



HAPPY NEW YEAR ...

I'm looking forward to 2017 with the Historical Society and working with Co-President, Sue Benjamin. It's going to be a great year.

Each new year offers the opportunity to refresh and renew. With the advent of 2017, the Historical Society will be working to refresh activities and exhibits and renew our commitment to preserving and celebrating the history of the community.

The group is planning a year of both new and tried and true events. May is slated to bring "How Sweet It Is" which will focus on old fashioned candy treats and their history. Members of the Society will again participate in the 4th of July parade. There will be an oral history project and Family Day at the Farmhouse in September. In addition to the Gretna exhibit, a Country School exhibit is planned. Archive work will continue. There will also be guest speakers. During the spring, summer and fall, the Society will work on the grounds to keep the weeds in check and the flowers in bloom.

We welcome your involvement! Join us for one, two or more of our projects. Find out more about us by attending a meeting (see the schedule). Talk to our members. We would love to visit with you about how you can be involved from a little to a lot! Contact us through our website www.CarolStreamHistorical.com . Come join us!

Carole Ellermeier, President

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2017 CSHS OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED

The Society will install its officers for 2017 at the January 31 meeting. Congratulations to the following:

Co-presidents Susan Benjamin and Carole Ellermeier Secretary Karen Shreve **Treasurer Barbara O'Rahilly**

Historian Laura Schmidt

Community Relations Luanne Triolo Newman



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: CAROL STREAM HISTORICAL

The Society is pleased to announce its nomination of Laura Schmidt for 2016 Citizen of the Year. Ms. Schmidt has provided exceptional service to the preservation of the history of the community through her work with the archives of the Carol Stream Historical Society. Her generous contribution of time and talent to the organization and cataloging of the Society's archival material is to be commended.

Thank you, Laura! We are most grateful.



MAKING THE OLD NEW IN THE NEW YEAR

Gretna Station was a small depot on the Chicago Great Western Railroad. The station was originally located on the north side of St. Charles road between Gary Avenue and Schmale Road. It was moved to its current location in Armstrong Park in 1976. Its restoration was a bicentennial project. For a number of years the depot served as a small museum.

CSHS is working to create and install an exhibit showcasing an original logbook, portions of a model train and other artifacts from the depot. Upon its completion, the exhibit will be on display at the Historic Farmhouse on Lies Road.



HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Tall Trees, built by Daniel Kelley for his bride Mary Elizabeth Huls in the 1840's, is the oldest building in Carol Stream. Daniel Kelley came to the area from Danby Vermont. He eventually owned 1,400 acres. In 1849, he brought Merino Sheep to the area. Kelley donated land for the Geneva Rd Baptist Church as well as for the building of a new St. Charles Rd, when Chicago & Great Western RR took over the old roadbed for its tracks in 1855. This once grand home has also served as a home for senior citizens and a military academy. It now houses a local business.



Tall Trees is located north of St. Charles Road between Gary Avenue and Schmale Road.

ARCHIVE UPDATE

The organization of the Historical Records Collection at the Farmhouse is officially complete! The Society is indebted to Laura Schmidt for organizing, cataloging and creating finding aids for the Historical Society's archives.

Ms. Schmidt worked steadily on the project throughout the year completing it in December.

In addition to paper artifacts such as newspaper articles, the society also has a small collection of photos and physical artifacts. There are also books, scrapbooks, videos, etc. These items have all been categorized and appropriately stored to preserve their integrity. Though this is an ongoing process, the collection is now organized in such a way as to be useful. The Society will continue to add new acquisitions as appropriate.

Moving forward, the Society will be working to make the archival material more accessible to the public as well as to determine



how it can be used to create and install new exhibits. That process will begin at the regular meeting of the Society on January 31 and will be ongoing.

Laura Schmidt is a professional archivist at the Wade Center located at Wheaton College. She was assisted in this monumental task during the summer months by intern Kyra Millard. Ms. Millard is a graduate at Northeastern

University, studying History with a concentration in Public History. The Society is most grateful for the dedication and hard work of these two ladies.





MEMBERSHIP TIME

It's time to renew your membership or join the Carol Stream Historical Society for 2017.

We run on a calendar year and have a modest cash flow based on dues and revenues from events or fundraisers.

Members will be updated about our upcoming events and news quarterly through this newsletter and other email notices.

We would appreciate it if you would pass along the word...and help us preserve the history of Carol Stream.



Questions? Contact U S at carolstreamhistorical@comcast.net

2017 NEMBERSHIP FORM JOIN US!

anyone interested in supporting, preserving and presenting Carol Stream's history and Stream's heritage. Membership is open to Please join us in our quest to preserve Carol



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WINTER AT THE FARMHOUSE







WINTER 2017

FUTURE

JANUARY 31 Board Meeting CS Public Library (fifth Tuesday) 7pm

FEBRUARY 28
Board Meeting
CS Public Library
7pm

MARCH 28 Board Meeting Historic Farmhouse 7pm

APRIL 25 Board Meeting Historic Farmhouse 1:00 - 2:15pm

MAY 23 Board Meeting CS Public Library 7pm

JUNE 27 Board Meeting CS Public Library 7pm

JULY 25 CS Public Library

AUGUST 22 CS Public Library

SEPTEMBER 26 (Annual Meeting) Farmhouse

OCTOBER 24
CS Public Library





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