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On Saturday the 20th of August, beginning at 7:30 pm, the World War II Fighter flown by the Tuskegee Airmen lands at the Gary Aquatorium! At 28 feet long and 28 feet wide, it's twice the size of the glider on the west end of the building. It will be on a pole 35 feet high on the east end of the building.

Celebration!

In addition to hoisting the Mustang fighter in place, August 20th is our 26th annual meeting/event/fundraiser. So here's the rundown:

7:15 pm – doors open, tickets are \$50, \$75, \$100 or your age. You chose. All but the first \$10 of your ticket is tax deductible. All funds raised will be used for the completion of the Mustang and for further improvements on the building.

7:30 pm – dinner is served. Hot dogs, hamburgers, tacos and gyros (chicken or sausage) all made by Manny of Houston, Texas and “the big salad” from Flamingo Pizzeria. There will be beer, wine, pop and cold water.

8:30 pm – short business meeting and election of new board.

8:33 pm – spotlight is turned on to Mustang fighter, 97 year old Tuskegee Airman, Robert Martin, says a few words and dedicates the Mustang. The Mustang fighter is painted exactly as Mr. Martin's was in World War II. Mr. Martin flew 46 missions, was shot down over Yugoslavia and lived to tell about it, and will tell you about it on August 20, 2016. At the conclusion of his remarks, a tarpaulin placed over the center of the cockpit will be removed and the plane will be officially dedicated as a permanent part of the Aquatorium display.

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- A. Meet your friends and neighbors.
- B. Have a good time.
- C. Eat some good food.
- D. Dancing afterwards. Once again, music provided by Corey Dennison Band (this is the same band as last year – those who were here thought they were great!).
- E. Help us pay for the fighter.

WHAT DOES IT COST ANYWAY?

Titan Aircraft of Ohio built the plane at a cost of \$30,000. The superstructure that holds it up is designed to withstand winds of at least 135 miles per hour. It's not going anywhere. However, that superstructure is going to cost us at least \$30,000, perhaps more. There are \$2,000 is shipping costs, \$4,500 in painting costs and \$5,000 for erection for the plane on the pole.

That comes to \$71,500. So far we have spent \$35,000 and we have about \$30,000 left in the account. Your participation at the annual event and your purchase of space on the placard that we will put up later are the key to putting us over the top.

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The following is the timeline that we established at the end of May which will lead to the completion of the installation on August 20, 2016 at 8:33 pm:

- 1. 7/5/16 Greg Gondell & Mark Stern get together and finalize plans.
- 2. 7/12/16 Greg Gondell gets city license and begins work onsite leading to installation of base and pole.
- 3. 7/13/16 Tree is removed from Tuskegee garden.
- 4. 7/15/16 Newsletter is sent to membership.
- 5. 7/20 - 7/25/16 Base is installed with pole.
- 6. 7/29 - 7/30/16 Fighter is delivered to Kidstuff Playsystems on Miller Avenue.
- 7. 8/1 - 8/10/16 Necessary modifications made to fighter.
- 8. 8/11 – 8/16/16 Fighter delivered to Republic Frame & Axle for painting (we love local businesses).
- 9. 8/12/16 Postcard goes out to membership.
- 10. 8/20/16 5 am – Fighter is delivered to east side of Aquatorium, assembled and hoisted onto pole. Center is covered with tarp. Sidewalk superintendents (public) welcome.
- 11. 8/20/16 7:30 pm – Society annual event begins.
- 12. 8/20/16 8:33 pm – Spotlight is turned on fighter and Mr. Martin pulls off tarp.
- 13. 8/20/16 8:58 pm – We all drink, dance and have a good time.

It's a tight schedule – so the first fun thing will be “to see if we make it”!!

SO WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Below you will find a coupon for the purchase of tickets for our event and the purchase for space on the placard for your name (in case you haven't done this yet).

As stated, tickets are \$50, \$75, \$100 or your age. It's your choice. For the placard, it's \$200 for a single person, \$250 for a couple or “in memory of”.

Also enclosed find a self-addressed envelope to return to The Society. Tickets will be available at the door on August 20th, but early participation gives us an accurate headcount and an accurate budget. So we would appreciate it if you sat right down and took care of this now.

It's going to be a wonderful night, let's all be there, it will be something we will all be proud of.

Thank you,
The Society Board of Directors

(Return Envelope Enclosed)

- _____ Yes, enclosed find our check for \$ _____ for _____ tickets to the World War II Mustang fighter/annual event, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- _____ Yes, I want to become a sponsor of the Mustang fighter; therefore, enclosed find my check for \$200 for a single or \$250 for a couple or “in memory of” with the name or names listed below to be on the plaque.
- _____ Sorry, I can't attend but here's my donation in the amount of \$ _____

(PLEASE PRINT CAREFULLY EXACTLY THE WAY YOU WANT THE NAMES TO APPEAR).