



ANNUAL EVENT TO BE A SUMMER BASH!

The Aquatorium 27th annual event on August 26, 2017 beginning at 7 pm will be a summer celebration bash!

We will be celebrating the end of summer, a most successful year for the Aquatorium, and continued progress on our mission.

So here's the deal:

WHEN?

Saturday the 26th of August, 2017, beginning at 7 pm.

WHERE?

The Aquatorium

WHAT?

27th annual Society event/meeting/fundraiser

PRICE?

\$50 per person, \$75 per person, \$100 per person, or pay your age. It's your choice.

WHAT DO I GET?

Food from Manny of San Antonio featuring tacos (chicken, beef or sausage), gyros (chicken, beef or sausage), hamburgers, hot dogs, and everything that goes with all of that. There will also be wine, beer, pop and water.

KIDS?

Yes, they're free when accompanied by their parents.

ENTERTAINMENT:

Jam to the live performances by award winning vocalist Erik Pedurand and the legendary Corey Dennison Band!

Dance to the DJ's music including 80's funk, R&B, hip hop, and electronic dance jams in historic Marquette Park!

Tour our wonderful facility and see additions we have made.

All this, plus the knowledge of knowing that you are a part of the solution and not a part of the problem.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE

Your contribution is 90% tax deductible as we are a bona fied 501(c)3 corporation and our books, records and taxes are up to date for all to see. In fact, you will be given a copy of our annual report at the event.

The first twenty-six events we have held helped us leverage grants which, when added to our other revenue, gave us the necessary 4.5 million dollars to do what we have done so far. This last year we have completed the World War II fighter aircraft at the building at a cost of \$85,000, almost all of which came from your donations and contributions.

So, let's keep up the good work and have a wonderful time while we're doing it Saturday, August 26 beginning at 7 pm.

Find below a coupon that you may fill out and mail to us with a check with the enclosed self addressed envelope, or you may purchase your tickets online using your credit card at www.aquatorium.org, or you can purchase tickets at the door (although we would really rather have a count to work with for our food, drink, etc., so we would appreciate early purchase of tickets).

_____ Yes, enclosed find our check for \$_____ for _____ tickets to the Annual event on August 26, 2017 at 7 pm.

_____ Sorry, I can't attend, but here's my donation for \$_____ .

(PLEASE PRINT NAME)

WHAT'S NEXT AT THE AQUATORIUM?

Did you know that the Aquatorium has a basement? It's just underneath our front entrance. In the 1920's it is where the laundry was that washed the bathing suits that one could rent when going to the Gary Bathing Beach Bath House.

Did you know that the basement leaks rather badly? So our next big project at the Aquatorium is to de-water the basement and make the area usable for storage. Usually our next project is somehow related to the name we give to our annual event as we did when we put up the World War II aircraft and before that the 1896 glider on the west end of the building, etc. However, the committee, chaired by Rex Blackwell decided that sump pump hop, or even sump pump bash didn't have much appeal. But on the other hand, it is something we have to do, so hopefully, when you come to our 2018 annual event, you will be able to go down and take a look at our new dry basement. Something to look forward to you know!

MAINTENANCE, MAINTENANCE, MAINTENANCE

The Board voted to hire a local contractor to do some needed maintenance around the building, including new downspouts, some tuck pointing, fixing of the floor upstairs, etc. These funds come from our rental account where any overage is used for the purposes of maintaining the building.

Bookings in 2017 have once again set a record and Saturdays in the summer of 2018 have already been taken, so there were sufficient funds in the rental account to do the maintenance. It should all be done by August 26th, and you will notice the improvements when you come into the building.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Part of our annual event is our annual election of new board of directors. The Aquatorium board of directors consists of 21 members, 20 of whom are voted on by the members. If you purchase a ticket to the event, you will have an opportunity to vote for the new board.

Currently there are no vacancies but if you would like to be considered for a vacancy as it opens up let us know either by calling Greg's office at 938-8080 or Jan at 938-1986.

So, send in a check now or go online and purchase tickets for the 27th annual event. It should be great fun because the whole point of this project in addition to saving the old bath house, rehabbing it into a useful space, providing an opportunity to the citizens of Gary and everyone to have a great venue for their weddings, bar mitzvahs and meetings, restoring Octave Chanute's place in history, and honoring the Tuskegee airmen for their role in American history, is to have a good time, eat some good food, be with good friends and hear some good music. Who could ask for anything more?

See you there,

The Society Board