

# Illiana News

September 2019

## History Day Approaching

September 20, 2019 will find the school buses rolling onto the Illiana Antique Power Association grounds. We are looking forward to a beautiful weather day. When the kids arrive, they will receive a cloth bag full of items to help them remember the day and learn about the past ways of doing things. Oh yes, and those bags need to be packed! We need your help! We are planning on filling the bags after the club meeting on Sept. 16. Tom called to say Kevin Peterson is providing notebooks for the bags. Thanks Kevin! We hope to have other things ready to go on that Monday, so plan to stay a bit after the regular meeting. A special thank you goes out to the quilters and the other Illiana folks who spent a lot of time this winter sewing, stamping, and stringing 500 bags. The invitations are out and yes, there is a possibility we could have that many school and home school kids.

History Day involves so many folks. Some are club members, and some are not, but all seem to enjoy the day as much as the kids. Be sure to thank guests who are helping out.

We plan to have about 30 stations for the kids to visit. We hope to be ready to begin around 8:30 am, even though our official start time is 9:00. We will all stop for lunch at 11:30-12:00. Sorry, but you will have to bring your own lunch this year. Doris will have coffee available in the Assembly Hall and maybe even something cold, too. By 2:00 the buses will be leaving to return the kids back to school. Then we can put our feet up and relax.

There are still a few jobs to be filled, so give Joan a call. Even if you do not have an assigned job, come on out for the day anyway. You could help give someone a bathroom break, enjoy the kids or learn something yourself. Most of all you will be helping a bunch of kids. We will "give the past a future"!

Safety is always a priority. The kids will be cautioned to listen for instruction, to obey warnings and to stay with their group. So, if you see a child not with an adult, be sure to ask them where their group is and encourage them to return to it. We Illiana folks need to think safety as well. We want a no Band-Aid day!

Cider pressing is one of the favorite stations. As always, if you have apples to share, this is the time. We have to buy them otherwise. The Byroads already have 3 buckets of pears to add to our mix. Let us know by Monday 9/16 if you have apples. Call or text Joan 765-363-5406. We will also need a few pans of cornbread for the kitchen. Thank you ahead of time!

This project is the combined efforts of a bunch of folks. Costumes are nice, but not mandatory. Let's try to park our cars out of the village. The people-movers will be running.

Let's make this the best History Day Ever!

***Joan and Dave***

# Letter From Our President

Submitted by: Tom Swanson

Hello to everyone,

After some extremely hot, dry weather, we have been blessed with some nice rains here recently. Labor Day is passed already. Now we prepare for our annual History Day on Fri., Sept. 20. It takes a lot of workers to accomplish this for the kids. If you're available, I'm sure Dave and Joan can find a job for you.

Illiana was host for the Pine Creek Tour Day in August and it was certainly a success. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way. The big Lafayette Limo tour bus was a sight to see sitting in front of our new Assembly Hall.

We will have a Board of Directors meeting at 6:30 Tuesday, Sept. 10. thanks to Roger Horn for serving on the board. David Hobbs is a new director for a 3-year term.

For those of you who might not know, our balance we owe Jim and Doris is now \$30,000. Of course, we will gladly accept any donation towards reducing this debt if you haven't yet contributed.

See you on the 16th as we finalize plans for History Day.

**-Tom**

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Association is scheduled for **Monday, Sept. 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Hall. Bring a dish to pass for the carry-in dinner.**

See you there!



## Illiana Quilters Important Dates

Sat., Oct. 26: 3rd Annual Fall Bazaar,  
@ Pine Village Fire Station.

# Big Pine Watershed Tour

Submitted by: Joan Fry

The tour was outstanding, the lunch was good, the weather perfect, our grounds looked fantastic. The comments from the tour participants were positive. We spread some goodwill for Illiana Antique Power Association! All in all the day was wonderful!

All of you who put in extra time and effort are really appreciated. Thank you...thank you...thank you!



# Christmas in the Village

Submitted by: Joan Fry

It is coming, Christmas in the Village 2019. Our Illiana Christmas in the Village celebration will be held the first full weekend in December. Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7 will find our grounds and buildings full of folks celebrating with us. Hopefully, we will have lightly falling snow and temperatures in the 30's with no or little wind. (Prayers in this area are greatly appreciated).

Think now about what you are going to do to make this weekend event special for our community. If you have ideas for new things to do or new ways to do old things, now is the time to start planning. The beautiful fall weather is a great time to put up lights etc. Be sure to let Tom know when you are available to help. Pass the word around, share the invitation with your friends and neighbors, and let the season begin! Bring on the hot chocolate!

- Joan

## Member News

SAD NEWS: Member John Gallahue's family home burned to the ground at the end of August. The family has lost all their possessions. If you'd like to donate to help them out, their address is: 1757 E. 200 N., Piper City, IL 60959.  
(Be sure to make a note you're from the Illiana Club).

### History Day

Friday, September 20

### Rocky Forge Blacksmith's

Next meeting September 14 @ Ted's shop in West Point

September 26-29: SOFA Quad State Meeting: Troy, Ohio.

October 5-6: Feast of the Hunters' Moon, West Lafayette, IN

October 11-12: UMRBC Pontiac Conference, Pontiac, IL.