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Meeting Place - Council Chambers - City Hall Annex

Meeting Time - First Monday of each month - 7:30 P.M. (except July, Second Monday)

Refreshments served following each meeting

Officers

President - Ron Abrahamson
Vice Pres. - Lois Schreiter
Secretary - Pat Abrahamson
Treasurer - Laura Hook

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Committees

Membership - Laura Hook
Accessioning - Jackie Granic
Hospitality - Lillian Rankin
Bicentennial - Richard Grobschmidt
Sunshine - Lee Wendt
Newsletter - Ron & Pat Abrahamson
Lillian Dishong

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NOTICE

CHURCHES

Charms and Lapel Pins - -

There are just a few left. It's a real conversation piece with the "Old Mill" pictured on it. The charm can be worn on a charm bracelet or a fine chain. Wear one proudly as a member of our society. The price is just \$5.00 available from the treasurer.

Bakeless Bake Sale

The members of the society, at the regular June meeting, favored a bakeless bake sale. All contributions should be given to the treasurer anytime from now until August. Let's all get behind this effort and make it a real success.

This is the third in a series of sketches about the early churches in S. Milwaukee.

In May of 1892 a number of Lutherans decided to build a church, the Zion Evan. Lutheran Church. At first all services were in German. Gradually they included English services. Now all services are English. A school building was dedicated in October 1926. In the middle thirtys, the church and school were valuded at \$80,000.

AN OAK CREEK BREWERY

Titus Lewin owned a small brewery in Oak Creek, between about 1870 to 1900. Has anyone further information.

PROGRAMS

The many approving comments received about our program for the June meeting has spurred the program committee on to more exciting activities.

In June we saw the movie "Williamsburg Restored" showing the research, planning and construction of Williamsburg into a colonial vision of its early days. We thank Sr. Ruth Marie of St. Sylvester's for the use of her time and projector. Since the Public Library's Projector was broken, it would have been impossible to have shown the film without her kindness. For July we have invited Dr. Boyd Nerschel, dentist and life long resident of South Milwaukee, to reminisce and answer questions about our city. Please feel free to prepare questions ahead of time. We'll enjoy seeing you. All ideas for future programs will be most welcome. Contact Lois Schreiter, V. Pres. and program Chairperson.

GIFT

The society received its first gift donation of an antique victorian chair. It was given by Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Buege of So. Mil. It belonged to Mrs. Buege's Greatmother and is 140 years old. Also included is a 100 year old paisley piano scarf and parasols and other artifacts. These were given in honor of her mother Mrs. Norma Zimmer Leist

Poetry Contest Winners

Our society co-sponsored a poetry contest for all of the school aged children in the city. Dr. Caroline Kotowicz was one of the judges. Below are several of the numerous and well written poems submitted.

OUR FLAG

Our flag blows in the wind, I see
It is full of glory inspiring, saying ...
America is the home of the free,
The brave, the willing and the strong,
Our flag is more than that to me
It is life and hope and liberty!

Kent Paulubicki
Second Place Primary
Lakeview School

House Caretakers

The couple who is serving as caretakers at our house are leaving to return to school. If you know of a young couple who would be interested in this live in job, please call P. Abrahamson at 764-0714 immediately.

MEMBERSHIP

Keep us growing. Interest your friends, neighbors and relatives. Keep a supply of membership blanks on hand and give them out with enthusiasm and pride. This citizens of our great city have a wealth of knowledge we could use. Add the following names to your 1976 Roster:

- Barnes, Mrs. Margaret A. , Duwe, Mrs. Leora- 248 Hawthorne Ave. 762-0134
- Allen, Caddith L. 706 Williams Ave. 762-0047
- Reingans, Mrs. Agnes - 608 No. Chicago 762-3161
- Hook, Miss Maude P. 330 W. 20th St. Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401
- Rayeske, Mrs. & Mr. Bruce 816 Columbia Ave. 762-8848
- Simbach, Mrs. Conrad J. 1315 - 15th Ave. 762-0074

Address Changes or Corrections:

- Fabinski, Mr. & Mrs. Felix 5206 Woodridge Lane, S. Greenfield, Wis. 53221
- Grobschmidt, Mr. & Mrs. Richard 1513 Mackinac Ave.

- Nowinski, Mrs. Harriet 1826 Monroe Ave.
- Wendt, Mrs. Lee 707 Minnesota Ave.

More New Members

- Dr. & Mrs. M.L. Lam (Elora) 1001 Madison Ave.
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Procter, Jr. 808 Lake Drive

Ann Swirkowski
517 Blake Ave. 762-6228

THE UNITED STATES FLAG

I think the United States flag is a sign of bravery, equal rights, freedom, hope, trust and courage.

I think the United States flag is the best sign of liberty there is.

Jim Czarniecki
Third Place
Primary Grade
Parkway School

I AM A PROUD AMERICAN

I feel exalted when I think of the many faces of our America,
From North to South and East to West.
I can find history, entertainment, art and nature;
Every new place is better than the last.

I am proud to be a part of this civilization;
First among our neighbors with a desire for moral righteousness.
We believe in justice for the free people.
Bells of freedom will never cease to toll.

I am a patriot in my own way;
With respect for anything symbolizing my country.
I love the great cities as well as the small rural countrysides;
The entertainment spots flooded in bright lights,
And the serene pictures of nature that I see around me,
Being preserved more and more for tomorrow.

Today remembers our past.
It renews an interest in our nation's history;
The fight for independence and the hope for survival.
In the near future of tomorrow, a special bicentennial has been prepared;
Let's participate and become as American as we possible can!

Our accomplishments have been many;
Our famous forefathers ---- fighters for freedom,
Our men of inventions ---- our symbols of a happy, peaceful country.
The country is America and I am proud to be an American!

Tom Curtin Second Place Award
S. H. Senior High

House Restoration

Work will begin very soon on the interior of the society house. Work will include washing woodwork and ceilings, painting woodwork and ceilings and hanging wall-paper. Needed are ladders, buckets and lots of people for work. If you can help call Iyan Rankin, House Restoration Chairperson.

Please save your rummage articles for our upcoming Maxwell Street booth in August.

****The Society is sponsoring a car in the Soap Box Derby in August... Lets all get out and cheer our car to victory.....

Flag Sale

Flags can still be ordered for a short time.
Eric A. Karlin, or L. Eakin

Mail Orders Happily Filled Postage Paid (Make Checks payable to)
Price \$7.50 tax included (S. H. Senior High)

*****BOOK SALE*****

A member of our society, Gertrude Endthoff, has updated her book So. Milwaukee Then To Now. She has written a wonderful book on the history of our city, its industries, schools, churches and entire area. She has also graciously agreed to donate all profits to our society. We hope all members will purchase a copy. You may also take books on consignment to sell to friends. They make great gifts to your children or friends who have moved out of the area. Books are available at the following locations.

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| Price | \$7.50 | So. Milwaukee Marine Bank |
| tax included | | Home State Bank |
| | | Journal Printing |
| | | Harvest Hut |
| | | Marquette Pharmacy |
| | | City Emp. Credit Union |

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

of books desired _____

POOR RICHARD'S ALMANAC...

News from the Bicentennial Committee

(The following is a special message which was delivered at the July 4th Festivities at Grant Park)

Fellow Patriots!

The problems were enormous. Inflation was terrible. Unemployment was widespread. Many vital goods were impossible to find. Taxes were rising constantly. Faith in government reached an all-time low. Disenchantment and cynicism were everywhere. There was a crisis in values and widespread disagreement over the direction that should be taken in public affairs. Some said that government should be in the hands of the people; that everyone should have a chance to participate. Others said the people could not be trusted. There was a sense of nostalgia; a looking back to the "good old days" when government could be trusted.

Does all that sound familiar? It may sound like America today, but that's the way things were in the colonies on the eve of the Revolution. In fact, even America's 100th anniversary is looked upon as a troubled time. The civil had only been over a few years. The wounds were fresh. Also in the minds of many Americans was the scandalous record of corruption left by the presidential administration of U.S. Grant. 1776, 1876, and 1976 will be viewed in 2076 as troubled times. Times when legitimate government was viewed with disrespect by large numbers of people, with many more disillusioned and apathetic toward public affairs.

And how are many Americans celebrating the Bicentennial? By rushing to historical shrines, taking advantage of special bicentennial airline rates and car rentals; munching red, white, and blue bicentennial hot dogs, littering the countryside with red, white, and blue food wrappers of every description. By the end of the year the party will be over. It would be very short sighted to view our 200th birthday as 1976 alone. For '76 is the first of three Bicentennials. First we celebrate the Declaration of Independence which justified the rebellion from British rule. The second bicentennial will come in '87, commemorating the writing of the U.S. Constitution, the structure of democratic government. And the Third bicentennial will come in '91, the anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights, the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution which guarantee each citizen fair treatment by the government. All three of these Documents expressed HOPE. Hope regarding freedom, justice, equality, and stability. These hopes existed in 1776, 1876, and still exist today in 1976. For these hopes to be alive in 2076, Americans need to make a commitment. That same commitment was made 200 years ago:

"We hold these truths to be self evident,
that all men are created equal, that they are
endowed by their Creator with certain
unalienable rights, that among these are
Life, Liberty and the persuit of Happiness."

We are not asking you to give your life, fortune, or sacrifice your sacred honor, but to make a personal commitment to the hopes, dreams and principals expressed by our founding Fathers in the years to come.

SUNSHINE NEWS by Lee Wendt

Get well wishes are in order to Lil Dishong, who hurt her leg awhile back and is having a slow recovery. Lets all hope real hard that she's hopping around again