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**THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MARKS THE CITY'S 307th BIRTHDAY WITH
A PARTY ON SUNDAY, JULY 20th AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

DETROIT -- Join the **Detroit Historical Society** for a family celebration like no other -- the **City of Detroit's 307th Birthday Party** on **Sunday, July 20th** from **1 - 4 p.m.** at the **Detroit Historical Museum**.

Admission is \$3.07 for everyone in observance of the founding of the settlement of the "city on the straits" by French adventurer **Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac** on July 24, 1701. Admission is **FREE** for children and youth under 18 years of age and Detroit Historical Society members.

This year's Birthday Party focuses on Detroit's early days, including the Native American and French experience. Meet with French settlers and Native Americans in full period costume, and learn about Native American culture and traditions. Visitors of all ages can learn to trace their genealogy. In addition, you can stroll inside the shops of the Museum's signature exhibit, the *Streets of Old Detroit*. You can also participate (for only \$1) in an old-fashioned cake walk to win one of a variety of birthday cakes donated by local confectioners. No birthday celebration is complete without cake, which will be served in the New Cadillac Café throughout the event.

A special discount of \$5 off new Detroit Historical Society memberships will be offered during the event. In addition to free admission to the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Society members receive the following benefits:

- Discounted tickets to our Historic Houses of Worship tours or Behind the Scenes events;
- Various members-only events, including sneak previews of new exhibits;
- A subscription to our newsletter, *Making History*, published quarterly;
- A 10 percent discount at the museum stores.

Detroit's 307th Birthday Party is made possible by the **Detroit Historical Society Guild**. It is presented in partnership with **MetroParent** and **African American Family** magazine. For more information, call **(313) 833-1805** or check out our website at www.detroithistorical.org.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979. Regular admission prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-17. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$3 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*, *Frontiers to Factories*, *The Motor City*, and *The Glancy Trains*.

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