

**The White Lake Historian**  
**A newsletter of the White Lake Area Historical Society**  
**(of Montague and Whitehall)**

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**President Letter**

Welcome to 2024! After an amazingly short winter WLAHS is kicking off our season by welcoming back the History Days students under the guidance of long-term coach Jan Klco. This year all the 13 - member teams (with 6 first-time presenters) are moving on to a state level competition on April 20 which will occur two days after our April meeting on April 18. Good luck!!!

The past month has been one which included three changes in the schedule which had initially been set in place March 6. As of March 29, there have been three changes to the schedule due to scheduling changes for those who were to present at the meetings, thus resulting in three revisions to this newsletter (and many more gray hairs!) for which I am very sorry! Please accept my apology and plea for your forgiveness.

Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7 pm from April through October

\*\*If you are unable to bring your own lawn chairs for outdoor meetings, we will have some extra ones for those who desire to borrow one for the evening.

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS FOR FUTURE  
MEETINGS!! SEE ANY BOARD MEMBER TO PASS  
THEM ON

## Treasurer's Report (Balances as of March 2024)

Ending Checking Balance	\$ 4198.82
Certificate of Deposit	\$10900.65
Cash on hand	\$ 0.0
Memorial Fund	\$ 1488.01
Balance	\$16587.48

## Membership Report

* Active members (members that pay individual or family dues every year)	103
Life individual members	22
Life family members	33
Total members	158

\* NOTE: of the 103 active members 32 have not paid dues for the past three years. These members will be sent a notification asking if they would like to continue their membership or be dropped from the membership roll.

## Local History Resources Online

On Facebook, check out (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/265338307291906/>) "Remembering White Lake History". Join us and add your memories of things that happened in the area and share your pictures, too.

There is also a link for digitized newspapers available at the White Lake Community Library. You can search online or go to the library in person to get computer access. It is easy to search with keywords and dates and most of the past local newspapers we've had in our area dating back to 1874. <https://www.wlclib.org/Reference/digitized-newspapers>

Jerry Grady is doing a terrific job and continues to work on enhancing old photographs from the Montague Museum collection. Check out <http://localhistorygallery.com/> and see what he has been working on.

Tom Lohman, Membership & Corresponding Secretary of the WLAHS maintains their website at <http://www.whitelakeareahistoricalociety.com/> This site posts many youtube videos from former meetings, filmed by Oscar Osbo. If you would like Oscar's help with a digital transfer of old videotapes or movies to DVD format, with photo touch-ups, or with online projects, he can be contacted as 231-288-3580 or at [Oscar@whitelakemedia.com](mailto:Oscar@whitelakemedia.com) .

### Clip and Save Schedule for 2024

April 18 (at the White Lake Sr. Center on Ferry St.) Students' History Days will include Individual Performances, Documentary, Web Design, and Exhibits. The Senior Center will allow ample display areas for all students' presentations.

May 16 (at the White Lake Sr. Center). Come and explore the work of the Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association, learn about the four lighthouses in Western Michigan, and lighthouse keeping.

June 20 (Montague Cemetery). Check out the building restoration project and learn the history of some of Montague's "Memorable".  
**\*\* BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS IF ABLE.**

July 18 (Big John's Pizza). "From Gas Station to Pizza Station" with Neil and Amy Martel (plus surprise guest(s)??) as we say farewell to a long-time fixture in our community. Deck seating MAY be available, but **\*\*BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS IF ABLE**

August 15 "Lois Ekstrand: An Extraordinary Woman". On her birthday we celebrate this loving woman with the big heart. Your memories are invited! LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.

September 17 Saddle up for a trip down Memory Lane to the "Back Forty" at the Double JJ Ranch in Rothbury. Watch for specific details coming prior to our evening. **\*\* BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS IF ABLE.**

October 17 Discover the beauty and mystery of some of the White Lake Area sculptures as we meet again at the White Lake Sr. Center.

### White Lake Area Historical Society Membership Application / Renewal Form

<http://www.whitelakeareahistorical.com/>

Please enroll the person / family name(s) listed below in the White Lake Area Historical Society for the type of membership marked below. Enclosed is a check for the appropriate annual dues or lifetime membership as indicated below, send with the understanding that the member / family is entitled to all benefits, rights, and privileges of membership. Annual dues are calculated on a calendar year without pro rating. (January through December)

New Membership     Renew Membership     Visitor     Address Change

(Please print plainly)

Name (last): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (first): \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership Dues (please check appropriate type(s))

Annual Individual . . . . \$10.00

Annual Family . . . . \$15.00

Lifetime Individual . . \$150.00

Lifetime Family . . . . \$200.00

Additional Donation \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Spouse and children receive the same benefits, rights and privileges of membership when the appropriate family rate is paid. Children must be the legal dependents(s) of the above-named member.

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