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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: October 31, 2016
TO: Craig Taylor, Chair
Education, Cultural Resources and Public Affairs
FROM: Nan Buckardt
Director of Education

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a motion to accept new donations to the Lake County Discovery Museum’s historic collections listed on the attached Acquisitions Inventory.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Communication, Education, and Outreach

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

BACKGROUND: The Lake County Discovery Museum “collects material culture representing the people, places, and events of Lake County, Illinois” (Collections Policies, Scope of Collections, p. 4). The majority of the Museum’s historic collection were acquired by the County of Lake from the privately run Lake County Museum of History in 1965 for the purpose of “preserv(ing) and maintain(ing) for future generations the cultural history of Lake County” (Resolution No. 24, dated October 12, 1965). 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 established criteria stated in the Museum’s collections policies. Donations that do not meet these criteria are declined. Since July 2015 the museum has received 49 donation inquiries of which 30 were declined. Examples of declined donations included a shipwreck remnant found on a beach near North Chicago (the Museum is unable to store, preserve or maintain this item) and Native American stone points that were collected in the West (the items do not have a direct relationship to Lake County, IL).

The donations listed on the attached Acquisitions Inventory are being recommended by staff for acceptance into the museum’s historic collections, because they are material culture representing the people, places, and events of Lake County, Illinois.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer, Superintendent of Educational Facilities.

PRESENTER: Nan Buckardt

APPROVED:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes:____ Nays:____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays:____

**Lake County Discovery Museum
Acquisitions Inventory
October 31, 2016**

Item Description
Woodmen of America ledger for Russell, Illinois Chapter, 1897
U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps cape, St. Therese Hospital, 1945 worn by Jacqueline Gurske Cook
Lake County postcards (3) Hawthorn Mellody Farms Dairy horse drawn wagon (panoramic) Man-on-the-Farm WLS Radio broadcast Libertyville Eddie Zalad's restaurant, Route 173
Cold War era U.S. Army uniform (circa 1957) worn by George Marriott of Highland Park, enlisted at Fort Sheridan
Fort Sheridan souvenir pillow cases, 1920s-1930s
5 th Army Fort Sheridan military police bulletins (2), 1967
Fort Sheridan real property records: ledger book pages, film negatives, photos
Lake County Rifles (Semi-pro football team) signed football, 1965
Blue Lantern Restaurant, Antioch, photo, circa 1935
Student Army Training Corps at Fort Sheridan, panoramic photos (2), 1918
Archaeological artifacts from Knowles Road Site 11-L-372 Warren Township: Native American stone points post-settlement clay pipe fragments Civil War uniform buttons and belt buckle settler's house metal hinges
Zion Hotel, color slide, circa 1978
Waukegan Harbor history, report and government records, 1909 – 1985
Lake County Board photographs (4), 1946 – 1990
Hotel Moraine-on-the-Lake cup and plate, circa 1930
Hawthorn Mellody Dairy Farm horse drawn wagon souvenir toy, circa 1950
Chicago & Northwestern Railroad aerial and commuter photos (21), 1968 and 1970