

A Transportation Miracle: A Lake Bluff History Moment!

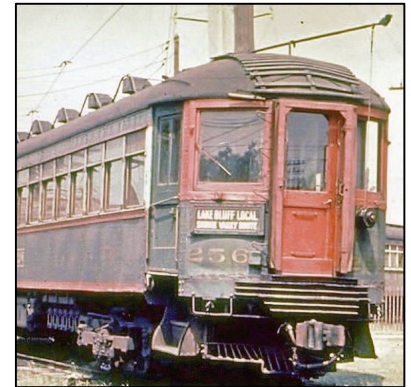
On **February 26, 2017 at 2 pm**, the **Lake Bluff History Museum** will host *A Transportation Miracle*, a program presented by Norm Carlson about an historic event in railroad – and Lake Bluff’s – history.



The occasion was the closing ceremonies of the 28th International Eucharistic Congress at Mundelein Seminary on June 24, 1926: **this event likely brought more people through Lake Bluff than any other day in Village history.** On that day, five railroads combined to provide over 300,000 passenger trips carrying people to and from Mundelein Seminary.

Lake Bluff was the transfer point for travelers on Chicago & Northwestern and Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee trains from Chicago and Milwaukee to the shuttle trains to Mundelein. **40,000 people transferred between the trains and shuttles, resulting in 80,000 trips through Lake Bluff on June 24, 1926.** It was truly a transportation miracle.

In total, over 1,000,000 people participated in this Eucharistic



Congress. It was the vision of George Cardinal Mundelein to hold this event to Chicago. Countries throughout the world were represented, and masses and events were held throughout Chicago between June 20 and June 23, 1926.

Carlson will tell the story of this Eucharistic Congress. This was a triumph of planning by the Archdiocese of Chicago in cooperation with the City of Chicago. Samuel Insull donated the resources of his companies and a literal army of his employees achieved execution of the necessary logistics efforts. The Eucharistic Congress was one of three great events in the early history of Chicago that put it on the map as an international city.

Carlson is President of the Shore Line Interurban Historical Society and Managing Editor of its quarterly magazine, *First & Fastest* and its *Dispatch* series of publication. He has been editor of the magazine since 2003 and has many publishing credits on electric railway history. In addition, he has contributed to many other publications on railroad history. Copies of Carlson’s 100-page publication, *A Transportation Miracle*, will be available for purchase at the presentation for a special price of softcover \$20.00, hardcover \$30.00. Proceeds will be shared with Lake Bluff History Museum.

The **program will be held in the Board Room of Lake Bluff Village Hall**, 40 E. Center Avenue, Lake Bluff. There is **no charge for the event, but a \$5 donation is suggested** to support the museum and programming like this which brings history to life.

Registration is recommended to reserve your space. To register, leave a message at 847 482-1571 or send an e-mail with the names and number attending to events@lakebluffhistory.org

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The Lake Bluff History Museum researches, preserves and shares area history through a variety of activities and events, including programs like this. The museum displays tell stories of Lake Bluff’s past and its archives provide individuals with access to documents, records, photographs and other materials preserved in the museum archives.

For additional information call 847 482-1571, visit lakebluffhistory.org or e-mail info@lakebluffhistory.org.