



Elevator Dedication

A dream has come true for the Calumet Theatre Company! The Calumet Theatre's "Lift us Up" Elevator Project is complete. Marking the largest improvement to the Theatre building, a special dinner for large donors was held in the Red Jacket Ballroom with everyone riding the elevator from the Village lobby to the Red Jacket Ballroom.

On September 4th a public dedication and open house was held. Community members viewed and rode the elevator to the Ballroom for refreshments and snacks. Representatives from the Theatre Company, Calumet Village, the Keweenaw National Historical Park, U.P. Engineers & Architects, REJ Contracting, and Ken Summers, who represented Scott Dianda, greeted people and spoke about the elevator.

"This is so exciting! This is going to be a big boost for the use of the entire building. We are so thrilled that this project was able to happen - all because of the generosity of donors! We're so grateful. Our goal was \$300,000 and we reached that in July of 2016. We hope people enjoy the new elevator," said Laura Miller, Executive Director for the Theatre.

The Theatre Company chose a LULA (limited usage limited application) elevator to provide accessibility from the first floor Theatre/Village lobby to the second floor Ballroom. Access to the first balcony is available by a ramped area from the Ballroom. A LULA has a limited capacity of 1400 pounds, travels more slowly between floors, and has less frequent maintenance requirements making it more affordable to maintain than a full size elevator for the Theatre Company.

At the ribbon cutting shown above R to L: Tom Helminen- Tom Moyle Contracting, Art Limback-chairman, Harvey Hoyum-treasurer, Laura Miller-E.D. cutting ribbon, Michelle Saxton-secretary., Robert Johnson-REJ Contracting, Back row-Karin Cooper UPEA, and Wendy Davis -KNHP