December 2020

Greetings -

I hope this finds you safe and healthy. 2020 has been a year of challenges for all of us, including the Hyde Park Historical Society (HPHS). While the pandemic curtailed some of our activities, HPHS was able to continue a terrific roster of free programs via Zoom -- the Hyde Park Book Club nearly uninterrupted with a stellar roster of authors as well as a number of memorable programs including an exciting house tour in West Woodlawn.

And HPHS offered more - including the Monthly Bulletin full of timely news, new web site content, oral histories, and preservation activities. And with the reopening of Regenstein Library, HPHS continued to add material to its Archives including the invaluable papers of political activist Barbara O’Connor and the complete papers of the Mostly Music Program started by long time Hyde Parker Joyce Turner Hilkevitch.

To continue to make all this possible, HPHS invites you to renew your membership for 2021. HPHS membership fees also help cover operational expenses including housekeeping, heating, air conditioning, and insurance. Unfortunately, these expenses continue although our historic cable car building is closed, being too small for social distancing. We miss seeing our friends at our open houses and hope to be able to open up again in 2021.

In October, you received an invitation to contribute to the HPHS Annual Fund. If you have not yet had time to respond, please take this opportunity to add an Annual Fund donation to your Membership Renewal. And why not give a gift membership as well?

On the reverse side of this letter is the Membership Renewal Form. Please send the form along with your check made payable to Hyde Park Historical Society in the enclosed return envelope. Thank you in advance for your renewal and any donations.

We are all hoping for a better 2021 when we once again can come together at HPHS programs and activities.

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