



HHH NEWS



HORMEL HISTORIC HOME...where the past inspires the present

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Fall 2022

A Bright Future Ahead....

In the 15 months since taking on my role as Executive Director at the Hormel Historic Home, I have learned so much and have such an appreciation for this home, our organization and all who give of their time, money and talents here. I am proud of where we stand today as compared to the days of shutdowns, masking and social distancing.

Now, as the hospitality sector rebounds, the extent of the damage is becoming more clear. But despite all that has happened, there are comforting signs. For one thing, the pandemic has spurred creation and a strong desire to ensure that we remain a solid community resource. I am optimistic about our future and the direction we are heading. Since my onboarding as Director, we have introduced a full service food program and have created unique experiences and packages that provide lasting memories for people. Our full service food program has also allowed to collaborate with other businesses, organizations and non-profits who chose us as their venue, allowing us to partner with them in their endeavors and fundraising efforts. So many new doors have opened for us and I am so appreciative of the support from our members and the community.

In the coming fiscal year, we look forward to even more positive changes including adding more field trip curriculums for our grade-schoolers, adding more summer fun days for children and families, continuing to connect with our members through free member happy hours, learning opportunities and interesting events that keep us connected with you and our community.

I have an outstanding staff and team of volunteers who are as passionate as I am about all we do. Their dedication to the preservation of the home and to our efforts to support our missions is invaluable. It is because of these people that we can continue making a difference in our community.

Thank you to all of you who chose to continue supporting us through your memberships, donations, attending our events and choosing us as your venue. I am so appreciative of the people I have met over the past 15 months and look forward to all of the opportunities to come. Your support and passion for all we do will never be taken for granted or go unnoticed. George and Lillian would be so proud!

*With sincere gratitude,
Cindy*



Cindy Meany
HHH Executive Director

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FREE Member Only

Happy Hour Events

Wednesday, September 14th
4-5pm

Fall desserts and wine

Wednesday, November 16th
4-5pm

Be the first to see our home in all it's Holiday splendor. Enjoy holiday treats and cocktails as you stroll about.

RSVP's are always appreciated

Upcoming events

(not all tickets are available yet, please continue checking our website at www.hormelhistorichome.org under the **CALENDAR/TICKETS** tab)

October 1st: Austin Symphony Orchestra “Octoberfest” (Fundraiser to support the Austin Symphony)

October 7th: Save the Steinway (Fundraiser to support the Austin Public Schools– Grand Piano restoration)

October 29th: Crafts and Cocktails Event at the HHH (Fundraiser for the Hormel Home)

November 18th: Holiday Open House Event at the HHH

November 19th: Snacks and Santa Holiday Event

November 20th: Story Time with Mrs. Claus Event

December 2nd and 3rd: A Handmade Christmas Event

December 10th and 11th: The Santa Experience Event

December 16th: Laverne and Lucy Holiday Comedy and Dinner Show



What a great year it has been for music at the Hormel Historic Home! We seemed to have it all... From our well known Harris Music Competition, a private member only piano concert in the historic living room, our Monday night Music At The Mansion concert series, a critter picnic and ice cream social for the kids with their very own band... the list goes on and on. All of these wonderful music opportunities are made possible by a generous grant each year given by MarySue Hormel Harris. MarySue is the granddaughter of Ben Hormel, George's youngest brother. We are so grateful that MarySue shares the decades long passion for music and chooses to support our music mission each year with her generous gift. Thank you MarySue for all you have done for us and our community!

Special thank you to our Y's Women!

The Y's Women group is a social group sponsored by the HHH and are here to assist us with projects. Their most recent project was the planting of the beautiful flowers in the boxes on the west side of the home and on the porch. We appreciate that they take so much pride in the appearance of our beautiful home. We look forward to seeing them when they meet here monthly. Thank you ladies for all you do for the Hormel Historic Home!



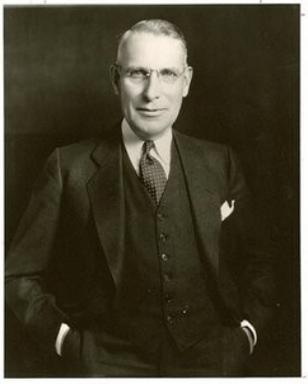
One of our most treasured accomplishments is our autism programming. Each summer we provide youth aged 6-18 on the spectrum with a space to learn and grow through our camps. Our camp staff along with our Community Autism Resource Specialist, Mary Barinka, successfully accommodated 46 campers in our program this year. They experienced things such as trips to local businesses where they learned improved social skills, money management and about potential job opportunities. At Ironwood Springs they got to explore challenging outdoor activities and get to know their creative side. Through our autism programming, our community has also grown in so many ways in their understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder making us more inclusive and welcoming!

Family visits are the BEST!

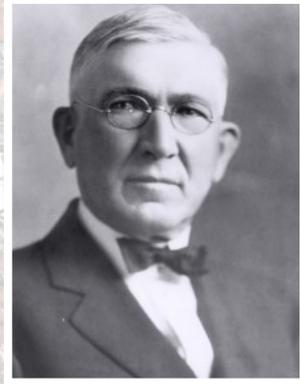
This year we've had the pleasure of meeting a handful of Hormel family descendants. They bring us so much insight and laughter! Pictured on the top left is Clayton Yank (Ben Hormel's great, great, great Grandson), visiting with his girlfriend Erin. They shared a family story.... That Ben used to bunk with Jay when he first came to Austin to work for George. Ben served the company for 50 years, retiring in 1941.

Pictured on the top right is Buff, Richard and daughter Ellison Colarossi. Buff is the daughter of MarySue Hormel Harris and is Great Granddaughter of Ben Hormel. This makes Buff the great, great niece of George A and Lillian Hormel. They visited us in June and shared so many heartwarming family memories and took such an interest in all that we do to serve the community of Austin.

I also had the opportunity to meet Geordie Hormel's widow, Jamie Hormel, pictured in the middle with Geordie, this past March in Phoenix, AZ. while on a road trip. (Geordie was the oldest son of Jay Hormel). It was so much fun learning all about Jamie, their kids, their life together and Geordie's fun spirited personality. I can only imagine that if Geordie were alive today, he would undoubtedly be the life of the party!



Benjamin Franklin Hormel



George Albert Hormel

The Hormel Family's American Dream- Honoring the heritage of German Immigrants

George Albert Hormel was born in Buffalo, New York, on December 4, 1860, the third child and first son of John George and Susanna (née Decker) Hormel. His mother had immigrated to Buffalo in 1852 from Neuwied, a village near Koblenz in Prussia's Rhine Province. Fifteen at the time, Susanna (usually called Susan) Decker had come to the United States with her parents and five younger siblings, one of whom died on the sea voyage. The owner of a successful meat business in Germany, Susan's father Ludwig continued to practice his trade in the United States by operating a butcher shop in Buffalo. John George Hormel (who went by the name George) was born in 1830 in Schwalbach, a town near Frankfurt am Main. His parents were French Huguenots. The Hormel family emigrated from Germany to the United States in 1833 or 1834, when John George was just three years old. Although his father worked as a tailor out of the family's home, John George did not take up the same trade; rather, he found employment in a large tannery in Buffalo.

John George Hormel and Susan Decker were married in Buffalo in 1856. In 1865 or 1866, the couple moved their young family from Buffalo to Toledo, Ohio. They were accompanied there by John George's brother Christian Hormel and their mutual friend Ferdinand Heyer. Heyer was a fellow German immigrant who worked in the same Buffalo tannery as John George. Together, the three men formed a partnership and opened their own tannery in Toledo, Hormel & Heyer, which processed sheepskins into leather.

Music at the Mansion

Thank you to everyone who attended our Music at the Mansion Summer Concert Series and to those who supported our missions with your purchases of dinner at the concerts this summer.

Keep an eye on your emails, our website and our social media as we share more details about these and other events.

The Hormel family valued education and music and exuded a spirit of hospitality. Those values carried on through the work of the Y.W.C.A. and continue today as the mission of the Hormel Historic Home.

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Office & Tour Hours: Tuesday—Friday 10 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Self-guided tours are free for members; \$5 per person for non-members

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**Open for walk in tours
Tuesday—Friday
10 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

Calendar

- 8/25 Blair Lawhead Tribute Fundraiser
- 8/29 Music at the Mansion
- 9/14 Member Happy Hour
- 10/1 Austin Symphony Orchestra Fundraiser
- 10/7 Save the Steinway Fundraiser
- 10/29 Crafts and Cocktails
- 11/16 Member Holiday Happy Hour
- 11/17 Holiday Card Playing Party
- 11/18 Holiday Open House
- 11/19 Snacks and Santa
- 11/20 Story Time with Mrs. Claus
- 12/2&3 A Handmade Christmas
- 12/10&11 Santa Experience
- 12/16 Laverne and Lucy Holiday Comedy and Dinner Show

If your club or organization is looking for a place to host your meetings and events or do a fundraiser please let us know.... We would love to support you!

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