



SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE HISTORY OF GARY?

TALK THEATER IS BACK WITH THE FACTS!

That's right; the era of pretty good cookies and pretty bad punch has not come to an end. On February 25, 2018, at 3 pm at the Aquatorium, a new film on the history of Gary will receive its world premiere.

The film, produced by Brandon Bowens and edited by Ray McLaughlin, begins with the founding of Gary in 1906 and ends with our current mayor.

Nobody has made or written, in this author's opinion, a better history of the city. It is not based on nostalgia or the truth as we would like it to be, it's a different viewpoint. Come and see it. If you can't handle the truth, I'm certain you can handle the pretty good cookies and pretty bad punch that goes with every talk theatre and the price of only \$10, all of which goes to the Aquatorium. The program will include the hour and fifteen minute film, an opportunity to ask questions of the filmmakers after the event is over, an opportunity to buy your own copy of the film and; of course, those pretty good cookies and pretty bad punch. Space is limited so make your plans now. There is a coupon somewhere on this newsletter that will allow you to purchase tickets in advance; although as usual, there will be no actual ticket – we will put your name on the list!

PIZZA PARTY, PIZZA PARTY, PIZZA PARTY

Once again, on Friday, May 18, 2018, beginning at 5:30 pm, the Aquatorium Society will have its annual pizza party. Here's the deal: pizza, salad, beer, wine, water and soda pop, music and an opportunity to get out after a long, cold winter. All this for only \$25. So mark your calendar and we will all be there.

28TH ANNUAL EVENT TO BE ON AUGUST 18, 2018 AT 7 PM

According to event chairman, Rex Blackwell, 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of President Truman's integration of the armed forces. This significant event brought about by the Tuskegee Airman's performance in World War II will be celebrated in many ways at the annual event.

We are looking forward to the same great band, the same great food, plus a dash of history as we look back to the summer of 1948 and Truman's executive order that changed the way we did business in the country.

It will be historic, it will be fun, and if we can find someone 5'9" who owns a white suit and a wide brim hat it might even be presidential. So put it on your calendar, plan your vacation accordingly, follow your doctor's advice, say your prayers, brush your teeth and we'll all look forward to seeing you there.

28 YEARS OF PROGRESS SINCE OUR FORMING IN 1991

The Aquatorium Society has raised and spent over 4½ million dollars restoring our beautiful building. Each year literally hundreds of events are held at the Aquatorium and the funds collected for these events are used to maintain the building. Upgrades and improvements are financed by the fundraisers we have during the year. In 2017 over \$25,000 was contributed by our membership to The Society and these funds were used to upgrade our drainage systems and re-tuckpointing some of the areas in the building. Not the sexiest stuff in the world, but the kind of improvements that will ensure the building will be here for our grandchildren and great grandchildren.

On the rental side, funds were used to re-carpet the Tuskegee room, day to day maintenance and help with some of the drainage work.

The Aquatorium has become a jewel on the lakefront as opposed to a ruin on the lakefront and our work will continue. You, the membership, and if you are reading this you are a member, have made this all possible and we look forward to continuing our work far into the future.

TALK THEATRE COUPON, TALK THEATRE COUPON, TALK THEATRE COUPON

Yes, I want to see the film Gary Indiana, Can You Handle the Truth, and eat some pretty good cookies and drink pretty bad punch. So mark me down for

Tickets at \$10 each for Talk Theatre, February 25th at 3 pm at the Aquatorium. My check, made out to "The Society", is enclosed.

(PLEASE PRINT NAME)

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FOR YOU TO SEND THE COUPON AND CHECK.