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Welcome to the Construction Zone!

Members-Only Hard Hat Tour

On Sunday, June 4th members toured the work in progress at our new location, 509 East Deerpath Road.

Since its renovation began in May, the former Church of Christ Scientist sanctuary has been transformed into a spacious Education Hall (generously funded by the Hunter Family) with a stateof-the-art, multi-media projection system and the capacity to host future programs and lectures for up to 150 people. Progress is underway to make the museum accessible to all with a hearing loop in the Education Hall, and ADA accessible entrance and bathrooms.

Finishing touches are being completed on the climate-controlled collections storage room and a brand new temporary exhibit space. Members were also invited to tour the administrative offices and research center adjacent to the museum building.

Incoming President John Ormsby addressed the crowd providing an update on the status of the Capital Campaign to date. Members enjoyed ice cream and lemonade on what turned out to be an incredibly hot, but exciting summer day!





Above, from left: Captain James Lovell, Marilyn Lovell, Anne Taylor, John Ormsby and Ron Taylor

At left, from left: Barbara and Kathleen Reidy

Below: Construction!





Local Legend Ellen Stirling



Local Legends 2016: Ellen Stirling

The Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society honored entrepreneur Ellen Stirling, whose Lake Forest heritage runs deep.

In 1922, her grandmother, Margaret Baxter Foster, started the Sports Shop in Market Square. Now called the Lake Forest Shop, the business has remained in Ellen's family for almost a century and she is the third generation of women to bring style and business acumen to the community.

Members and guests enjoyed a captivating conversation between Ellen and TV journalist Mary Ann Childers on Sunday, October 23 in the Cressey Auditorium at Lake Forest Academy.

Ellen discussed how her business has evolved to remain competitive and current while sharing personal anecdotes interweaving history and community.



The Gem

This year saw the fifth edition of *The Gem*, our awardwinning historical newspaper containing all the news of a particular year.

This past year, we celebrated the year 1984 with stories of national and local importance.

Delivered to every home and business in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff, The Gem reported on such events as the 1984 Olympics, the sale of Market Square to Broadacre Management, Deerpath Theatre's re-branding, the new minivan available at Knauz Automotive, and Jackie Smith's retirement as Executive Director of Gorton Community Center.



1984- THE GREATEST YEAR IN POP MUSIC! OR IS IT?

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Programs and Lectures

One-of-a-kind experiences for Members and Guests

Our programs for the year covered a range of topics. Some tied in with the theme of our award-winning mock newspaper, *The Gem*, which covered the year 1966 in 2016 and 1984 in 2017. Overall, we continued our practice of bringing interesting, one-of-a-kind experiences to our membership and guests.

Highlights:

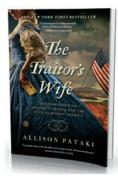
- Tour of the Warbirds Heritage Foundation Aircraft Collection
- Lake Road Bicycle Tour
- Votes, 4 Women—Women's Suffrage in Lake Forest
- Innisfail Fall Cocktail Party
- Lunch with the First Lady: Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy
- History on the Move
- Tombstone Tales: Lake Forest Cemetery Tour
- The Extraordinary Life of John T. McCutcheon, Slow Ball Cartoonist
- Market Squared: Ten Decades of Business and Beauty
- Trivia Night: A Friendly Battle of Historic Proportions
- 1984: Pop Music's Greatest Year—or was it?!
- The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall
- Centennial Family Awards and Annual Meeting
- The Traitor's Wife: Spring Luncheon at Shoreacres
- Tour of Crab Tree Farm



President John Ormsby challenges history buffs at our first annual Trivia Night!



Jim Swarthout and Fred Wacker in the Lake Forest Day Parade



Allison Pataki presented the fascinating story of Peggy Shippen Arnold, the wife of Benedict Arnold featured in her best-selling book, The Traitor's Wife.



Celebrating the
A. Watson Armour
family at the
Centennial Family
Awards and Annual
Meeting, from left:
Executive Director
Janice Hack, Centennial Family Nominator
Courtney McGovern,
Curator Laurie Stein



Celebrating the
Phelps family at the
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Meeting, from left:
Executive Director
Janice Hack, Curator
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History on the Move! Fred Wacker shares his adventures during the last program held at our 361 Westminster location.

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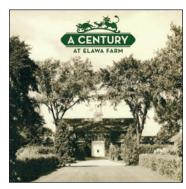
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Exhibit celebrates Elawa Farm's 100th Anniversary



Our new exhibit, "A Century at Elawa Farm" runs June through October 2017.

Built in 1917, Elawa Farm is the truest remaining testament to Lake Forest's country estates, an era that shaped our city's character. Elawa's stunning architecture stands as a lasting monument to that period and to its two preeminent architects, Alfred Hopkins and David Adler. The stories of the Armour and Carroll families who called the farm home illustrate Lake Forest's rural past.

The current stewardship of the restored farm and garden by a public-private partnership exemplifies our community's present values.



Lake Forest-Lake Bluff
Historical Society members
were invited to a Preview
Party at the Private Bank
where the exhibit was
displayed through the
end of June.

At left, Curator Laurie Stein shares exhibit highlights with Bob and Mary Shaw.

This traveling exhibit moved to the West Lake Forest train station in July and will appear in different, local venues this Fall.



Another copy of the exhibit was installed at Elawa Farm in time for their 100th Anniversary celebration and will remain there through October.

Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society Curator, Laurie Stein, together with her intern, Abigail Toohey, researched and assembled an extraordinary exhibit— well worth the visit!