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~The 2020 CT CARES Act Helps Stretch Your End of Year Charitable Giving~

In late March we closed our doors to visitors, we briefly reopened with Covid-19 protocols in place, but after cases of the disease in Danbury began to spike, we knew the best decision for our volunteers and visitors was to close again. Our museum is staffed solely by volunteers and has been since our founding in 1994. Our volunteers are passionate about what they do, and why they're here.

This year there's even more perks to being generous. The 2020 CARES Act for Covid-19 relief specifically provides tax incentives for charitable giving. Even if you don't itemize your taxes, the Act allows up to a \$300 deduction – in addition to the standard deduction – for charitable donations. For those who wish to make larger donations the CARES Act has also removed the percentage of income limit.

Your donation will go toward making sure that we can continue to provide visitors with a safe, 'hands-on' railroad experience, and our volunteers with the tools they need to maintain our region's transportation history. Museums are struggling during this pandemic, and we are not immune to the impact of the current climate and we DO need your help.

You can mail your donation to DRM Treasurer, Box 90, Danbury, CT 06813, or make it using a credit card on our website, www.danburyrail.org.

Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

ELECTIONS 2021 – RESUMES DUE!

Official Notice: Now Accepting Nominations

The 2021 Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations and resumes for openings on the Danbury Railway Museum Board of Directors. Eight Director positions are up for election. Six will serve a two-year term and two will serve a one-year term. If you are interested in running for any of the positions, incumbents and new candidates alike, please prepare a resume that is **no longer than one-half an 8 ½ by 11" sheet of paper, and include the following information:**

1. Name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and position for which you are running.
2. Your accomplishments for the DRM over the last two years. **No more than 150 words please.**
3. Your plans and goals for the DRM over your two-year term. Include a project or area where you could contribute your time. **No more than 150 words please.**

Serving on the Board of Directors is a serious commitment to the Museum and its vision and goals. Please consider running only if you feel you can commit the time and effort to move the Museum forward and help it grow. Regular attendance at Board meetings, which are currently held the third Thursday of each month at the Museum when possible, is a requirement. Also, computer capabilities, skills and access are preferred.

This is the first election we are holding under the revised Bylaws dated March 18, 2020. We will be electing only Directors as the Board will appoint the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer at the March 18, 2021 Board meeting from the active Directors. Also, we will be reducing the total Board count to 12. And finally, in order to be able to vote for an equal number of Directors each year, two Directors voted in the 2021 voting cycle will have one-year terms (the two with the lowest vote counts). Thence forward, the terms for all Directors will be two years.

There are three ways to send your resume to the Nominating Committee (Steve Gould, Chairman; David Fuller, and Tom McCullough):

1. Via e-mail to GouldSL@aol.com, davidfuller06484@yahoo.com, or TFM986@optonline.net.
2. By regular mail to the DRM at PO Box 90, Danbury, CT 06813, Attention: Secretary
3. By placing in the Secretary's mailbox in the Museum office.

All resumes must be received by 4 PM on January 17, 2021, in the form as described above to be considered a candidate. There will be no exceptions.

The Nominating Committee is ready to answer any questions you may have. If you know of someone who wants to be contacted about running, please let any member of the Committee know.

Thank you!