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Mackinac Island

“MAKING A DIFFERENCE”

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Community Foundation



May 2016

Spring is here! Let the season begin!

The long awaited melting of the snow is complete. We are in the midst of our spring grant cycle and many requests have come in. This is also the time when we consider scholarship grants. I want to thank all of the people that volunteer to work on our various committees. Without them and their dedication the work of the Board would be much more challenging. The island is

abuzz with workers preparing our beautiful isle for the upcoming season. It is always a treat to watch this metamorphosis happen. The other joy is seeing many friends return and meeting new people that are here to work for the season.

We look forward to seeing all of you on the island this year and encourage you to stop in and visit so we can thank you

in person for helping the Foundation to truly “Make a Difference” on Mackinac Island.

Robin and Stephanie

SAVE THE DATE

Community Celebration
Cookout

June 8, 5:00—6:30

Great Turtle Park

What’s New(s)

The Board of Trustees are gearing up for another year of “Making a Difference” on our fair isle. A project from our strategic planning meeting in 2014 was to develop a plan to get a year round day care facility on the island. That is moving forward slowly as it is a real challenge and involves many people and organizations.

The Michilimackiac Historical Society in conjunction with Fort De Baude is preparing a venue on Market Street to highlight the first peoples of the area and their contributions to the island. Check it out after June 1.

The Mackinac Arts Council has many fine programs planned for the upcoming season and I hope you are able to participate.



Summer Concert Series

We have a wonderful series of music planned for the summer. All concerts will be held at Ste. Anne’s Catholic Church at 2 PM.

June 26 - Carolyn May and Paul Bedour

July 10 - Roger Humphrey

July 31 - TBA

August 7 - Northern Michigan Flute Quintet

August 28 - John Kissane

I hope you will join us for some fine music.

Making a Difference Now and In the Future

YAC Update

We bid farewell to the three seniors in our YAC:

Tyler Pereny, Sarah Simpson and Molly Tokarz.

Their leadership and hard work is greatly appreciated and will be missed. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

The YAC, this past year, has worked hard volunteering for various events on the island especially the Meals on Snowmobiles program. This spring they held a formal dinner that they had to organize from A to Z and then serve. They raised money for the Youth Fund held by the foundation.

On April 29th the youth who have served at least three years took a trip to Chicago. While there they spent a day working in a food pantry/soup kitchen on the North side. They witnessed first hand the human condition that most homeless face. They also spent time exploring the city and got to attend a Blue Man Group performance. This is a trip we plan every three years.

With much heart felt gratitude and sadness we wish to thank Lynda Hepker and Chelsea Berkshire for being wonderful leaders and counselors to the YAC for the past seven and five years. They has developed a great program and have volunteered countless hours to help our youth learn about volunteerism and philanthropy, and increase their awareness of community.

We also take this time to welcome Lisa Dziobak and Allison Sehoyen as our new YAC leadership team. They are looking forward to this role and working with our island youth.



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