

**2010**

**AQUATORIUM SOCIETY**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

July 24, 2010

Thank you for joining us at our 20<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society.

Enclosed you will find:

- ◇ A complete financial report.
- ◇ The nominees for our board for the coming year (and honorary board).
- ◇ A special thank you list.
- ◇ Report on RDA funding.

Our first event, on July 24, 1991, was held after volunteers reopened the Old Bathhouse to save it from the wrecking ball. That was just the beginning. Since then we have put on a new roof, rebuilt the second floor, created the Tuskegee wing, put in new sewers and sidewalks, erected statues of Octave Chanute and Tuskegee Airmen and that's just a few of the improvements we have made.

This year the interior south wall of the Tuskegee garden has been completed with a new "Gary" niche.

As you look around, you can see the improvements we have made. None of them would have happened without your support. We will continue to make improvements as funds become available.

With your continued support we are turning dreams into reality.

THANK YOU,

*The Society Board of Directors*

Don't forget our website, [aquatorium.org](http://aquatorium.org).

## OPEN BOOK POLICY

The Society is a 501(c)3 not for profit Corporation. Its books and records are open for inspection at 607 South Lake Street, Gary, IN. The following is a computation of funds raised over the years. The accounting firm of Swartz & Retson prepares yearly tax returns without charge to us. Returns have been filed through 2009.

### INCOME

1991	\$5,788	
1992	\$109,128	
1993	\$70,170	
1994	\$69,289	
1995	\$70,096	
1996	\$50,838	
1997	\$43,152	
1998	\$1,013,610	*
1999	\$270,194	
2000	\$38,757	
2001	\$29,227	
2002	\$32,929	
2003	\$53,202	
2004	\$35,120	
2005	\$41,818	
2006	\$45,094	
2007	\$39,646	
2008	\$55,966	
2009	\$51,989	
2010 (estimated)	<u>\$50,000</u>	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,176,013</b>
Federal Grant for sewer and sidewalk - Administered (1995) by Gary Sanitary District		<u>\$250,000</u>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2,426,013</b>

\* Casino funds of \$1,000,000 are in these figures.

## EXPENSES

Here is a rough breakdown of how the money has been spent:

1. New roof that replicated original roof (1993)	\$150,000
2. New top deck with rebuilt hand rails and balustrades (2002)	\$250,000
3. New sewer system and sidewalks (1995)	\$250,000
4. Create Tuskegee wing (1999)	\$800,000
5. Repair and rebuild damaged exterior and interior walls (continual)	\$400,000
6. Upgrade and re-electrolyze building (continual)	\$80,000
7. Exhibits and graphics (continual)	\$10,000
8. Cost of fund raising and administration	\$55,000
9. Sign and balusters in front (2004)	\$42,000
10. Statue of Octave Chanute & Tuskegee Airman (2003/2005)	\$75,000
11. New foyer (2005)	\$31,000
12. Reconstruction of cornice (2006)	\$40,000
13. New cloak room and food pre/storage (2006)	\$15,500
14. Rehabilitate northwest facade (2007)	\$15,000
15. Continuing maintenance	\$105,000
16. New roof and drains on northwest, southwest and southeast wings (2008)	\$23,000
17. New handrail systems (2008)	\$6,000
18. Chanute garden planning and construction (2009)	\$25,000
19. Rehab south wall of Tuskegee garden (2010)	<u>\$6,500</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,379,000</b>

## **2009 RDA MONEY REPORT**

The Regional Development Authority, a local unit of government, received an application from the Aquatorium Society in December of 2008, seeking \$300,000 for the west (Chanute) garden, \$600,000 for a museum space and \$100,000 for a warming kitchen.

The RDA is funded by casino revenues and local government.

In March of 2009, the City of Gary applied for a \$28,000,000 grant for Marquette Park, including the Society's application and an additional \$500,000 for the Aquatorium. The City and the Society then entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (a copy of which is attached). The RDA then approved the grant.

In theory this means construction will begin in the spring of 2010. We are cautiously optimistic that everything will work out as scheduled and we will have, at a minimum, a complete Chanute Courtyard to celebrate at our 2010 event.

We will keep you informed via our occasional newsletters.

## **2010 RDA MONEY REPORT**

Other than spending several \$100,000 on publicity, meetings, and the outline of a grand plan, the City of Gary has not moved one inch forward since last year to begin construction of the Aquatorium improvements.

Our position has moved from cautiously optimistic to "we'll believe when we see it".

# THANK YOU .....

- ◇ Mayor Rudy Clay and The Gary Park Department - for their continued support
- ◇ Money Muldrew - our master mason
- ◇ Swartz & Retson - for tax services each year
- ◇ Miller Garden Club - the garden looks great!
- ◇ Kidstuff Playsystems, Inc. - for donating the beer
- ◇ Joyce Davis – Lake Street Gallery – for the wonderful Annual Report cover
- ◇ Jan McLaughlin - our building manager
- ◇ Shannon Smith - maintenance
- ◇ Rose Smith - housekeeping
- ◇ Sue Rutsen - for keeping our computer base up to date
- ◇ Karen Kourlis - for giving our statues a bath once a year
- ◇ Pat Lee and Steve Spicer - who guide each of our projects to a successful conclusion, without pay.
- ◇ The participating restaurants:
  - Miller Pizza Co.
  - The Flamingo
  - Ming Ling
  - Miller Bakery Café
  - Ono's Pizza
  - Armans
  - Amoré
- ◇ Mike Sangerman for the music.
- ◇ The 500 plus members of The Society who make it all possible by attending our events, spreading the word and not complaining about bad jokes in the newsletter.....THANK YOU!

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**YOU, TOO, CAN HAVE AN AQUATORIUM EVENT**

## (IF YOU HURRY)

**Our rental manager is Jan McLaughlin. Jan schedules all rental dates. You can reach her at 219-938-1986.**

**Since becoming our manager on January 1, 2008, Jan has had more bookings then we've ever had before - she must be doing something right. All Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday were booked solid in 2010 from May through September. So call Jan now before all dates are booked up for 2011! Go to [Aquatorium.org](http://Aquatorium.org), click events, and see if the date you want is available. Then, if it is, call Jan.**

**The money we collect from rentals goes into a separate account and those funds are used for the day-to-day needs of the building. By creating this fund, we are insuring that the building will always be maintained.**

**During the 2011 construction season (if there is one), the upstairs and the Tuskegee Room should not be affected but the food prep area and amenities such as landscaping and parking may be.**