



Hello Historical Society Members,

Like all individuals and organizations, the LSHS and Museum finds itself facing a challenge like no other in our lifetime. The COVID-19 crisis is one that threatens both our physical and financial lives.

No one knows for sure how long we will need to maintain social distancing and keep our doors closed. In response to this threat we took action to close the museum effective March 13. We will not re-open until we feel certain that it is safe for our volunteers and visitors to again tour our museum together.

At this point we also know that the dramatic impact of COVID-19 on our economy will have a major impact on our finances. As a result, the Board of Directors will be taking steps to reduce our expenditures to the bare minimum and explore opportunities to continue receiving a revenue stream.

We currently receive approximately one-third of our revenue directly from membership fees. You, our members, are also the source of a significant portion of gifts to the Historical Society and Museum. Therefore, your continued support is essential to ensure we can re-open our doors when this crisis passes.

Thank you for all you do to insure Lee's Summit has a quality museum to share the stories, artifacts, and aspirations of our community. We look forward to the time we can again gather together to learn about and celebrate Lee's Summit. In the meantime, we vow to increase our communications with you to let you know of our continued progress and challenges.

Fred Grogan
Chair HSL Board



As Fred mentioned, we plan to continue to communicate with all members during this coronavirus pandemic. Stephanie Leary does an excellent job of communicating to all with frequent updates on Facebook. Our thanks to Stephanie and a reminder to all to check [Facebook](#) for updates (no account needed to view).



Another reminder during this time, you can order items on Amazon Smile just like on Amazon. Amazon Smile allows you to designate the Historical Society of Lee's Summit as a not-for-profit organization you support. You can place an order on [Amazon Smile](#) and Amazon will make a donation to the History Museum in recognition of your order.



LONGVIEW

A recent donation has been added to the Longview Exhibit. Pictured here is a unique aluminum token imprinted with "1 Quart Milk Longview Farm," along with cardboard caps to seal the bottle tops. Our thanks to Scott Wehner for this donation. We love receiving donations to continue to enhance our exhibits.



LEE'S SUMMIT AT WAR

The new window scrim for the Lee's Summit at War Exhibit has been hung in the museum and it looks great! Work continues on this exhibit with completion still planned in the next few weeks.

Our April 3rd membership meeting had to be cancelled and the speaker has been postponed until next year. Other upcoming events in April will be delayed until we can reopen the museum.

In April we had planned to schedule a celebration for the 5th Anniversary of the History Museum in our current location. That celebration and our thank you to IDA matching grant contributors will be scheduled for a future date.



We plan to participate in recognizing our active military families this summer by participating in the Blue Star program. This designation for the History Museum means active military and their families can visit the museum free from May 16th through Sept 7th this year. We are pleased to honor our active military in this way.



National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 19th through 25th. We will not be in the museum that week, but we appreciate and are thankful for all our volunteers EVERY week.

Please continue to take precautions to keep yourself safe and healthy. We look forward to meeting again at the museum before too long.

Sue Hart
Membership/Volunteer Chair



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