

TO OUR TREASURED MEMBERS,

It is that time of year again when we ask you to renew your membership. The Museum is a not-for-profit, 501c3 organization, financed through membership dues, gifts and bequests. Your annual dues help immensely with the projects and plans during the year.

As always, we invite you to stop into the museum, have a cup of coffee, view our numerous displays, work on your family tree or check out our book sale. We are always looking for historical artifacts, family histories, and vintage photos of the people, cities, businesses, organizations, railroads, and landmarks in Marshall County. We developed a wall of large city maps and we are looking for additional vintage city maps.

The year 2013 was a busy one for us. Caring for our artifacts, giving museum tours and preparing the newsletter are regular activities handled by our volunteers. We revised many of our displays and assisted visitors with tours and genealogical research. To advertise and promote our historical work and our sponsors, we appeared throughout the county at meetings of various groups, clubs, and events, such as the Henry and Lacon Expo.

We invite you to join us at the annual Marshall County Historical Society Banquet on April 26, 6:00 pm, at the Legion Hall in Lacon. Following a wonderful dinner will be a program on the Railroads of Marshall Country. More information about the banquet will be sent to you in the next few weeks.

Other future events include our annual pie sale in October; and special decorations and displays during Old Settler's, Christmas and other holidays throughout the year.

For more information check our newsletter or website at www.marshallcountyhistory.org

We hope you will take a few minutes and renew your membership. We value all of our members and hope you will continue to support this great organization.

Please send your affiliate membership of \$25/ \$50/(\$100)to Marshall County Historical Society PO Box 123, Lacon, IL 61540.

If you are not receiving our online newsletter in full color, please send us your current email address. If you have already renewed your membership we thank you for your support.

The Membership Committee: Larry Leighty, Chairman John Wabel Rita Simpkins Bev Meils