

Dear Friends,

I hope that you enjoyed steaming through 2023 with us at Lassen's Resort. The highlight reel features:

- ◆ **Baby Dewey:** Our six-passenger electric boat, began offering Taste of History nostalgia dinner cruises. The cuisine paid homage to the resort menus of Cedar Lake's golden era featuring charred lemon pepper lake perch, fried chicken, duchess potatoes, and a prime rib sandwich. After disembarkation, guests enjoyed an apple Dutch baby a la mode dessert course served on the porch rocking chairs at sunset.
- ◆ **Steamer Dewey:** A new tradition, Steam Through History Day, was launched. Every year on the 4th Wednesday of July we will celebrate the rebirth of Lassen's Dewey Line demonstrating the power of steam and inspiring a love for history.
- ◆ **Taylor Ice Truck @ CLHA:** Our mobile ambassador took center stage at the town's inaugural winter festival (see photo on page 2).

Our success is fueled by your support as our cherished members, donors, sponsors, and advocates. Thank you for championing the relevance of Cedar Lake history.

With Gratitude,  
Julie Zasada, Executive Director

*On behalf of the Board of Governors*  
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The Museum at Lassen's Resort is looking to restore the historic resort-era hotel.

JOSEPH S. PETE PHOTOS, THE TIMES

## Hotel revival in the works

Historic Cedar Lake building has been museum since 1986

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## From the Headlines

Casting a Vision for a Resort-Era Renaissance

On May 7, 2023, we invited the Cedar Lake community and the Calumet Region of Northwest Indiana to join us to envision a dream.

We presented a glimpse of a unique experience that is poised to provide economic impact for the town and restore the Lassen's legacy fully.

There are many milestones that need to take place to bring the concept to fruition. However, with community support for the last of Cedar Lake's resort-era culture, the sustainability of the 103-year old historic landmark has never been more promising.

**Cedar Lake deserves to have a hotel again.**

Take a virtual walk-through of the concept room, and if you were unable to sign our letter of support in 2023, please use our online form to do so:

**[www.lassensresort.org/hotel](http://www.lassensresort.org/hotel)**

THE HOTEL AT  
**LASSEN'S**  
RESORT  
ON CEDAR LAKE



## 2023 Financial Summary

Grant expenses and award payments have made our financial summary increasingly complex as they cross multiple fiscal years. For a complete picture of our financial activity, please view our tax return on GuideStar.org or contact us for an appointment.

### FACTS & FIGURES FROM A FANTASTIC YEAR

- ❖ **10** new volunteers joined our team
- ❖ Over **5,000** volunteer hours were logged
- ❖ Over **3,000** visitors toured the museum and attended special programs
- ❖ **Special Programs:** Unveiling of The Hotel at Lassen's Resort concept room, Dewey Line steamboat rides & sunset dinner cruises, 3rd Annual Speakeasy Summer Social, and 3rd Annual Track the Past Family Train Day
- ❖ **Affiliations/Memberships:** AAM, AASLH StEPs Museum, Calumet Heritage Partnership, Cedar Lake & Crossroads Regional Chambers, Indiana Historical Society, Indiana Landmarks, Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society, South Shore CVA Partner, Time Travelers Reciprocal Program

## Gifts & Grants Further the Mission

March 2023: A **\$5,550** grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation was awarded to restore original window sashes and sills through repair or rebuilding. The grant was paired with funds from our donors in support of the damage discovered during the winter storm of 2022 that blew snow INSIDE museum gallery display rooms.

July 2022: With 136 original, double-hung, single-pane window sashes, the restoration is never done. A Hotel Repair and Preservation grant of **\$45,000** was awarded from Indiana Historical Society Heritage Support Project Grant funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc. Contractors were hired to repaint the entire museum exterior (see page 3), repair more original window sashes, install new gutters, and repair roof shingles. Volunteers still have their sleeves rolled up and are carefully replacing several rotted window frames as well.

September 2023: A **\$4,970** Indiana Historical Society Heritage Support Mini-Grant funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc. was awarded for Governance Training and Policy Development to build the organizational capacity for the CLHA Board of Governors.

Free Admission Day\* Sponsors 2023: This partnership program with community organizations provides complimentary admission for citizens and tourists to experience The Museum at Lassen's Resort exhibit gallery on select days. **Please join us in offering gratitude to South Shore Convention & Visitors Authority, Mees Insurance Agency, Purdue Federal Credit Union, Fraternal Order of Eagles 2529, DeMotte State Bank.**

*\*Sponsorship opportunities are available for 2024. Please contact us or read more at [lassensresort.org/support](https://lassensresort.org/support)*



December 1-2, 2023: The inaugural Town of Cedar Lake Taylor Ice Festival was a hit!





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Rise'n Roll Cedar Lake	Pop's Beef Cedar Lake

## Unrestricted Donations

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The Historic Supporters Registry lists gifts received from generous donors in the 2023 fiscal year. If you identify an error or omission herein, please contact us.

**Summer 2023: Smooth Finish Painting beautifully refreshed the museum exterior (IHS Project Grant)**





## Special Events Yours & Ours

The Museum at Lassen's Resort was host to a baby shower, two 50th wedding anniversary parties, multiple field trips and steamboat charters, Santa & Mrs. Claus at the inaugural Taylor Ice Festival (see page 2) ... and, of course, our signature annual offerings: Preserving History Networking Seminar in June and Speakeasy Summer Social in August.

Special event rentals support the operational costs of maintaining the museum. Our rooms accommodate up to 75 people indoors and are available May through October.

For more information, including pricing, please visit [lassensresort.org/experiences](https://lassensresort.org/experiences)



**60% of our community's third graders have never ridden a boat on Cedar Lake**



**Invest in  
Preserving Our Culture**

**Make a memory that will last a lifetime:  
Underwrite a third grade class to include a steamboat ride in their annual field trip for \$150 per class.**

## 2024 Season Events At-A-Glance

**April 19 - October 6 | Calumet Voices / National Stories**  
Exhibition featuring our Taylor Ice Truck & CLHA artifacts at the SSCVA Indiana Welcome Center in Hammond  
**For Info: [www.SouthShoreCVA.com/calumet-voices](http://www.SouthShoreCVA.com/calumet-voices)**

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> | 6pm | RSVP Required**  
Meet Our Chef & Beatrice Horner Cultural Award

**Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> | Noon-5pm**  
Preserving History Networking Seminar

**Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> | Times Vary | All Summer**  
Dewey Line Steamboat Cruises Begin...and continue every Wednesday through September. Choose from two routes. Full details available online. [lassensresort.org/deweyline](http://lassensresort.org/deweyline)

**Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> | All Summer Long**  
Baby Dewey's Taste of History Nostalgia Cruises Begin

**Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> | Noon-2pm**  
Annual Member Cookout on Museum Lawn. RSVP required.

**Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> | Steam Through History Day**  
Rides aboard Steamer Dewey are offered with advance ticket purchase. Steam equipment will be on display and demonstrated throughout the day, including a steam traction engine, steam miniature train, and the Norman J, our sister vessel with a steam-powered calliope. Visit the rotating exhibit, *Who is a Hoosier?*, presented by Indiana Historical Society in the museum gallery. Enjoy live music from the porch, marionette shows, and more.

**July 27-28 | 2-6pm**  
Vera Dines-Whitlow Community Art Show  
Artists: Register by July 1, 2024. All mediums welcome.

**Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> | 7-10pm**  
Speakeasy Summer Social (Early-bird discount through 8/1)

**Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> | 1pm**  
Behind-the-Scenes Museum Tour (ticket purchase required)

**Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> | 10am-4pm**  
Track the Past Family Train Day

**December 6 & 7 | Hours Vary**  
Taylor Ice Festival & Winter Market

Dates are subject to change. Follow us online or on Facebook for full details. **Additional programs will be scheduled.**  
Download this report, buy tickets & more

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## 2024 MEMBERSHIP\*

<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
___ Individual \$30	___ Family \$60
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___ Senior Couple \$30	___ Patron \$250

Name:

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Checks should be made payable to **Cedar Lake Historical Association** and mailed to:

**P.O. Box 421, Cedar Lake, IN 46303**

Purchase or renew online using our membership portal at [lassensresort.org](http://lassensresort.org)

\*Expires 1 year after date of purchase.

**All of The Museum at Lassen's Resort memberships include:**

- **Members-only: Cookout June 23<sup>rd</sup> & more to come :)**
- **FREE museum admission all season long and 2 complimentary guest passes**
- **Discounted tickets for select steamboat cruise bookings and annual Behind-the-Scenes museum tour; free admission to guest speaker programs**
- **Time Travelers Program, a reciprocal membership network for historical sites and museums throughout the United States. Discover participating museums: <http://timetravelers.mohistory.org/>**

Please contact us with questions at 219.390.9423 or [info@cedarlakehistory.org](mailto:info@cedarlakehistory.org)



## Introducing Chef Erik A. Hinds



### Meet Our Chef

Season Opening & Presentation of  
Beatrice Horner Cultural Award  
May 3, 2024 | 6:00 PM  
Kindly RSVP [lassensresort.org](https://lassensresort.org)

## Join the Culinary Crew

Chef Hinds combines a passion for ethnobotany, anthropology, and food and places history in the spotlight on the dining table. Join the Culinary Crew and help him present the relevance of Cedar Lake history through historic dining experiences.

Or perhaps you're interested in becoming a museum docent, dock hand for the Dewey Line boat crew, digital curator of the Beatrice Horner Archival Collection, green thumb beautifying the Timothy Ball Garden, providing muscle (or finesse) on Lassen's Resort restoration projects, or greeting our guests with a smile. It's an exciting time to join our volunteer family.

Complete our volunteer inquiry form and schedule your interview at [lassensresort.org/volunteers](https://lassensresort.org/volunteers)

## Team/Committee Call-Out

Teams and Committees are a great way to volunteer in areas that align to your professional expertise or hobby enthusiasm. Meetings are typically on a Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm but frequency varies. Choose from:

**Building/Museum Restoration,  
Collections Care, Events, Finance,  
Guest Services, or Transportation**

Read more online and then complete the volunteer inquiry form and schedule your interview.

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## Thank You to our 2023 Volunteers

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**Current Volunteers: Find links to create your profile in the Volunteer Local portal, sign up for open shifts, and view your registered shifts at [lassensresort.org/volunteers](https://lassensresort.org/volunteers)**