



Newsletter

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Meeting Place-South Milwaukee Library Blue Room
Meeting Time -First Monday of the Month-7:30 P.M.
Refreshments served following each meeting.

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Get Your Calendar Out!

Please circle the dates of the following regular meetings of the South Milwaukee Historical Society:

Monday - October 7th
Monday - November 4th
Monday - December 2nd
See you at the Public Library Blue Room at 7:30 !

Sunshine Notes- by Lee Wendt

A special "Get Well" wish to Mrs. Chester Grobschmidt after her recent surgery. Mrs. Grobschmidt is now home from the hospital and recovery nicely.

If you know of anyone in need of a little sunshine, please call the Sunshine Chairman, so that a card can be put in the mail.

The Refreshment Committee wants to thank all those who have brought all the goodies to the past meeting to help make the Coffee Hour such a nice part of all our meetings.

The Metropolitan Regional Convention was held on August 24th, at West Allis. South Milwaukee was represented by Lola Doe, Jackie Granec, Rick Grobschmidt, Mary Mc Carrier, Barb Mueller, Barb Schouten, Jan Schumacher and Lee Wendt.

The entire morning was taken by Society reports, giving us all an idea of how other societies have progressed through the past year. After lunch, we heard speakers on Bicentennial topics, followed by a beautiful slide show on Historic Walker's Point.

We finished by taking a walking tour of the area immediately surrounding their Museum, plus a tour of their Museum.

If you are interested in being involved in the next convention, which will be held in South Milwaukee, come on down to one of our meetings. Committees are just being formed.

See you at the next meeting!

NEWSLETTER

Accessioning and Cataloging.

From the depths of the Library basement, the Newsletter has the following report:

The cataloging committee has recently received Dr. Parrott's W.W.I uniform consisting of hat, jacket, trousers and puttees. Along with these articles of clothing, there was, what appeared to be a large cloth bag resembling a feed bag for a horse. If anyone would be able to accurately identify this "mystery artifact" please contact Jackie Granec.

Mr. Ben Shogren has donated a photostatic copy of a map showing the Sherman Fleet at Surrender, November 21, 1918.

Anyone interested in a most interesting job and getting the feel of our City's past through work with artifacts and documents or who would like to make a donation to the Society's Accessing Committee, please contact Jackie Granec.

DO YOU

Have a friend who might be interested in our South Milwaukee Historical Society? Tell them about it and chances are they would love to join.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Memberships:

Annual \$ 3.00	Junior Historian 1.00
Family \$ 5.00	Business & Professional 10.00
Retirees 2.00	Sustaining 25.00

Send to:

Membership Chairwoman
Jan Schumacher
919 Madison Ave.
So. Milwaukee, Wis. 53172

Our Bake Sale at the So. Milwaukee Art Fair was a huge success. Many of our members donated baked goods and helped at the sale. We also received donations. We made a total of \$ 56.76.

Thanks to all for your response.

Maxwell St. White Elephant Sale.

Our 2nd Annual White Elephant sale was held in conjunction with Maxwell Street Days.

Something new was added this year; A Plant Booth and a Fresh Lemonade Stand.

Ann Monson sold delicious lemonade while Lee Wendt sold many beautiful plants, which she and Dora Lee Szcwuga sprouted and planted in flower pots. Many gals worked on the Rummage table where we had a variety of nice treasures.

We would like to thank all the people who donated their time and wares to make our rummage sale a big success. Thanks again.

Profits:

Plants	\$ 21.15
Lemonade	5.70
Rummage	<u>131.62</u>
Total	\$ 158.47

Jackie Granec
Jan Schumacher
Barb Schouten

Just a Reminder. . .

Society pins or charms are available to all members who wish to have one. The pins (or charms) have a replica of the Mill and are gold plated. The cost is \$5.00 and they are well worth it. Why not "treat" yourself to a pin or charm with some of your "mad money". It would also make a nice "from me to me" Christmas gift.

Anyone wishing to order one of these membership emblems, please call Penny Rankin at 762-4040.

See page 3 for the activities and progress of the Bicentennial Committee.

POOR RICHARD'S ALMANAC...

News from the Bicentennial Committee

MOTTO IS SELECTED

At the June 20th meeting of the Bicentennial Committee, we adopted the motto, "Independance Through the Years." This motto was inspired by the City Centennial motto, "Through the Years." Not wishing to exactly duplicate the 1935 motto, yet feeling that it played a great enough part in South Milwaukee's recent past, we only altered it by adding the word 'Independance.' Through all of South Milwaukee's history, our city has maintained a reputation and attitude of independance. This idea, coupled with the early revolutionary spirit of the founders of the Nation, led us to select "Independance Through the Years" as the official motto for the Bicentennial.

DESIGNATION SOUGHT

The Bicentennial Committee has requested and received application materials for having South Milwaukee designated as a Bicentennial Community by the Wisconsin American Revolution Bicentennial Commission (WARBC). This is not a matter to be taken lightly, since the WARBC must approve of the community's proposed activities and programs. Of course, there are other requirements pertaining to the committee's organization, community involvement, and successful planning. The WARBC has published a pamphlet, "A Framework For Observing The American Revolution Bicentennial In Wisconsin," to aid committees in their Bicentennial plans. We are using this booklet as the backbone for our inspiration and planning.

SPECIAL MEETING HELD

September 19th, the Bicentennial Committee invited Mr. Tom Benson to speak to us on Bicentennial activities. He distributed the 'Framework' pamphlet to all the members of the Committee who did not have one. Our main reason for having Mr. Benson speak to us was to ask him what steps must be taken to have South Milwaukee designated as a Bicentennial Community. We were also surprised at the great variety of projects other communities were undertaking for '76. He told us ways to stimulate interest in Bicentennial activities, and of course, touched on fund-raising. He said that whatever your Bicentennial plans were, he felt that your main over-all objective should be, "To have something that makes the community better than it was before the Bicentennial."

TOWN HALL MEETING PLANNED

In order to stimulate city-wide interest in Bicentennial activities, this Committee has decided to hold a 'Town Hall Meeting,' on Wednesday November 13, 1974, at 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the South Milwaukee City Hall City Council Chamber. Featured speakers for this event will be Mr. Tom Benson of the WARBC, and Mayor Chester Grobschmidt. It is hoped that all citizens and organizations interested in planning Bicentennial activities will attend.

YOU CAN HELP

Should anyone have any questions or wish to pass along ideas or information concerning the Bicentennial, please contact Rick Grobschmidt at 762-8460, or Lee Wendt at 762-2971. All questions, ideas and suggestions will be presented to the entire committee for consideration.