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## SAUGATUCK-DOUGLAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLANS ANNUAL PUB PARTY FOR MARCH 14

FEB. 16, 2009 -- The Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society's "Pub Party", an annual St. Patrick's Day dinner event open to the public, has been scheduled for Saturday, March 14, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Coral Gables restaurant, 220 Water Street in Saugatuck.

The party's traditional trip-raffle highlight this year offers a three-night junket for two to Las Vegas, including round-trip airfare from Grand Rapids, hotel accommodations and airport transfers. One trip raffle ticket is included free with each Pub Party ticket, and extra trip raffle tickets may be purchased. New at this year's party will be a "50/50" fund-raiser cash raffle in which the winner and the Society equally share the prize, with total value determined by the number of 50/50 tickets sold at \$1 each.

Also highlighting the event are silent and live auctions totaling nearly 50 offerings, including an installed home security system, "getaways" on the Lake Michigan shore and in a UP riverside log cabin, paintings by local artists, professional home-decorating consultation, vintage Saugatuck postcards and a variety of local gift certificates for goods and services.

Review of silent auction items opens at 6:30, and dinner begins at 7:30, offering choice of a traditional corned beef meal or a vegetarian option, with drinks available from a cash bar throughout the evening.

Pub Party tickets are priced at \$25 per person. Extra raffle tickets cost \$10 each or three for \$25. Last date to purchase party tickets is March 6; extra raffle tickets may be purchased anytime prior to raffle. Tickets are available at Uncommon Grounds, 127 Hoffman Street in Saugatuck, or Respite Cappuccino Court, 48 Center Street in Douglas. Phone credit card purchases are available through (269) 857-5751.

The Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization with membership open to all and a mission "to provide leadership in enabling the community to connect with and understand its past, to preserve the quality of community life and to use the area's history to shape its future". For more information about the Society and its many volunteer opportunities, visit www.sdhistoricalsociety.org.