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WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Explore the Wauconda Township Historical Society! It exists for the preservation and study of the history and genealogy of Wauconda Township in Lake County, Illinois. Wauconda Township forms the southwestern corner of Lake County and includes the communities of Wauconda, Volo, Lakemoor, Port Barrington, Lake Barrington, and the eastern portion of Island Lake, Illinois.

We are fortunate that Wauconda is the unexpected setting for a hidden historical gem. In 1850, Andrew and Mary Cook built the first brick home in this area which still stands today at 711 N. Main Street. Over many years, dedicated volunteers have realized the importance of preserving this home and the rich history it brings to our township. In 1992 The Illinois State Historical Society designated the Cook House a historic site.

The Cook House has weathered 165 years of social and environmental change. Appreciating that, current members of the Historical Society collaborated with the Township to undertake a revitalization of the museum. This was the beginning of a wonderful community partnership with the Township and WTHS volunteers, working together, to begin to refresh the Cook House and set in motion much needed repairs and interior restoration. On August 23rd we will celebrate our one year mark continuing the WTHS mission to return and operate the building as a historic house museum.

Most importantly, a handful of dedicated volunteers worked for months to sort out our collection and to preserve and collect artifacts of Wauconda Township. Since then, over 2,000 antiquities have been inventoried allowing us to catalogue the collection and change displays of township items of cultural or historic interest for future visitors.

The house now showcases the history of the Cook Family and their lifestyle in a farmhouse of that period, but also serves to house the displays of many original artifacts of the township communities from years past. The Cook House is open and active again, welcoming visitors, providing a venue for all to see these heirlooms and to learn about the history of our Township. (See enclosed Events & Open House Schedule)

With all of that said The Cook House is still a work in progress and needs your help to preserve your local history!

PLEASE RENEW OR BECOME A NEW MEMBER!

As a nonprofit organization, your membership fee helps to secure the preservation of the heritage of a unique community. It specifically supports our preservation, restoration efforts and educational programs. It will ensure that the Wauconda Township Historical Society can continue to engage, educate and enrich visitors and our community.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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*Annual Memberships include notification of upcoming events, newsletters and the chance to actively participate in the continuing work of the preservation of your local history.

Individual \$15

Family \$25
(two or more family members at the same address)

Senior \$10 (65+)

Children \$5
(with a student ID)

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