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### Membership Category

Individual \$ 20.00

Family \$ 40.00

Contributor \$ 75.00

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Corporate \$ 50.00

Our membership year begins in September.

☐ Enclosed is a check made payable to:  
"Park Forest Historical Society"

Mail to: **Park Forest Historical Society**  
**400 Lakewood Blvd.**  
**Park Forest, IL 60466-1619**

☐ Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

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## We Want You to Volunteer

We are welcoming new docents/ tour guides to help keep the 1950s Park Forest House Museum open ten hours every week. Sharing the museum is fun and furthers one of our most important missions--educating people about Park Forest's special place in the history of suburbia. Museum hours are 10:30 to 3:30 Wednesday and Saturday-- divided into two shifts each day. Docents/ guides are needed who are willing to open the museum on short notice on other days, or to help with group tours. We have four Rich East Class Reunion tours scheduled through September. They are a great time for them and us! We need at least 4 volunteers per tour.

**Volunteers are needed to work with the Archive collection. There are a variety of jobs.** Several require typing, but some do not. People with good handwriting can record numbers on collection items. If you have some time to pitch in and help us get the collection ready for grants we have applied for, contact us for more information.

**A retired teacher willing to work with existing curriculum is needed to adapt it so we can offer a series of classes to Homeschooling families.**

**We need help with Society events and promotion--manning tables at public events, distributing brochures, helping put together mailings to special interest groups we think would like group tours, and more.** Very few people are doing a lot of work on this now, but chances to promote the group are lost due to lack of enough hands to take advantage of them. "Many hands make short work."

**Interested in volunteering at the museum, Archive Office, or helping promote the Society? Contact Jane Nicoll at 708-481-4252, or through email links on the website at [parkforesthistor.org](http://parkforesthistor.org). Read more about our volunteer opportunities there, too.**

## New Volunteer Coordinator for PFHS

The Society is happy to announce Board member, Linda Daniels has taken on the job of Volunteer Coordinator. On May 27 she held a meeting for volunteers to meet and share ideas. Another meeting is being planned for early fall. Linda is doing a great job and has already trained three new docents. Linda is now calling to do scheduling, and is offering the opportunity of scheduling regular shifts each month if you prefer that. Hats off to Linda for taking this job! Thank you to Beverley Sailer who called docents for the past year

## In My Own Little Corner By Jane Nicoll

I have been busy writing grants this winter and spring. We have applied to:

- Institute of Museum and Library Services Museums for America Grant trying to get PastPerfect Collections Maintenance Software and an additional computer to run it on.
- CAPS Program--Collections Assessment Program. We have to try again next year if we don't get the PAG.
- NEH Preservation Assistance Grant (PAG) to hire a conservator to evaluate the archive collection and environment and make recommendations to improve our Long Range Plan of Collections Care. This is a stepping stone to other grants.
- Illinois State Historic Records Administration Board (ISHRAB) asking for a new large format scanner and OCR software to begin scanning early Park Forest newspapers, including the first years of the Park For-

est Reporter, Park Forest News, and The Park Forest View. The goal would be to get the newspapers on our project, "Park Forest: An Illinois Planned Community" on Illinois Digital Archives. Check out IDA through our website. We already have sales brochures, photos, articles and 26 oral histories there.

- Village of Park Forest for continuing support of our mission to Save Park Forest History.

I have taken advantage of several free webinar courses on Disaster Plan Writing, Disaster Recovery, Digitization, & Preservation and Care of Photographs.

These were each series of 4 or 5-1.5 hour classes,

online, offered by the Heritage Preservation Agency. I added to my disaster training by attending a Burn Recovery Workshop given by ICPN at the Illinois Fire Training Institute, where we learned how fire behaves, watched library and museum collection materials being burned by firemen, then went in and recovered them. We all learned a great deal about what happens to storage, packing, and collections in the heat, flames and water. On April 19, I went to Indianapolis for Midwest Archives Conference meetings on Digital Projects, and a presentation by our neighbors, Calumet Heritage Partnership. I always come back with new ideas.

On April 25, we held our first Preservation Week event at the Park Forest Public Library. We showed off many of the books on Park Forest and regional history, oral history transcripts (which are at the library behind the Information Station desk), and offered printouts and booklets on caring for your own collections of family history, along with a list of helpful websites. We featured our free, 14-page publication, "Park Forest History Resources Held by the Park Forest Public Library and the Park Forest Historical Society." Look for copies at the Village Hall, library, museum and Archive Office. We hope everyone will pick up a copy and begin to read some of the oral history transcripts, look at the 270 subject files at the library, and visit the archive to learn more about our history.

Volunteers are making progress documenting the archive collection electronically and on paper. If you have been waiting for me to call you in to be given a volunteer assignment, I hope you can see that I have been busy trying to get funding and equipment for the projects we need to do. I should be calling soon to get you started on jobs!

On June 6, we hosted the Local History Group South of Chicago, for a quick tour of the museum and Archive Office, featuring many of the ways we have celebrated anniversaries in town. Anniversary Celebrations was the subject of the meeting.

Please join us on Sunday, June 23 at 2:30 p.m. in Village Hall for our special program on "History of Hollymatic Corporation" given by great-grandson of Harry Holly, Bob Chura.



**Archive volunteer Bob Stock is sorting and describing Marshall Field's blueprints,**



**The plans arrived, some rolled in bags, some just loose and crumpled. Bob, who was a mechanical engineer, is able to read the plans and record what they show.**

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Park Forest Hall of Fame members who attended the induction of the Class of 2013 gather for a photo

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