

Postal Museum Gala celebrates parcel post

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DELPHOS — Accomplishments of the past year and parcel post's 100th birthday were celebrated at the second annual Delphos Museum of Postal History Gala Sunday evening.

More than 130 guests each received a special parcel with sweets and other surprises inside.

Museum Director Gary Levitt addressed the crowd and thanked recent generous benefactors, including the Arnold C. Dienstberger Foundation, The Delphos Herald, Gary and Jeannie Hasenkamp, the Delphos Area Art Guild and Dr. Walter W. Wolery. All were awarded pavers which can be viewed in the lobby of the museum.

"Without our benefactors, there would be no museum," Levitt said. "We have an operating budget of \$30,000-\$32,000 a year and we don't charge admission. That money comes from our community and others who are gracious enough to support us. The board and I have been talking about the fact there are no restrooms on the second floor and elevator to make it accessible to everyone. We will be working toward a solution to those issues next."

Special plaques were awarded to Bob Ulm, Rick Miller and Robert Schmit for their volunteerism

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and help on the board.

A 10-question trivia game was held throughout the evening with answers found within museum exhibits.

The trip to Lake Tahoe or California was won by Mary Krohn. Catharine Gerdemann won the 50/50 drawing and Karen Edlebrock and Norbert "Tiny" Suever won the door prizes.

Levitt also announced a membership drive. Individual memberships are \$30 and \$50 for a family membership. Checks can be made out to MPH and mailed to PO Box 174, Delphos OH 45833. For more information, call 419-303-5482.