

RECENT EVENTS  
**POST - HOLIDAY PARTY**



**Paula Swanstrom named  
'Member of the Year'**

One of the Highlights of this popular event is recognition of someone who has been chosen by fellow members as having contributed in some great measure to the Calumet City Historical Society. This year it was not difficult to decide to whom this award should go. Paula Swanstrom has so generously given of her time, talent and know-how to help us out this year. Having a background in business and MBA, Paula's knowledge helped this humble organization actually enter into the computer age! Her interest in historical research has brought us many new artifacts and news about Calumet City's past. And her marketing ability has helped us with some new fund raisers. We appreciate all that Paula has done for us over the past year and congratulate her on being chosen 'Member of the Year.' Thanks Paula!!

Another highlight was the wonderful entertainment of Violinist Tony Kawalkowski, lined up by Casimira Bilinski, Chairman of the event. *Pictured below are Casimira with granddaughter Glacia and niece Elena, being serenaded by Tony.*



**TRAIN SHOW**  
The 1st weekend of last December brought Santa and the Hammond Lionel Modular Trains once again to be our guests. *Pictured below with Santa: Jennifer Kaminski with daughters Nyla, Kinidi & Peyton.... and below them is former Pres Maureen Michel with a special hug from Santa*



*Below is Elaine Ostrom, 1st prize winner of raffle who so generously donated the train full of goodies back to the CCHS! Thank you, Elaine!...and below her are some of our hard workers Esther Lyczak, Marge Michel & LaVergne Balacky*



Much thanks to Casimira Bilinski, Chairman of both events - Fantastic job!!!



*Casimira Bilinski*

And thanks to all who helped in any way at all !!!

- Calumet City Historical Society Officers 2012:**  
**President:** Sue Warner  
**Vice Pres:** Janet Mateyko  
**Secretary:** Marge Michel  
**Treasurer:** Mike Wolski

**NEW BOARD MEMBER**  
**APPOINTED**



The CCHS is proud to announce that Lori Munda has consented to serve on the Board of Directors. Lori is a member of several years and has been supportive in many ways. She is a long-time resident of Calumet City and has many ties to its past as well. Lori's background as a former schoolteacher will be helpful also. We are fortunate to have her help. Thanks Lori!

**MEETING TIME CHANGES**

Our **next meeting** will take place this **Friday, Feb.10 at 1pm** in the Cultural Center. Plans for the year to be discussed, including the CCHS Board's suggestion that general meeting time be changed to Sundays at 2pm. The history of Valentines will be on display in the Museum, Valentine games & prizes. come join us for the first meeting of the year!

**LOSS of CHESTER PLYS**



One of the greatest guys you could ever hope to meet. Chester Plys passed away in Dec. after a brave and hard battle with illness. Chester has done much for the CCHS, including building a new stage that can be taken apart easily for the Cabin grounds. We all loved & will miss him