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Dover Straits Restaurant - Noon

Samuel J. Lewis, II ~ Puppeteer



Sam Lewis is an actor, a poet, a vocalist, and recently a puppeteer. He calls himself an *accidental puppeteer* because, in the early 2000s, he came across a vintage Black Americana marionette in an attic, an event which started him on an unexpected puppetry journey that he renamed, "Jus Hambone!"

In late 2018, Sam learned of an incredible family history that has taken him back over 200 years. That revelation redirected his practice. His "crankie" puppetry tells the story of his great-great-grandfather, who saved a train from crashing in 1872. It is part puppetry, part his-

| 2023 - 2024 LAKE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION | |
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| October 16 - 17 | IRTA BIENNIAL CONVENTION, Crowne Plaza, Springfield Thank you to all of our delegates! |
| November 14 | LARRY FARMER, author, <i>Role of a Lifetime</i> |
| December 12 | HOLIDAY FUN! Installation of New Officers |
| January | NO MEETING |
| February 13 | LESLEY BRACERO, author of <i>Love is a Sacrifice</i> |
| March 12 | RACHEL CANNON, Attorney ~ "Future of cryptocurrencies and why they may be here to stay" |
| April 9 | SAM LEWIS & LAURIE STEIN, Lake Forest History Center ~ <i>How to get started researching your family history</i> " |
| May 14 | ROBERT COLLINS, chef ~ "Youth Culinary School" |



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LCRTA's September meeting thanking Jim Bachman for his 20 years of service as the IRTA Executive Director! Wendy Wieggers, Area II Rep, made a counted cross stitch "plaque" as a thank-you gift! (Angelica Barry, photographer)

