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"to preserve, share and celebrate the stories of the Peoria area"

Henri de Tonti Celebration : A Large Success

We wish to extend our thanks to the Peoria community and beyond for its support of the Peoria Historical Society through the Henri de Tonti Award Celebration on September 8th, 2016. Our recipient, State Representative David Leitch, expressed his thanks to the financial donors: *"I deeply appreciate your gift in honor of my public service. It is especially gratifying to support the preservation of our history and culture for generations to come."*



Representative David Leitch and Governor Jim Edgar

The historic Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette was the perfect venue for 400 guests to honor David Leitch's service as an outstanding legislator. In addition, the displayed artifacts from PHS helped celebrate the history of our region while introducing guests to some assets of the Society. Superb food and the guests' enthusiastic support of our honoree helped make the event special. Videos from area leaders showed how far-reaching

David's commitment to our area has been.

In honoring the spirit of the evening, the patriotic table decorations were delivered the next day to area nursing facilities to brighten the residents' surroundings. One person said it was especially timely because of the observance of 9-11 the following Sunday. Some faithful PHS members at retirement facilities were remembered with an arrangement and thrilled to be included in our outreach.

We are grateful to David Leitch and Linda Daley for their dedication in helping make this Henri de Tonti Award Celebration the most successful benefit for the Peoria Historical Society to date. Many thanks to all who made financial and time commitments to assure the success of the 2016 de Tonti.

Carol Hornickle, Chair



Sheriff Mike McCoy, Mayor Jim Ardis and Heather and PHS Trustee Zack Oyler

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From the President

I wanted to spend time in this issue to talk about involvement and volunteerism. I became engaged with PHS eight years ago when my son Ryan was seeking an idea for his Eagle Scout project. As a PHS member, I suggested that he consider doing a project at one of the PHS historic homes. After significant planning, Ryan took on a backyard enhancement project at the Pettengill- Morrion home where he organized over two dozen Scouts and parents. The project was a huge success where the PM house chair said they held more backyard weddings that next year than the previous five years! Ryan went on to be an Eagle Scout and I was asked to be a PHS board trustee the following year.

While being involved with PHS for several years now, I've witnessed firsthand how many wonderful volunteers we have supporting our organization. We have many docents and volunteers sharing local stories, while maintaining both the Flanagan and Pettengill houses. Currently we have a Preservation Committee setting priorities on much needed capital improvements for the homes. Our Tours Committee including our guides just finished up the season where they totaled hundreds of hours educating our community on Peoria's past, while generating revenue for the Society at the same time. Every time you make a visit to the PHS office, there's at least one person helping our staff scan pictures into our extensive collection or assisting with administrative tasks. Speaking of collections, the Bradley University Library Special Collections department also deserves recognition for providing an invaluable service in preserving and storing much of our collection. There are many more active areas of volunteerism including the PHS Board of Trustees who are all dedicated to our mission. Combine all these selfless efforts of volunteerism, coupled with a committed staff, and we've got an outstanding organization.

I want to sincerely thank all of you who have dedicated your time and resources in being involved in making our organization what it is. I'll finish off with a most appropriate quote from Peter Westbrook: "So much of our future lies in preserving our past."

Jim Carballido

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Cost: Adults \$10, Children 12 and under \$3.00
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2016 HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

SPLENDOR OF CHRISTMAS PAST

As you drive past or walk past some of the beautiful, stately homes along Glen Oak Avenue, Moss Avenue or homes in the Randolph Roanoke District, do you wonder what they are like on the inside? Do you wonder, who built the home, what is the architectural style, how much did it cost, how much is still original, who lives there now and what have they done to the home? If so, mark your calendars for the 2016 Peoria Historical Society Holiday Home Tour. The 5th Annual Holiday Home Tour "The Splendor of Christmas Past" will take place on Saturday, December 3rd from 5-9 p.m. and Sunday, December 4th from 1-5 p.m.

This year's tour will take you inside three private homes and our two museum homes. These private homes were built in the late 1800's and early 1900's and feature the fine craftsmanship of that era. If you like leaded glass, built-in cabinetry, high ceilings, transom windows, intricately carved oak woodwork, servants' quarters, original tiled fireplaces and much, much more, then you don't want to miss the 2016 Holiday Home Tour! You will not be disappointed!!! One home features an elegant third floor

bathroom suite and truly looks original to the home and another home will feature a Christmas tree soaring to the ceiling. Each of the private homes will be decorated by the homeowners in a wintery theme or a Christmas theme of their choice. Now just to tell you a little more about the private homes ...



101 N.E. Roanoke

This home is a post-prairie Chicago style home and is owned by Vikki Hibberd. The home was designed by Hewitt & Emerson Architect firm, who also designed the Proctor Center and the Pere Marquette. The home was completed in 1914 and features one of the first central vacuum systems. Vikki purchased the home in 2014 and, together with some family members, has remodeled every room. This home has some very unique built-in features that you will have to see to appreciate.



1325 West Moss Avenue

This six-bedroom clapboard Victorian house is owned by Valerie and Bill Ackerman. The home was built in 1886 and features a sleeping porch on the front corner of the second floor and a carved oak 3-story staircase. Over 60 windows flood the house with light year round and three of the original four fireplaces remain. The Ackerman's are in the process of making the entire third floor into an elegant master suite ... complete with a full bath.



1200 West Moss Avenue

This four-bedroom home was commissioned in 1922 by Dr.

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George Washburn and was finished in 1924. Today it is the home of Dr. James Adams and it is situated in a park-like setting surrounded by a black iron fence. A gate allows entrance between this home and the Pettengill-Morrison House next door. The dining room will be set for the holidays with Versace gold-rimmed china and so much more to see.

In addition to the three private homes, our two museum homes, Flanagan and Pettengill-Morrison, will be showcased as only our House Managers and volunteers can.



942 N.E. Glen Oak Avenue

John C. Flanagan House Museum, an American Federal style house was built in 1837 and is the oldest standing home in Peoria. This home offers a spectacular view of the Illinois River and Native Americans assisted in the construction. You won't want to miss seeing this home on the tour and what the volunteers have in store for you. Not only will you be fascinated by the home, Christmas decorations and artifacts, but you will be taken back to the 1940s with all the

big band era had to offer ... can you say Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy from Company B?



1212 West Moss Avenue

Pettengill-Morrison House Museum was built by Moses Pettengill in 1868 in the Second Empire style. The home features 11 rooms and contains possessions from several generations of a Peoria family. This home will feature Christmas decorations from years past and will delight all who pass through her doors. We also have it on good authority that Santa himself will be there! This will be a wonderful opportunity for photos with the jolly old guy himself, so bring your cameras.

An event of this magnitude takes many, many volunteers and we want to thank those who have already stepped forward. If you would like to be included and volunteer your time either prior to the event or during the event, please contact Suzie Adcock

at 309-229-8645 or call the PHS office at 309-674-1921.

Each home will also feature a raffle basket valued at a minimum of \$100 and raffle tickets will be available from Peoria Historical Society Trustees, at the office or at each home. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00.

Holiday Home Tour tickets are \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door. Children under the age of 12 are free with an adult admission. Tickets can be purchased at any of the following:

- Peoria Historical Society - 611 S.W. Washington St., Peoria, IL
- Gregg's Florist - 1015 E. War Memorial Dr., Peoria, IL
- Relic's - 1219 W. Glen Avenue, Peoria, IL
- Urban Artifacts - 925 N. Sheridan, Peoria, IL
- Exhibit A Gallery - 4607 N. Prospect Rd., Peoria Heights, IL

As a non-profit organization, the Peoria Historical Society relies heavily on the support of the community. The 5th Annual Holiday Home Tour is sponsored by: Good Earth Landscaping, Wheels O' Time Museum, Methodist Service League, K & S RV Consulting, and Team Oyler, Realtor/Brokers, Keller Williams Premier Realty. The Holiday Home Tour is a major fund raiser for the society and we hope to see you there and bring your family and friends.

Timeline Historical Quiz – Mark L. Johnson

In 2016, each historical quiz in the Timeline has been based on the recently published book, “Peoria Stories – Tales from the Illinois Heartland” written by local historian Ken Zurski. The book contains nine stories about famous individuals who have visited Peoria over the years. Most of us are aware of some aspects of these visits, but Ken has done the research to document “the rest of the story.” His book is available at Baner and Noble and the Peoria Riverfront Museum as well as through Amazon.com.

In this year’s 6th edition of the Timeline, the quiz is based on Chapter 3 of the book, “A Colonel for the Occasion” which tells the story of Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll’s visit and speech to assist his hometown celebrate the nation’s centennial on July 4, 1876.

True or False

1. Robert G. Ingersoll was born in Dresden, New York in 1833. After living and studying law in downstate Illinois, Ingersoll arrived in Peoria in 1857 at the age of 24 to begin a law practice.
2. Shortly after the attack on Fort Sumter in April 1861, Ingersoll wrote Illinois Governor John Reynolds

asking to form a regiment in Peoria.

3. Ingersoll was captured during the war, but as the result of a prisoner exchange he spent only a few days in custody. Ingersoll returned to Peoria with honors, served as the appointed Illinois Attorney General for two years and married a local girl from Groveland.
4. A month before the centennial celebration in Peoria, Ingersoll had delivered the nomination speech for James G. Blaine at the Republican convention in Cleveland, Ohio.
5. The Peoria celebration of the nation’s centennial and the location of Ingersoll’s speech was moved from the courthouse square to Darst’s Groves so it would be symbolically closer to a cemetery.

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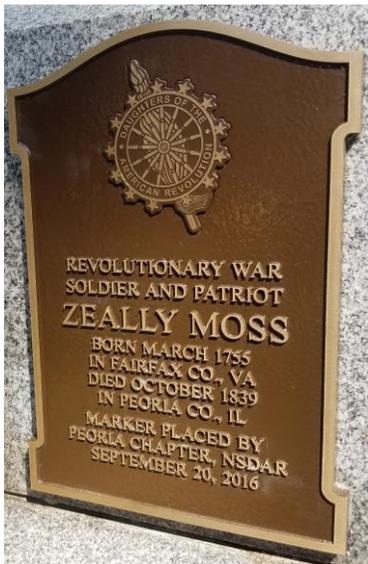
New Members Welcome:

PHS would like to extend a warm greeting to those who have become new members since our last printing. It is a pleasure to have you as part of our community.

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Lydia Moss Bradley

To commemorate the 200th birthday of Lydia Moss Bradley, the Peoria Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held a marking ceremony at her grave and that of her father, Zeally Moss, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Following the ceremony, local members and guests enjoyed a reception at Flanagan House.



Pettengill-Morrison House: Another Success

The “Upscale Porch Sale,” held September 10 and 11, was another huge success. A total of \$980.00 was raised, with \$140.00 of that from home tours. Items sold were from the finer things donated to the Moss Avenue Sale. By continuing the sale into the “Butler’s Pantry Vintage Gift Shop,” many decided to take the home tour. Shoppers were happy that their purchases were going towards maintaining both of our historic homes.

With the help of our dedicated volunteers, everyone had a great time and visitors enjoyed hearing the history of the home. Thank you to all of those involved in this fun weekend!

2016 History Tour Season

The History Tours drew to a close at the end of October. We were pleased to be able to partner with the Peoria Riverfront Museum to offer tours using their bus this season. Ridership dropped this year, no doubt due to a variety of factors, including a new location, a different vehicle, and the very warm temperatures we experienced during July. We have a number of changes planned for next season in order to

boost our ticket sales. We began using Guest Comment Cards this season. Both the tour content and our guides’ professionalism and delivery received high marks from visitors! We welcomed two terrific new guides this year: Tim Ryon and Suzie Adcock. We are grateful for the excellent coverage of the History Tours through Explore Peoria. They put together an outstanding video about the tours which has been regularly featured on their Web site at <http://explorepeoria.com/pages/Home>. Tour guides enjoyed learning tours of landmarks in our community: Springdale Cemetery, Jane O’Haver’s Law Firm at the corner of Perry and Hamilton and the Benassi & Benassi Law Firm, and a tour of Moss Avenue with local historian Tim Hartneck. Guides celebrated the end of the season with a wrap up dinner during October.

To view the Explore Peoria video with John Leyland go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OT7vGBryuo>



Scholarship Funds under New Control



Duryea Trap

As many are aware, the iconic 1898 Peoria Duryea Trap automobile is now on prominent display at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. In 1991, following the successful grass roots capital campaign to “Bring Home the Duryea”, extra funds raised during the campaign were deposited with the Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI). Investment income from the Duryea Fund was designated to support scholarships for college students pursuing a degree in any field of engineering.

In 2014, the Peoria Historical Society (PHS) took over ownership of the CFCI fund after the dissolution of the Peoria Regional Museum Society. The Charles E. and J. Frank Duryea Engineering Scholarship program continues to be administered by Illinois Central College. Investment income from the CFCI Duryea Fund has provided over \$25,000 in assistance to twenty three deserving students since 2007. Recently, at the request of PHS Board of Trustees and approval by the CFCI Board of Directors, the principle funds at CFCI, totaling over \$68,000, were transferred to the ICC Educational Foundation, to

streamline the process of awarding scholarships.

“The Illinois Central College Educational Foundation is honored to be chosen to carry out the legacy of Charles E. & J. Frank Duryea,” said ICC Educational Foundation Interim Executive Director Stephanie Holmes. “The Peoria Historical Society’s generosity will greatly impact our community, while continuing to serve ICC students seeking a career in the field of engineering. We are proud to partner with a group whose interests align with the College’s mission.”



Stephanie Holmes
ICC Educational Foundation Interim
Executive Director

Quiz Answers:

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1. True > Ingersoll’s family had settled in Marion, Illinois in 1853 and the following year Robert and his brother Clark were admitted to the bar. The brothers moved to Peoria and opened a small office on North Adams Street. The office also served as a makeshift

bedroom for Robert who slept on the lobby couch at night.

2. False > John Reynolds was the fourth governor of Illinois during the Black Hawk War in 1932. The governor of Illinois during the Civil War was Richard Yates. Yates approved Ingersoll’s request and the Illinois Eleventh Cavalry was born. The regiment trained at Camp Lyon in Peoria, the present site of Glen Oak Park.
3. True > By 1876, Ingersoll had become known nationally for his stirring speeches about the war, Reconstruction, and politics. His views on freedom and the sanctity of the family would resonate with the masses, and his speeches, sometimes three hours long, delivered almost always from memory, were riveting.
4. False > The Republican convention in 1876 was held in Cincinnati, Ohio. While Ingersoll had given the nomination speech for Blaine, the Republicans eventually selected Rutherford B. Hayes as their candidate.
5. True > Ingersoll’s speech evoked a swell of patriotism from the appreciative crowd. The newspaper reported that his speech was “forcible, witty, original and positive,” but on this occasion, above all, he was patriotic.

Volunteers Needed

The Peoria Historical Society is looking for men and women with a love for history and a willingness to give their time! We can use volunteers to assist with maintaining our two historic homes and their yards, to become docents at one of the homes on a continuing or periodic basis, and to become history tour guides! You decide how much time you have to invest! Contact the PHS office if you would like more information at 674-1921.

By the way, a special “thank you” to volunteer Christoph Coulter for his diligent work restoring, digitizing and posting historic images by Peoria photographers. Not only the Journal Star (**Page One**, Oct. 13), but also online professional sites, Smithsonian curators, and national media have recognized his efforts. Congrats Chris.

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Contact General Curator Robert Killion, anything related to the History of Peoria and the Tri-County Area, much needed.

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4th Quarter "History Program"

The Peoria Historical Society will hold its 4th quarter program in the McKenzie Room of the Peoria Public Library's northern branch located at 3001 W Grand Parkway. The date is Thursday, November 17th and the time is 6:00 pm. Mark Johnson will be presenting a program about Abraham Lincoln's first visit to Peoria in 1832 and the future president's service in the militia during the Black Hawk War.

Mark's interest in history has benefited many; he has been a major contributor to PHS and the Timeline newsletter. This program is sure to be informative as well as entertaining and free of charge. Please plan to attend this event and bring your friends.

Leave a lasting legacy for Peoria history.

Making a bequest to the Peoria Historical Society Endowment is a simple way to protect the heritage of this place that you treasure. You can name the Endowment as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy or financial accounts. Anyone can make a bequest and no amount is too small.



For more information, please contact the Executive Director of the Historical Society, Walter Ruppman (309) 674-1921



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Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll
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Peoria's famous politician, orator and
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