

Aquatorium Society
Annual Report
2013



**The Society For The Restoration Of The
Gary Bathing Beach Aquatorium
And Octave Chanute's Place
In History**

607 S. Lake St., Suite A
Gary, IN 46403



August 24, 2013

Thank you for joining us at our 23rd 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 how the building works.
- ◇ In memoriam – Quentin Smith and Money Muldrew.

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, completed the Chanute garden and museum space, furnish and "stocking" the museum is in progress and then it's on to the glider on a pole in 2014..

Rentals of the facility are at an all time high with all funds used for the maintenance of the facility.

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

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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 2012.

INCOME

1991	\$5,788	
1992	\$109,128	
1993	\$70,170	
1994	\$69,289	
1995	\$320,096	(1)
1996	\$50,838	
1997	\$43,152	
1998	\$1,013,610	(2)
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	\$42,172	
2011	\$1,047,479	(3)
2012	\$569,647	(4)
2013 (estimated)	<u>\$55,555</u>	
Total	4,090,866	

- (1) Includes Federal Grant for sewer and sidewalks – administered (1995) by Gary Sanitary District (\$250,000)
- (2) Includes Casino Funds (\$1,000,000)
- (3) Includes RDA Grant
- (4) Includes RDA Grant between the City of Gary and RDA pertaining to exterior work on the building (\$500,000)

EXPENSES
1991 thru 2012

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	\$60,000
9. Sign and balusters in front (2004)	\$45,000
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	\$190,000
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 (2009/2010)	\$50,000
19. Rehab south wall of Tuskegee garden (2010)	\$6,500
20. Umbrellas for Chanute garden (2011)	\$1,700
21. RDA Grant to Society for Chanute Garden and museum space Completed 2012	\$1,000,000
22. RDA Grant to City for building exterior in amount of \$500,000 Spent in building 2012	\$500,000
23. Furnishing museum space	\$6,300
24. New lighting and sink and sewer in food prep room	<u>\$20,000</u>
TOTAL	4,025,000

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OCTAVE CHANUTE'S PLACE IN HISTORY**

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- ◇ Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson and The Gary Park Department - for their continued support
- ◇ Swartz & Retson – for tax services each year
- ◇ Miller Garden Club – the gardens always look great!
- ◇ Gene Ayers - for donating the beer
- ◇ Joyce Davis – Lake Street Gallery – for the wonderful annual report cover
- ◇ Jan McLaughlin – our building manager and her sidekick, Ray
- ◇ 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 give us the expertise to guide us in completing the building
- ◇ The participating restaurants:
 - Miller Pizza Co.
 - The Flamingo
 - Miller Bakery Café
 - Grill 444
 - Tommy B's
 - Marquette Perk
 - Miller Beach Market
 - 18th Street Brewery
- ◇ 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!

IN MEMORIAM

We lost two valuable members of our team in 2013.

Quentin P. Smith was a founding member of The Society, always on our Board serving as Secretary. He was the inspiration for the Tuskegee wing.

Money Muldrew was our master mason. He knew the building well and repaired and replaced much of the masonry in the building with skill and love at a price that was a small fraction of the market price. The walls around the two gardens were completely rebuilt by Money – what he could do with stone was amazing.

We will (and do) miss them both.

GOODBYE OLD FRIENDS