

South Milwaukee Historical Society

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We finished 2016 with the Christmas tea being a huge success. Thank you all. For the new year we wish you health and happiness. To help out we have a calendar full of fun things. Our dinner Feb.18 at Brew Town. Noon. You must have reservations. We will offer the plant exchange and the 6 Gardens Tour again. The Canopy outdoor classes will feature the 1932 DVD, Founders of our Village in 1893, Civil War battlefields, and Prohibition in S. M. and 2 new ventures, a coach bus trip to Old World Wisconsin on a Saturday in mid

September, bus and entrance fee is \$46.00. Money is due one month in advance. Digital picture scanning will be in October. Look for details in the newsletter and flyers in City Hall and the Library. Help us have a great and fun year.

Lois Schreiter

P.S. From the Editor/Secretary:

Help?? Do you have a memory of South Milwaukee you'd be willing to share with our readers? How about an interesting picture of a place or event from our city's past that we could use. Maybe you'd like to try your hand at writing a short article for the newsletter? Contact any one of the officers at the numbers above or send us an email. southmilwaukeehistory@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you

2017 Historical Society Annual Luncheon

Join us Saturday, February 18th
at the Brew Town Bar & Grill,
1902 17th Av in South Milwaukee.
Festivities begin at noon.

Dinner includes a Vegetable Medley, Salad,
Rolls, Dessert and your choice of entrée

- _____ Roast Chicken w/Roast Potatoes
- _____ Tenderloin Medallions w/Mashed Potatoes
- _____ Lemon Garlic Baked Cod w/Rice Pilaf

Begin the afternoon enjoying a selection of oldies from long time Milwaukee clarinetist Robert Regent then enjoy the relaxing sounds of Singing Violin Strings during lunch. Finish up the afternoon with a talk from Mayor Erik Brooks about the Future of South Milwaukee.

Cost is \$20 per person.

Reservations required by February 9, 2017

State entrée choice when sending payment!

Mail checks to: Lois Schreiter,

Please include your
phone number in case
there are questions

South Milwaukee Historical Society
104 Brookdale Dr
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OR call 414-762-5214 to reserve your seat!



The 10th Annual Holiday Tea at the Grant Park Clubhouse was a sell out as usual! Everyone enjoyed the decorations, the food, the raffles, the bake sale... **And again the weather** was just warm enough for some brave golfers to enjoy a round on the course and boost sales at the bake sale!



Thanks go out to members of the South Milwaukee Historical Society and Friends of the Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc for all their hard work planning, decorating, baking, serving, clean-up...



A huge thank you to the South Milwaukee National Honor Society Students. Without their help things would go a lot slower during set-up, serving and clean-up!

Because of a limit on tickers per order this year we saw quite a few new faces at the tea. Of course we missed our loyal friends from years past but were happy some new folks had a chance to check us out.

Thanks to everyone who attended. We appreciate your support of our organizations and hope to see you again next year!





We have a number of new events planned this summer and fall. Of course the old standbys are still on the calendar, Plant Exchange, Garden Tour, Rhubarb Leaf Casting, but we've also set up a bus tour to

Old World Wisconsin on September 16.

Fee is \$46 for adults; \$40 for Children age 5-17.

The bus will leave at 9am and return at 3pm. Lunch will be available in the café or you can bring your own.

Please think about joining us for this self guided tour of the historical farm and village buildings that make up Old World Wisconsin, the world's largest museum dedicated to the history of rural life. As an added bonus September 16 is Oktoberfest at Old World Wisconsin! Enjoy beer brewing and seasonal activities on the German farms.

Space will be limited so be sure to mark you calendar and watch for details in the spring and summer newsletters.

Looking for something different to help pass the time this winter? How about sorting thru those boxes of photos we all have stashed away in the attic? We're planning a Picture Scanning event on October 7 from 10am to noon. The society is looking for old photos of South Milwaukee that we can scan and add to our archives. We're especially interested in businesses and buildings like churches, hotels, schools, neighborhood grocery stores and taverns, houses, barber-shops. Do you have any multigenerational family photos?? How about events at Grant Park? Any wedding photos that include a good view of the local hall it was at? Hunt them up, identify the place or people please, and bring them to us. ALL PICTURES WILL BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SCANNING unless you prefer to donate your originals.



There's still time....

Be sure to fill out and return the membership form to renew your membership for 2017. You have until the annual lunch to re-up. After that we have no choice but to remove you from our member list.

We were saddened by the closing of the Bucyrus Heritage Museum this past December. The Society sent a request to Caterpillar Inc. offering to exhibit items especially those from the early days of Bucyrus Erie and now we're hoping for the best.

Due to declining attendance at the Spring & Fall Potluck meetings the board has decided to discontinue them. For 2017 all meetings, with the exception of the February Annual Luncheon, will be held at the South Milwaukee Library on the 2nd Monday of every month. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm and everyone is welcome to attend.



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Membership Renewal Form for year - - - -

Please renew my membership at the following level:

___ Individual (\$10) ___ Family (\$15) ___ Business (\$25) ___ Individual Life Member(\$100)

Make checks payable to South Milwaukee Historical Society and mail to **717 Milwaukee Av, South Milwaukee WI 53172**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Check here if you would like to receive your newsletters by email and write the address below

Email Address: _____

MEMBER MEETING DATES

Our monthly meetings are now held at the South Milwaukee Library. Meetings begin at 6:00PM and are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. **We'd like to invite ALL our members to attend.**

February 18—Annual Lunch

March 13

April 10

May 8

June 12

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

Just a reminder that all new Historical Society members are entitled to one hour of genealogical research from Steve Schreiter. If you haven't taken advantage of that yet give Steve a call. You can download the basic information form from the *Contact Us* page of our website if you have access to a computer.

The Historical Society would like to extend our wishes, condolences or congratulations to its members. Please leave a detailed message for the Sunshine chairperson at 414-762-7605 or 414-762-2712. Be sure to include a phone number where you can be reached if she has questions.

As always...I'd like to encourage anyone who's able but hasn't done so yet to sign up to receive electronic notification of the newsletters. You get access to it sooner, the picture quality is much better, it saves the Society money on printing & postage and it helps the environment! If you'd like to give it a try send an email to the Society email address:

southmilwaukeehistory@gmail.com

You can always change your mind.....