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Well done, Janet, and our congratulations.

TRAIN RIDER??

Contact: Bluewater Michigan Chapter, P.O. Box 286, Royal Oak, MI 48069-0286

For information re: planned train trips.

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( ) Hospitality
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Work I would be willing to do:

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WITH OTHER HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

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