

South Milwaukee Historical Society 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.

South Milwaukee Historical Society was founded in the spring of 1972. By December of 1972, we had enrolled 86 charter members. We now have our permanent charter from the State Historical Society.

Report of Oral History Committee

Gathering oral history about our community is an important part of our society. Not many of the State Historical Societies have undertaken this phase of history gathering as yet, and even the Local History Department of the Milwaukee Library has expressed an interest in our project.

The Oral History committee has six taping sessions with some of our distinguished older citizens under way at present. We expect to have them completed by the middle of May, at which time we will evaluate our methods and see if we can improve on the next group. If need be, we intend to go back to some of our participants for additional material.

In order that we might have a supply of names of persons who would be willing to be interviewed, we are requesting that if any of you know persons who might bring out some point of interest in our community's history, that you get in touch with one of the members of the committee. They are: Barbara Mueller, Rosemarie and Don Broskowski, Lee Wendt, Dora Lee Szewczuga, Arlene Barsamian and William Domoe.

John Fowle Jr., built the first frame house in South Milwaukee from lumber sawed in the Fowle Mill.

The railroad was built through the town in 1854 & 1855.

Hospitality

A special thank you to all of the members who have brought refreshments for our "After Meeting" social hour.

Survey

A survey was taken by the society to determine how many of the present South Milwaukee High School students had parents or grandparents who attended the high school. The results were: 299 students responding--
Graduated from S.M. High School: Father 60, Mother 66, Grandfather 3, Grandmother 5. Attended but not graduated: Father 13, Mother 7, Grandfather 4, Grandmother 4.

The Eagle Horseshoe factory, located in South Milwaukee in the early 1900's was the only one of its kind west of Pittsburgh. The factory turned out 60 tons of shoes daily.

Membership Notes

Dues for 1974 are now due. If you haven't already, renewed, please do so now!

Family - \$5.00 Retired - \$2.00
Single - \$3.00 Junior - \$1.00

Send to - 1618 Manitoba Ave So. Milw., Wis. 53172

The Auto Speedway opened on Aug. 26, 1928 on 5th ave. just north of Carrollville. The track had an oiled road and heavily banked turns. There was a grandstand and bleachers for 15,000 people.

Transportation

With the energy crisis upon us, lets pool together and come to the meeting with several others. If you need a ride or can provide one for others, call 764-0714.

Election

At our next meeting, May 6, we will have our annual election of officers. We would like to see more of our members attend all the meetings, but the May election meeting is especially important - so please come, and be counted.

CRACKER BARREL SING - ALONG and DANCE

June 2, 1974

ENTERTAINMENT and REFRESHMENTS

5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

DeBlaey and Ross - Wisconsin's greatest Banjo and Bass Duet
Lynn Rankin - South Milwaukee's own, at the organ
5Ft. 4 Quartet - Sweet Adelines International Championship Chorus

Place: Admar Golden Note
1804 15th Ave.
South Milwaukee

Bring your friends and relatives.
18 yrs. and over

SEND YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW TO
SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2215 18th Ave.
South Milwaukee Wis. 53172

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

Single \$4.00 South Milwaukee Historical Society
Couple \$7.50 Fund Raising Sing - along Dance

RESERVATION DEADLINE MAY 20

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Report of Sunshine Committee

If any member hears of another member in need of a little sunshine, the person to call is Lee Wendt at 762-2971. It had been decided at one of our meetings that the voluntary contribution for "Sunshine Insurance" would be .50 per member, payable to Lee Wendt. This would cover the cost of a card and stamp. Lets hear from you!

Society Pins

A very attractive membership pin is being offered. It is the size of a dime and is gold filled. A picture of the Old Mill is on the pin. If you'd like one, please call Dennis Rankin at 764-4044 soon.

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We are very grateful to all those who have contributed their efforts to this our first newsletter.

The Committee

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