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ANNUAL NEWSLETTER – REVIEW OF 2017

Museum Meetings: Monthly meetings of the Historical Society are held at the Museum on the third Thursday of each month beginning at 10:00 a.m. Society members, as well as all persons interested in Caseville history, are welcome to attend meetings. The annual meeting is held in October at which time officers and trustees are elected. At the October 19, 2017 meeting the following officers were elected: President: Joyce Miller; Vice President: Dave Vizard; Secretary: Carole Shereda; Treasurer: Sherry Hoelzle. New Trustees are Joyce Miller, Tom Jesmore, Dave Vizard and Dan Calabrese. The Historical Society of Caseville is dedicated to exploring the richly layered cultural and social history of the Caseville community and representing such history through collection, preservation and exhibition of historical materials in an effort to educate and inspire future generations.

Museum Displays: Members of the Museum Committee have worked very hard to complete our current two large displays: a representation of a 1930s deer hunting cabin; and a mid-century ladies' dry goods and millinery shop. Each large display remains in the Museum for two years. The 1930s deer camp will be replaced in 2018 by a wild fowl hunt display consisting of bird mounts, duck calls, shotguns, vintage hunting attire, and print materials. Our ongoing Museum displays represent much of Caseville's fishing, farming, homemaking, and commercial history. We hope you'll visit us for a taste of Caseville's past.

Events: Fun! Fun! Fun! 2017 was a year filled with interesting, educational and fun events. We started off with an "Ora Labora" video and popcorn in January; February was our first annual Checkers Tournament held during the Shanty Days Festival; in May we again hosted our annual Ice Cream Social and had a great turnout; in June we held our annual Ladies Luncheon with a packed house and an excellent talk about Quilts from Barbie of the *Back Street Quilt Shop* in Bad Axe; July saw us taking a Northstar cruise to Charity Island on a gorgeous day with a packed boat captained by our own member Tom Carriveau; in August we magically turned into "The Cheeseburger Museum" featuring the *What Is It?* contest and saw a crowd of more than 1,500 visitors come through our doors; in September we hosted the Second Annual Classic Car Show, coordinated by Dave Vizard, with an excellent turnout; in October spooky goblins and pirates came trick-or-treating at our door; we then rounded out our year of events with a delicious Harvest Dinner and auction in November. During the past year during regular Museum hours we have been very pleased to host 535 visitors. It has been a very fulfilling year at the Museum.

Business: We sincerely appreciate, and rely on, the financial support of our members. Membership dues are payable by January 1st of each year. If you haven't yet made your payment for 2018, please do so as soon as possible. Membership dues are a significant portion of the Museum's operating income and we are grateful for any and all financial support. Thank you to all members who pay in advance.

Development: Another very busy year flew by at the Museum as we continued major renovation work on our second story and neared completion of our collections storage area. With help from D&D Construction, Last Call Drywall, All Pointes Services, and Caseville True Value Hardware we are very close to finishing this extensive remodeling project. We offer our sincere thanks to Museum Members Rich Bass, Harold Hoelzle and Bud McCormick for their dedicated efforts in this huge project. Past President Rich Bass has been especially devoted to seeing this project through to completion and has spent countless hours on our second floor with a hammer and paintbrush or roller in hand. Our appreciation is also offered to Dan Calabrese for his dedication as a Museum volunteer in helping to keep our doors open to the public. In November we were thankful for assistance from members of the Caseville High School National Honor Society in moving and reconstructing storage shelving. We hope to have all our collection pieces in their permanent storage location very soon. In July, through the efforts of Duane Wurst, we created a new website which is being managed by member Cathy Snider. Check us out at www.casevillemuseum.org.

Genealogy: Barb Eimers continues to be available at the Museum on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. to assist in genealogy research. Bring in your own laptop and have fun learning how to explore your history. Guests will be able to research local family histories, properties, buildings and businesses.

New Members: We are very happy to have added the following members this year - Active Members: Fred Busch, Dan Hack, Suzanne Hayes, Brigitte LaCroix, Alan Marschke, Marilyn Mitchell, Marie Nicholl, Judith Peterson, and Cathryn Snider; Platinum Member: Preston Thomason; Gold Members: Peter and Janice Prill, and Caseville Small Animal Clinic; Sponsor Members: Linda A. Raschke and Caseville Chamber of Commerce.

Monetary Memorials: The Historical Society of Caseville is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Donations made are tax deductible. Monetary memorials are appreciated and an appropriate way to make gifts in memory or in honor of friends and relatives. Donations to the Historical Society of Caseville help to continue our ongoing efforts of preserving local history. Our "Bob Adams Memorial Patio" has received many compliments through the years. You may purchase a memorial brick to add to the patio for \$50. Memorial bricks donated this year were in memory of Bruce Leipprandt and William Kohr.

E-Mail: To help eliminate mailing costs as much as possible, if you have an e-mail address and received this newsletter by conventional mail, please forward your e-mail address to us at chscm@comcast.net and we will add you to our electronic contact list.

Thank you! Thank you for being a member of the Historical Society of Caseville. We welcome your attendance and interest in our meetings. We sincerely appreciate your support and hope to see you often in the coming year.

Please feel free to contact us at any time and don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook! 😊

*"It is important for all of us to appreciate where we come from
and how that history has really shaped us in ways that we might not understand."*
Sonia Sotomayor

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MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

It's that time of the year once again for payment of annual membership dues. Your annual dues are a significant portion of our operating budget and help us to grow and continue to enhance the Museum. Your membership is important to us and we greatly value your membership and help.

If you are not a member or your membership isn't current, please complete our membership form (attached below) and return it with your dues payment. Our address and contact information are:

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Museum Hours: Wednesday through Saturday from Noon to 4:30

Membership Costs:

ANNUAL / Per Person

Senior: 60+ \$10

Active: \$25

Sponsor: \$100

LIFETIME / Per Person

Gold Lifetime: \$250

Platinum Lifetime: \$500

Patron Lifetime: \$1,000+

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2018 Membership Renewal: Type: _____ Amount: _____

Application for New Membership: Type: _____ Amount: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone no.: _____ E-mail: _____

Please notify us of any changes of information above so we may stay in contact. Thank you!