



2011

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

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GREETINGS FELLOW ISLANDERS & HISCFA MEMBERS

It's time to begin thinking about spring and the great times that lie ahead for you and your family on Harsen's Island in 2011. It is also time for you to renew your membership to the Association. We are very appreciative of your continuing loyal support of the organization through your \$35 dues and additional voluntary contributions to our various community service activities, including scholarships, support of the Island fire fighters and the Reader's Cove, maintenance of the community water station and Browne's Field and community-wide phragmites control effort.

AS A THANK YOU TO OUR ACTIVE MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR VALIDATED DISCOUNT CARD

UPON THEIR RENEWAL OF THEIR 2011 MEMBERSHIP

EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

All active HISCFA members receive an individual membership savings card. This is not only your membership card, but is a **NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED** discount card that offers savings at many local and national stores in our surrounding areas and popular franchises. **SAVE MONEY** on dining, shopping, entertainment and recreation throughout the year. With this card you will save up to 50% at over 100,000 locations Nationwide. Also a number of our Delta News local advertisers offer discounts with this card.

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH INVOLVEMENT

The Board encourages everyone to use our web site: www.hiscfa.org, and to please remember to give us your email address on your membership form. We are focusing on cost saving by using the internet to disseminate timely information to our members. Please help us! If you want to get involved, please attend our regular Board meetings. We meet at 9 am the 2nd Saturday of the Month, at the Lion's Hall, and everyone is welcome to join us. If you can't attend, please drop us a line or email us.

CONFIRM YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Complete and return the enclosed application and mail it with your check in the enclosed pre addressed envelope on or before April 15, 2011.

BECOME INVOLVED: Volunteer your time, come to meetings, we welcome your suggestions and comments.

ADDITIONAL DONATED MONEY: We want to thank our members for their generous donations last year. The membership form indicates allocated areas.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AND WELCOME

Your Association is an **ALL VOLUNTEER** organization. We do what we do because we are proud of HISCFA and the outstanding community it represents. Members of your board attend or are members of the Clay Township Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission, and are active in representing the Association on other boards or commissions, for example, as a member of the Macomb-St. Clair Inter-County Group working on environmental issues in the Lake St. Clair Watershed. Working along with many of our dedicated members, we spend many hours 'behind the scenes' at Browne's Field, repairing and maintaining the water station or working with members treating their phragmites. We want to thank them all for this service. Without these volunteered hours the Association could not adequately perform all the work that gets done in one year.

YOUR ASSOCIATION IN ACTION!

BROWNE'S FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Most of the major improvements slated for the Field were completed in 2010. The pole barn and pavilion received new electrical service and lighting. Additional fencing and drainage improvements were made on the field, and the pond restoration was completed. The soccer/football nets were installed and the new gazebo overlooking the pond will be landscaped in 2011. Special thanks to the Terrien Family Trust for a donation of funds to purchase a new bench at the pond.

The signboard at the Field received a needed facelift and was modernized with the installation of an electronic digital display sign allowing all Harsen's Island residents and travelers coming on and off the ferry to obtain emergency notifications and other community service announcements. You are welcome to drive into the driveway under the sign if you need more time to read the sign. The Field is once again a year-round recreational resource. We are excited to see hockey and ice skating on the pond this winter!

PICK UP YOUR DELTA NEWS

This will be the fourth summer that we have encouraged our members to pick up their magazine on designated weekends in downtown Sans Souci, watch for announcements in *The Flyer*. Your cooperation in this endeavor has saved us greatly in mailing fees, and we look forward to chatting with you when you stop by!

**ALL DELTA NEWS MAGAZINES ARE MAILED TO THOSE WHO DO NOT PICK THEM UP!
MAKE SURE YOU INDICATE THE ADDRESS TO WHICH WE ARE TO SEND THE MAGAZINE
IF IT IS NOT YOUR PRIMARY MAILING ADDRESS!!**

COMMUNITY-WIDE ACTIVITIES

PHRAGMITES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

HISCFA is proud to have played an important role in the creation of a Clay Township-wide phragmites treatment program. Of 160 participants in the voluntary program in 2010, 50% were HISCFA members. HISCFA pledged \$1000 toward the effort, with Clay Township contributing an additional \$5,000. HISCFA members also contributed over 350 hours of volunteer time in helping make the first year a success. The benefits of the program will be seen this spring in improved visibility and waterborne access. Applications for participation in year 2 of the program will be accepted beginning in March.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Each spring we award over \$1000 in scholarships to deserving graduating seniors who have applied and reside full-time on Harsens Island. Remember, this can be a graduating Harsens Island senior at any school.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

During our spring membership drive, many members make donations over and above their dues that they wish to earmark for specific causes or activities such as the Fire Department, Reader's Cove, H.I. Lion's, school programs, or to a general fund which the board uses when it finds there is a community need.

DELTA NEWS MAGAZINE

The Delta News has been and always will be the centerpiece of HISCFA's community effort, it has been publishing for 68 years! We strive every year to have the Delta News supported by our advertisers. As you can imagine, due to the economy, we are getting fewer advertisers, however, the cost does not lessen. If you have a business and would like to advertise, there is a space on your membership form to check and we will contact you.

WHAT YOUR DUES MAINTAIN AND SUPPORT

BROWNE'S FIELD

This beautiful and manicured field is one of the first places our residents and visitors see when they come onto the Island. It offers our residents, play grounds, tennis courts, baseball diamond, horseshoe pits, volleyball pit, basket ball court, picnic pavilion with kitchen area, tables and benches. A football or soccer game can now be played at the field thanks to the addition of soccer nets/goal posts. The new skating pond provides many an hour of winter fun.

FIELD DAY

Mark your calendar for our annual Field Day, August 6th 2011. It is a summer event for the whole family and your friends!

ADVERTISING SIGN

Our advertisers help support the maintenance and electrical costs of the information sign board. Please help us by supporting your local advertisers!

WATER STATION

On the North Channel and Bates Cut. HISCFA continues to provide an important service to Island residents and bulk water users by providing access to city water.

PARK & RIDE

This parking near the ferry is maintained and lighted by your HISCFA dues and is readily accessible to all the people on the Island. It certainly was used this winter!

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS 2011 CALENDAR

Your Association views the community service mandate as its principal goal. In past annual newsletters, we have attempted to demonstrate that commitment by outlining the various action items that HISCFA has been involved in during the year. You will find an update of our 2010 activities in the membership newsletter. Looking forward to this year, we brought the various community groups on the Island together to develop a master list of dates of various events scheduled by these groups for 2011. This list is in no way complete, but you can also check our website: www.hiscfa.org, The Readers Cove (maintains a calendar), the summer Flyer, or you can check the individual group websites for further details throughout the year.

HISCFA

AUG. 6: Association Field Day at Browne's Field

HARSENS ISLAND LIONS CLUB

AUG. 13: Flea Market at the Hall, 8AM-12PM

SEPT. 3-5: Lions Turkey Shoot

THE HARSENS ISLAND LIONESS

MAY 18: Mid-day Card Party, Lions Hall, 11AM-2:30PM

OCT. 16: Fundraiser Bazaar, Lions Hall, 11AM-3PM

READERS COVE LIBRARY

AUG. 7: Fundraiser Breakfast, Idle Hour Y.C., 9AM-12PM

THE HARSENS ISLAND ST. CLAIR FLATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MAY 28: Grand Opening, Olde Fire Hall, 10AM-6PM

JUNE 12: Building Fundraising Event Details TBD.

JULY 3: Historical Hot Dogs, All Day

AUG. 21: GALA FUNDRAISER! Details TBD.

SEPT. 3: Open House at the Museum, 10AM-6PM

THE GARDEN CLUB

JUNE 1: Membership Tea (Wear a Hat), Lions Hall, 12PM

THE IDLE HOUR YACHT CLUB

MAY 29: Blessing of the Fleet, 1PM

AUG. 13: Jimmy Buffett Party

SPECIAL EVENTS

AUG. 13: 2nd Annual Blue Grass Festival. Details TBD.

2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chuck Miller, President

Pat Feighan, Vice President

Donna Halacoglu, Executive Secretary

Lois Whipple, Treasurer

Whitey Simon, Past President