The Society for the Restoration of the Gary Bathing Beach Aquatorium and Octave Chanute's Place in History (Chanute Aquatorium Society)

Winter 2020, Volume XXIX No. 1

613 S. Lake Street • Suite A • Gary, Indiana 46403







THE OSCAR'S RETURN TO THE AQUATORIUM!

In January, February and March, we will show three Oscar worthy films on Sunday afternoons at 3pm.

Here is the run down:

1. January 26, 2020 at 3pm - An Airplane movie:

In 1954 one of the best nominated movies, was "The Bridges of Toko-Ri", starring William Holden and Grace Kelly. The movie tells the story of the Korean War. William Holden is a fighter pilot who served in World War II, and like many World War II veterans, he was redrafted for the Korean War. Grace Kelly plays his wife, and Mickey Rooney stars as his best bud. So it's something to see, if you've never seen it before, and it continues our January airplane theme.

2. February 23, 2020 at 3pm - Hidden Figures:

Before there were computers, the people who did the work that is now done by computers, they were called computers. Hidden Figures tells the true story of three such computers, who were African-American females. It shows how the Apollo program would have never gotten off the ground without them and the obstacles they had to face just to do their job. A perfect movie for Black History Month.

3. March 22, 2020 at 3pm - A movie by Jean Shepherd:

Jean Shepherd is the Humorist who wrote about his life as a boy in Northwest Indiana in such movies as "The Christmas Story". But on Sunday, March 22, you will get to see his movie, "The Phantom of the Open Hearth". If you were raised in Northwest Indiana, or always wondered, what was wrong with people that were raised in Northwest Indiana, here's your chance. It's a very funny movie about a young man about to enter the world of being a "Mill Rat" Steelworker.

The donations for this film are suggested at \$10 per film or \$25 for all three (3) films. You may donate more if you choose. In any event, Rex will be there with his popcorn machine, and the popcorn will be free. So make a plan to see three (3) great movies, on three Sundays, January 26th, February 23rd and March 22nd, there will be a coupon at the end of this newsletter that you can send back to reserve tickets, as they say, seating is limited.

2019 - Another great year for the Aqutorium!

The Aquatorium Society received over \$22,000 in donations and \$50,000 in rental to bring our total for our first 28 years in funds raised and put into the building at \$4,600,000. 2019, for example, we spent \$12,650 fixing and replacing various roofs on the building, \$3,074 was spent on upgrading lighting, \$700 was spent on the blinds in the Tuskegee Room plus \$821.63 to upgrade the sound system. Finally, the food preparation room floor was redone at a cost of \$1,615. For 2020, we have already contracted a recapping of the upstairs deck, at a contracted price of \$23,825.

With your continued support and your events and donations 2020, our 29th year as an organization, will continue the total restoration and usage, of the Gary Aqutorium. When we began the old bathhouse was a complete wreck and boarded up. We took down the no trespassing signs, and put up the Aquatorium signs, and the rest is a history that we have made together. On behalf of the Board of the Society for the Restoration of the Gary Bathing Beach Aquatorium, which by the way in its 29 years of monthly meetings has only failed to get a quorum twice, continues its work with your help, so we thank you for that and look forward to the future.



Here's that coupon:
Yes, I want to attend the three movies at the Aquatorium, please reserve tickets for me for:
A) tickets for the January 26th showing of "The Bridges of Toko-Ri"
B) tickets for the February 23rd showing of "Hidden Figures"
C)tickets for the March 22nd showing of "The Phantom of the Blastfamous"
Enclosed find my donation of \$ to the Aquatorium Society for these films
D) Sorry, I can't make it, but enclosed find my check for \$ as a donation to "The Society".
Please return all checks to "The Aquatorium Society" at our new address of 613 S. Lake St., Gary, IN 46403.
Thank you, The Society