

# Questers Donate Money For Caboose Restoration



Chapter President Chris Stephenson presenting check to Boshears. Also shown: Questers, Sandy Aubuchon, Gerri DeCarlo and Pat Goddard.

The Lake Saint Louis chapters of Questers raised almost \$6,000 for restoring the 1929 Santa Fe Railroad caboose in St. Charles to be used for a learning center for children.

The Heritage Explorers Chapter raised \$923 from their silent auction held during a Heritage of Hawk Ridge Community event in Lake St. Louis. The auction was a highly anticipated part of the HHR St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on March 13th. All donated items were hotly bid on as Pat Goddard did an excellent job of quarterbacking.

The HHR community's generous support made the next step possible: A check for \$1000 was presented to Dorothy Boshears, the Director of the Frenchtown

Heritage Museum and Research Center (FHM) in St. Charles.

This money is being used to help restore a 1929 Santa Fe Railroad caboose at the FHM and give visitors to the Museum a look at the glory days of railroading. The caboose will be used as its learning center for children.

Having applied for the 2010 International Grant last fall, the Heritage Explorers were delighted to learn they were the only Missouri Chapter so honored at the convention in Phoenix. The amount of this generous grant was \$4500. Heritage Explorers members applauded Sharon Rhodes who spearheaded the grant writing.

One last effort to raise funds needed for this restoration project:

the raffle of selected spring plants, including the one most sought after....a pink Mandevilla in a large pot. Residents purchased tickets at the HHR Mother's Day Breakfast on May 8th and the Spring Fling Luncheon and Fashion Show of May 15th.

The Heritage Explorers are so grateful for having been allowed to "ride the coat-tails" of fun events here at HHR in this fundraising endeavor. The raffle brought in an additional \$274 putting us OVER THE TOP of our goal, the projected cost of the restoration being \$5700. Hooray!!!

So, between a silent auction, raffling plants, and writing a grant your chapter might also try those ideas to fund your most important projects.