



Slate of candidates to be elected to a three-year term to serve on the board of the History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff.

Jeff Arch

I grew up in Pittsburgh, in an Italianette Victorian home built in the 1870's. My parents bought the house in 1974. It was a mess, and we spent the better part of the next twenty years restoring it. Much of the work was done by my Dad and Mom, and their four sons. I supposed that's where I gained my first interest in community history. I moved to the Midwest in 1988 to attend Marquette University. I met my wife Jennifer there. She was from Lake Forest, where we eventually settled in 2000. Both homes we have lived in, raising our five children, have had some historical connection to the town. Professionally, I have been working in media sales and marketing for the last 20+ years.

Kathy Dasso

I am a lifelong resident of Lake Bluff with deep roots in Lake Forest as well. I am a mother of five and used to work for the Northern Trust both in Chicago and Lake Forest MANY years ago. Over the years I have been active volunteering at my children's schools, the Church of St. Mary and am currently on the board of the Lake Forest Chapter of The Infant Welfare Society. My friend, Julie Barry introduced me to the History Center. I am very impressed with the exhibits, events, newsletter, staff and of the course, the cause!

Maddie Dugan

I am the 4th generation on both sides (Dick/Aldrich and Bronson) of my family to have lived in LF. I am committed to preserving the history of our community by supporting the History Center. I have served on numerous boards (Allendale, Elawa Farm, LF Caucus, LF Hospital Women's Board and the City of LF BRB) in town over the years including this board a few years ago.

Katie Hale

A love of history, and an appreciation for the dynamic History Center keeps bringing me back. I'm looking forward to a third term. I've previously served on the board of Lake Forest Country Day School and am currently on the Northwestern Memorial Hospital's Woman's Board, in addition to being a member of two Chicago museum groups. My husband and I are soon-to-be empty nesters, having raised five children in Lake Bluff. I enjoy my friends, oil painting, design, gardening and a good biography.

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Tom Hunter

I have been involved with the History Center for many years and very much look forward to recommitting to another three-year Board term. I'm excited to be part of an active board that works to further grow our robust community institution. I hope to continue to serve on the finance committee. I believe that knowledge and celebration of history is one of the most important tools for creating a connection to the past that helps us understand the present and the future.

Fred Jackson

I am a life-long resident of Lake Forest. In fact, I am the third generation that has lived in Lake Forest. For over a hundred years, the Jacksons have been a proud part of the "blue collar" fabric of the community. My grandfather (Fred Jackson) was a gardener for Cyrus McCormick. My father (also Fred Jackson) was a postman in Lake Forest. I started working for the Recreation Center as a 15-year-old and worked there for over 46 years. I retired as Director of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and have enjoyed retirement for the past 14 years. As a war baby, I was the third baby born at Lake Forest Hospital (you may want to save that for your trivia contest). As a young boy, I hunted pheasants in what is now Conway Farm and shot rats at the City dump which is now McCormick Nature Preserve (another trivia question?). I was blessed with a career with the City of Lake Forest. During that time, I was responsible for the design, construction and expansion of the Recreation Center. We also built the beach, bought and developed Grove School, Elawa Farm, and Townline Park. I was not one for awards, but the staff and City Council were very proud when Lake Forest was awarded a National Gold Medal Award in 2006 by the National Park and Recreation Association and recognized as the best Park and Recreation System in the United States. I still am involved with Parks and Recreation through the Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Recreation. Which brings me to my involvement outside of my professional career. I did serve for a time on the Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce as well as a board member of Woodlands Academy. I served for many years on the board of Family Service and was President for four years. I was the Founding President of the Rotary Club and still serve on their Foundation. I was also the Founding President of the Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Recreation and still serve on that foundation. My wife, Jeanne and I have three adult children and eight grandchildren, none of whom, unfortunately, live in Lake Forest. So, I was born here, worked and lived here for 78 years and plan on dying here (hopefully no time soon). Now you know why I love Lake Forest. I am looking forward to learning more about the history of our community and, hopefully, contributing to the History Center.

Lauren Peters

I have lived in Lake Forest for 20 years and have been very involved in the community ever since. I have chaired the Gala and headed up the Parents' Club at the School of St. Mary. Most recently, I've been focused on the Spirit of 66 (co-chairing the 2020 Home Tour), Catholic Charities (co-chairing the Art of Caring) and the Infant Welfare Society (serving on the 2029 Show House Designer committee). My husband Jed and I have three girls (a junior and freshman at LFHS) and a 5th grader at DPM. We live just down the road from the History Center at 580 Washington Road.

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Kim Placentino

I was born, raised, and the fourth generation of my family to live in Lake Forest. As a descendant of the Cascarano family, our family was honored to receive a Centennial Award from the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff History Center. In December, you will find me carrying on my late mother's 60-year-old Christmas Tree business located on the corner of Woodland and McKinley Roads. I am currently the Director of Community Relations for Reuland and Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest. Prior, I was the Director of Campus Operations and worked 34 years at The Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. I served as a Ward 1 City of Lake Forest Caucus member and volunteer for the Mother's Trust Foundation and the American Legion McKinlock Post 264. Recently, I served as a committee member to launch the History Center's Chanticleer Circle Planned Giving Campaign. This was a wonderful experience and I truly enjoyed working with the History Center staff and committee members.

As a lifelong Lake Forest resident and given recent changes in my life, I now have the time to become more involved within the community and would be honored to serve on your board of directors. This board position would enable me to connect with those I grew up with and foster my passion for history and to inspire patrons for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to this opportunity and to support the mission and goals of the History Center of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff.

Slate of Officers to be elected to one-year terms:

David Forlow: President

Katie Hale: Vice President

William Schumann: Treasurer

Kate Mursau: Secretary