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TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM ... while dusting

The start of a new year/ The beginning of a new chapter/ A launching time to initiate a fresh or new-fangled way for each of us to “give back”. Where is this going you may ask, well, as the attitude of volunteerism seems to be dwindling so does the services provided by those organizations which are operated by volunteers. This pertains to all such organizations but in this writing is referring to the Sullivan County Historical Society’s museum located in Laporte behind the Sullivan County Courthouse on Meylert Street. This just seems like a good time to start you thinking about what you could possibly do in the year 2016. Do you have extra time? Kids grown and gone? Retired? Bored? Do you have a particular skill, like anything from computer knowledge to being able to clean windows? Perhaps you like to rearrange things, such as displays or display cabinets. Maybe you’re good at indexing subjects or creating captions and condensing accompanying artifact verbiage. Then there’s always learning new skills, such as map repair or paper/photo preservation. You may also either know or want to learn how to correctly preserve clothing and re-do a display for those such articles.

By now you’ve probably gotten the idea that we’re soliciting you for to volunteer at the museum on any number of projects or “jobs”. The variety of things needing to be done is multi-layered and multi-faceted. And we’re always open and willing not only to learn new things but also to utilize suggestions from other view points. And, here at the museum, the sky’s the limit on what you can get into (literally) for as much or as little effort as you’re willing to give. Salary is not commensurate to the amount of time or skill that you have. Thank yous are, but not salary. Because, you see, there are no salaries here. The big joke around here is that if you screw up (and we all have!) you’re simply going to loose a 0. The same holds true if you excel; you get a 0 added to your “salary”. On the positive side, you could say that this is a no-risk opportunity.

Not able to physically be here or your time simply doesn’t allow for volunteering at present? Well, there’s always monetary contributions to consider. And, there are memorial bricks available for purchase, publications, maps and Celestia plates. We also have Annual (\$25/year) and Lifetime (\$100/person) Memberships available year round. Another effort going on at this time are restricted funds being collected to replace our outdated fluorescent lighting with current LED lights. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted. Admission has always been free to all who come thru the door, no matter if you wipe your feet (volunteers run the sweeper too).

But seriously, if you the reader of this article would like to contribute to YOUR museum in any way – time, effort or financially – please feel free to contact us. Our contact information is as follows:

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Or you can call Melanie Norton at 570-924-3027.

We will get back on track next week with our “normal” articles but felt at this time to ask for your consideration to help with the saving and maintaining of the history of Sullivan County by the present for the future.