

Meetings held monthly 2nd Friday, 1p.m..

Museum Hours: Thursdays 1-4 p.m.

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Terry Lynch as Stephen Douglas (Left) and Mayor Michelle with Cynthia Ogorek unveiling Historic Marker

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S

BICENTENNIAL was celebrated in a big way by Calumet City on May 31. After nearly a year and a half in planning, the CCHS along with co-sponsors the City of Calumet City and Illinois State Historical Society (ISHS) unveiled the Historical Marker which commemorates the spot where in May 1865 Lincoln's Funeral Train crossed the border into Illinois bringing him back to his homeland and final resting place. The Marker also primarily designates the area where the foundations of Calumet City originated over the following decades.

Blessed with picture perfect weather, our celebration started out with the posting of colors by Boy Scout Troop 268 and the 9th Indiana Civil War Reenactors, special sharpshooters division. Mr Patrick Mooney, organist at St. Andrew's, shared his musical talent and led us in singing our state song, "Illinois." Civil War Chaplain Reenactor, Greg Machek led an invocation and CCHS President Sue Warner emceed. Mayor Michelle read a Tribute to Abraham Lincoln written in 1867 and ISHS Board Member, Elaine Egdorf familiarized us with the significance of the Marker. A lively presentation of Stephen Douglas, portrayed by Terry Lynch explained his link to Lincoln and to Calumet City. But the Highlight of the ceremony was the unveiling of the Marker by Mayor Michelle and Cynthia Ogorek who was primarily responsible for the historical research and obtaining the Marker.

A plentiful Victorian Reception followed, hosted by members dressed in

period costumes, serving foods of the Lincoln Era. The Battlefield Balladeers provided Civil War Music for entertainment. Students read the 3 winning essays on why they thought Abraham Lincoln was a great man. A Raffle, Museum Store and Museum Exhibits of Abraham Lincoln were enjoyed by the large turnout of guests who attended. Many, many thanks to all who contributed to the success of this event in so many different ways. It is still an amazement how very much can be accomplished when good people work together. Thanks again to all !!!



(Left) Pres. Sue Warner, VP Jan Mateyko and Casimira Bilinski model their 1860's fashions & (Right) Battlefield Balladeers pause for a photo

LINCOLN QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty."



Calumet City Historical Society Officers 2009

President: Sue Warner

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Our next meeting will take place this **Friday June 12 at 1 p.m.** In keeping with the focus on Abe Lincoln for his Bicentennial year, a presentation by Alice Smedstad on Lincoln's boyhood will follow the meeting. Based on information from the recent book, *There I Grew Up*, the program traces Lincoln's formative years that aren't as familiar as the Kentucky and Illinois eras. Join us for some Lincoln history.

