

January Newsletter
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Valentine Potluck! Silent Movie!

It's time for our annual Valentine's potluck! The past few Februarys the Society has hosted a potluck/silent film showing. We've already enjoyed Keaton's "The General," Chaplin's "City Lights" and "The Kid," and last year Douglas Fairbanks Sr.'s "The Mark of Zorro." Now it's time for another classic. Although there had been sound in featured shorts, the first true talking picture was 1927's "The Jazz Singer." Its leading man, Al Jolson, was, in the early 20s, as big an international star as perhaps Michael Jackson. Although many know of the film, it is remarkable how few have seen this great story. We have obtained a wonderfully restored copy of the film that changed the future of cinema, the "first movie heard around the world." "You ain't heard nothin' yet!" until you've heard, and seen, this one.

Join us and our rolldown silver screen! Free popcorn!

When: Tuesday, February 7
@ 6:00 p.m. (movie at 7)

Where: the Depot

Bring a dish to pass, a serving utensil, your own plates and tableware. We will supply coffee, tea, cups, and napkins plus microwaves if needed. BYOB is you prefer something a little stronger.

And, in keeping with the tradition of many previous years, instead of a ticket price we ask everyone to bring a Valentine card or two, either signed personally or from "A Secret Admirer" as the entrance fee. We will have a decorated box at the door to collect them. They will later be distributed to shut-ins or the elderly who may not receive one, and are always deeply appreciated.

MUSEUM & STORE HOURS IN FEBRUARY

The museum will be closed the rest of January and in February, but the side office door remains, as always, open between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tues-Sat. for those who need to conduct Society business or make a store purchase.

ANNUAL DUES RETURN

Payments for the 2012 membership year are arriving steadily. Thanks to those who have done so. Annual and Ralph Hamilton Circle members who have yet to send in their dues, please do so as soon as possible. If we have not heard from you in over one year, your name will be taken off the mailing list. We don't want you to miss anything of importance that your Society is doing.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Exhibit chair Karen Lewis is looking for a few more vintage toys to fill in our new exhibit. If you have anything you can donate or loan for a year, please call her at 547-9743. . . . We have finally taken possession of the complete second floor of the Harsha House with the vacancy of the last apartment. Doing so frees up much needed space for storage and preservation, reachable from an interior back stairway long blocked off near the office. This allows us to now lock the apartment entry door on the front porch for further security. . . . Mark your calendars! Our line-up of programs this year has been pretty much decided upon. On March 6, museum co-director Steve Goslee will present an illustrated history of "Winter Sports in Charlevoix" at the Depot. April 3--TBA. On May 1, your editor will present an illustrated "History of Round Lake" at the Charlevoix Public Library Community Room. On June 5, Norwood resident and Native-American history expert Chuck Cleland will present a program based upon his recent book on Indian treaties—at the Depot.

The Society welcomes new members: *Bradley L. Jones, Barbara L. Woolcott,*
David & Peggy Gallinat

Donations (unrestricted) received in December from: *Sylvia Burns, Sally Suomela,*
Virginia Ewing, Dale & Diane Herder, Carolyn Murasky, Richard Weidinger

Donation in memory of Neil Suomela received in December from: *Mary Toomey*

Donation in memory of Frances Kohler received in December from: *Jeannine Wallace*

Donation for lighthouse restoration in memory of Frances Kohler received in December
from: *Thomas & Jean Ann Beyer*