



**We have a seventh \$5000
Matching Grant Challenge
from the
Village of Park Forest!
Help us meet the match.**



November 2018

Volunteer, Give, Promote!

What we have accomplished this year:

Our Archivist/Museum Director has led volunteers in documenting the collections in the Museum and Archive, continuing the work done for the **Institute of Museums and Library Services Museums for America Grant, 2013-2015**. Progress has been made, but we need more volunteers to continue that work.

Volunteer Janet Gatz has finished documenting condition of the Park Forest Reporter in an Excel chart, and has gone through donated copies to add missing issues and articles and to replace worn or torn pages. She has shifted the papers into boxes received from the NEH-PAG grant.

Five people and the Committee for Non-partisan Local Government were honored at our Hall of Fame Induction. "Boomer Toys & Dolls" exhibit was on display in the museum for a year. Dr. David Golland spoke on "The Great Migration" in February. Neil Whitham entertained at our Volunteer appreciation Ice Cream Social hosted with Matteson Historical Society. Slides on "Early Park Forest" were shown and exhibits are set up in the museum for the 70th Anniversary of Park Forest. Arnold DeLuca spoke on his life and contributions to Park Forest from 1950-1960, illustrated with scans made of his 5 scrapbooks. **February 2, 2019 we are holding a fundraising luncheon in honor of the 70th Anniversary of Park Forest and 34th Anniversary of the Society. Invitations will be sent out just after Christmas.**

The deadline for Hall of Fame nominations is December 31, 2018, ceremony, April 7, 2019.

In February, we worked hard to save the 1950s Park Forest House Museum from what could have been devastating ice flow leaks. The museum had to be closed for 10 days. Collections were moved to four different spaces in St. Mary's, and the rest covered by sheeting. 70th Anniversary of Park Forest displays will be up all year. The museum always tells the story of what it was like in Park Forest in its first five years and how it was built. "Step Back into a 1950s Christmas" with a display for Hanukkah and accomplishments of Jewish residents opens December 1. It makes an Incredible shared experience for families.

The Village of Park Forest has offered the Society a seventh \$5000 Matching Grant Challenge.

We can apply Memberships, funds raised through the sale of items in our museum or online stores, visitors admission donations, and outright donations, **like your contribution to this annual fund appeal.**

If you have not joined or renewed your membership, yet, please do. We need continuing support to carry out the work we do. **Members get one free visit to the museum, so remember to come and bring a friend. Visit Christmas, Valentines, Easter and 70th Anniversary exhibits! Talk us up to friends and neighbors!**

Visit the museum and online stores for **Holiday gift ideas**. We have **Marshall Field's Park Forest Store bricks, Annabelle Gould prints (shown above), postcards, buttons & more.**

Consider making your donation online via our **"Donate"** button at www.parkforesthistory.org. Include a memo "Annual Fund". **Thank you to those who have made Benefactor donations to the Museum and Archive! We appreciate everyone's help in meeting the Matching Grant in past years, and your financial support which made moving the museum possible! Now we need to keep it open!**

Help keep Park Forest History alive. Volunteer, Give, Promote!

Please include the Park Forest Historical Society in your year-end giving.

YES! I want to support the mission of the Park Forest Historical Society.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

Name_____

Address_____ email: _____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____ Phone_____

Business name (if Business Donation)_____

Your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

Please consider the following:

____\$400 (One month's Museum rent); ____\$225 (One month's Archive rent). Other_____

Gifts may also be made in honor of or in memory of an individual.

Make checks payable to the "Park Forest Historical Society", 227 Monee Road, Park Forest, IL 60466

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****Please note this gift is separate from your annual membership****