



Preserving Our Past Enriches Our Future

Dear Friend of South Haven,

I usually start this Membership Drive letter by listing all of the events that are coming up for the current season, but things have changed this year. To describe it as an exceptional year would be an understatement. The Covid 19 virus has changed all of our lives. The Historical Association of South Haven's offices have been closed since March 13, 2020 and will reopen as soon as we feel that being in our building no longer poses a health threat. We have also cancelled our event season for 2020 and the base ball team has retired for the year. Nevertheless, we are still answering our voice mails and emails and shipping out items purchased on our website. We continue to remove graffiti from the lighthouse and, thanks to our members, we are paying our bills on time.

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We are following the example of the men and women of South Haven who settled, built and prospered over the years in this town by getting up each day and doing our part to help ourselves, our families and our neighbors make the best of the hand we have been dealt. At the Historical Association, we are still engaged in accumulating the stories and photos chronicling the history of our forebears efforts in good times and bad that give us inspiration and hope. Knowing our history makes us whole. Preserving our history is the Association's mission. **All of you, as members of the Historical Association, make it possible.**

In light of the financial burden that the pandemic has caused us, some more than others, the Historical Association is extending the memberships of all existing members at no cost for 2020. Your Association has the funds to see it through this year and we will count on you to renew your membership once again in 2021. We plan to have an exciting coming year.

Of course, if you are able to make a donation, it would be appreciated and make paying our bills a bit less painful. We are a 501(c) (3) corporation which allows your donation to be deducted from your taxes. There is a remittance envelope enclosed. If we do not have your email address, please be sure to fill in that space on the envelope so you will get our updates.

Thank you and stay safe,

Jim Ollgaard
President and Executive Director