

# Lockport Area

# Genealogical & Historical Society

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## Message from the President . . .

THE INSTALLATION of our board of directors was a success by any measure—great food, great presentation by Dr. Sterling, friendships remembered.

NOW IT IS TIME to get down to our roots so we can grow and yield an abundant, fruitful garden of historical recognition.

THE ESSENCE of this garden is your painstaking partnership in achieving our goal to create the 175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOK.

SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE of local historical events, schools, churches, businesses, town celebrations, your family genealogies and memories at our monthly meetings, or call Bonnie Packley about how to add your memories to our archives.

And to this endeavor—we begin.

—Dr. Reno G. Caneva

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book, 1830-2005**

## MEETINGS

October 13

Board Meeting  
Gaylord Building  
8:30 AM

October 27

Membership Meeting  
Gladys Fox Museum  
8:30 AM

## ~ OPEN HOUSE ~

100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

**Dr. JACK ROBERTS**

delivered 2,000 babies

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14**

2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**VFW IN LOCKPORT**

No gifts, please.

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"Preserving the Past is our Present to the Future"



# Down Memory Lane

There were these two elderly people living in a mobile home park - he was a widower and she a widow. They had known one another for a number of years.

Now, one evening there was a community supper in the big activity center. These two were at the same table, across from one another. As the meal went on, he made a few admiring glances at her and finally gathered up his courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?"

After about six seconds of 'careful consideration', she answered - "Yes. Yes, I will." The meal ended and with a few more pleasant exchanges they went to their respective places.

Next morning, he was troubled. Did she say 'yes' or did she say 'no'? He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. Not even a faint memory. With trepidation, he went to the telephone and called her. First, he explained to her that he didn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the lovely evening past. As he gained a little more courage, he then inquired of her, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'Yes' or did you say 'No'?"

He was delighted to hear her say, "Why, I said, 'Yes, yes I will' and I meant it with all my heart."

Then she continued, "And I am so glad that you called, because I couldn't remember who had asked me."

—From Dick Cronholm

SEND your Personal  
Memories, Letters of  
Inquiry, and  
Fun Anecdotes to  
LAGHS:

By mail or E-mail:  
[blpackley@att.net](mailto:blpackley@att.net)

Or Phone:  
(815) 838.9388

# **First Annual Board of Directors Installation Banquet**

The first annual installation banquet was held at the Gladys Fox Museum on Saturday, September 29, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

Barbara Soviak of the Lockport Township Park District installed the board of directors during a beautiful ceremony with lighted candles to symbolize the character of each office.

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Bonnie Packley recognizes Reno Caneva as the founder of our society. Packley holds the program designed for the occasion. Commemorative Programs are available for those who would like one for their memory collection. A nominal donation would be appreciated.



Pictured is Carol Ziesemer Giardina enjoying a front-row seat for the evening's festivities. Dr. Robert Sterling presented a 1927 film of an EJ & E company picnic at Dellwood Park and led a lively discussion of the historic park.

## **Society Founder Recognized**

Dr. Reno & Phyllis Caneva

Madolin Canon

Glenn & Bonnie Carlson

Holly Carter

Nancy Bruce Crilly

Richard Cronholm

Bill & Dolores Feithen

Carol and Charlene Giardina

William Goodale

Margaret & Richard Haack

Kathryn Hemminger

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mabel Hrpcha

Erwin Klopstein

Alyce Loose

Mary Lou & James Lowery

Don & Helen Meints

Ruth & Gordon McCluskey

William & Roberta Molony

Jacqueline & Lloyd Munch

Dorothy Nordstrom

Bonita Packley

Henry & Mae Pasch

Connie Pizza

Steven Potter

Oma Rajala

Hazel Revels

Helen & James Raue

Judith Richardson

Dr. Jack Roberts

Dr. Robert Sterling

John & Barb Soviak

Ruth Waldvogel

**INVOCATION** by **Jacqueline Canon Munch** HEAVENLY FATHER, as we gather here to learn more about the history of our community, we are grateful for the renewed appreciation of our fundamental values of faith and freedom. Our nation has been jolted out of its self-centeredness and self-reliance. A nation of strangers has become a family as we pour out our hearts and our resources to those who are hurting. We realize now how much we need your blessing and your protection. Help us to resolve to pray more and care more. Keep Us United as One Nation under God.





<b>Lockport's Cultural Campus</b>		<b>Lockport Twp. Park District</b>
<p><b><u>Gaylord Building</u></b></p> <p><i>I &amp; M Canal Exhibits</i>  <i>Murals: Great Walls of Joliet</i>            Public Programs            School Tours            Tues. 10-6pm; Sun. 12-6pm</p> <p><b>Lockport Powerhouse            &amp; Lock Tour</b>            Oct. 4, 5, 12, 1pm - 3pm            (815) 838.4830</p> <p><b>Dinner Lecture Series</b>            (815) 588.1100</p>	<p><b><u>Norton Building</u></b></p> <p>Illinois State Museum            Lockport Gallery  <i>Chicago Painting 1895-1945</i>            For info: (815) 838.7400</p> <p><b><u>Will Cty. Historical Society</u></b>  <i>I&amp;M CANAL MUSEUM</i>            Daily, costumed guides 1-4:30  <i>PIONEER SETTLEMENT</i>            Sunrise-sunset, May-Sept.            (815) 838.5080</p>	<p><b>HALLOWEEN</b>  <b>FAMILY FUN IN THE PARK</b>            October 27            12pm-4pm            \$5. registration required</p> <p><b>MAIN STREET LOCKPORT</b></p> <p>Join Us!            Help promote economic            restructuring and            historic preservation.            (815) 834.0700</p>

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