



# FRIENDS OF THE BRAUMART

Member Newsletter

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*The moment we've all been waiting for...*

*Present for the official signing were, seated from left: Jon Pryor of Northern Michigan Bank and Trust; John Estes, vice president of FOTB; Jinx Brew, president of FOTB; Michelle Sellers and Paul Picucci of River Valley Bank. Back row, from left: Scott Zeuske of Superior Title, David Sam II, Audrey Smith, Tim Haagensen, Lynn Hitt, Rodney Kjell, Teddy Izzo, Barbara Kramer, Dr. Nelson Hassell, Fay Mannon-Rahoi. Photo by Kate Alwine.*

## **WE BOUGHT THE BUILDING!**

The dream has become reality! On February 11, Friends of the Braumart purchased the Braumart Theatre in Iron Mountain. A HUGE **THANK YOU** to every donor and volunteer who played a part in making this happen. We, the board members of FOTB, are inspired every day by the support this community has shown for this project.

Northern Michigan Bank and Trust and River Valley Bank financed the purchase and initial renovations, and Dickinson County 100-Plus Women Who Care donated over \$19,000 in August 2013 which was used for the down payment. In addition, the Iron Mountain-Kingsford General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) has taken on the Braumart as their community project for the next two years. The City of Iron Mountain, Downtown Development Authority, Zonta, the Northstar team and the YMCA have all supported this effort, but it would not have been possible without the support of *people like you!*

## ***What's happened so far?***

Since buying the building, we've already cleared out over SEVEN TONS of trash and repaired the front doors. Major lobby renovations are in the planning stages.

The February 27 Open House was a huge success! Around 400 people stopped by to see the "before" picture of the Braumart. Musicians Adam Hayes and Doug Bacon entertained on the stage and several students from local dance studios practiced onstage and off. Art from local artists was displayed in the lobby along with preliminary designs for the future of the building. And Tony Sertich, Executive Director of the Pine Mountain Music Festival (PMMF) announced that all five events of the 2016 PMMF season will be held at the Braumart! Performance dates will be June 18 through June 26.



*February 27 Open House at the Braumart  
Photo by Dan England.*

*Tony Sertich, Executive Director of PMMF  
(left) and John Estes, Vice President of  
FOTB (right). Photo by Gage Planka.*

## ***What's next?***

The real work is just beginning! We'll be replacing the roof membrane this spring, making major changes to the lobby, repairing the marquee and making the building clean, comfortable and inviting.

We've got a great fundraising event coming up: Get your golf on at Birdies for the Braumart! It's a unique, fun, indoor event for golfers to tune up their swing and get ready for spring. Sunday, April 10 at Hole-in-One Virtual Golf, 700 East Blvd. in Kingsford - check in at 1:00 and shotgun at 2:00. Gallery (non-golfers) welcome. Presale tickets are \$25 per person and available at Hole-in-1 Virtual Golf, Dickinson Area Chamber Alliance, and [www.friendsofthebraumart.org](http://www.friendsofthebraumart.org), tickets are \$30 at the door and \$10 for non-golfers. All proceeds will benefit the Braumart Theater renovation project. More information is available at our website: [www.friendsofthebraumart.org](http://www.friendsofthebraumart.org).

Also on the Braumart schedule: Pine Mountain Music Festival events, June 18 through 26; Missoula Children's Theatre, July 25 through 30; and the Braumart Annual Gala on August 25. Details will be available on our website soon.

## ***Want to help?***

There will be many opportunities to volunteer in the coming months. Please contact us via email at [info@friendsofthebraumart.org](mailto:info@friendsofthebraumart.org) or on Facebook if you would like to help out! As always, your tax-deductible contribution to FOTB is an investment in the future of the Iron Mountain area. Thank you!