such a great job hosting our troop... The girls really enjoyed it, and it was nice to stand back and really watch the girls participate and learn.” – Christy Wendt, Girl Scout Troop Leader, March 2017

"Very fun place. Staff is awesome, very friendly and good-hearted people... they were very helpful and treated everyone with respect." – Rick Mason, Visitor, September 2017

“I’m so glad this museum is still open. I know things are hard right now, but it’s wonderful this place is still taken care of. Thank you.” – Visitor, December 2017

## Visitor Data

In 2017, the Museum served 8,420 visitors, up 13.28% from 2016. Data in the graphs below and on **page 4** reflect visitor attendance from January 2017 through December 2017.



### Hours

Monday-Friday  
9:30am-4:00pm  
Saturday-Sunday  
12:00-4:00pm

**Serves over 30  
Communities**

**2017 Visitors  
8,420**

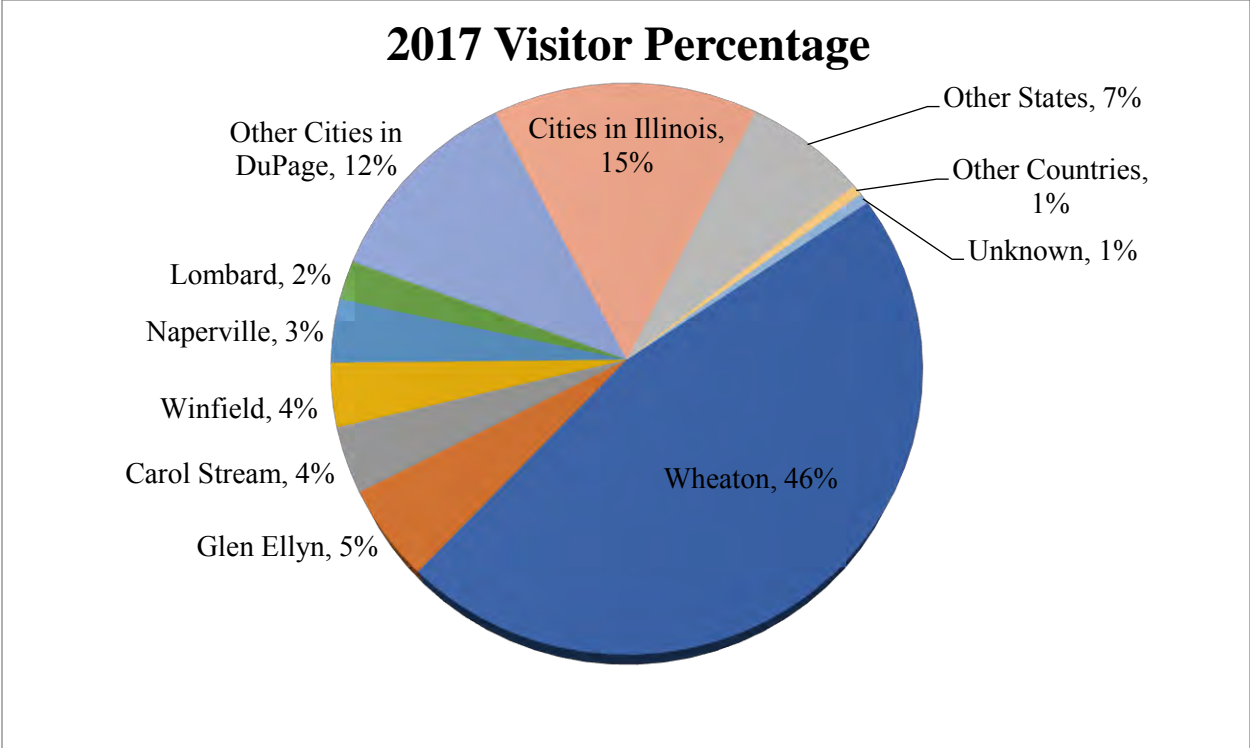
Year	Visitors
2014	6,577
2015	6,913
2016	7,433
2017	8,420

**2017 Total Reach  
35,175**

**Total Museum  
Donations  
\$18,023.75**



All Aboard Camp, August 2017. Photo credit: Michelle Podkowa



**Visitors Across the United States**

In 2017, the Museum had visitors from 44 states as shown below, as well as 14 other countries.



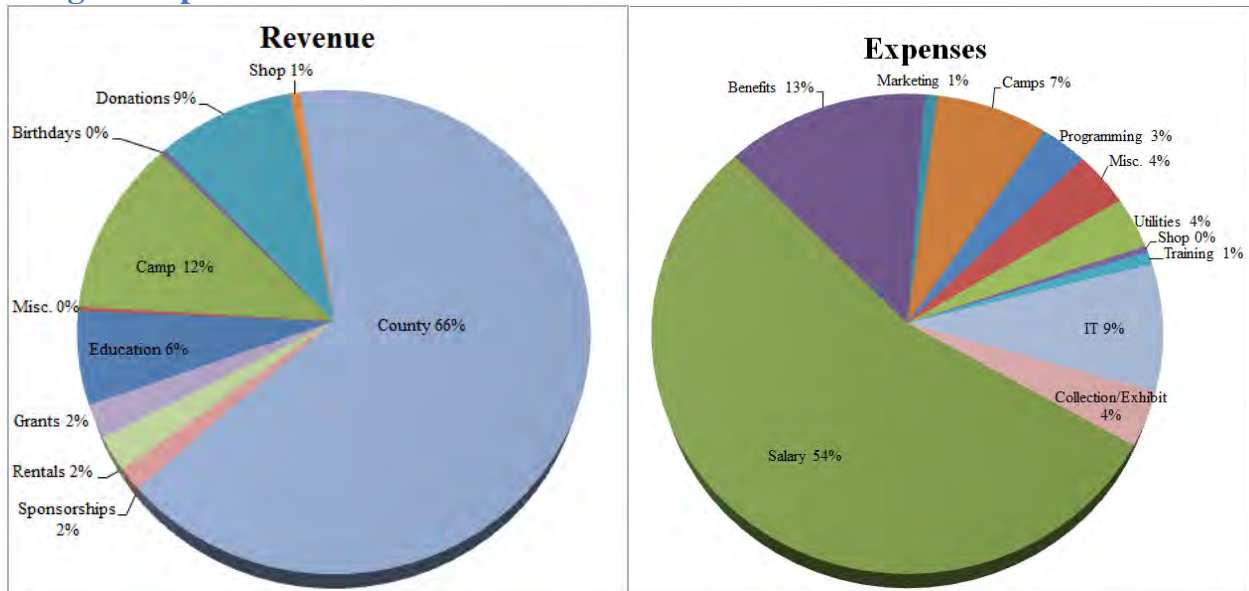
## Budget

### Operating Budget

All 2017 calculations are preliminary and will be confirmed through a professional annual audit.

Revenues	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Grants & Donations	\$23,202	\$29,244	\$18,719	\$16,600	\$13,560
County	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
Edu. Prog/B-day/Research	\$36,454	\$35,578	\$30,533	\$24,573	\$10,851
Facility Rentals	\$4,520	\$4,994	\$1,610	\$1,545	\$5,980
Shop Sales	\$1,291	\$1,405	\$2,327	\$1,925	\$2,073
Special Events		\$2,037	\$230	\$698	\$430
Sponsorships	\$3,000	\$5,000		\$300	\$525
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$198,467</b>	<b>\$208,259</b>	<b>\$183,419</b>	<b>\$175,641</b>	<b>\$163,419</b>
Expenses					
Capital Expense-Computers	(\$387)			(\$420)	(\$173)
Contractual	(\$21,089)	(\$21,029)	(\$15,912)	(\$13,821)	(\$10,294)
Dues and Subscriptions	(\$895)	(\$887)	(\$535)	(\$626)	(\$739)
FT Salaries & Insurance	(\$120,189)	(\$115,706)	(\$107,060)	(\$113,533)	(\$122,533)
Fundraising	(\$35)		(\$181)	(\$224)	
IT Services & Supplies	(\$12,835)	(\$10,899)	(\$9,550)	(\$7,319)	(\$6,820)
Marketing	(\$1,663)	(\$2,585)	(\$2,950)	(\$2,483)	(\$2,429)
Mileage Reimbursement	(\$292)	(\$371)	(\$538)	(\$101)	(\$1,236)
Part Time Wages	(\$15,254)	(\$15,693)	(\$16,343)	(\$13,339)	(\$12,266)
Supplies	(\$10,004)	(\$8,423)	(\$6,360)	(\$15,480)	(\$14,537)
Training	(\$1,738)	(\$1,253)	(\$1,109)	(\$2,430)	(\$719)
Utilities	(\$6,956)	(\$7,324)	(\$9,151)	(\$8,434)	(\$7,320)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$191,338)</b>	<b>(\$184,170)</b>	<b>(\$169,689)</b>	<b>(\$178,213)</b>	<b>(\$179,067)</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$7,129</b>	<b>\$24,089</b>	<b>\$13,731</b>	<b>(\$2,571)</b>	<b>(\$15,648)</b>

### Budget Graphs



Birthdays and misc. income revenue is under 1%, shop expenses are under 1%.



Santa, Chick Fil A Cow, and Superintendent Dan Novak at Santa Express, 2017. Photo credit: Michelle Podkowa

**Total Educational Revenue**  
**\$36,217**

increase of 11%  
 45% profit margin

**Total Educational Reach**  
**1,706**

**Outreach**  
**22,461**

**75 Total Offerings**

- 28 Events
- 21 Tours/Programs
- 11 Outreach Events
- 8 Camps
- 4 Presentations
- 4 Birthdays

**Museum Events**

Type	Events	Attendees
Adult	12	173
Family & Children	16	914
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1087</b>

**Education**

The Museum provides events, programs, tours, and presentations to audiences of all ages as part of our mission. Programming explores people, places, and events that shaped DuPage County.

**Museum Events**

The Museum collaborated with local organizations, including the Wheaton Public Library, DuPage County Historical Society (DCHS), Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois, and DuPage County Genealogical Society to provide engaging events and family workshops at little or no cost to the attendees. Total fees for presenters in 2017 were \$2,369. The Museum paid \$640, DuPage Foundation paid \$250 and American Library Association paid \$1,079 for grant-funded programs, and \$400 was reimbursed from DCHS for a partnered event. Events are listed in Appendix 1.

**Santa Express**

The Museum hosted five Santa Express trips in December for 601 participants. Children in pajamas enjoyed milk and cookies, while staff sang carols and read stories. Santa made a special appearance visiting each family. This program netted \$7,152.41 (2016: \$5,747.83 for four trips). Two sponsors provided cookies and milk: Chick Fil A and Arrowhead Golf Course.

**Birthday Parties**

Birthday parties are \$150 for 10 children. Additional children cost \$5 each. In 2017, four birthday parties were held with 57 children participating. A total revenue \$685 with a profit margin of 84%.

**Outreach Events**

The Museum participated in 11 outreach events in 2017. The Museum hosted a table and ran an activity at these events to bring awareness to the Museum mission. Staff spoke directly with 2,731 people at these events, though more than 19,730 people came in contact with the booth or staff.



DCHM at the Northern Illinois Steam Power Show, August 2017. Photo credit: Michelle Podkowa.



## Presentations

The Museum staff facilitates educational presentations for clubs and other organizations throughout the County. The education collection which includes duplicate or reproduction artifacts, allow for hands-on experiences to the public. Four presentations educated 111 attendees and netted \$325 for the Museum in 2017.

## Voices of DuPage

In fall 2016, the Museum began an oral history initiative to record the DuPage residents' stories for future generations. To accompany the *Changing America* exhibit in January 2017, the theme for Voices was the Civil Rights Movement. The Museum partnered with the DuPage AME Church recording nearly two dozen individuals' stories which were used in the exhibit from January through March.

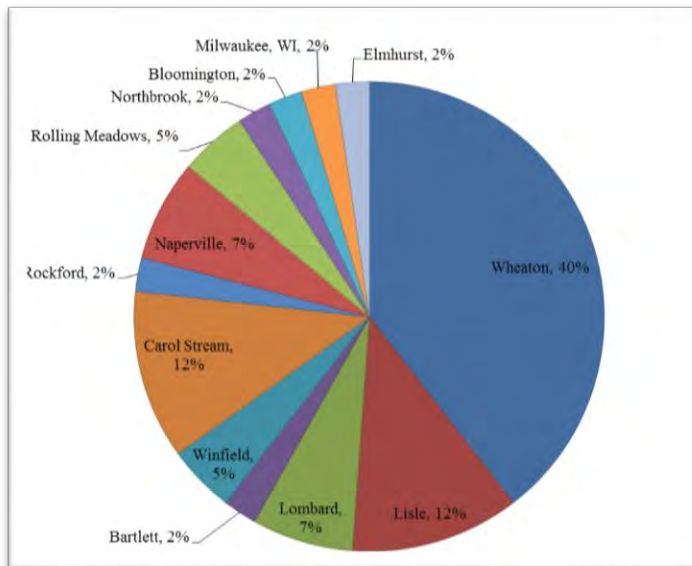
## Camps

In 2017, the Museum offered eight camps. This included six LEGO camps of various themes facilitated by an outside contractor and two staff facilitated camps. Camps netted \$8,568.83 (2016 - \$7,283.14) with a profit margin of 37%.

## Guided Tours, School, and Scout Programs

Guided tours explain the building's history and changing exhibits. An architectural walking tour of downtown Wheaton is also available. The Museum offers various programs for school and scout groups. There were 21 tours and programs conducted in 2017 earning \$1,144. Twenty-four schools took advantage of self-guided tours. Due to the public school budget crisis, staff expects self-guided tours to continue increasing every year. The listing of 2017 tour groups can be found in Appendix 1.

## Tour and Program Group Locations



LEGO Camp, July 2017. Photo credit: Michelle Podkowa

## Camps

Year	Attendees
2014	88
2015	92
2016	154
2017	121

## Tours & Programs

Year	Paid Tours/Programs	Attendees
2014	21	383
2015	36	616
2016	22	302
2017	21	330



Traveling While Dead Presentation, October 2017. Photo credit: Michelle Podkowa





1932 Mural. Photo credit: Ashley Downing

### Research Requests

Year	\$	Number
2013	\$603	85
2014	\$232	72
2015	\$1,000	88
2016	\$631	62
2017	\$217	72

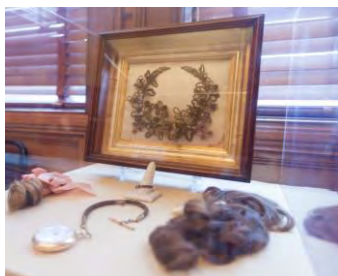
**36 Donors**

**326 Accessioned Artifacts**

**100% Inventoried**



1917: Catalyst for the Modern Era. Photo credit: Lana Kozol



Death in DuPage. Photo credit: Lana Kozol

## Collection

### Collection Status

In 2017, Museum staff finished a complete inventory and cataloged all items into the Museum's PastPerfect software. This included over 22,000 three-dimensional objects and 248 linear feet of archival material. Staff and volunteers have photographed over 35% of the permanent collection. Over 90% of three-dimensional items stored in the Museum have been photographed.

Thirty-six new donors donated over 300 objects to the permanent collection, education collection, and research library. Staff continues to evaluate artifacts that no longer meet the mission for deaccession in accordance with the American Alliance of Museum's Best Practices.

The Museum opened Dunton's Art Gallery in the second floor Auditorium to showcase artwork from the collection. This yearly changing exhibit debuted with a focus on the history of famous buildings around DuPage. Staff also created and installed a reproduction of the original 1932 mural for the stage.

### Museum Research

Museum staff provides research services for \$25/hour with the first 30 minutes free. Reproductions are also available for a fee. See the table to the left for revenue and research requests numbers.

### Exhibits

The Museum presented nine temporary exhibits based on artifacts from the collection in addition to items from private donors and other museums within DuPage. The Museum also hosted two temporary exhibits at the Wheaton Public Library and The College of DuPage during the summer and fall of 2017.

- From Flame to Fluorescent* | September 17, 2016-July 31, 2017
- Snap! An Evolution of Photography* | October 22, 2016-March 27, 2017
- Fun Unplugged: Little Adults* | November 12, 2016-May 29, 2017
- Changing America: The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863 and the March on Washington, 1964* | January 25, 2017-March 10, 2017
- Dunton Hall Art Gallery Exhibit* | March 3, 2017-December 31, 2017
- Adams' Dream* | April 15, 2017-December 30, 2017
- Hooked* | April 29, 2017-July 23, 2017
- Fun Unplugged: Outdoor Adventures* | July 15, 2017-February 26, 2018
- Hooked on History Kid's Art Show* | August 5, 2017-September 23, 2017



1917: Catalyst for the Modern Era. Photo credit: Lana Kozol

## Institutional Stewardship

### StEPs Program

DuPage County Historical Museum continues to work towards accreditation through the American Association of State and Local History's *Standards of Excellence Program* (StEPs) in 2017. StEPs is a voluntary training program consisting of five sections of three sets of guidelines that act as a checklist for museum Best Practices.

In 2017, the Museum continued work on the Audience section as well as working towards certificates in the Collection section.

### Accreditation

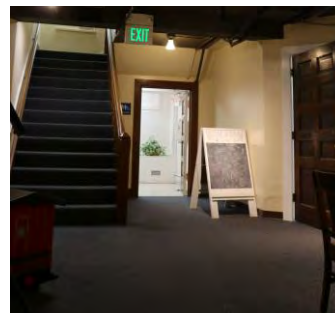
The Museum is focusing on the following areas before applying for accreditation through the American Alliance of Museums (AAM):

- Completion of AASLH StEPS program (in progress)
- Continued care of and repair of building as needed
  - New roof (completed in 2016)
  - Foyer repaired and exterior doors refinished (completed in 2017)
  - Humidity and temperature controls in collection spaces (progress made in 2017)
  - Public space environmental controls (in progress)
  - Replacement of carpet on lower level (complete 2017)
  - Update to safer LED lighting (in progress, to complete in 2018)
- Updating Museum policies including Business Plan (updated in 2017), Strategic Plan, Marketing Plan (updated in 2016), and Development Plan
- Policy check through AAM
- Establishing a timeline and fundraising plan for updating the Museum's permanent exhibit on the history of DuPage County (planning in progress)
- Completing an inventory of the Museum's existing collections (completed in 2017)
- Digitizing the Museum's collection (in progress)
- Instituting evaluation methods for Museum including exhibits and programming (in progress)
- Updating signage around Museum (in progress)

The AAM changed and updated the application process for accreditation in 2013. The most recent statistics on accreditation are listed in Appendix 2.



Permanent Collection Artifact.  
Photo credit: Larry Kmeicik



Carpet on lower level. Photo credit: Michelle Podkowa



In December 2017 Mainstreet Realtors sponsored the LED lighting project. The project was completed in early 2018.  
Photo credit: Lana Kozol



Curator Ashley Downing with Best of Wheaton Award. Photo credit: Wheaton Chamber

**Grants for 2017:  
\$3,500**

**Grants for 2018:  
\$2,500**



Curator Ashley Downing and Manager & Educator Michelle Podkowa with IAM awards. Photo credit: Emma Hajny



Illinois Recognition Certificate, 2017.

## Grants and Awards

### Grants

- DuPage Foundation- Snodgrass Family Fund, \$2,500 for *1917: A Catalyst for Change* exhibit and events in 2017.
- DuPage Foundation- History DuPage Fund, \$1,000 unrestricted grant for use in 2017.
- DuPage Foundation- History DuPage Fund, \$2500 for exhibits and programming of *Sporting Life of DuPage* and DuPage Architects in 2018.

### Awards

- Wheaton Chamber of Commerce “Not for Profit Community Enrichment Organization of the Year” at Best of Wheaton Awards, February 2017.
- Wheaton Chamber of Commerce “Top 20 under 40” award at Best of Wheaton for staff members: Mychal Brown and Ashley Downing, February 2017.
- City of Wheaton anniversary recognition for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, March 2017.
- Illinois Association of Museums Award of Excellence for *From Flame to Florescent*, October 2017.
- Illinois Association of Museums Award of Excellence for Roof Restoration project, October 2017.
- Illinois Association of Museums Gold Award for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Museum, October 2017.
- State of Illinois Senate Recognition for a half century of service, October 2017.

Grant and award letters are available in Appendix 3.



Margie Wilhelmi, Wheaton Park District; Michelle Podkowa, DuPage County Historical Museum; Carey Moreland, Wheaton Park District; Roger McDougal, DuPage Foundation Trustee. Photo credit: DuPage Foundation



## Museum Rentals

In 2017, the Museum hosted a number of rentals for private individuals and partner organizations. These organizations rent the Museum auditorium for a variety of reasons including weddings, business meetings, club gatherings, events, and appreciation dinners. The Museum launched a new event pricing guide in the fall of 2017 to cater specifically to weddings while updating pricing for private events.

Additionally, the Museum auditorium hosted over 50 Wheaton Park District meetings and events in 2017.



Auditorium, 2017. Photo credit: Lana Kozol



Auditorium, 2017. Photo credit: Michelle Podkova



Auditorium, 2017. Photo credit: WPD Staff

**Total Rental Revenue**  
**\$4,620**

Group	Attendees
Reindeer Run	1,346*
Private Rentals (7)	297*
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1754</b>

\*client's estimate

## Museum Partners

- Chicago Modern Quilt Guild
- Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois
- DuPage County Genealogical Society
- DuPage County Historical Society
- Play for All Foundation
- Wheaton College
- Wheaton Park District
- Wheaton Public Library



Assistant Morgan Valenzuela and Curator Ashely Downing at Casino Night, March 2017. Photo credit: Larry Kmiecik



Norm Brockmeier and Tom Schneider of DuPage Society of Model Engineers. Photo credit: WPD Staff

### **1,661.17 Total Hours**

Volunteers—893.5

Intern—212.75

DuPage Society of Model Engineers—555

**Total Value:  
\$41,014.29\***



Museum Manager and Educator Michelle Podkowa and Curator Ashely Downing at the AAM conference, May 2017. Photo credit: Ashley Downing

## **Personnel**

### **Wheaton Park District Administration**

The Museum building also functions as the Administrative Office for the Wheaton Park District. Museum Assistants serve in an administrative capacity for the District.

### **Staff Development**

All staff is CPR/AED certified through the Park District Safety Manager. Staff also takes yearly online training through Wheaton Park District's risk management company. The Museum continued their partnership with Giant Steps for Autism-friendly certification trainings every few years.

Museum Manager and Educator Michelle Podkowa and Curator Ashley Downing attended the American Alliance of Museums conference in Saint Louis, MO in May. They attended conference sessions on board development, audience engagement, label writing, strategic planning, volunteer recruiting, and inclusivity and diversity in the workplace.



Museum Manager and Educator Michelle Podkowa presenting at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, October 2017. Photo credit: Gina Catalano

\*Bureau of Labor Statistics rate is used by the American Alliance of Museums, the Bureau uses \$24.69/hour as indexed by Independent Sector.



## Interns

The Museum hosts interns throughout the year. Each college intern completes 210 hours and earns credit towards a degree. Interns focus on the area of study they prefer and the Museum staff teaches them their craft in preparation for their future career. In 2017, Maeve Prusnick interned for the Museum. She assisted with accessioning, writing press releases, and exhibit install.

## Volunteers

In 2017, 13 individual volunteers served a total of 1661.17 hours. These volunteers are listed on the right. For a complete list of volunteer hours, see Appendix 4.

In 2017, the Museum Guild made the decision to retire. The Museum thanks all the members who have served the Museum since the 1980s, raising funds for special projects. As their last act, the Guild donated \$3,500, to be spent on a reproduction of the mural to be displayed on the stage and a digital camera. The remainder of the donation will be spent in 2018 on operating expenses.

The DuPage Society of Model Engineers (DPSME) continued to serve the Museum in 2017. They assist with members-only train dates for the children's Explorer's Club and volunteered for special education programs throughout the year.

## A Selection of 2017 Volunteer Projects

- Research Requests
- Artifact re-housing
- Photographing the collection
- Exhibit research and labels
- Exhibit installation
- Collection care
- Data input into PastPerfect
- Cataloging and accessioning collection pieces
- Education collection cataloging and re-housing

### **Intern**

Maeve Prusnick

### **Volunteers**

Sherryl Brown  
Melody Coleman  
Brian Cory  
Nicole Cyrier  
Jean Gieraltowski  
Jerry Gieraltowski  
Nichole Kelley  
Larry Kmiecik  
Emma Kostrzewa  
Emily McCafferty  
Cameron Simpson  
Avry Tower  
Laura Windes

### **Guild Members**

Diane Bense  
Grace Gathman  
Roberta Goethmann  
Carol Hagemann  
Kathy Maniglia  
Karen McColloch  
Cheryl Nurse  
Elizabeth Robertson  
Rose Mary Stelter  
Eileen Trescott  
Mary Udelhofen

### **DPSME Members**

Forest Andrews  
Norman Brockmeier  
John Nolan  
Tom Schneider  
William Stroner  
Daniel Taylor, Jr.  
Kenneth Valentine  
Keith Ward



WWI Songs by the History Singers, November 2017.  
Photo credit: Michelle

**Website visitors:  
14,281**

**Total page views:  
36,144**

**Most visited pages:**

- Home: 13,136
- Exhibits: 4,684
- Special Events: 4,303
- Hours: 2,384
- Fees: 1,602
- About: 1,289
- Contact: 920
- Photos: 814
- Membership: 729
- Families: 727

**Top 5 places where visitors linked from:**

- Organic Search: 6,229
- Direct: 2,904
- Referral: 1,452
- Social Media: 217
- Email: 8

**Websites where visitors came from:**

- Chicago Parent
- Discover DuPage
- Chicago Kids
- Downtown Wheaton



## Marketing & Communications

In 2017, marketing and promotional efforts continued to focus on the importance of introducing the Museum to new visitors.

Ongoing marketing includes regular e-newsletters, signage on the building and around town, the Wheaton Park District seasonal program guide, and online (website and social media) presence. In addition, ongoing communications via press releases and feature articles were distributed to a database of writers, bloggers and editors.

Marketing worked closely with Museum staff to design logos and labels for all temporary exhibits. Various workshops and programs are promoted on a monthly basis. These include exhibit workshops, summer camps, Train Saturdays, rentals, school and scout programs, and Explorer’s Club children’s membership. Design and advertising of Foundation events included Casino Night, Night at the Museum, and the On Par for DuPage Golf Outing.

The Museum continued to participate in Wheaton Park District events including Taste of Wheaton, Shakespeare in the Park, Fish-O-Rama, and Week of the Young Child.

Digital advertisements on targeted websites such as familytimemagazine.com, chicagoparent.com, and kidlist.com are linked directly back to the Museum website. In addition, staff always looks for free or low-cost ways to promote the offerings at the Museum through local libraries, other museums and park districts.

Nearly 50 press releases or articles were picked up by local and national print and web publications. A selection of these articles are featured in Appendix 5.

Staff collaborates on a regular basis to identify and find potential sponsors for various Museum and Foundation events. Sponsors have provided monetary support and/or product donations for events such as Santa Express, Casino Night, Night at the Museum, On Par for DuPage, the Museum’s 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and various exhibit events.

Museum staff participated in four interviews on television and radio including NC17 television for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, WDCB radio for *Death in DuPage*, WDCB radio for *Adam’s Dream*, and WDCB radio for *Changing America*.

## Social Media

Museum and marketing staff cooperatively maintain the Facebook and Twitter. Both social media platforms are updated two to five times per week. Posts focus on programs, exhibits, the Museum collection, and events at the Museum, as well as historical facts about DuPage County, facility closures, and other important information.

In 2017, the Museum and the Foundation boosted nine posts on Facebook. The Museum used IFTTT.com to coordinate posts between Facebook and Twitter accounts to ensure that followers on both platforms received updates.

## Sponsorship

The DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation (Foundation) works with the Development department and Museum staff to find supporting exhibit and event sponsors.

A \$5,000 diamond sponsorship from the First Trust of Wheaton supported the two year, three exhibit series *Fun Unplugged* in the Inside History Gallery. *Fun Unplugged: Little Adults* was on display from November 12, 2016 to May 29, 2017, and *Fun Unplugged: Outdoor Adventures* opened July 15, 2017.

First Trust also supported the Museum’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2017.



50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, October 2017. Photo credit: Gina Catalano



*Fun Unplugged* exhibit. Photo credit: WPD Staff

## Facebook

Year	Posts	Likes	Ave. Views/Post
2012	84	213	48
2013	94	329	63
2014	221	471	243*
2015	341	651	114*
2016	293	907	160*
2017	285	1015	192*

\*These data includes “Boosted” posts



*Enduring Values* gallery. Photo credit: WPD Staff



Shakespeare in the Park, August 2017. Photo credit: Michelle Podkowa

# DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation

DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation is a 501(c)(3) recognized by the State of Illinois. The Foundation's primary function is to raise funds to support the Museum's mission.

The Foundation works closely with the Development Coordinator, Museum staff, and Park District staff, with the goal to solicit donations, sponsorships, and coordinate fundraising events. These initiatives include:

**Casino Night** takes place at the Museum in March each year. More than 175 guests attended in 2017, continuing to build on previous years' successes, netting \$12,333.

In 2017, the **Explorers Club**, the Museum's children's membership program, was hosted the 2nd annual Night at the Museum Children's Party. The event sold out with more than 100 in attendance. The event was a terrific driver for the program, which also provides discounts and perks such as early access to Santa Express tickets, additional member hours for special events and train days.

Museum Foundation members and volunteers manned information tables and sold concessions at **Shakespeare in the Park** on August 25 and 26 to raise awareness and additional funding. This event is sponsored by Wheaton Park District and the Wheaton College Arena Theater.

The **On Par for DuPage Golf Outing** was held at Arrowhead Golf Club in partnership with People's Resource Center on Thursday, September 21, and welcomed more than 100 golfers. Featuring an Oktoberfest theme, the 2017 event was the final year of the event netting \$7,981 for both organizations.

The 2017 **end of year appeal** was sent out via direct mail, email, and social media messaging to thousands of individuals. In 2017, the Museum received \$4,195 in annual appeal donations and added a summer appeal included in the fundraising total.

^Includes donations received in response to campaign in January 2018.



Casino Night, March 2017.  
Photo credit: Larry Kmiecik

## 2017 Foundation

David Thiel, President  
Marty Keller, Vice President  
Mike Benard, Secretary  
Amy Grant, Treasurer  
Samantha Bauman  
Bob Jacobsen  
Don Puchalski  
Troy Rodman



On Par, September 2017.  
Photo credit: Larry Kmiecik



Night at the Museum  
Children's Party, April 2017.  
Photo credit: WPD Staff



## DCHM Foundation Assets

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Total Assets	\$80,951	\$80,121	\$290,631*	\$63,554
Total Liabilities	\$22,697	\$33,550	\$33,873	\$39,956
Total Net Assets	\$58,254	\$46,571	\$256,758*	\$23,598

## DCHM Foundation Budget

In FY2017, DCHM Foundation raised \$88,876 with net revenue of \$11,682.

All 2017 calculations are preliminary and will be confirmed through a professional annual audit.

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Actual</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>
Administrative	\$29,641	\$13,618	\$235,667*	\$34,524
Casino Night	\$21,807	\$21,844	\$15,544	\$14,127
Memberships	\$635	\$1,220	\$530	\$486
Holiday Bazaar	\$0	\$75	\$150	\$0
Annual Appeal / Donations <sup>^</sup>	\$4,195	\$4,919	\$3,255	\$4,540
CSADA <sup>†</sup>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,433
On Par for DuPage	\$32,598	\$45,396	\$40,133	\$39,756
Hope and History	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,675
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$88,876</b>	<b>\$87,072</b>	<b>\$295,279*</b>	<b>\$133,541</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Administrative	(\$41,707)	(\$254,002)*	(\$28,769)	(\$54,105)
Casino Night	(\$9,473)	(\$9,671)	(\$5,079)	(\$9,501)
Memberships	(\$874)	(\$496)	\$0	\$0
Holiday Bazaar	\$0	(\$400)	\$0	(\$395)
Annual Appeal / Donations <sup>^</sup>	(\$522)	(\$2)	(\$23)	(\$1,457)
CSADA <sup>†</sup>	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,890)
On Par for DuPage	(\$24,617)	(\$30,309)	(\$28,232)	(\$32,369)
Hope and History	\$0	(\$2,379)	(\$15)	(\$28,375)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>(\$77,194)</b>	<b>(\$297,259)</b>	<b>(\$62,118)</b>	<b>(\$127,930)</b>
<b>Net:</b>	<b>\$11,682</b>	<b>(\$210,187)*</b>	<b>\$233,160</b>	<b>\$5,448</b>

\* Inland's \$200,000 donation for the roof project was made in FY15, and paid for in FY16.

<sup>^</sup>Does not include final totals for campaign, as some expenses paid and additional revenue generated in January 2017 (certain expenses categorized under administrative in 2016)

<sup>†</sup>Participation in program discontinued after 2014



## **Appendix**

## Appendix 1: Education

### Tour and Program Groups

<b>Group/Organization</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Location</b>
Monroe Middle School	Special Edu	Self-Guided Tour	Wheaton
Meadow Glens School	School	Self-Guided Tour	Lisle
Girl Scouts Troop #55317	Scout	Fun Unplugged: Little Adults	Wheaton
Computer Systems Institute	School	Self-Guided Tour	Lombard
District #200 Special Needs Group	Special Edu	Self-Guided Tour	Wheaton
Boy Scouts Wolf Den	Scout	Hobbies and Collections	Lombard
Victory Center of Bartlett	Adult	Self-Guided Tour	Bartlett
Boy Scouts Bear Pack #73	Scout	Fun Unplugged: Little Adults	Wheaton
Giant Steps	Special Edu	Self-Guided Tour	Lisle
Garden EcCetera Club	Presentation	History/Development of Wheaton	Wheaton
Girl Scout Troop	Scout	Daisy Tea	
Pleasant School Girl Scout Troop	School	Daisy Tea	Winfield
Girl Scout Troop #41937	Scout	Social Butterfly Tea Party	Wheaton
Briar Glen School Girl Scouts Troop	Scout	Daisy/Girl Scouts Violet Program	Wheaton
WSDRA Spring Break Camp	Camp	Self-Guided Tour	Carol Stream
Prairie School of DuPage	School	Self-Guided Tour	Wheaton
Giant Steps	Special Edu	Self-Guided Tours (x3)	Lisle
Kensington School	School	Seed Planting Program	Wheaton
Rockford Christian	School	Rotation Program	Rockford
Silverado Memory Care Community	Adult	Museum Tour	Naperville
West Bridge Assisted Living Men's Group	Adult	Museum Tour	Wheaton
WDSRA Camp Craze	Camp	Self-Guided Tour	Carol Steam
Outreach Community Center Wheaton	Camp	Self-Guided Tour	Wheaton
Outreach Community Center Villagebrook	Camp	Self-Guided Tour	Carol Stream
Northwest Special Recreation Association	Adult	Museum Tour	Rolling Meadows
WDSRA Group	School	Self-Guided Tour	Carol Sream
Allstate Insurance Company	Adult	Museum Tour	Northbrook
Cheribum Wheaton	Special Edu	Self-Guided Tour	Wheaton
Adventures in Learning Daycare	School	Museum Tour	Naperville
Meadows Care Center	Special Edu	Self-Guided Tours (x2)	Bloomington
Clare Woods Academy	School	Self-Guided Tour	Wheaton
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee	School	Museum Tour	Milwaukee, WI
Winfield Public Library	Presentation	1917 Presentation	Winfield
Elmhurst Transition Program	Special Edu	Self-Guided Tour	Elmhurst
L4 Class of Clare Woods Academy	Special Edu	Self-Guided Tour	Wheaton
Classroom B	Special Edu	Self-Guided Tour	
Rolling Meadows Special Needs Group	Special Edu	Self-Guided Tour	Rolling Meadows
Girl Scout Troop #51696	Scout	Playing with the Past Program	Lombard
Girl Scout Troop #55440	Scout	Girl Scout Celebration	Wheaton
Windsor Park Retirement Community	Adult	Architectural Bus Tour	Carol Stream
Lisle Heritage Society	Presentation	1917 Presentation	Lisle
Girl Scout Troop #51210	Scout	Playing with the Past Program	Naperville
Giant Steps	Special Edu	Self-Guided Tour	Lisle
Cub Scouts	Scout	Hobbies and Collections	
Travase Living at Wheaton	Presentation	1917 Presentation	Wheaton
Boy Scouts	Scout	Museum Tour	
Madison Elementary Girl Scouts	Scout	Exploring Life in Early DuPage	Wheaton
Cub Scout Den	Scout	Hobbies and Collections	

## Appendix 1: Education

### Educational Programming 2017

- ❖ Photography Workshop
- ❖ Oh Freedom! | Chris Vallillo
- ❖ Whistling Past the Graveyard Book Discussion (x3) with Wheaton Public Library
- ❖ Lincoln and MLK, Jr Great Books Discussion with Wheaton Public Library
- ❖ Anti-slavery in Illinois | Jeanne Schultz Angel
- ❖ Victorian Valentines (x2)
- ❖ Unlikely Couple | Dr. David Maas
- ❖ Capturing the Past: History of Photography | Andrew Bobb Siedelmann
- ❖ Good Old Neon | Nick Freeman
- ❖ Cookery Manuscript Road Show with Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois
- ❖ Draw DuPage
- ❖ Fishing at Herrick Lake
- ❖ Candle Craft
- ❖ Architectural Walking Tour
- ❖ European Immigration to America | Steve Szabados
- ❖ Traveling While Dead | Mark Hayes
- ❖ *1917: Catalyst for a Modern Era* Craft
- ❖ DCHM 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party
- ❖ Songs of World War I | History Singers
- ❖ Santa Express (x5)
- ❖ Holiday Wreaths and Placemats

## Appendix 2: Institutional Stewardship

### Accreditation Statistics

Of the nation's estimated 35,000 museums, 1,060 are currently accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM); five Illinois State Museum locations are under probation.<sup>1</sup> There are currently 33 museums in the State of Illinois that are accredited including those on probation. Naper Settlement and the Morton Arboretum are the only museums from the County of DuPage that have been accredited.

#### Museums Accredited in Illinois

Illinois County	Number of Accredited Museums
Cook	18
Champaign	3
Coles	1
DuPage	2
Franklin	1
Fulton	1
Jefferson	1
Jackson	1
Lake	1
McLean	1
Peoria	1
Sangamon	1
Will	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>33<sup>2</sup></b>

#### Budget for Museums Accredited by the AAM

Annual Budget	Percentage of Accredited Museums
\$350,000 and under	8%
\$350,000 to \$499,999	6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	18%
\$1,000,000 to \$2.9M	30%
\$3M to \$4.9M	12%
\$5M to \$14.9M	17%
\$15M and over	10%

#### Staff Size

Number of Full-Time Staff	Percentage of Accredited Museums
1-5	15%
6-15	28%
16-30	21%
31-50	12%
51-70	5%
71-100	8%
101-150	5%
151-200	1%
More than 200	1%

<sup>1</sup> These are the most recent published statistics available from the AAM as of January 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that due to the Illinois state budget crisis and the state government closing the Illinois State Museum for several months meant that all five state museums were put on probation of their accreditation status.

## Appendix 3: Grants and Awards



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[dupagefoundation.org](http://dupagefoundation.org)

November 18, 2016

Ms. Michelle Podkowa  
DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation  
102 E. Wesley Street  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Dear Ms. Podkowa,

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that your grant application has been selected for funding. This year it is being funded through a donor-advised fund instead of the Community Needs Grant Program. As part of our Community Needs Grant Program process, the Foundation regularly offers our donor-advisors the opportunity to review the grant applications that we receive. We do this in an effort to inform local donors about the needs in the community, to introduce them to the many organizations which apply to us, and to engage donor-advisors in helping us boost the level of grant support that is provided through our grant process. In several cases, donor-advisors have expressed interest in providing funding of a grant application.

This year, in response to your grant application submitted in September, the donor-advisor recommended a \$2,500 grant from the Snodgrass Family Fund, a donor-advised fund of the DuPage Foundation, to support the "1917: Catalyst for the Modern Era" exhibit and programming.

***If you publicize this grant, please list it as a donation from the Snodgrass Family Fund of the DuPage Foundation. Also, if you wish to send a note to the donor-advisor, you may send it to us and we will forward it.***

We will be distributing grant checks and recognizing this cycle's grant recipients at our Holiday Open House on Tuesday, December 13 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the DuPage Foundation, 3000 Woodcreek Dr., Suite 310 Downers Grove, and look forward to seeing you there. You are welcome to invite a member of your board or staff to join us in this celebration. Please RSVP to Laura Ernst at (630) 598-5295 or [laura@dupagefoundation.org](mailto:laura@dupagefoundation.org) with the names of the attendees from your organization.

Please review, sign and upload the grant agreement to your account by Monday, December 5 to indicate 1) that there have been no changes in your organization's IRS status, 2) your agreement to the terms of the grant, and 3) that all funds will be spent for charitable purposes.

At the conclusion of your grant or by November 1, 2017, whichever occurs first, you will be required to complete a final report. The final report is an opportunity for your organization to reflect upon the challenges and successes you have experienced related to this grant and will provide the DuPage Foundation with valuable information to evaluate the impact of our grantmaking in the community. The final report form is available at [Final Report Forms](#) under the Community Needs section and should be electronically uploaded to your account.

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In addition, your organization confirms 1) that this grant does not fulfill the payment of any pledge or other financial obligation, 2) that no goods or services of value will be provided to the donor or to the Foundation as stipulated by Internal Revenue Service regulations and our agreement with the donor, and 3) that, in compliance with the Executive Order 13224 and the Patriot Act, no funds provided by The DuPage Community Foundation, d/b/a DuPage Foundation, will be used to support terrorist activity nor to promote or engage in violence, terrorism, or bigotry.

On behalf of the donor-advisor and the DuPage Foundation Board of Trustees, I am pleased to forward this grant and hope it will further your mission. If you have any questions regarding this grant, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



Barb Szczepaniak  
Vice President for Programs

I hereby agree to the terms of the grant.

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Signature Title Date

P.S. A media release and photo will be sent to you after the Holiday Open House. In the meantime, please share the news about your grant on social media and don't forget to tag the DuPage Foundation.

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November 23, 2016

Ms. Michelle Podkowa  
Museum Educator  
DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation  
102 E. Wesley Street  
Wheaton, IL 60187

Dear Ms. Podkowa:

At the suggestion of the Shebik family, a \$1,000 grant is being awarded to DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation from the History DuPage Fund, a donor-advised fund of The DuPage Community Foundation, d/b/a the DuPage Foundation. The grant is unrestricted and must be used within 12 months of the issue date.


***If you publicize this grant, please list it as a donation from the History DuPage Fund of the DuPage Foundation.***

Please sign and return this letter to indicate 1) that there have been no changes in your organization's IRS status, 2) your agreement to the terms of the grant, and 3) that all funds will be spent for charitable purposes.

In addition, your organization confirms 1) that this grant does not fulfill the payment of any pledge or other financial obligation, 2) that no goods or services of value will be provided to the donor or to the Foundation as stipulated by Internal Revenue Service regulations and our agreement with the donor, and 3) that, in compliance with Executive Order 13224 and the Patriot Act, no funds provided by the DuPage Foundation will be used to support terrorist activity nor to promote or engage in violence, terrorism, or bigotry.

On behalf of the Shebik family and the DuPage Foundation Board of Trustees, I am pleased to forward this grant and hope it will further your mission. If you have any questions regarding this grant, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

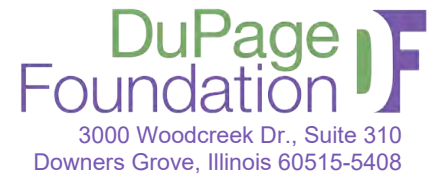
  
Barb Szczepaniak  
Vice President for Programs

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your check for \$1,000 and agree to the terms of the grant.

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Signature Title Date

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November 17, 2017

Ms. Michelle Podkowa  
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102 E. Wesley Street  
Wheaton, IL 60187

Dear Ms. Podkowa,

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that your grant application has been selected for funding. This year it is being funded through one of the DuPage Foundation's donor-advised funds. As part of our Community Needs Grant Program process, the Foundation regularly offers our donor-advisors the opportunity to review the grant applications that we receive. We do this in an effort to inform local donors about the needs in the community, to introduce them to the many organizations which apply to us, and to engage donor-advisors in helping us boost the level of grant support that is provided through our grant process.

This year, in response to your grant application submitted in September, the donor-advisor recommended a \$2,500 grant from the History DuPage Fund, a donor-advised fund of the DuPage Foundation, to support two exhibits highlighting individuals who have shaped County culture through architecture and athletic sports.

***If you publicize this grant, please list it as a donation from the History DuPage Fund of the DuPage Foundation. Also, if you wish to send a note to the donor-advisor, you may send it to us and we will forward it.***

We will be distributing grant checks and recognizing this cycle's grant recipients at our Holiday Open House on Wednesday, December 6, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the DuPage Foundation, 3000 Woodcreek Dr., Suite 310 Downers Grove, and look forward to seeing you there. You are welcome to invite a member of your board or staff to join us in this celebration. Please RSVP online ([goo.gl/ASbWHC](http://goo.gl/ASbWHC)) before Thursday, November 30.

Please review, sign and upload the grant agreement to your account by Wednesday, November 29 to indicate 1) that there have been no changes in your organization's IRS status, 2) your agreement to the terms of the grant, and 3) that all funds will be spent for charitable purposes.

At the conclusion of your grant or by November 1, 2018, whichever occurs first, you will be required to complete a final report. The final report is an opportunity for your organization to reflect upon the challenges and successes you have experienced related to this grant and will provide the DuPage Foundation with valuable information to evaluate the impact of our grantmaking in the community. The final report form is available at [Final Report Forms](#) under Community Needs, and should be electronically uploaded to your online account.

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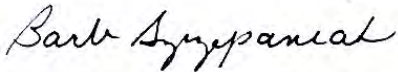
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March 1, 2017

DuPage Historical Museum  
Attn: Michelle Podkova, Museum Manager  
102 E. Wesley Street  
Wheaton, IL 60187

Dear Ms. Podkova:

On behalf of the Wheaton City Council and the Wheaton community, I would like to extend our sincere congratulations as you celebrate your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The DuPage Historical Museum serves as the only institution dedicated to the preservation of the history of DuPage County. Not only do the museum's collections of over 40,000 artifacts tell history's story, the very building the museum is housed in has its own history to share, from its initial use as the Adams Memorial Library to its evolution to a historical museum in 1967.

Viewing objects used in an earlier time provides an opportunity to understand the past through the stories embodied in each object. Artifacts make history real in a way that cannot always be realized by reading documents or looking at photographs, and museums play an important role in telling those stories through their exhibits.

The DuPage Historical Museum's work in preserving the history of DuPage County enriches the entire Wheaton community. Congratulations again.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Gresk  
Mayor

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## Appendix 3: Grants and Awards



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August 27, 2017

DuPage County Historical Museum  
102 E Wesley  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
Attn: Michelle Podkowa  
[mpodkowa@wheatonparks.org](mailto:mpodkowa@wheatonparks.org)

Dear Michelle,

Congratulations! The DuPage County Historical Museum will be recognized with an Award of Excellence for the exhibit, "From Flame to Fluorescent."

The Illinois Association of Museums will present this award during our Annual Conference, October 18-20, 2017 at Mt. Vernon, IL. The presentation will be at the awards dinner, Thursday, October 19th. You are entitled to four complimentary tickets in total to the dinner which will be held at the Performance Hall of the Mitchell Museum at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, 2600 E Richview Rd, Mt Vernon, IL 62864 Cocktails and appetizers begin at 6:00 with dinner and awards at 7p.m.

We hope you and members of your organization will attend this exciting conference and join us to celebrate Illinois museums and their accomplishments. The registration form for the full conference or dinner only is available at the IAM website, <http://www.illinoismuseums.org/inspire/annual-conference/>

Please RSVP your dinner attendance by October 9 to IAM Board and Awards Committee member, Claudia Dant, Wabash County Museum Board President at [ctdant@frontier.com](mailto:ctdant@frontier.com).

Again, congratulations, and we look forward to seeing you in Mt. Vernon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Pamela I. Rohleder'.

Pamela I. Rohleder  
Awards Chairperson



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August 27, 2017

DuPage County Historical Museum  
102 E Wesley  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
Attn: Michelle Podkowa  
[mpodkowa@wheatonparks.org](mailto:mpodkowa@wheatonparks.org)

Dear Michelle,

Congratulations! The DuPage County Historical Museum will be recognized with an Award of Excellence for the building/site preservation, "Roof Replacement."

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August 27, 2017

DuPage County Historical Museum  
102 E Wesley  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
Attn: Michelle Podkowa  
[mpodkowa@wheatonparks.org](mailto:mpodkowa@wheatonparks.org)

Dear Michelle, Board, Staff and Volunteers of the DuPage County Historical Museum,

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary! The DuPage County Historical Museum will be recognized with a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gold Award for its half century of serving the community through exhibits, programs, collections and more.

The Illinois Association of Museums will present this award during our Annual Conference, October 18-20, 2017 at Mt. Vernon, IL. The presentation will be at the awards dinner, Thursday, October 19th. You are entitled to four complementary tickets in total to the dinner which will be held at the Performance Hall of the Mitchell Museum at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, 2600 E Richview Rd, Mt Vernon, IL 62864 Cocktails and appetizers begin at 6:00 with dinner and awards at 7p.m.

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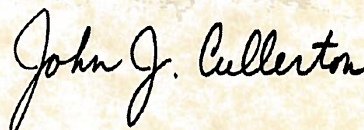
*In Recognition of  
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1967 - 2017,*

*and extends its congratulations and best wishes on this  
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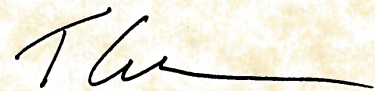
*Offered by: Senator Michael Connelly*



*State Senator*



*John J. Cullerton  
Senate President*



*Tim Anderson  
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No. 100-1726

October 21, 2017

## Appendix 4: Personnel

### Intern Hours

<b>Intern Name</b>	<b>2017 Hours</b>
Maeve Prusnick	212.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>212.75</b>

### Volunteer Hours

<b>Volunteer Name</b>	<b>Started</b>	<b>2017 Hours</b>
Sherryl Brown	2016	28.61
Melody Coleman	2014	51.05
Brian Cory	2016	44.75
Nicole Cyrier	2016	46.51
Jean Gieraltowski	2000	26.5
Jerry Gieraltowski	2004	26.5
Nichole Kelley	2017	44
Larry Kmiecik	2015	213
Emma Kostrzewa	2017	42.5
Emily McCafferty	2012	5.5
Craig Passley	2014	87.25
Cameron Simpson	2017	63.97
Avry Tower	2016	185.25
Laura Windes	2017	29
<b>Totals</b>		<b>893.42</b>



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The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863 and the March on Washington, 1963

January 27 - March 9, 2017

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January 21	July 15 & 29*
February 18	August 19
March 18	September 16 & 30*
April 15 & 29*	October 21
May 26	November 18
June 17	December 16 & 30*

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## 2017-2018 EXHIBITS

### Current Exhibits

- September 17, 2016-July 31, 2017 - *From Home to Fluorescent*
- October 22, 2016-March 27, 2017 - *Snap! An Evolution of Photography*
- November 12, 2016-May 29, 2017 - *Fun Unplugged: Little Adults*

### Future Exhibits

- April 15, 2017-October 29, 2017 - *Admiral's Dream*
- April 29, 2017-July 23, 2017 - *Hooded*
- July 15, 2017 - February 26, 2018 - *Fun Unplugged: Outdoor Adventures*
- August 5, 2017-September 24, 2017 - *Hooded on Henry's Kid's Art Show*
- September 25, 2017-July 30, 2018 - *1917: Catalyst for the Modern Era*
- October 14, 2017-June 24, 2018 - *Death in DuPage*
- November 2017-January 2018 - *Annual Holiday Tree and Victorian Christmas*

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## Cookery Manuscript Road Show

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Hooked on History August 9 & September 14, 2017

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Hooked Exhibit Opening with Expert Doc Shows  
Saturday, April 29 | 10-4 PM | \$14 (for event)

Fishing at Heron's Lake  
Saturday, May 19 | 9-11 AM | \$6 (for event)

Fishing Camp at the Museum  
Sunday, June 19 | 10-12 PM | \$14 (for event)

Fishing at Heron's Lake  
Saturday, August 19 | 10-12 PM | \$14 (for event)

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# LIGHTING UP AMERICA:

ILLUMINATION FROM COALS TO TIMS TO THE 2000s

Wednesday, June 7 | 7-9P | \$5 per person

Light bulbs are a part of our daily lives, but how did they come to be? In this exhibit, you will learn about the history of lighting, from the first simple lamps to the modern incandescent and fluorescent bulbs. You will also see the evolution of light bulbs from coals to Tims to the 2000s.

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- Guided tours available for an additional fee.

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- Friday set-up, 10A-4P; \$100 total\*\*
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## Popular books in 1917

### U.S. - Fiction

1. Mr. Britling's Way by John Galsworthy
2. The Light in the Darkness by George Bernard Shaw
3. The Red Heart by William L. Guntz
4. The Road to Understanding by Edward M. Archer
5. Wildfire by John Galsworthy
6. The Student in Arms by George Bernard Shaw
7. In the Wilderness by Henry S. Holman
8. His Family Crossed by Henry S. Holman
9. The Dobbins Case by Jeffrey Brown
10. The Fourteenth Chapter by Edith Wharton

### General - Nonfiction

1. Rhymes of a Red Cross Man by Joseph E. Howard
2. The Plattsburg Manual: A Handbook for Federal Training Camps by U.S. War Department
3. Raymond by Lily and David by Lily and David
4. Poems of Allan Seeger by Allan Seeger

### War - Books

1. The First Hundred Thousand: Being the Chronicle of a Unit, 1917 by John Galsworthy
2. My Home in the Field of Honor: Personal History of a Soldier by John Galsworthy
3. A Student in Arms by George Bernard Shaw
4. Over the Top by an American Soldier by Arthur Guy Emerys
5. Carry On: Letters in War-Time by George Bernard Shaw
6. Getting Together by John Galsworthy
7. My Second Year of the War by John Galsworthy
8. The Land of Deepening Shadows: Germany at War by Thomas Carlyle
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Wheaton

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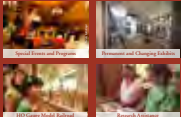


## Signage





In 1890, John Quincy Adams commissioned architect Charles Sumner Frost to design a library in memory of his late wife. One building is a spectacular example of the Richardsonian Romanesque style, highlighting mass, volume, and complementary colors.

1891 – Building opens as Adams Memorial Library  
 1929 – DuPage County Historical Society starts artifact collection  
 1963 – Edna, Chuckle Foundation purchases building in anticipation of opening the Museum  
 1967 – DuPage County Historical Museum opens  
 1981 – Building added to the National Register of Historic Places  
 2017 – Museum celebrates 50th anniversary




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Book by December 10 and receive an additional hour for set up/tear down for your event. Already have your holiday party booked, we offer many types of events including, but not limited to, lectures, meetings, birthdays, showers, rehearsal dinners, weddings, and cocktail events.

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**Santa Express**  
 Explorers Club Pre-Sale  
 September 26-29



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**News and Events**

Visit the DuPage County Historical Museum in January and February!

**TELL US YOUR STORY PRESERVE YOUR ORAL HISTORY**

SHARE YOUR OWN STORY! REVISIT

Share of DuPage County History Month! January - February 2017

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January, March 11, 2017 (2 days)

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**Fun Unplugged Outdoor Adventures Exhibit**

Open July 13

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**1917: Catalyst for the Modern Era**

September 26 - October 22, 2017

Join us for a night of fun and excitement at the 1917: Catalyst for the Modern Era exhibit. We will have a variety of games, including roulette, blackjack, and craps. We will also have a live band and a DJ. The night will be a great time to enjoy the company of friends and family.

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# DuPage Foundation awards grants to museum

WHEATON -- The DuPage County Historical Museum will present "1917: Catalyst for the Modern Era," a new exhibit commemorating the year's cultural changes that brought American society from the Victorian Era into the modern.

With a \$2,500 grant from the DuPage Foundation's Snodgrass Family Fund, the exhibit received a catalyst of its own.

"To me, this is one of the biggest compliments we can receive," said museum manager and educator Michelle Podkova, "to be awarded for our great reputation, programming, and exhibitions."

According to museum Curator Ashley Downing, the exhibit will discuss daily living, technology, women's roles, World War I, medicine, disease, entertainment, Prohibition, and more.

The grant helps cover costs like a souvenir catalog highlighting the photos and stories of certain artifacts and an outdoor mural designed by local artist Rick Napier, which will welcome guests to the exhibit and may include images of soldiers, cutting-edge technology, and a Prohibitionist.

Along with the exhibit-specific grant, the DuPage Foundation awarded an unrestricted grant of \$1,000 toward the museum's operating expenses from its History DuPage Fund.

Podkova said the Museum Foundation's relationship with the DuPage Foundation, which has financially contributed to previous exhibits, is fruitful.

"Together we have provided endless educational opportunities for all ages in the last several years with (exhibits like) Early Illinois Folk Art, Inheriting DuPage, and Fun Unplugged," she said.

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# DuPage Foundation awards \$207,000 in grants

By William Peach  
DuPage Foundation

The DuPage Foundation has announced the awarding of more than \$207,000 in grants to 26 DuPage County not-for-profit organizations working in the areas of arts & culture, education and the environment.

"Our Community Needs Grant Program supports local not-for-profit organizations that are dedicated to enriching DuPage County," said Barb Szczepaniak, foundation vice president for programs.

"We are very thankful to the many local not-for-profit board members, staff and volunteers who manage and administer the impactful programs that contribute to helping make our community strong, vibrant and culturally and environmentally rich."

The following organizations received funding through the foundation's program and from foundation donor-advised funds:

- Addison Center for the Arts, \$3,700.
- American Wind Band, \$2,350.
- Anima Young Singers of Greater Chicago, \$10,000.
- BrightSide Theatre, \$1,000.
- Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, \$20,000.
- Chicago Sinfonietta, \$10,000.
- ClaySpace NFP, \$2,500.
- Downers Grove Choral Society, \$2,500.
- Elmhurst Symphony Association, \$2,500.
- Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, \$5,000.
- One Voice Outreach Choir, \$2,500.
- Opera for the Young, \$2,500.
- The Naperville Men's Glee Club, \$2,000.
- Young Naperville Singers, \$2,500.
- Bartlett Learning Center Inc., \$10,000.
- Dare to Dream: Get Educated!, \$10,000.
- DuPage Children's Museum, \$15,000.
- DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation, \$2,500.
- Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center, \$20,000.
- I Support Community, \$10,000.
- Junior Achievement of Chicago, \$11,500.
- KidsMatter, \$9,000.
- Literacy DuPage, \$17,500.
- West Suburban Humane Society, \$2,500.
- The Conservation Foundation, \$20,000.
- The Morton Arboretum, \$10,000.



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## 'Changing America'

*Traveling exhibit to open in DuPage*

BY BRETT PETO

Wheaton Park District

When folk singer Chris Vallillo performed "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize" at the Traverse City Film Festival, he received applause.

Then he received a story.

"Two days after I did the song, a man stopped me on the street, thanked me for playing the song, and went on to tell me his story," Vallillo said.

"He had been one of the Freedom Riders on one of the buses that had been attacked. He had been on the bridge in Selma that day (known as Bloody Sunday). He was beaten bloody and thrown into jail."



Abraham Lincoln



Martin Luther King Jr.

Vallillo, of Macomb, will share this and other stories when he performs "Oh Freedom!" a collection of 11 songs from the

Civil Rights Movement, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 E. Wesley St., Wheaton.

His performance welcomes the museum's new traveling exhibit, "Changing America."

## Faces of 2017 | DELANEY GIBBONS/TAYLOR MORRISSEY



## Aurora to host two national tournaments

Aurora Area Convention and Visitors Bureau submission

The Aurora Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Aurora Area Sports Alliance this summer will play host to two national softball tournaments for the United States Specialty Sports Association.

The USSSA National Championship Great Lakes Fast-Pitch Girls Softball 14U "open" and 18U class "B" team tournaments will be July 18 to 22 at Stuart Sports Complex, Griffin Drive and Route 30, Montgomery.

Awarding the tournaments to the Aurora area is the result of months of planning between the bureau and the Fox Valley Park District, which collaborated to create a memorable experience for the girls, both on and off the fields.

"When I came into Aurora's pitch meeting to host these tournaments, I didn't know what to expect. I have to say I was blown away by what they proposed," said Ed White, assistant state director of USSSA Illinois.

"The Aurora area was chosen over three other Chicago-area suburbs to host these tournaments. Stuart Sports Complex is a welcome change of scenery for us, and the Aurora area provides many family-friendly sites and attractions that players and their families can enjoy when the kids aren't playing," said Perry Clark, state director of USSSA Illinois.

"We look forward to a successful tournament."



Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom!"

## Appendix 5: Marketing

a collection of 11 songs from the

Civil Rights Movement, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 E. Wesley St., Wheaton.

His performance welcomes the museum's new traveling exhibit, "Changing America."

Opening Friday, Jan. 27, "Changing America" discusses two events separated by a century but linked by liberty: the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 and the March on Washington in 1963.

Eight panels displayed in the museum's auditorium through Thursday, March 9, sketch the circumstances, from the slave trade in America to the scope of the Emancipation Proclamation, vocalist Marian Anderson's 1939 concert at the Lincoln Memorial, and leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr., John Lewis, Bayard Rustin and others who planned the March on Washington.

"In America, we really value our freedom, but America has not always provided freedom for everyone," said Michelle Podkova, museum manager and educator. "I think it's a great exhibit to draw light to parts of those social freedoms we haven't always given to everyone equally."

The exhibit is complemented by recordings from Voices of DuPage, a partnership between the museum and the Wheaton Public Library to preserve local oral histories.

"We are super excited because we partnered with a local church and were able to get several interviews from people who lived in DuPage or now live in DuPage," Podkova said.

"A lot of them tell stories

See **EXHIBIT** on **PAGE 2**

### If you go

**What:** Folk singer Chris Vallillo performs songs of the Civil Rights Movement

**When:** 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28

**Where:** DuPage Historical Museum, 102 E. Wesley St., Wheaton

**Cost:** Free

**Info:** dupagemuseum.org



BEV HORNE/bhorne@dailyherald.com

Delaney Gibbons and Taylor Morrissey wanted to do something for "somebody who mattered," so as seventh-graders they started a dodgeball tournament to raise money for ALS, a disease affecting their elementary school gym teacher's wife. Now seniors at Naperville Central High School, Gibbons and Morrissey are planning their final Dodgin' 4 Lou Gehrig's Disease Dodgeball Tournament before heading to college.

# 'A feel-good event'

## Two Naperville teens created dodgeball tourney for 'somebody who mattered'

BY MARIE WILSON

[mwilson@dailyherald.com](mailto:mwilson@dailyherald.com)

Dodgeballs were flying every which way off Denise DiMarzo's wheelchair as she smiled and laughed.

It was early 2016, and Denise had been battling ALS for five years. She would have only a few months to live, but this day was a celebration of life.

She'd long ago lost the ability to walk and talk because of the degenerative disease, which causes the neurons that carry signals from the brain to the muscles to die, stealing physical abilities while mental function remains intact.

But in the chaos of the moment, at the fifth annual Dodgin' 4 Lou Gehrig's Disease Dodgeball Tournament in Naperville, she

"They had their vision and they saw this thing explode into an event that a lot of the Naperville community looks forward to."

Chris Benyo, Meadow Glens Elementary School gym teacher and Denise DiMarzo's husband

was experiencing all the joy of an event she'd come to anticipate.

"She loved seeing all the kids dressed in their crazy colors or something to define them from every other team," said Denise's husband, long-time Meadow Glens Elementary School gym teacher Chris Benyo. "It's just a feel-good event."

It's with a mix of emotions — gratitude, hope and joy among them, yet certainly a measure of sadness, too

— that Benyo and tournament organizers Delaney Gibbons and Taylor Morrissey are preparing for this year's sixth and final dodgeball bonanza at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Naperville North High School.

Gibbons and Morrissey, both seniors at Naperville Central High School, are former students of Benyo's who turned a seventh-grade service project assignment into something with deep meaning for their one-time gym teacher, their classmates

### About this series

This is the first in an occasional series of stories introducing some of the many people making positive contributions every day in DuPage County. If you have suggestions for people we should celebrate, drop us an email at [rsmith@dailyherald.com](mailto:rsmith@dailyherald.com) and include the word "Faces" in the subject line.

and plenty of others around Naperville.

Benyo remembers the moment the girls brought their tournament dreams to his attention.

"I remember asking them

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sen over three other Chicago-land suburbs to host these tournaments. Stuart Sports Complex is a welcome change of scenery for us, and the Aurora area provides many family-friendly sites and attractions that players and their families can enjoy when the kids aren't playing," said Perry Clark, state director of USSSA Illinois.

"We look forward to a successful, lasting partnership with the Aurora area and the Fox Valley Park District."

"The Aurora area is thrilled to host these USSSA events. This is precisely why we formed the Aurora Area Sports Alliance, so we can attract more tournaments and travelers to the region," said Cort Carlson, executive

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## Lake Park junior earns democracy scholarship

Daily Herald reports

Tom Spencer, a junior at Lake Park High School, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship and a plaque as the winner at the post of the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program sponsored by Bloomington-Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7539.

Spencer now is eligible to compete at the district level.

The competition is designed for high school students in grades nine through 12, including home-schooled students.

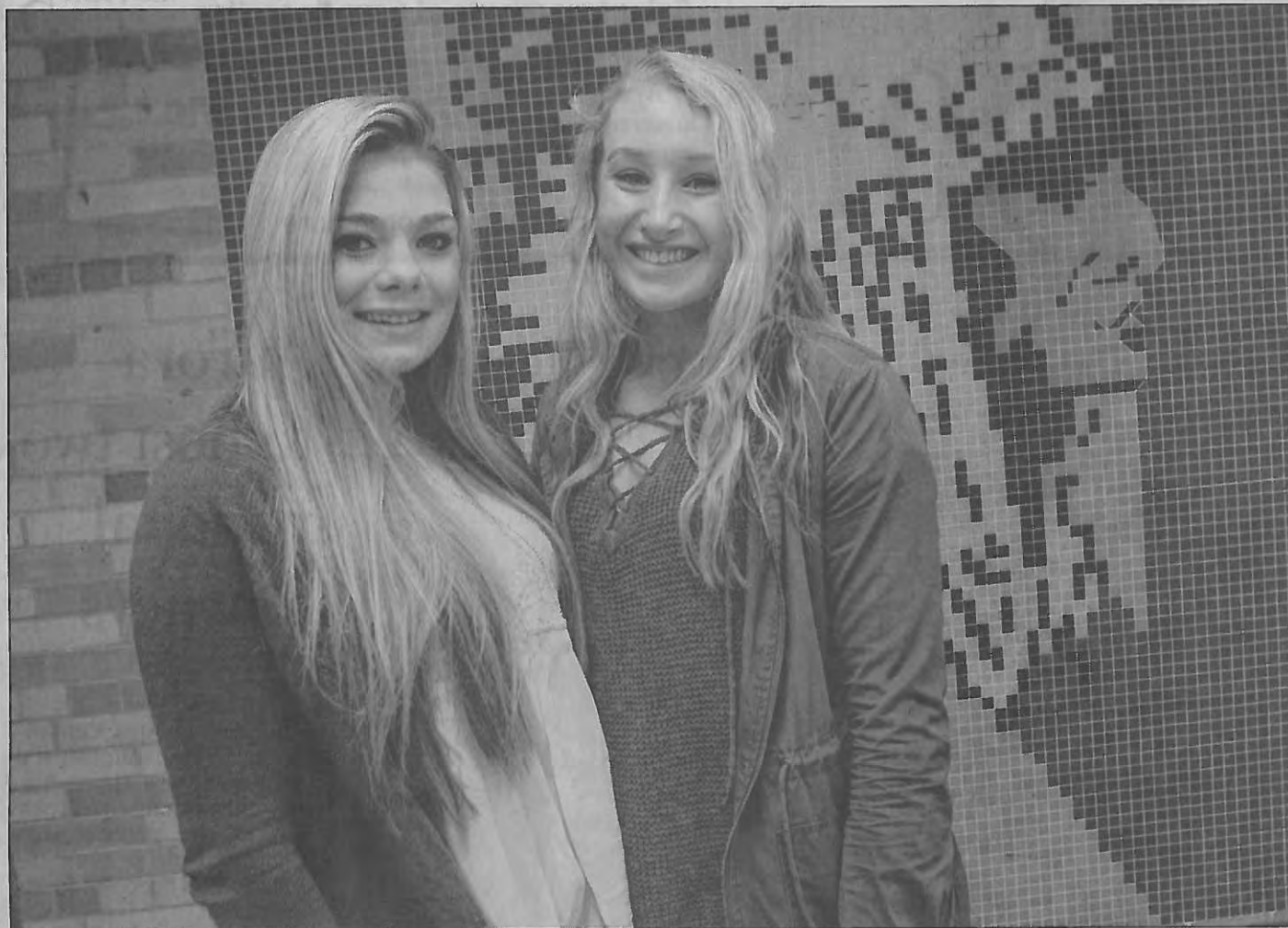
The program dates to 1946. Nationally, the VFW annually commits \$3 million in scholarships and incentives at the post, district, state and national levels.

Participants write and record a three- to five-minute essay on a patriotic theme that changes each year. The 2016-17 theme is "My Responsibility to America."

The Voice of Democracy is endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and aims to foster patriotism in the participants and enhance their written and oral communication skills.



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Delaney Gibbons and Taylor Morrissey are seniors at Naperville Central High School organizing the sixth and final Dodgin' 4 Lou Gehrig's Disease Dodgeball Tournament, which they started when they were in seventh grade to help their elementary school gym teacher's wife, who was battling ALS. Denise DiMarzo died of the disease in July.

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## Faces: Final tourney is Feb. 24

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why, and why they wanted to do a dodgeball tournament," Benyo said. "They said they wanted to do something for somebody who mattered to them. It was like they rehearsed this together because it was in perfect harmony, what they said."

The teens say the same thing now, more than five years later, after they've graduated from junior high, joined clubs and sports, formed career interests and watched their first gym teacher lose his wife last July.

They say the disease, something they'd never heard of until it struck Denise, has changed them as well.

"I don't think we really knew how bad it really was," Gibbons said about ALS, which stands for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a cause for which she and her friend now have raised nearly \$100,000.

"Seeing what it was actually like and how fast it affected" Denise was moving for Morrissey as well. "The first year she was in a wheelchair but could talk, but by the second year she was already having the machine that helped talk for her."

The frenzied fun of dodgeball aside, Morrissey and Gibbons say they got to see how Denise and Benyo kept their spirits up year round and remained "courageous and positive." The couple's approach has informed both of the girls' career goals.

Gibbons wants to be a nurse.



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Taylor Morrissey and Delaney Gibbons have organized the Dodgin' 4 Lou Gehrig's Disease Dodgeball Tournament for the past five years in honor of their elementary school gym teacher Chris Benyo and his wife, Denise DiMarzo, who was battling ALS. This year's tournament will be their last as DiMarzo passed away in July and Morrissey and Gibbons are preparing for college.

own. "She has that compassion and wants to take care of someone."

Morrissey is considering a future in oncology or medical research.

money for the Les Turner ALS Foundation at first, then switched the beneficiary this year to the Muscular Dystrophy Association because Benyo and Denise had been

The growth of the tournament has been a learning and teaching opportunity for the students, who have been friends since meeting through their mothers and their Girl Scout troops in kindergarten.

They've learned to approach business people, build community support, run a fair event and raise money for a worthy cause. And they've taught their younger peers that trying to help even one person can go a long way.

"Last year they went back to their junior high and talked to all the seventh-graders and said, 'Hey, when we were your age, this is what we did,'" Gibbons' mother said. "You can do something like this for another cause. Don't think you can't do anything when you're that young."

Organizers predict this year's Dodgin' tournament will sell out, and teams can sign up through Jan. 31 for the junior high, high school or adult divisions at \$225 for each squad of between six and 10 players. Registration is available at [dodgin4lougehrigs.com](http://dodgin4lougehrigs.com).

The event is always emotional, but the teens say this year's will be especially poignant for everyone involved, from their longtime friends and teachers who've tossed and dodged every year to their gym teacher who gave them the reason to start it all.

With Denise no longer here and Gibbons and Morrissey preparing for college, the tournament's main players all say it's time to move on after one grand finale.

## Exhibit: Folk singer to share songs of the times

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about segregation and desegregation, the marches for open housing here in the county. And these are very influential people in the community today."

To recognize Black History Month, the Wheaton Public Library's Contemporary Book Discussion Group will examine "Whistling Past the Graveyard" by Susan Crandall on Feb. 2, 8 and 14. On Wednesday, Feb. 8, the library's Great Books Discussion will compare Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address and King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail.

Copies of the readings are available at the library. Readers can reserve their spot by contacting [beth@wheaton-library.org](mailto:beth@wheaton-library.org) or calling (630) 868-7533.

Letters, articles, posters, copies of the Emancipation Proclamation, and especially music, were among the techniques used by abolitionists in 1863 and demonstrators in 1963.

"Songs were used as an organizational tool, as a way to create solidarity," Vallillo said. "Music has this ability to go beyond the moment and the time and to spread the message. It was a way to create bravery and security among demonstrators who faced physical violence."

The "Changing America" exhibit provides context for Vallillo's performance.

"There will be places in the show I can quite literally point

to one of the panels and say, 'This song was sung on that day, in that place, by the people in that photograph,'" he said. "We're not that far removed. Fifty years is not a long time at all."

Though daily events can seem inconsequential beside the long tapestry of history, they're not.

"People feel history did not happen in their own lifetime, but history's being made every day," Podkova said. "You may not be able to historically analyze it in your lifetime, but it's still being made, and it will still be recorded through primary sources — newspapers, emails, texts — and it could be pieced together at a later time and analyzed by future generations."

"Changing America" is presented by the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture and the National Museum of American History in collaboration with the American Library Association Public Programs Office.

The tour of the exhibition is made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities: Exploring the Human Endeavor.

To learn more about "Changing America," visit [ala.org/programming/changing-america](http://ala.org/programming/changing-america), and to view programs at the DuPage County Historical Museum, visit [dupagemuseum.org/special.htm](http://dupagemuseum.org/special.htm). Information on Chris Vallillo is available at [chrisvallillo.com](http://chrisvallillo.com).



COURTESY OF CHRIS VALLILLO.

Folk singer Chris Vallillo will perform "Oh Freedom!" a collection of 11 songs from the Civil Rights Movement, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the DuPage County Historical Museum to help welcome its new traveling exhibit, "Changing America."

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Traveling. Organized by the Jan Karski  
Educational Foundation.  
[www.jankarski.net/en](http://www.jankarski.net/en)

*January 7 to June 3*

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, El Paso, TX  
**Time Exposures: Picturing a  
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19th Century**

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[www.isletapueblo.com](http://www.isletapueblo.com)

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Photographs: Revealing  
New York's Other Half**

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City of New York. [mcny.org](http://mcny.org)

*January 25 to January 10*

DUPAGE COUNTY HISTORICAL  
MUSEUM, Wheaton, IL  
**Changing America**

Traveling. Organized by the American Library  
Association, in collaboration with the  
Smithsonian's National Museum of African  
American History and Culture and National  
Museum of American History. [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

*January 25 to January 10*

WEST BATON ROUGE MUSEUM,  
Port Allen, LA  
**Changing America**

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*Mid-February to June*

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN  
THE DIVINE, New York, NY  
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Monuments of Baroque Rome**

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*February to April*

MUSEO DEL PALACIO DE BELLAS  
ARTES, Mexico City, Mexico  
**Paint the Revolution: Mexican  
Modernism, 1910-1950**

Traveling. Organized by the Philadelphia  
Museum of Art. [philamuseum.org](http://philamuseum.org)

*February 3*

PORTLAND MUSEUM OF ART,  
Portland, ME  
**Fine and Decorative Arts  
Collections**

Reinstallation. [www.portlandmuseum.org](http://www.portlandmuseum.org)

*February 4 to April 30*

RINGLING MUSEUM OF ART,  
Sarasota, FL

**A Feast for the Senses: Art and  
Experience in Medieval Europe**

Traveling. Organized by the Walters Art  
Museum. [www.thewalters.org](http://www.thewalters.org)

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BOB BULLOCK TEXAS STATE  
HISTORY MUSEUM, Austin, TX  
**Purchased Lives: The American  
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Traveling. Organized by the Historic New  
Orleans Collection. [www.hnoc.org](http://www.hnoc.org)

*February 18 to May 14*

TAUBMAN MUSEUM OF ART,  
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### More Info

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Event details at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)!

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## From the community: DuPage County Historical Museum Celebrates 50th Anniversary This Year



Home to more than 40,000 artifacts documenting local history across centuries, the DuPage County Historical Museum turns 50 this year. (Posted by Brett Peto, Community Contributor)

By [Community Contributor Brett Peto](#)

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When the DuPage County Historical Museum opened at 102 E. Wesley St., [Wheaton, Ill.](#) in 1967, it held between 5,000 and 10,000 artifacts. In 2017, as the Museum celebrates its 50th anniversary, it hosts more than 40,000 artifacts documenting the county's history, from objects used by early settlers to an actual time capsule.

Staff considers the Adams Memorial Building, the Museum's contemporary home, their largest artifact. Commissioned by [John Quincy Adams](#)-fourth cousin, twice-removed to the sixth President-to honor his late wife, Marilla Fisk Phipps Adams, the building cost roughly \$100,000 when it was erected in 1891, or about \$84 million today.

"Everything we have concerning those involved in the building points toward all the funding coming from Adams," said Michelle Podkowa, Museum Manager and Educator.

Adams drew money from his coal, real estate, and grain businesses to hire architect Charles Sumner Frost to design the building in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, a favorite of many civic structures, involving rough-faced stonework, wide arches, turrets, and ornamentation. Frost also designed the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition Maine Building and Navy Pier.

"It had electricity and rudimentary plumbing," Podkowa said, plus gas lighting, reading rooms, fireplaces, and 2,800 pieces of stained glass windows in the upstairs auditorium.

Before his death in 1899, Adams bequeathed a trust to fund Wheaton's first library for 30 years, even purchasing its first batch of 2,800 books for \$3,000, a value of more than \$3 million now.

"The original trustees had to go and look at the books, or at least have an idea of what was inside, to make sure they would be of value to the citizens," said Museum Curator Ashley Downing.

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Filled with comfortable chairs, chess tables, and a Steinway concert grand piano, the auditorium gained two pre-Works Progress Administration-era murals by Otto Hake in 1932.

Facilitated by Katherine Sarah Adams, the only daughter of John and Marilla, the murals depicted scenes from the American Southwest: Blackfoot Indians exploring Glacier National Park, and the stories of Chief Blue Moon and Chief Black Boy.

"He spent all summer on scaffolding, painting these beautiful murals, and then halfway through, Katherine didn't feel like he was drawing them as well as he could, so she sent him to the West Coast so he could learn from the Native Americans," said Downing.

During a conservation project in 1999, the murals were moved to the DuPage County Administration building at 421 N. County Farm Rd.

In 1965, the Adams Memorial Library moved into its new location at 225 N. Cross St. as the Wheaton Public Library, but its former building wasn't vacant for long. The DuPage County Historical Society, founded in 1929 by volunteers, acquired and developed it over two years into the DuPage County Historical Museum.

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When this building became available, the Historical Society then set up the museum and the guiding body until the early 2000s, and since then they've been partners on a lot of

Margaret Dunton served as the Museum's first curator and director when it opened in 1967.

"Margaret Dunton was considered so important the auditorium is [called] Margaret Adams Dunton Hall," said Podkova. Some of Dunton's schoolbooks and papers from her time as a teacher are preserved in the collection.

So, too, are a few of Podkova's favorite artifacts: a belt, rifle, and holograph from Marcellus Jones, a longtime Wheaton resident credited as the man who fired the first shot at the Battle of Gettysburg. He missed, but after the war, he kept in touch with the soldier he almost killed.

"What I like about Marcellus Jones is he was so diverse in his skill set," Podkova said. "He was a carpenter. He built his own house, which still stands today. He was a postmaster. He was a sheriff. He was a county tax collector. He also used to move homes. I think he's very telling of men and women in that time period. You had to be able to do a lot of tasks."

The Museum's five staff are working on years-long projects, like preparing for national accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums, and other efforts, like promoting the Museum for genealogical research and introducing new exhibits.

"We have ten exhibits going up this year," said Downing, including *Hooked* in April, *1917: Catalyst for the Modern Era* in September, *Death in DuPage* in October, and *Adams' Dream*, a retrospective of the Adams Memorial Building, opening April 15.

A birthday party is planned for October to celebrate the only institution dedicated to preserving DuPage County's history.

"If you consider a long human life 100 years, 50 years is half a lifetime," Podkova said. "With our [HO gauge model] trains, this is the third generation coming to see them. A lot of the grandparents were here when it was a library, and they brought their kids when it became the Museum, and now they're bringing their grandchildren. We have our own history now."

To learn more about the DuPage County Historical Museum, visit [dupagemuseum.org](http://dupagemuseum.org).

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## From the community: Casino Royale Brings Bond to DuPage County Historical Museum



Casino Royale at the DuPage County Historical Museum (102 E. Wesley St., Wheaton, Ill.) will be shaken, not stirred on March 11, 7-10P. (Posted by Brett Peto, Community Contributor)

By Community Contributor Brett Peto

FEBRUARY 28, 2017, 4:48 PM

**A**t the DuPage County Historical Museum's (102 E. Wesley St, Wheaton, Ill.) Casino Royale on March 11, 7-10P, it's time to double down on 007. In past years, the signature fundraising event has embraced speakeasy and Gatsby themes, but for 2017, organizers will decorate the Museum's auditorium with James Bond's brand.

"We wanted to refresh the event while still keeping it high-end," said Carey Moreland, Marketing & Development Assistant. "This year, we're refining the evening with new decorations, a red carpet, a Bond-themed photo booth, and a martini bar."

Every guest receives two complimentary drink tickets, making it easy to sip shaken or stirred as they mingle table to table, playing poker, blackjack, craps, and roulette with charity chips. An extra poker table is planned, plus a raffle, silent auction, and a chance to win a fully stocked wine cellar.

"One of our big-ticket items is a [Chicago] Cubs VIP package, where you could win a tour of Wrigley Field, meet-and-greet with some players, tickets to a game of your choice, and lunch or dinner," Moreland said. "We'll also have an autographed Kris Bryant jersey, a Chicago golf outing, a skeet shooting package from [Medinah Country Club](#), and a package from Pelican Golf."

Plenty of appetizers will be served throughout the evening, and the big prize of the night features wines that would satisfy Mr. Bond.

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"This event gives the Museum an opportunity to see people we may not normally see in a historic atmosphere for a fun evening," said Michelle Podkova, Museum Manager and Educator. "We are very grateful for our supporters who attend Casino Royale and help us raise money to offer free admission seven days a week and educational programs for children and adults all year long."

Tickets are \$75 per person, \$140 per couple, and \$500 per group of 10 and include \$50 in charity chips per person, appetizers, and two drink tickets. Purchase at [dupagemuseum.org](http://dupagemuseum.org).

Must be 21 and up. Valid photo I.D. required the night of the event. Black-tie optional.

To learn more about Casino Royale, visit [dupagemuseum.org](http://dupagemuseum.org).

Casino Royale is sponsored by Gia Mia Pizza Bar, TransNational, Wheaton Bank & Trust, Fox River Distilling Company, Arrowhead Golf Club, [Giordano's Pizza](#), From Our House to Yours, and Christopher B. Burke Engineering.

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## Gone fishing

50 *Quick reflexes help Warrenville photographer capture osprey image*

BY ANN PICCININNI  
*Daily Herald correspondent*

Photographer Robin Green maintains that her strikingly clean, crisp close-up of an osprey fishing off Florida's Gulf Coast simply was the result of lucky timing.

Press her, though, and she'll admit some technical skill and quick reflexes also were at play.

"I had to use a quick shutter speed, because with the birds flying and the reflection off the water, I zoomed in on it," she said. "When you're shooting something like an eagle or an osprey, you have to get fast. This was just a lucky shot coming out pretty well."

Her image is the February winner of the Daily Herald's Photo Finish contest. Green will receive a \$50 gift certificate from PJ's Camera in Glen Ellyn for her good work.

"This is a great nature photo of an osprey coming in for a landing on the water,"



Robin Green of Warrenville captured this image of an osprey fishing during a trip to Honeymoon Island State Park in Florida. Our photo staff picked it as the winner of our February Photo Finish contest.

## Casino Royale

*History museum fundraiser has a James Bond theme*

BY BRETT PETO  
*Wheaton Park District*

It will be time to double down on 007 at the DuPage County Historical Museum's Casino Royale from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at 102 E. Wesley St., Wheaton.

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### If you go

**What:** Casino Royale fundraiser

**When:** 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 11

**Where:** DuPage County Historical Museum, 192 E. Wesley St., Wheaton

**Tickets:** \$75 per person, \$140 per couple

**Info:** [dupagemuseum.org](http://dupagemuseum.org)

### About our contest

If you'd like to submit a photo, email it in .jpg format with at least 300 dpi resolution to [dupagecontest@dailyherald.com](mailto:dupagecontest@dailyherald.com). Be sure to include your name, address and a phone number, plus a description of where you took the photo and why you like it. The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate from PJ's Camera, Pickwick Place Plaza, 662 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn.

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DuPage County Photo Director Bev Horne said. "Good exposure stopping the action

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# Casino: Guests will have a chance to win stocked wine cellar

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Guests can win the wine by playing Heads or Tails, a game in which participants guess heads or tails by holding their hands to their head or their tail as Hicks flips a coin. The last player standing takes home the fully stocked wine cellar as grand prize.

"We are very grateful for our supporters who attend Casino Royale and help us raise money to offer free admission seven days a week and educational programs for children and adults all year long," said Michelle Podkova, museum manager and educator.

Guests must be 21 and older and possess a valid photo ID. The event is black-tie optional.

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COURTESY OF LARRY KMIECIK  
A lucky guest wins last year's fully stocked wine cellar at DuPage County Historical Museum's Casino Royale fundraiser. This year's event, with a James Bond theme, also will feature the chance to win a fully stocked wine cellar.

## Mark your calendar

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### Friday 10

DuPage Habitat for Humanity's 2017 Spring Women Build Kick-Off Breakfast is from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 10, Butterfield's Pancake House, 351 Rice Lake Square, Wheaton. Free. Reservations: [dupagehabitat.org](http://dupagehabitat.org) or (630) 510-3737, Ext. 306.

• The sixth annual Red & Black Ball supporting Glenbard East High School athletics is held 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, at King's Hall Banquets,

26, in North Central College's theater at Meiley-Swallow

Hall, 31 S. Ellsworth St., Naperville. Tickets, \$27, \$24 students and seniors, and \$20 each for groups of more than 10. Info: [www.brightsidetheatre.com](http://www.brightsidetheatre.com) or (630) 447-8497.

• Aurora Historical Society holds a 1920s speak-easy fundraiser titled "Joe Sent Me" at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, in the lower level lounge of One East Benton, Aurora. Cost: \$45 Aurora Historical Society members, \$45 nonmembers. Info: [www.aurorahistory.org](http://www.aurorahistory.org) or (630)

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it was the second week of January, with temperatures peaking in the 50s and 60s.

"We actually were there during a cold spell," she said.

Green said she used her Canon 70D, a DSLR camera. She said she began shooting with a simple point-and-shoot camera, but soon graduated.

"Four years ago I got my first DSLR," she said.

She took classes and workshops to help her refine her craft. This past year, she said, she also joined the DuPage Camera Club, where photog-

and experiences.

"It makes you up your game a little," she said.

She also sometimes partners with fellow photographers Nancy Havener, who won the Daily Herald's Photo Finish contest last August with a photo of a dragonfly.

Green said practicing her skills have enabled her to more reflexively determine the proper settings. When she began, she said, she shot dozens of frames, hoping to catch the right light.

"I shoot less now. Now I'm a little bit pickier because I can see the nuances," she said.

## Contest: Snapping at the right time was key

In addition to shooting scenes during her travels, Green said she likes to photograph local, picturesque locations such as Herrick Lake, Whalen Lake and Starved Rock State Park.

"I prefer to do nature photography to people photography," she said.

While the osprey photo was not edited, except for a tight crop, Green said the Photo-shop class she took has given her the ability to enhance some of her work with special effects.

"The possibilities are endless," she said.

at the arena," she said.





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Discover the history of capturing the past on film with professional photographer Andrew Bobb Siedelmann. Learn how the fundamentals of photography have not changed and how modern changes in technology are not the first leap the field has made.

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# From the community: Explore After Dark at DuPage County Historical Museum's Night at the Museum



Guests can take part in a flashlight scavenger hunt, watch Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian, make movie-related crafts, play games, see the museum's HO gauge model railroad run, and view exhibits. (Posted by Brett Peto, Community Contributor)

By [Community Contributor Brett Peto](#)

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**T**he DuPage County Historical Museum's 40,000-plus artifacts don't come alive when night falls. During Night at the Museum on April 21, 6:30-8:30P, though, the building will as dozens of children and their parents explore the museum after dark.

Last year's inaugural event sold out, said Marketing & Development Assistant Carey Moreland.

"We wanted to give our members the unique experience of exploring the museum after dark," she said. "Since it's after-hours, that allows us to take advantage of the entire building."

A flashlight scavenger hunt will send guests through all three stories, including exhibits.

"Children will be asked to find artifacts hidden within the exhibits and can turn the completed scavenger hunt in for a prize," Moreland said.

They can also watch Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian in the second-floor auditorium, make movie-related crafts, play games, see the museum's HO gauge model railroad run, munch on snacks from Chick-fil-A, Frito Lay, Skinny Pop, and GoGo squeezeZ, and more.

Admission is \$10 per person and free for children under 2 and Explorers Club members.

"The Explorers Club is a children's membership program designed to give kids and their families a fresh way to experience the museum," said Moreland. "Along with free admission to Night at the Museum, members receive VIP access to the semiannual LEGO® Train Show and certain Train Saturdays, plus 10% birthday party discounts and presale access to Santa Express tickets."

Anyone can join the club at [dupagemuseum.org/membership.htm](http://dupagemuseum.org/membership.htm) or 630.510.4941.

Night at the Museum is recommended for ages 4 to 10. All children must be accompanied by a paid adult. Purchase tickets and learn more at [dupagemuseum.org](http://dupagemuseum.org). Night at the Museum is sponsored by Chick-fil-A Wheaton and GoGo squeezeZ.

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Fun Unplugged: Little Adults, free, DuPage County Historical Museum, Wheaton. Located in the room across from the Museum's electric HO gauge model railroad, the exhibit displays popular and homemade toys that entertained children without electricity, from army figurines to tea sets, board games, dollhouses, erector sets, irons, stoves, cabins, and more.  
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# DuPage County Historical Museum exhibit looks at our death rituals

By Gina Catalano  
Wheaton Park District

Modern American society often chooses to deal with death by avoiding the topic altogether. "Death in DuPage" is an upcoming exhibit at the [DuPage County Historical Museum \(http://www.dupagemuseum.org/\)](http://www.dupagemuseum.org/) that will attempt to pull the curtain back on America's death rituals and practices -- something long considered a private affair only to be known by undertakers and to be hidden from the public.

The exhibit opens Saturday, Oct. 14, and runs through June 4 at the museum, 102 E. Wesley St., Wheaton.

"The exhibit explores historical culture, materials and beliefs around death in the county. For many, it's difficult to talk about," museum assistant Morgan Valenzuela said. "My hope is that this exhibit offers visitors an opportunity for thought and conversation."

Thanks to modern medicine and the increased popularity of hospitals, death and illness can be concealed and suspended. It is easy to forget that in the time of the DuPage settlers, fewer than 15 percent of the deaths occurred away from the home. Dying in one's home was paired to other death rites, such as the family being there to witness and record last words.

Victorians observed stricter expectations for the family of the deceased. There were guidelines in place for how long someone should mourn or how they should deal with the body. Today, most people die away from home, and an increasing amount (a projected 54.3 percent by 2020) opt for cremation over the more traditional open casket and burial of yesteryear.

"Looking back is fascinating but sometimes uncomfortable. To think about how we, as a community, used to handle mortality and mourning might inspire some visitors to consider how we handle them today," Valenzuela said.

Admission to the exhibit opening is free. For information, call (630) 510-4941.

For those dying for more, the museum and the Wheaton Public Library will co-host a related presentation from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the library, 225 N. Cross St., Wheaton. "Traveling While Dead" features funeral director Mark Hayes of Bolingbrook's Hayes Funeral and Cremation Service, who will explore how the dead were transported during colonial times, through the Civil War and to the present day. The program will pique the interest of not only history buffs, but those interested in genealogy as well. The event is free, but seating is limited. Register at the library's reference desk or call (630) 868-7520.



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# Free things to do in Chicago

## Free Chicago Indoor Attractions



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### Family Events on Navy Pier

Head out by the lake to [Navy Pier](#) to check out the fireworks or attend their many free family-friendly events. Don't forget to stop by the [Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows](#), the first ever museum dedicated to stained glass, where you'll find 13 windows from Louis Comfort Tiffany. Photo by: Flickr/jadell



### Music & Architecture at Chicago Cultural Center

For music and entertainment for the stroller set the Juice Box Series at the [Chicago Cultural Center](#) is a must stop. No time for a program? Gazing at the architectural beauty of this building and its two stained glass domes is more than worth it. Photo by: Flickr/CGAPhoto



### Unique Playscapes at Garfield Park Conservatory

Children will be delighted as they climb a 7-foot-tall seed and ride down the twirling stem of a green slide at the Elizabeth Morse Garden in the [Garfield Park Conservatory](#). Photo courtesy of Chicago Park District.

### Flora Discovery at Lincoln Park Conservatory

After your jaunt to the Lincoln Park Zoo, stop by the [Lincoln Park Conservatory](#) to take in the exotic flowers, palms, and seasonal displays. This is the perfect escape from those blustery Chicago winters. Photo by: Flickr/cortneymartin82

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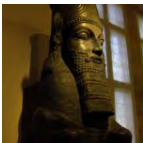
### Explorar el Arte Mexicano at the National Museum of Mexican Art

Celebrate Mexican art and culture at the [National Museum of Mexican Art](#). Photo by Flickr/wonderlane



### Money: That's What You'll Want at the Money Museum

It's all about money at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's [Money Museum](#) free tour where you can see a million dollars... literally. Photo by: Flickr/sushiina



### Explore Ancient Cultures at the Oriental Institute Museum

Stop by the University of Chicago and visit the [Oriental Institute Museum](#), a research organization and museum devoted to the study of the ancient Near East. Explore the recreated Assyrian palace or stand in awe at the huge the 17ft tall statue of King Tut. Photo by: Flickr/xvla



### Hands-On Art at the Smart Museum of Art

While you're in the University of Chicago vicinity, see art with the entire family at the [Smart Museum of Art](#). Stop by the first Saturday of every month for free family activities with hands-on art activities and tours. Even the art-making supplies are free! Photo courtesy of Smart Museum of Art.



### Art 101: Intro to Art at the Art Institute of Chicago

Not ready to pay the ticket prices to the Art Institute (especially if you don't think the kids will enjoy it as much)? Introduce the kids to art at the Ryan Education Center of the [Art Institute of Chicago](#) where they can assemble puzzles from those masterpieces they'd see in the galleries, play with blocks, or browse through over 1,300 picture books. With fun exhibits such as a Picture Book Gallery and a Touch Gallery, the younger set will be excited to learn more about art. The [family programs](#) offered are also free. Admission is free to Illinois residents every Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Photo courtesy of the Art Institute of Chicago.



### All Aboard at the DuPage County Historical Museum

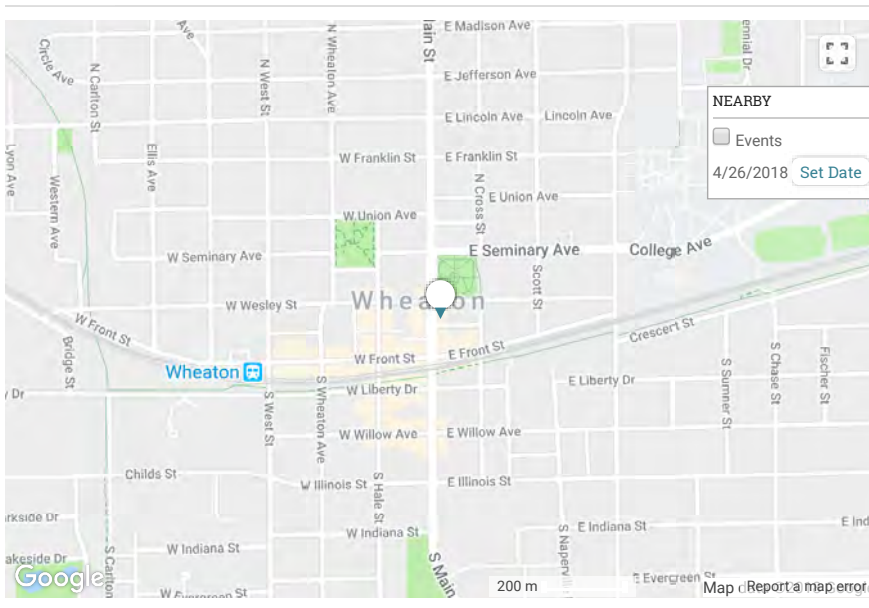
Choo choo!! Train fans will feel right at home as they watch model trains chug past at the [DuPage County Historical Museum](#). Every 3rd and 5th Saturday of the month is their designated Train Days when the engineers run the trains. If you happen to miss those days, kids (and adults) can still see the train loop around by activating the push button. Photo courtesy of DuPage County Historical Museum.

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The DuPage County Historical Museum opened in 1891 as the Adams Memorial Library and was added to the National Register in 1981. In 1967 the building opened as the DuPage County Historical Museum, and currently exists as a facility of Wheaton Park District. The museum offers personal research, photo and map reproductions, guided tours and birthday parties and also has a museums store with unique gift ideas. Programs are offered each month for all ages. For more information, visit the web site or call. HO gauge model train display runs 1:30-3:30 p.m. on the third and fifth Saturday of each month.

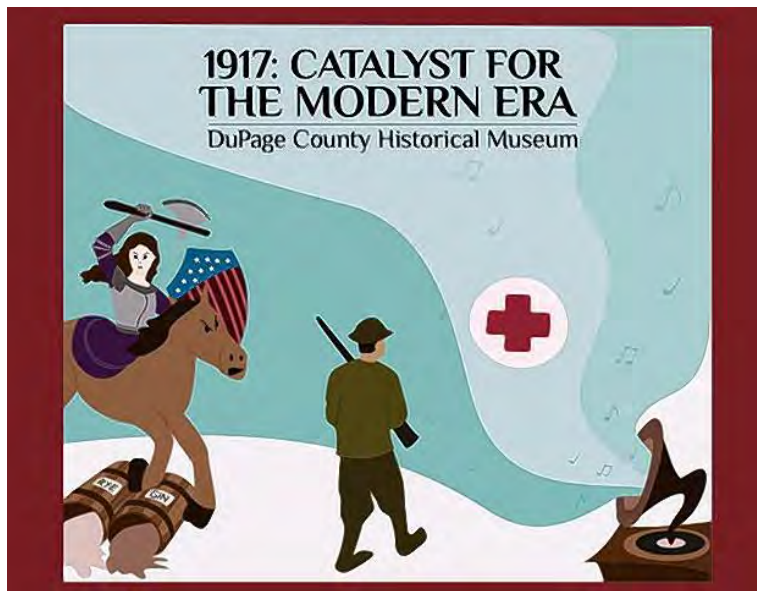
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# DuPage museum opens new exhibit



**The exhibit "1917: Catalyst for the Modern Era" -- opening Saturday, Sept. 23, at the DuPage County Historical Museum -- includes uniforms and personal artifacts of DuPage residents who served in World War I.**

*Courtesy of DuPage County Historical Museum*

By Gina Catalano  
Wheaton Park District

International tension, meddling in foreign affairs, revolutions and civil unrest -- these are not just contemporary problems of the world.

A century ago, the same aggressive stimuli wracked the globe. The Great War took a toll worldwide, but textbooks scarcely describe its impact on local communities.

Starting this month, the DuPage County Historical Museum intends to go beyond textbook accounts with its newest exhibit, "1917: Catalyst for the Modern Era," at the museum, 102 E. Wesley St. Wheaton.

The opening from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, will include activities for families such as creating paper airplanes, designing an American flag and making a red poppy to honor the troops.

Running through July 30, 2018, the exhibit will feature uniforms from multiple branches and levels of the military, as well as the habit worn by one of the women who served in the Red Cross. Admission is free.

"The exhibit is very different from what we have done in the past few years," curator Ashley Downing said.

"Instead of focusing on the history of an object or a family, we are trying to focus on one specific year to provide our guests with a glimpse of what life would have been like."

During World War I, Illinois contributed 351,153 individuals to the war effort. Within the first few drafts, 1,000 young DuPage men enlisted in the Army, Navy and Marines. Some of their personal artifacts have been donated to the museum's collection.

In addition, the museum will host a Veterans Day event at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. Local group The History Singers will perform World War I-era songs. Museum manager Michelle Podkova will discuss Voices of DuPage, an oral history initiative at the museum, which will have a veteran focus in 2018.

"It will be an amazing event, honoring our troops and learning about the songs that inspired an entire generation," Podkova said. "The History Singers present the history of the songs and their importance, making it an educational and entertaining event for all ages."

For information, visit [dupagemuseum.org](http://www.dupagemuseum.org) (<http://www.dupagemuseum.org/>).



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## DuPage Historical Museum celebrates 50 years



**Home to more than 40,000 artifacts documenting local history across centuries, the DuPage County Historical Museum at 102 E. Wesley St., Wheaton, turns 50 this year.**

*Daily Herald file photo*

By Gina Catalano  
Wheaton Park District

When the DuPage County Historical Museum opened in 1967 at 102 E. Wesley St. in Wheaton, it held between 5,000 and 10,000 artifacts.

This year, as the museum celebrates its 50th anniversary, it holds more than 40,000 artifacts documenting the county's history, from objects used by early settlers to a time capsule.

In honor of its anniversary, the museum will celebrate with a free "Golden Birthday" party for the only institution dedicated to preserving the county's history from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21.

Staff members consider the Adams Memorial Building, the museum's contemporary home, their largest artifact. Commissioned by John Quincy Adams, fourth cousin, twice-removed to the sixth president, to honor his late wife, Marilla Fisk Phipps Adams, the building cost roughly \$100,000 when it was built in 1891, or about \$84 million today.

"Everything we have concerning those involved in the building points toward all the funding coming from Adams," said Michelle Podkova, museum manager and educator.

Adams drew money from his coal, real estate and grain businesses to hire architect Charles Sumner Frost to design the building in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, a favorite of many civic structures, involving rough-faced stonework, wide arches, turrets and ornamentation. Frost also designed the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition Maine Building and Navy Pier.

"It had electricity and rudimentary plumbing," Podkova said, plus gas lighting, reading rooms, fireplaces and 2,800 pieces of stained glass windows in the upstairs auditorium.

Before his death in 1899, Adams bequeathed a trust to fund Wheaton's first library for 30 years, even purchasing its first batch of 2,800 books for \$3,000, a value of more than \$3 million today.

"The original trustees had to go and look at the books, or at least have an idea of what was inside, to make sure they would be of value to the citizens," said Ashley Downing, museum curator.

In 1965, the Adams Memorial Library moved into its new location at 225 N. Cross St. as the Wheaton Public Library, but its former building wasn't vacant for long. The DuPage County Historical Society, founded in 1929 by volunteers, acquired and developed it over two years into the DuPage County Historical Museum.

"They knew they always wanted a museum," Podkova said. "When this building became available, the historical society set up the museum and the county agreed to run it. The historical society stayed on as a guiding body until the early 2000s, and since then they've been partners on a lot of programs."

The museum's anniversary celebration will include activities and crafts, presentations and a performance by Sons of the New Amish. The historical society also will have its annual meeting, which will be open to the public.

"It will be quite the event for all of our patrons to thank them for all their support in the past 50 years," Podkova said. "Some families have traditions for three generations involving our building and museum and we are looking forward to being in their lives for the next 50 years!"

To learn more about the DuPage County Historical Museum or to register for the event, visit [dupagemuseum.org](http://dupagemuseum.org) (<http://dupagemuseum.org/>).

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# How DuPage towns will salute our veterans



Communities across DuPage County will be honoring our veterans this week with observances and events.

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The following are among the Veterans Day events going on in DuPage County.

## Thursday 9

To celebrate Veterans Day, College of DuPage Veterans Services hosts several events Thursday, Nov. 9, in the Student Services Center Atrium on campus, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Events include: Posting of Colors by the College of DuPage Color Guard from 11 to 11:30 a.m. and Veterans Day Read-In from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Services Center, Room 2201. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., visiting representatives from veterans organizations provide information about resources and support available to veterans. In addition, a range of armed forces regalia, such as service uniforms, branch insignia and awards, are displayed during an armed forces exhibition from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: (630) 942-3814 or veterans@cod.edu.

## Friday 10

Bryan Middle School in Elmhurst has a Veterans Recognition Breakfast from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at 111 W. Butterfield Road, Elmhurst. It is followed by a Recognition Assembly for local veterans from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. The assembly includes Bruce Harkin as keynote speaker; Bryan Boy Scouts presenting and retiring the flag; the band and chorus performing patriotic music; and reading of winning essays on "Why do we honor veterans?" All interested veterans are invited to attend. Info: James Tang at jtang@elmhurst205.org.

- York Community High School's seventh annual all-school Veterans Day assembly begins at 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the school, 355 W. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst. Any interested U.S. veterans, as well as current servicemen and -women, are invited to be honored in York's Campbell Gym. Veterans are encouraged to arrive at 7:15 a.m. for coffee, pastries and bagels in the high school's Yorker Room; enter through the main door. RSVP to MMoran@elmhurst205.org or (630) 617-2400, ext. 7285.

- Churchville Middle School's ninth annual Veterans Day Assembly welcomes veterans and their families from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the school, 155 Victory Parkway, Elmhurst. Enter through the main door. RSVP to prichey@elmhurst205.org or (630) 832-8682, ext. 3949.

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- "Reflection Framed" Military Service Celebration is 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Le Jardin Restaurant in the Visitors Center at Cantigny Park, 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton. Recognizes local veterans and benefits the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. Info: [helpaveteran.org](http://helpaveteran.org).

- Marmion Academy Veterans Day Observance Ceremony begins at 3:40 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, in the Alumni Hall gymnasium, 1000 Butterfield Road. The Marmion JROTC Cadet Corps honors all veterans, especially deceased alumni veterans of war, during the after-school formation and parade. Info: (630) 897-6936 or [marmion.org](http://marmion.org).

- A nostalgic re-enactment of a World War II-era radio performance begins at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Windsor Park Retirement Community, 124 Windsor Park Drive, Carol Stream. Enjoy tunes such as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "In the Mood," comedy sketches, and a tribute to military veterans. Free. Reservations required: (877) 836-5664 or [WindsorParkIllinois.org](http://WindsorParkIllinois.org).

### Saturday 11

Naperville veterans will observe Veterans Day with a remembrance at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Veterans Park on Gartner Avenue, across the street from Grace United Methodist Church. The Naperville Municipal Band will perform patriotic music. Info: (630) 355-7664.

- Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 and American Legion Post 43 will have a Veterans Day event starting with a social at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, and dinner at 6 p.m. in the banquet room at Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873, 908 W. Jackson Ave. Cost: \$14. Advance reservations due Tuesday, Nov. 7. Info: (630) 240-8868.

- A Veterans Day Breakfast and Ceremony is 8 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Salt Creek Golf Club, 701 W. Thorndale Ave., Wood Dale. Breakfast is from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Ceremony immediately follows at Veterans Memorial Park, 269 W. Irving Park Road, Wood Dale. Info: [wooddale.com](http://wooddale.com).

- Members of the York High School Student Council serve a free breakfast to American veterans and their families/friends from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, in the high school cafeteria, 355 W. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst. RSVP to [MMoran@elmhurst205.org](mailto:MMoran@elmhurst205.org) or (630) 617-2400, ext. 7285.

- Veterans Day Breakfast takes place from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at White Pines Golf Club, 500 W. Jefferson St., Bensenville. Free to Bensenville residents who are veterans and their spouses and children; \$6 others. Info: [bensenvillegolfclub.org](http://bensenvillegolfclub.org).

- Brew It Forward Veterans Day takes place 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton. Charity beer-tasting benefits local veterans organizations. Activities for families. Free admission. Info: [fdmuseum.org](http://fdmuseum.org).

- A Veterans Day Ceremony begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Veterans Memorial Park, 220 Civic Center Plaza, Glendale Heights. Flag and color guard presentation. Free. Info: [glendaleheights.org](http://glendaleheights.org).

- A Veterans Day Parade starts at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Benton and Broadway in Aurora, and ends at the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall for an "Honoring All Who Served" ceremony. Includes a rifle salute at 11 a.m., the time of the armistice ending World War I. Info: (630) 256-3370.

- Lombard Veterans Day Ceremony begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial in Lombard Commons Park, 498 E. St. Charles Road, Lombard. Includes music and a bell-ringing ceremony to remember veterans who have died during the past year. Info: (630) 620-5700.

- A Carol Stream Veterans Day Ceremony starts at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Memorial Park, 342 Thunderbird Trail, Carol Stream. Info: [americanlegionpost76.org](http://americanlegionpost76.org).

- The Elmhurst American Legion has a military ball from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Legion THB Post 187, 310 W. Butterfield Road. The formal military-style ball features cocktails, music, dancing and more. Tickets: \$125. Info: (630) 267-3987 or [americanlegionthb187.org](http://americanlegionthb187.org).

- A "Songs of World War I" concert is at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 E. Wesley St., Wheaton. Free. Info: [dupagemuseum.org/special.htm](http://dupagemuseum.org/special.htm) or (630) 510-4941.

### Sunday 12

Performer and historian Elizabeth Carlson transports the audience to "A Hundred Years Ago on the Homefront: How American Families Faced the War to End All Wars" from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, in Century Memorial Chapel at Naper Settlement, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville. Learn the history, sing the songs and taste the food in a program recognizing the 100th anniversary of World War I. Admission: \$10 adults, \$9 for ages 4 to 12 and students; \$2 discount for members. Info: [napersettlement.org](http://napersettlement.org).