

OAKLAND COUNTY PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Dear Members and Friends:

Outside the One Room School House here at Pine Grove stands a huge but leaning pine. At times we've worried it might fall, but like our Society, its roots are strong, and it endures through the generations. I recently asked some OCPHS directors how they'd describe Pine Grove to those unfamiliar with the place. Kari Vaughan replied without hesitation: "I'd tell them *history lives here.*" And indeed it does!

History lives here in stories told by docents; in knowledge uncovered through research; in buildings, grounds, and artifacts capturing days of old; in events and programs bringing the past to life; in people remembered for their sacrifice and service. *History lives here* because people like you have lent your support so that our Society and its mission can endure for generations past and generations to come.

Each year we ask you to support the Annual Giving Campaign to cover our on-going operating expenses. The 2017 budget for part-time staff, utilities, insurance, lawn care, security, routine maintenance and other costs is \$55,000. Capital improvements and preserving our historic buildings, grounds, and collections require much more than that.

Our enduring pine tree reminds me of how your gifts provide strong roots and support. Please join me in giving to OCPHS this year. Fill out the enclosed response sheet to designate your tax-deductible gift to the area most important to you. Pine Grove is a special place. *History lives here* because you care.

Thank You for Giving,

Fred Liimatta, President

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