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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: July 6, 2015

MEMO TO: Craig Taylor, Chair
Education Cultural Resources and Public Affairs Committee

FROM: James E. Ballowe, Director
Finance

SUBJECT: Approve and Accept Donations to the Lake County Discovery Museum's Historic Collections

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and accept donations to the Lake County Discovery Museum's historic collections.

BACKGROUND: The Lake County Discovery Museum collects material representing the exploration, settlement and development of Lake County, Illinois. The majority of the museum's historic collections were acquired by the County of Lake from the privately run Lake County Museum of History in 1965 for the purpose of preserving and maintaining the cultural history of Lake County. These collections were officially transferred to the Lake County Forest Preserve District in 1989.

The museum is frequently offered donations by members of the general public. Each donation is considered against criteria that were approved by the Board in 2009 as part of the museum's collection policies. Donations that do not meet the approved criteria are declined.

The donations listed on the attached sheet are being recommended by staff for acceptance into the museum's historic collections.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Committee approval is requested.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Superintendent of Facilities and Events

FINANCIAL DATA: There is no financial impact associated with accepting these donations.

PRESENTER: James E. Ballowe

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APPROVED:

	YEA	NAY
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Chuck Bartels		
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Audrey Nixon		
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Nick Sauer		
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Brent Paxton		
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Jeff Werfel		

RECOMMENDED DONATIONS

Education, Cultural Resources and Public Affairs Committee: July 2015

The following items have been recommended for acceptance into the Museum's permanent collection by the Collections Committee. The items have been evaluated for relevance to the museum's collecting scope and mission, condition, provenance, research and exhibition value, and the museum's ability to store and care for the items.

Adlai E. Stevenson materials:

1. Adlai E. Stevenson, II, Comic Book, ca. 1950s
2. Red cooler, from the 1956 Democratic National Convention in Chicago
3. Binder of Stevenson II materials, including Public Service Award to Dawn Netsch; Photographs of Stevenson II at his Farm along with invitation to the "Autumn Cocktail Party" event; Silk sash "Stevenson II for Governor"
4. Stevenson II Bumper stickers (two); Mail-in postcards; Volunteer information pamphlet; Candidates pamphlet; Issues pamphlet.

Fort Sheridan materials:

1. Black and white aerial view of Fort Sheridan, ca. 1960
2. Poster, "We Support Our Men & Women in Operation Desert Storm," ca. 1990s.
The poster belonged to a former Fort Sheridan military family. The only Desert Storm item in the collections is Schwarzkopf boots, made in 1990, and on display in the "County Store" exhibit. The poster is complementary to the boots; there are multiple items from every other war/conflict, and more representation for Desert Storm is needed.
3. Fort Sheridan golf course plaque commemorating the course's construction and Colonel Ralph E. Doty, 1955.

Lake County materials:

1. Framed, handwritten list of provisions passengers were expected to bring on the cross-Atlantic ship from Scotland in 1840s (used by Thomas Wilson family of Kilsyth, Scotland); one trunk made by Thomas Wilson and brought with him from Scotland. Wilson was a carpenter by trade and the trunk holds his woodworking tools, which he used to help rebuild Chicago after the Fire of 1871; and framed family photo.
2. Framed, aerial photograph of the Hart Farm in Volo, IL, ca. 1955.
3. Framed, aerial photograph of the Hough Company, Libertyville, IL, ca. 1975, displayed in plant manager's office.
4. Two dresses worn by Marjorie Marshall of Highland Park to the President Nixon inaugural festivities in Washington, D.C., 1969-1970. One of the events was a pre-inaugural party for "Distinguished Ladies," hosted by Pat Nixon and Judy Agnew at the National Gallery of Art. Mrs. Marshall's husband, Irl H. Marshall, was the founder of Duraclean, and a prominent Republican Party booster.
5. Three hats made by Deerfield milliner "Lyla," ca. 1940s-1950s.
6. Black and white photograph of Ray Meyer, Sr. and his son feeding hogs milk during the 1940 milk strike (Lake Zurich); black and white photograph of Mrs. Del Carroll leading horses in fire drill at Arlington Farms, Libertyville, 1948.
7. Seven color photographs of the Lake County Courthouse's construction, 1965.