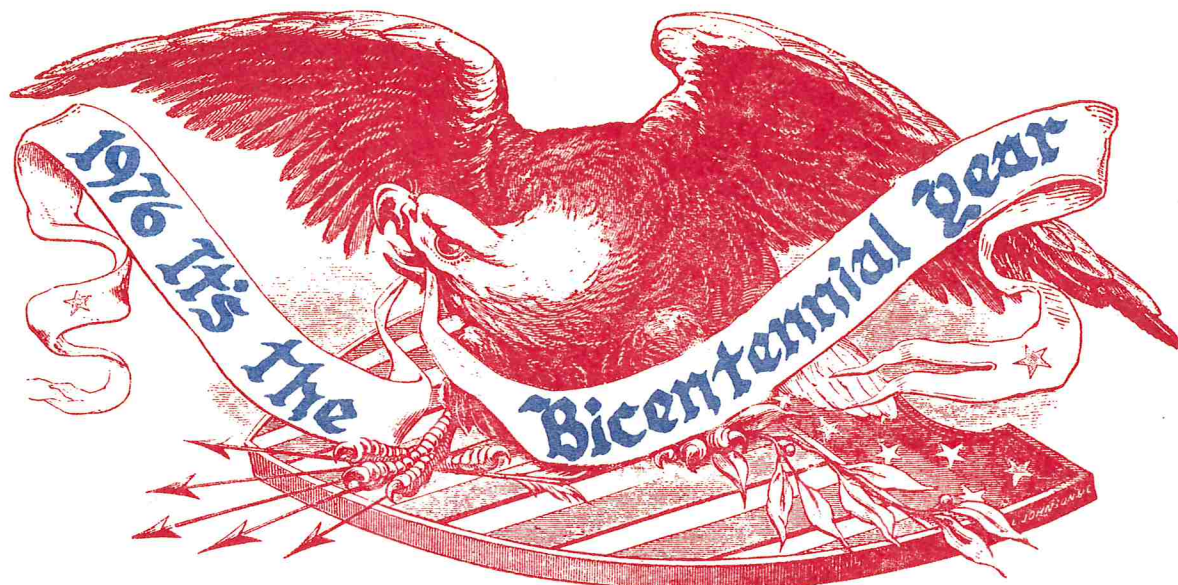


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NEWSLETTER



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Meeting Place - Council Chambers-City Hall Annex
Meeting Time - First Monday of each month-7:30 P.M.
Refreshments served following each meeting

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Notice

We have a new place to hold our meetings. We meet in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex, we are very grateful to the City fathers for giving us this privelege.

WE ARE GROWING --Our Society now has 137 members in good standing. That is almost half way to our goal of 300 members by the end of the Bicentennial year. If we all try to get just one new member, we could far surpass our goal. How about it?

OPEN HOUSE - MAY 2nd

Our Society is planning to have an open house at the Historical House on Milwaukee Avenue on May 2nd. The Open House Planning Comm. met at the home of Chairman Annette Kerlin on Sunday Feb. 22nd, at 6:30 P.M. to discuss plans and furnishing of the house for the occasion. Members are: Mr. & Mrs. G. Hook, Mr. & Mrs. R. Kleist, Mr. & Mrs. D. Rankin, Mr. & Mrs. R. Grobschmidt, Mr. & Mrs. H. Reed, Mr. & Mrs. R. Thibaudeau & Mrs. M. McCarrier.

DINNER MEETING

The 3rd Annual Dinner Meeting of the So. Milwaukee Historical Society was held Feb. 7, 1976 at the Bucyrus Club. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all those who attended. Dancing and a sing-a-long followed the dinner with music supplied by a very good 3-piece group. This year's theme being the Bicentennial, the center pieces were done in red, white & blue. Door prizes were given. Thanks to Jackie Granec, chairman and her committee, consisting of Kitty Batovsky, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Thibaudeau, Jan Schumacher & Barbara Schouten. The decorations were lovely and lots of work must have gone into this dinner. Hope to see you next year at our 4th Annual Dinner Meeting.

Churches

This is the second in a series of sketches about the early churches of South Milwaukee.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 1312 Rawson Avenue was built in 1878. Once a month a minister came from Milwaukee to preach. About 20 years later land was purchased to build a new church. The land was covered with a very dense forest and everyone worked to clear the land so a church could be built. In 1924, the building was raised and a basement was put under it. In 1958 a new, modern church was built just east of the old church, which was then torn down. However, the original St. Mark's Cemetery still stands, where many early settlers of our community are buried.

The Flag Sale for the So. Milwaukee Historical Society continues through 1976. We are hoping you will make our slogan "Everyone buy one-Everyone fly one" become a reality! Make ours a city of flags. We still have the best buy and the better quality The Bennington '76 - the Betsy Ross and the standard 50 star flags. Call Annette Zerlin 762-1998 or Lynn Rankin 762-9534. We deliver! We have the flags separately or with the 6 ft. poles and bracket.

BIRTHDAY

The March meeting will be a birthday celebration for the So. Milwaukee Historical Society, for it will be three years in March since we became an official chapter in the State Society. Our hospitality hostess, Lynn Rankin is planning a big birthday cake for the refreshments, Let's all make a special effort to get to the meeting in March. We are proud to say we have grown a lot in these three years, and hopefully learned a lot, but we have a lot to do so lets all do our best to make our society a success.

POETRY CONTEST

Our society is co-sponsoring a poetry contest for all South Milwaukee school children, all grades, Junior and Senior High School. Mrs. Caroline Kotowicz, South Milwaukee's well known poetess, is one of the judges. She reports they have had excellent response and have had a surprising show of talent in the poems sent in. Awards night will be May 4th at the Senior High School, which is the beginning of the Bicentennial school week.

Sunshine Notes- - - by Lee Wendt

The best news we've had lately is that Lil Dishong, our news editor is feeling well again. Glad you're back at it again, Lil.

This writer would like to offer her congratulations to Jackie Granic on the good job well done chairing the dinner meeting committee. Good work, Jackie!

After a few nice days to tease our appetite for Spring, I hope everyone is careful not to catch a cold.

Please don't forget to let me know if you hear of anyone who is ill. Unless you call me at 762-2971, I will not know when someone deserves a get well card.

Don't forget our next meeting- at City Hall Annex-7:30 P.M. See you there?

POOR RICHARD'S ALMANAC

News from the Bicentennial Committee

Are you feeling your age?

The last time "Happy Birthday" was sung for you, did some smarty start singing the second verse which starts, "How old are you? How old are you?" Well don't be offended and don't be shocked if members of the Bicentennial Committee are trying to find out your age. It is all for a good reason.

Early in July they are planning a dinner party for people who have their 76th (or older) birthday in 1976 and have lived their entire life in South Milwaukee. If you qualify, or would like to know more about the party, please contact Florence Johnson at 762-3673.

School Folk Fair Coming Up - -

The students at South Milwaukee Senior High are sponsoring a Folk Fair to be held at the school on Sunday, February 22nd in the afternoon. The Bicentennial Committee is going to have a booth there, so stop down and see us.

Bicentennial Festival

Be sure and mark the Week of May 2nd through May 8th on your calendar. That's when the music department at the Senior High is planning School Bicentennial Week. All schools and Civic Organizations in South Milwaukee will be participating. Starting off the week on Sunday, May 2nd the Historical Society will be holding an Open House at our Historical House on Milwaukee Avenue, with something happening at the Senior High and various other places around town for rest of the entire week. Be sure to follow the Voice Journal or the News Graphic for times and Schedules.