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G'Day!

It's a great day to enjoy a fall walk.

Enhance Hamilton County to hold mandatory grant meeting for '23 cycle

The Enhance Hamilton County Foundation's 2023 Grant Cycle will begin on Oct. 13 with a mandatory information meeting at the Kendall Young Library, 1201 Willson Ave., Webster City.

The meeting is at 7 p.m. Enter the library through the doors on the lower north side of the library.

This meeting is for any organization that is considering applying for a grant. At least one organization representative is required to attend this meeting.

The meeting will provide information on the grant process to new applicants and outline the changes that will be implemented in the 2023 grant cycle, including the online application. It will also provide a forum for potential applicants to ask questions to assist them with completion of their applications.

Grant applications will be available online starting Oct. 15, 2022. Completed applications will be accepted up until 5 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2022, to be eligible for review and consideration.

Monies will be awarded in late February 2023.

"The purpose of the Enhance Hamilton County grant program is to provide financial support for projects that address needs throughout Hamilton County as well as those projects that are considered community betterment," said Darcy Swon, Enhance Hamilton County Foundation development director. "We encourage all organizations and causes to consider applying for the grant."

Swon reminds potential applicants, if they are not a 501c3, a civic organization, church, school or a city or county entity, they will need to partner with one to be eligible to receive grant funds.

Since the foundation was established in 2005, more than \$1.4 million has been awarded to assist organizations with completion of worthwhile projects in the following areas: arts and culture, community betterment, education, health and human services, recreation and environment, and youth development.

Enhance Hamilton County Foundation is a nonprofit that serves as a liaison and resource for donor-driven charitable giving and community needs.

For more information, contact Swon at 515-835-0437 or via email at dswon@enhancehamiltoncounty.org.

A TASTE OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE



— Daily Freeman-Journal photo by David Borer

A Taste of Fall attracted an appreciative crowd Sunday evening in downtown Webster City. The event was staged by LIFT WC, the nonprofit that is rehabilitating the historic Elks Club building in the 700 block of Second Street.

IN ITS WORK TO REHABILITATE THE HISTORIC ELKS CLUB BUILDING, LIFT WC IS ALSO ENTERTAINING

By JANE CURTIS

LIFT WC brought real vibrancy to downtown Webster City Sunday evening with its outdoor Taste of Fall dinner and the 120 people who attended.

The event is a fundraiser for LIFT, which has undertaken the rehabilitation of the former Elks Club building in the 700 block of Main Street. The dinner was set up in front of the historic building.

"The Taste of Fall event is not only our largest fundraiser but it is such a great community event that brings old friends together and provides an opportunity for attendees to make new ones as they dine on a delicious meal outdoors at sunset," Darcy Swon, president of the LIFT WC board, said.

"We were blessed with amazing weather and we look forward to holding this event

again next year."

She said LIFT will know in a couple of weeks how much money the evening raised.

Social time before and after the evening meal was staged in the Reveiz Park garden, adjacent to the Elks Building. The garden

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is the creation of Richard Carlson, a master gardener, who has donated hours of his time to making the former blank space a green oasis.

LIFT WC is a local nonprofit whose mission is community betterment, according to Swon.

When the rehabilitation is completed, the building will become a venue for community gathering as well as business space for lease on the main floor and in the basement. The rent from these tenants will be used to offset the building expenses such as utilities, Swon said.

Swon greeted the diners Sunday evening with a hearty welcome and a reminder that there is still a need for funding the project. Although the outside of the structure has been given extensive repair, the inside work is yet to be done. It will require additional monies, she said.

The Briggs Woods Conference Center prepared and served the 5-course meal and before dinner hor de vours. The guests ended the evening with a fire and live acoustic music provided by local favorite, Bill Robb.

The 2022 Taste of Fall sponsors included Abens Realty, Boone River Financial, People's Credit Union, Osweiler's Women's Fashions, Webster City Custom Meats, Platinum Connect, Van Diest Medical Center, Seneca Foundry, First State Bank, Town & Country Insurance, The Trashman, Infinity Dermatology, Gilbert Jewelers, Jake Mueller - Farm Bureau Financial Services, Fosters Funeral and Cremation Center, Journey Health Care Group, Availa Bank, Snap Fitness, and inTANDEM marketing.

According to Swon, the nonprofit group plans to manage the third-floor ballroom of the historic building. It will be available for rent by individuals and businesses and organizations for meetings, private dinners, and receptions.

In addition, LIFT WC plans to host a wide variety of events in the space focused on bringing the community together. Events being discussed include live music, international dinners, multicultural events and various types of workshops, Swon said.

Monies generated from the use of the space will be put back out into the community to support local businesses and organizations.

For more information on LIFT WC, the building rehabilitation project, and how you can support their efforts, visit their website at liftwc.org and follow them on Facebook (@liftwc).



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Darcy Swon, LIFT WC president, in pink hat, is joined by her sister Denise Conrad, of Sussex, Wisconsin, at the Taste of Fall dinner Sunday evening. Conrad helped to make the evening possible, top center photo.

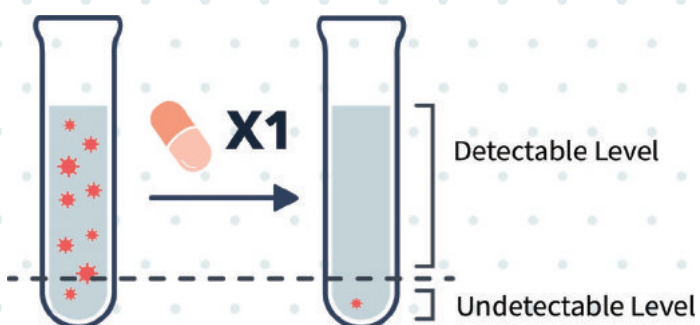
Jake Pulis, LIFT WC board member, shares a laugh with Rick Burgin, of Webster City, center photo.

Katie and Joel Kemper, of Woolstock, share a part of the cocktail hour with Anna and Kyle Woodward, of Webster City, bottom center photo.

Andy and Tami Hejlik, of Webster City, enjoy the night air, far right.

LIFT WC Vice President Lindsay Henderson attended with her husband, Scott, above.

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