

**2007**

**AQUATORIUM SOCIETY**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

July 28, 2007

Thank you for joining us at our 17<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.

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, created the Tuskegee wing, put in new sewers and sidewalks, and that's just a few of the improvements we have made.

This year alone we built a new cloakroom and food prep room, added cold storage, had the Tuskegee room and doors repainted, upgraded the lighting, bought a commercial grade refrigerator, and hired a new manager.

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.

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

THANK YOU,

*The Society Board of Directors*

## 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 our yearly tax returns.

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	\$53,202.19
2004	\$35,120
2005	\$41,818
2006	\$45,094
2007 (estimated)	<u>\$40,000</u>
	<b>Subtotal</b>
	<b>\$2,018,417</b>
Federal Grant for sewer and sidewalk - Administered (1995) by Gary Sanitary District	<u>\$250,000</u>
	<b>Grand Total</b>
	<b>\$2,268,417</b>

\* Casino funds of \$1,00,000 are in these figures.

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

1. New roof that replicated original roof	\$150,000
2. New top deck with rebuilt hand rails and balustrades	\$250,000
3. New sewer system and sidewalks	\$250,000
4. Create Tuskegee wing	\$800,000
5. Repair and rebuild damaged exterior and interior walls	\$400,000
6. Upgrade and re-electrolyze building	\$80,000
7. Exhibits and graphics	\$10,000
8. Cost of fund raising and administration	\$40,000
9. Sign and balusters in front	\$42,000
10. Statue of Octave Chanute & Tuskegee Airman	\$75,000
11. New foyer	\$31,000
12. Reconstruction of cornice	\$40,000
13. New cloak room and food pre/storage	\$15,500
14. Continuing maintenance	<u>\$65,000</u>
	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$2,248,500</b>

# THANK YOU .....

- ◇ Mayor Rudy Clay and The Gary Park Department - for their continued support
- ◇ The 500 families and businesses that make up The Society
- ◇ Money Muldrew - our master mason
- ◇ Swartz & Retson - for tax services each year
- ◇ Miller Garden Club - it looks great! ... and, thanks for the help on the new refrigerator
- ◇ Kidstuff Playsystems, Inc. - for donating the beer
- ◇ Mortar Net, Inc. - for donating the wine
- ◇ Lee Construction Management, Inc.
- ◇ Shannon Smith - maintenance
- ◇ Sue Rutsen - for keeping our computer base up to date
- ◇ Karen Kourlis - for giving our statues a bath
- ◇ Pat Lee and Steve Spicer - who guide each of our projects to a successful conclusion, without pay. The sign, the gates, the cornice and many other projects could not have been done without Pat and Steve
- ◇ The participating restaurants:
  - Miller Pizza Co.
  - The Baker's House
  - Pepe's
  - The Flamingo
  - La Dolce Vita
  - Ming Ling
  - Miller Bakery Café
  - Ono's Pizza
  - The Beach Café

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