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## "Capture the Spirit", YouTube, Beginning November 13, 2022

### PFHS Board 2022-2023

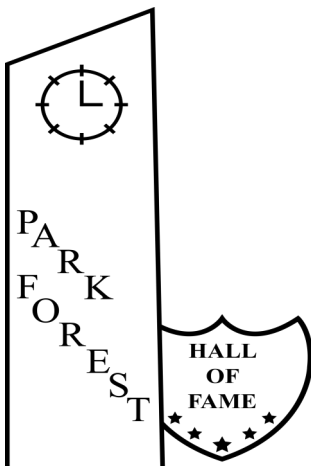
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Sunday, November 13, 2022, 2:30 p.m. we will launch a Park Forest promotional film, "Capture the Spirit" on the Park Forest Historical Society YouTube channel. In October we launched, "Park Forest A Special Place to Live." These two join the growing number of past panel discussions and Hall of Fame ceremonies from 2020, 2021 and 2022 we have launched to educate people about Park Forest.

These will be posted indefinitely like our other video programs. Tune in to "Park Forest Historical Society" YouTube Channel to watch.

### Interested in helping preserve Park Forest History?

We are looking for volunteers to show the museum, to help the board, and to work on the Archive collection.  
Contact Jane Nicoll, 708-481-4252, or via email on the website, [parkforesthistor.org](http://parkforesthistor.org).



### WELCOME NEW SOCIETY PRESIDENT, CHRIS JANOTA

At our October 2022 meeting, Chris Janota became our ninth President. He was a resident of Park Forest early in life. His grandparents had lived here since 1952 and made many contributions to the village.

Chris is the grandson of Ray and Deloris Janota. Ray was the first teacher hired at Rich Township High and chose the school colors. Deloris established the speech pathology program for District 163. His father is Bill Janota.

Chris contacted us to join the board as a tribute to his grandparents' love for Park Forest and was surprised to learn Ray had been an early and longtime member of the board and had designed the Hall of Fame logo. Chris is our first descendant of a former board member to serve.

Chris received an economics degree from Northern Illinois University and is the founder and President of Envoy Wealth Management in Crown Point, Indiana. He and wife Megan reside in Northwest Indiana.

In June 2022 his accomplishments were recognized by InvestmentNews, which nominated Chris into their Top 40 Under 40 Award for 2022.

The board appreciates Chris for his business acumen, his experience handling things financial and for his willingness to take on any task he has been asked to do. He has inherited the kindness and sense of humor we knew with Ray and Deloris, who were longtime active members and volunteers for the Society.

Chris has been the one who has taken PFHS into the YouTube realm and has labored long and hard to get our programs launched.

With a President who is the same age as the Society, we are excited to see what the future holds.



## In My Own Little Corner

By Jane Nicoll

**Be sure to visit our “Step Back into a 1950s Christmas” exhibit this year!**

Halloween is up through November 7, 2022. “Step Back into a 1950s Christmas” is November 29, 2022 to January 4, 2023. The museum will be closed Saturday November 26, thought the display should be up by then. We include a Hanukkah display.

Find the Christmas/Hanukkah exhibit flier enclosed. Be sure to post it somewhere and share it with friends.

Read about the makers of our C. Sincere Black Forest Green Christmas tree at [www.TheAluminumForest.com](http://www.TheAluminumForest.com) by Kelly McClure. Photos of our tree and of the unique storage boxes, which are quite rare, are featured.

### **PARK FOREST HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED**

until December 31, 2022. The official form, which **must** accompany nominations, is available at the 1950s Park Forest House Museum, when it's open, at the Archive, 227 Monee Road on Friday 10-12, in the Village Hall lobby, at the Park Forest Public Library, or on the website at [parkforesthistory.org](http://parkforesthistory.org).

**We are not mailing the form to all this year.**

**If you can not get it off the computer, let us know and we will send one out.**

Nominations may be mailed or delivered in person to 227 Monee Road.

To be eligible for the Hall of Fame, persons nominated must have made substantial, beneficial, and consistent contributions to the life and well being of Park Forest over a considerable span of time.

Nominees may now live elsewhere, or be deceased. Individuals or couples may be nominated. The person making the nomination does not have to live in

Park Forest, or be a member of the society.

Persons may only make one nomination each year.

Separate sheets indicating why the person is being nominated, and in convincing and thorough detail, describing the nominee's qualifications and contributions which fit the criteria must be attached to the required nomination form. A list of those already in the Hall of Fame is on the reverse of the form or on the website.

Inductees will be chosen by the Park Forest Historical Society, and announced early in 2023.

**The induction ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, April 16, 2023. It may be in person at Freedom Hall, or it may be videotaped and aired on YouTube**



**Have you renewed your membership or Joined for the first time yet? You can find the membership form on our website and can join via PayPal. Thanks to those who have!**

**“Remembering Rich East” Video is for sale at the museum for \$20.**

**Yay Green! Yay Gold! Yay Team, Let's Go!!!!**

**We sell it as a DVD and hopefully will have it on thumbdrives to sell for Holiday Gift giving.**

**We sell several books on Park Forest, or which mention it, postcards, buttons, Marshall Field's Park Forest Store bricks and 11" x 17" prints of the Holiday Theatre.**

**Visit the museum store or our online store.**