

South Milwaukee Historical Society Newsletter

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

Officers

Pres. Dennis Rankin 764-4044
V.Pres. George Hook 762-0635
Sec'y. Penny Rankin 764-4044
Treas. Lillian Dishong 762-4568

EXTRA !!

The So. Milwaukee Historical Society has been officially appointed as the coordinating body for the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of the United States. (See Page 3 for details.)

Congratulations are in Order !

At the regular meeting on May 6th, George Hook was elected to the office of Vice President to replace Richard Grobschmidt, but you won't find Rick doing much relaxing. He'll be teaching for the summer session at the High School and he will be Chairman of the So. Milwaukee Bicentennial Committee.

Jackie Granec has just been appointed Head of the Accessioning Committee. It's nice to have someone who is willing to take on a big responsibility like that.

The Cataloging Committee needs help. If you have any spare time and would like to volunteer, please call:

Jackie Granec - 762-7955
She would be very grateful for any help you can give.

South Milwaukee's new City Hall, built in 1893 was dubbed "Bunn's Mule

Committees

Membership-Jan Schumacher 762-0818
Accessioning-Jackie Granec 762-7955
Oral History-Dora Lee Szewczuga 762-7828
Bicentennial-Richard Grobschmidt 762-8460
Sunshine- Lee Wendt 762-2971
Hospitality-Lillian Rankin 762-9534
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Barn" because of the many animals which strayed into town and were kept there until their owners claimed them.

We are planning another sale for "Maxwell Street Days" this summer. Our first sale in August 1973 was a great success and it was decided to repeat it this year. Anyone who has items to donate for this sale (anything except clothing) please call:

Barbara Schouten 764-2315
Jackie Granec 762-7955
Jan Schumacher 762-0818

An emblem has been designed for our Historical Society, with a replica of the Old Mill. It is a beautiful emblem in gold made up in pins or charms for members to purchase at \$5.00 each. Or a Tie Tack can be ordered at slightly more. Any one wishing to order one of these membership emblems can call Penny Rankin at 764-4044.

Do you know any one who would like to become a member of the So. Milwaukee Historical Society? Do you want to pay your dues? Well, Jan Schumacher is your girl. She is replacing Pat Abrahamson as membership chairman. Good Luck Jan!

The Cracker-Barrel Sing-A-Long was quite a success. The Committee would like to thank all the following who donated cheese, beverages, cups, beer, music, advertising, etc. whose gifts and donations helped.

WZUU Radio Station
 WEMP-WNUW Radio Station
 WEZW Radio Station
 WISN-TV (Channel 12)
 WISN Radio - Chuck Hoover
 WTMJ-TV & WTMJ Radio (Rod Sinnis & Mrs. Munger)

WITI-TV 6.

Many thanks to:

Kohl's Supermarket
 A & P Supermarket
 National Foods
 Dick's Foodliner
 Sunrise Liquor
 Kings's Row
 McDonald's
 Pabst Brewery (R. Platek)
 Mr. John Schlienger-Lion's Club
 Mr. & Mrs. Felix Fabinski
 Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Klipfel
 Mr. Lawrence Klipfel
 Cindy Reitzel
 Mary Starszak
 Adolph Tylicki
 Mr. Art Drews
 Gene Grobschmidt
 Kent Peterson, Mar-Ko Photo Studio
 The Five Foot Four Sweet Adelines
 The DeBlacy & Ross Duo
 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Rankin who worked so very hard to put it all together. Thanks also to all the members who attended and contributed to our fund raising event.

A big thank you to all the very good cooks in our group who bring the goodies for the refreshments for each meeting.

Did you know that our President, Mr. Dennis Rankin has been made a Regional Vice Chairman and in January 1975 he will become a Regional Chairman? Also, in 1975 our South Milwaukee Chapter will host the Regional Convention in South Milwaukee.

The 1974 Regional Convention will be held in West Allis on August 24, and any persons interested in attending may obtain further information from Mr. Dennis Rankin.

South Milwaukee's first Public School was started in 1840. The teacher was paid from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per week and her board.

The Old High School at 10th & Rawson Avenues burned on December 4, 1929. Fifty-five Vocational School students marched to safety in near zero weather.

There is a very interesting and attractive collection in the display case at the So. Milwaukee Library. It consists of many bronze flasks in different shapes and sizes. This collection is the property of Mr. Bruce Rayeske, who is one of the directors of the So. Milwaukee Historical Society. It is well worth seeing.

The South Milwaukee Historical Society will not take a vacation from regular meetings during the summer. We will continue to meet the first Monday of each month, as usual.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING !!

If you know of any member who is ill, or in need of a little cheer, call Lee Wendt, the Sunshine Chairman.

POOR RICHARD'S ALMANAC...

News from the Bicentennial Committee.

On Thursday May 16, 1974, the Bicentennial Committee attended a meeting of the South Milwaukee Common Council to present a request for legislation designating the South Milwaukee Historical Society as the official organization to coordinate South Milwaukee's celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of our Nation. The request was well received, and the Committee was congratulated for stepping forward to handle the task.

The following Thursday, May 21, Resolution No. 74-34 was unanimously approved by a roll call vote of the City Council. It states, in part, "...Be it resolved that the South Milwaukee Historical Society is hereby appointed as the coordinating body within the City of South Milwaukee for purposes of celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of the United States."

Brainstorming was the order of the evening on June 7, when the Bicentennial Committee had its first regular meeting. It was decided at that time that Bicentennial Committee activities should attempt to stimulate interest in lasting contributions to our community as a whole, through School projects, Community projects, and Historical Society projects. Should anyone have any questions or wish to pass along any information concerning the Bicentennial, please contact Rick Grobschmidt at 762-8460, or Lee Wendt at 762-2971. All questions and ideas will be presented to the entire committee for consideration.