

Meeting: First Monday of the month.  
Place: South Milwaukee Library Blue Room  
Time: 7:30 P.M.

May 1978

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Officers elected May 1, 1978 to take office in July

President - Lois Schreiter  
Vice-President - Dora Lee Szewczugs  
Secretary - Gertrude Endthoff  
Treasurer - George Hook

Board of Directors:

Otto Kuppert	Richard Grobschmidt	:	Board must appoint one
Dennis Rankin	Laura Hook	:	to fill vacancy of
Florence Johnson	Ron Abrahamson	:	Richard Kleist (deceased)

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The officers and Board offer a warm thank you for your help and support during the past year. We ask your continued help in the coming year.

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COMING EVENT

Saturday, June 3, 1978 - Metropolitan Convention for the 15 societies of the Wisconsin Council for Local History will be held at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 2273 S. 31st St. (Lincoln and 31st)  
Registration - \$1.25 per person  
Luncheon - \$3.75 per person  
8:30 a.m. - Get acquainted  
9:30 a.m. - Business meeting  
12:00 - Lunch  
1:30 p.m. - Program at Forest Home Cemetery, the oldest cemetery in Milwaukee

Send money and names of those wishing to attend to:

Miss Louise E. Perry  
Wisconsin State Old Cemetery Society  
1620 S. 6th Place, Apt. 4  
Milwaukee, WI 53204

Make checks payable to Wisconsin Old Cemetery Society, May 23 deadline.

## PROGRAM REVIEW -

Our annual dinner dance and sing-a-long was held February 4 at the Grant Park Clubhouse. Punch and hot cider with a famous cheese ball recipe started the evening. The festivities of the evening were enhanced by the 1892 building and its beautiful fireplace. The buffet dinner, featuring turkey and roast beef was catered by Grebe's Country Maid and was very delicious. The diners enjoyed the door prizes donated by the many merchants of South Milwaukee. "I've Been Working on the Depot", sung to the tune of "I've Been Working on the Railroad" was sung to the depot committee congratulating Lois Schreiter and Dora Lee Szewczuga for getting the South Milwaukee Railroad Depot nominated to the National Register of Historic Places at the January 20th meeting of the State Historical Society in Madison. Thanks to party chairman Rick Tanget and all who helped.

The Fred and Amy Hook slide presentation in March drew a large number of people to our meeting. Fred's slides showed delightful scenes of Egypt, Africa and the Holy Land while Amy enhanced each with anecdotes. Riding camels next to pyramids and sphinx, showing papyrus making, scenes of the Holy Land and Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and the beautiful African countryside with its array of animals is always fun.

At our April meeting Arlene Barsamian wore a Welsh costume while she talked about famous Welsh people of today and yesterday. Arlene who is president of the Welsh Woman's Club, explained how she became interested in the land of her ancestors as an off shoot of her study on genealogy. Arlene's relatives came from two counties in Wales. This study led to the Welsh Woman's Club and then to the International Institute and becoming part of the Holiday Folk Fair held each November in Milwaukee. The Welsh people are known for their singing festivals which are held each year. This international event will take place in Minneapolis this year. The main industries of Wales are coal and slate mining and sheep raising with woolen and leather products. The national flower is the daffodil. The leek was worn by the Welsh. Mrs. Barsamian brought along some Welsh plates and dolls, cook books and Welsh raisin bread samples (recipe included). A large table adorned with daffodils was filled with articles from and about Wales.

### Bara Brith (Bread Speckled)

A raisin bread adapted from an old Welsh recipe. Always served at the Welsh St. David's Day Banquet held on March 1.

Pour 1-1/2 c. boiling water over 1 cup raisins or currants

Beat 1 egg

Add 3/4 c. sugar gradually

Sift 2-1/4 c. flour

1 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. salt

Add alternately with raisin-water mixture to the egg-sugar mixture

Add 1 tsp. vanilla and 1 Tbls. melted butter.

Bake in 10 x 5 x 3 greased loaf pan at 350° for 1 hour or longer if necessary. Cool, slice thin and serve with plenty of butter! (As the Welsh do)

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A special "thank you" to Ren and Pat Abrahamson who took on the enormous task of putting the rug down in the Historical House, then vacuuming and steam cleaning it. A good job well done Ren and Pat.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

On April 15 the Society lost one of its valuable assets when Richard Kleist died. Rich always lent a helping hand wherever needed. He was a board member and helped take care of the Society's house maintenance. But our lose is his gain, for I'm sure he and Esther are together and enjoying the rewards of their labors on earth.

If any members are interested in giving of their time and energy to the Historical Society, please let me know. My phone number is 762-5214. (If you wish to will any furniture or memorials to the society, contact your lawyer for procedure.)

The exterior of the Society's house needs scraping, priming and painting badly. The garage needs the same plus a few repairs. It will have to be done this summer. I'm looking for volunteers. The Society will provide the materials. Our flag was stolen from the pole in front of the house and with some luck we will have it replaced soon.

The interior needs a major job of checking all the boiler pipes for leakage. We have had one devastating leak in the ceiling of the back room which necessitated breaking a hole in the ceiling and upstairs wall to find that a lead trap on the enclosed bath tub had disintegrated and the water was running down the wall of the room below ruining the wallpaper. The trap is now repaired but the holes remain. Know any good carpenters? We painted the dining room ceiling last year and soon after the paint started to peel off the ceiling - now there is a water spot and the leak must be found and fixed before there is any more water damage to the ceiling or rotting to the interior framework of the house. (I'm sure its a job for a professional plumber with knowledge of boilers and old houses.) The solutions to these problems involve the time and work of the members and spending of the maintenance fund. We will work on a survey of the house heating plant and possible alternatives.

We have received contributions from the Lions Club and the South Milwaukee Woman's Club for which we are very grateful. I can't thank the Board of Directors enough for their help and assistance and advice. The staunch members who attend the meetings and offer their time and knowledge must be thanked profusely, too, for a Society is only as great as its members.

Our greatest achievement of the year took place May 11 when we entertained our first class of visitors, a fourth grade from St. John's school and their teacher Miss Debora Fischer. May Thibaudeau presented a lesson South Milwaukee History and the children saw our collection on display. The Historical House will be open on Sunday afternoons during June, July and August if members will volunteer ONE SUNDAY AFTERNOON from 2-5 p.m. during those months. To volunteer please call Florence Johnson - 762-3673.

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Don't forget SOUTH MILWAUKEE - THEN TO NOW by Gertrude Endthoff. Makes a great gift for graduation, weddings, confirmation, birthday and hostess gifts. Available from Journal Printing Co., 921 Milwaukee Ave.; The Voice-Journal Co., 723 Milwaukee Ave. or Ron Abrahamson, phone 764-0714. Price is \$7.50 plus postage. Help your Society by giving of this historical writing!

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The restoration committee is looking for an early turn of the century dining room table and chairs. Do any of you know where these can be obtained?

One of our members, Dr. Caroline S. Kotowicz, has written a lyric and a poem for the Society. We'd like to share these with all our members.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REFRAIN  
(to tune of I'm Looking Over A Four-Leaf Clover)

I am a member of S. M. H. S.  
And I am happy to be  
Busy and willing to serve in a way  
Things in our Museum to display  
Worthwhile treasures the public to see  
Tomorrow's generation to possess;  
I am a member of S. M. H. S.  
Working towards its success!

A MEMBER'S FEELING

I am rich  
because I belong  
to a society  
that is gathering treasures  
for tomorrow's generation.

I am proud  
because I am a member  
of a group  
whose goal  
is to obtain, preserve and share  
objects and artifacts  
mellowed by time,  
valued in beauty.

I am glad  
to be a friend  
to yesterday and its  
virgin identity.

I am more than happy to say  
I belong to  
THE SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

-- Dr. caroline s. kotowicz

Thank you, Caroline.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
January 1 through December 31, 1977

Cash on Hand January 1, 1977 \$1,725.10

RECEIPTS

Bakeless Bake Sale	\$ 2.00	
Label Buttons	20.00	
Membership Dues	250.00	
Dinner Party Reservations	155.25	
House Maintenance Fee	230.00	
Hospitality Table	6.25	
Refund - Grant Park Clubhouse	10.00	
Donations	28.00	
Interest on Savings	64.34	
Sale of Piano	150.00	
Rummage Sale	227.76	
	<u>1,143.60</u>	<u>1,143.60</u>

Total Receipts \$2,868.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Depot Survey Expenses	80.43	
Postage (Membership, Newsletter, Curator)	54.99	
Dinner Party Expenses	422.71	
Stationery	22.25	
House Maintenance	226.00	
Sunshine Supplies	10.00	
House Renovation	208.96	
Library Use Fee	11.53	
Geraniums for House Yard	7.50	
Program - High School Music Donation	10.00	
Newsletter Supplies	3.12	
James Solum Scholarship Fund	25.00	
Liability Insurance	93.00	
South Milwaukee Book Fund	113.50	
Aluminum Windows for House	196.00	
Curator Supplies	44.06	
Advertising (Rummage Sale, Book)	27.69	
Broom for House	4.19	
	<u>1,560.93</u>	<u>1,560.93</u>

Cash on Hand January 1, 1978 \$1,307.77

General Fund	\$1,105.87
Maintenance Fund	201.90

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hook, Treasurer

MUSEUM -

Work is progressing on getting the house ready for opening. On the 19th of April, a "bucket brigade" consisting of Mary Ellen Bloom, Gertrude Endthoff, Harvey Johnson, Barbara Mueller, Barbara Schouten and myself descended on the house and spent the evening washing all the pictures and frames, cleaning and washing the files, doing necessary repair work, etc.

Another work night took place May 10, after which we hope to be able to concentrate on the filing and accessioning of the items.

I have taken all the washable items home and am carefully and prayerfully washing, starching and ironing them a piece at a time. Hopefully the battle tale gray will be banished and the dirt gone. The back room looks a lot better.

Florence Johnson, Curator

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Your Board of Directors has decided to compile a booklet on the lives of all the men who have served as mayors of South Milwaukee.

Some of the men have much information available. For others there is nothing. Information is especially needed for D. A. Fowle (1899), J. M. Millman (1900), E. A. Bunn (1901), and E. H. Baetke (1928 & 1930). Anyone having such information call 782-3673.

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Our Society received a \$200.00 grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Committee for a program of songs, slides and shared experiences called "Voices from the Depression". The program was held March 5 at the Rawson Ballroom and was attended by 65 people.

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The Historical Society presented honorary memberships to John Barbian, Steven Skotzke and Paul Vitulli, Eagle Scouts, in recognition of their 15-mile Historic Scout Trail. Gertrude Endthoff made the presentation and gave each boy one of our rocks, showing the Old Mill.

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Members Marguerite Barnes and Ruth Howes both had the misfortune of falling. Mrs. Barnes fractured her collar bone and Miss Howes fractured a bone in her upper arm. We wish them a speedy recovery.

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We extend a special welcome to our out-of-state members. We'd be happy to hear from you. Your comments and suggestions are always welcomed and appreciated.

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SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
1978 ROSTER

Adamczyk, Daniel A. (Marquette Pharmacy)	1401 Marion Ave.	764-5427
Baker, Mr. & Mrs. John (Caroline)	804 Fairview Ave.	762-2370
Banker, Mrs. Arleen	2337 Chestnut St. Oak Creek, Wis. 53154	762-0715
Barbian, John	534 Sycamore Ave.	762-2035
Barnes, Mrs. Marguerite A.	248 Hawthorne Ave.	762-0134
Barsamian, Mr. & Mrs. Nick (Arlene)	501 Drexel Ave.	762-3624
Batovsky, Mr. & Mrs. Steven (Katherine)	1811 Monroe Ave.	762-1383
Bergmann, Mrs. Anna	811 Monroe Ave.	762-2103
Bettinger, Mrs. Christine	707 Michigan Ave.	762-2549
Bloom, Mrs. Mary Ellen	919 Madison Ave.	764-1666
Bridge, Carl J.	620 West St. Keene, N. H. 03431	
Broskowski, Mr. & Mrs. Don (Rosemarie)	725 Clark Ave.	762-1469
Brutvan, Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand (Bernette)	729 Monroe Ave.	762-2073
Buege, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin (Margaret)	614 Hawthorne Ave.	762-3477
Burns, Tom	1768 Poplar Ave.	762-5582
Caveney, Miss Alice	606 Oak St.	762-0818
Caveney, Mrs. Iraleen	617 Elm Ave.	762-1611
Chamberlain, Mrs. Vance	2419 Ninth Ave.	762-3281
Citro, Mr. & Mrs. John (Mary)	208 Fourteenth Ave.	762-4583
Coley, Dr. & Mrs. Neil (Bonnie)	9728 Thunderbird Drive San Ramon, Calif. 94583	
DeRidder, Mr. & Mrs. A. J. (Kathryn)	703 Walnut Circle	762-5720
Doe, Mrs. Lola	826 Marquette Ave.	764-2679
Domoe, William	527 Badger Ave. P.O. Box 71	762-7619
Donsing, Miss Hilda	919 Minnesota Ave.	762-2193
Duwe, Mrs. Leo (Leora)	248 Hawthorne Ave.	762-0134
Endthoff, Gertrude	1520 Menomonee Ave.	762-8852
Fabinski, Mr. & Mrs Felix (Sylvia)	5206 Woodbridge Lane, S. Greenfield, Wis. 53221	762-1718
Fowle, Chester	c/o 6195 Rivertrail Rd. Milwaukee, Wis. 53225	353-6522
Frank, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph (Marie)	609 Parkway Drive	762-3583
Fykse, Miss June	715 Hawthorne Ave.	762-3594
Gates, Mrs. Hazel	927 Madison Ave.	762-1313
Gladfelter, Mrs. Ella	424 Montana Ave.	762-0436
Granec, Mr. & Mrs. Robert (Jackie)	601 Florida Ave. St. Cloud, Fla. 32769	
Grobschmidt, Mr. & Mrs. Chester (Lenore)	910 Seventeenth Ave.	762-2519
Grobschmidt, Mr. & Mrs. Gene	412 North Chicago Ave.	762-7676
Grobschmidt, Mr. & Mrs. Richard (Barbara)	1513 Mackinac Ave.	762-8460
Hein, Harold W.	2549 So. Kinnickinnic Ave. Milwaukee, Wis. 53207	483-4826
Hertz, Mrs. Carmen	608 Montana Ave.	762-0822
Holm, Mrs. Martha Mortensen	3914 N. Frederick Ave. Milwaukee, Wis. 53211	962-6592
Holm, Mrs. Mary and Corrine	1232 Minnesota Ave.	762-6307
Holm, Mr. & Mrs. Paul (Dorothy)	605 Aspen St.	762-0687
Hook, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick (Amy)	12153 North Ridge Terrace Hales Corners, Wis. 53130	425-0521
Hook, Mr. & Mrs. George O. (Laura)	703 Minnesota Ave.	762-0635
Hook, Miss Maude P.	330 W. 20th St. Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401	
Howes, Miss Ruth	1216 Memorial Drive	762-0132
Jagadzinski, Harry	1411 Mackinac Ave.	762-4560
Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey (Florence)	802 Marshall Ave.	762-3673
Kalb, Mrs. Norma	1209 Fifteenth Ave.	762-2737

Kanitz, Miss Patt	720 Marshall Ave.	762-5467
Kanitz, Mr. & Mrs. Roland (Anita)	720 Marshall Ave.	762-5467
Kashishian, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony (Judith)	1511 Marion Ave.	764-2586
Kerlin, Mrs. Annette	1023 Carrington Ave.	762-1998
Kern, Mr. & Mrs. John (Joyce)	240 Hawthorne Ave.	762-1904
Kimble, Mrs. Ariel	195 W. Puetz Road Oak Creek, Wis. 53154	762-0636
Klipfel, Mrs. Barbara Rankin	1915 Nicholson Ave.	762-2136
Kotowicz, Mr. & Mrs. Adam (Caroline)	215 Fairview Ave.	764-4276
Kotschi, Edward G.	321 Marshall Ave.	762-3324
Kuppert, Otto	806 Minnesota Ave.	762-1263
Lange, Mrs. Louis (Ethel)	7281 Delaine Drive Oak Creek, Wis. 53154	762-2216
Last, Mr. & Mrs. Elmer (Irma) & Donald	1010 Milwaukee Ave.	762-0725
Lemon, Mrs. Lois E.	15802 S. E Tenth St. Bellevue, Wash. 98008	
Lewis, Mrs. Gordon (Ruth)	315 Parkway Drive	762-2361
Maddock, Mrs. Ruth A.	700 Madison Ave.	762-5735
McCarrier, Mrs. Mary	320 Parkway Drive	762-4833
Miller, Mrs. Hildreth	706 Madison Ave.	762-1764
Molthen-Bell & Sons Funeral Home	700 Milwaukee Ave.	762-0154
Monson, Mrs. Anne	1413 Marquette Ave.	762-1091
Mueller, Mr. & Mrs. Ron (Barbara)	305 Michigan Ave.	762-2712
Mullins, Mr. & Mrs. Robert (Kathryn)	920 Michigan Ave.	762-0088
Nolan, Dr. Robert	921 Madison Ave.	762-5440
Palasz, Mrs. Rose	1412 Missouri Ave.	762-3191
Procter Associates, Inc.	2422 Tenth Ave.	762-8900
Quicker, Jerry (Ace Hardware)	1009 Marquette Ave.	762-8250
Rasmussen, Mrs. Gertrude	6260 South Lake Drive Cudahy, Wis. 53110	762-0978
Rankin, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis (Penny)	2215 Eighteenth Ave.	764-4044
Rankin, Mrs. Lillian	613 Mackinac Ave.	762-9534
Reed, Mr. & Mrs. Harold (Mae)	912 Lake Drive	762-2810
Reingans, Mrs. Agnes	608 North Chicago Ave.	762-3161
Saxler, Mr. & Mrs. Harold (Frances)	1206 Lake Drive	762-0705
Schouten, Mrs. Barbara	914 Madison Ave.	764-2315
Schreiter, Mrs. Lois	104 Brookdale Drive	762-5214
Siren, Mr. & Mrs. Walter (Lucille)	3288 S. Springfield Ave. Milwaukee, Wis.	483-2487
Skotzke, Steven	612 Fairview Ave.	764-1133
Slaaen, Mrs. Anne	3852 E. Klieforth Ave. Cudahy, Wis. 53110	769-6086
Smith, Mrs. Howard J. (Janet Lewis)	3029 Knoll Drive Falls Church, Virginia 22042	
South Milwaukee Savings & Loan Assn.	1015 Marquette Ave.	762-7600
Springer, Mrs. Adhalia M.	623 Mackinac Ave.	764-0921
Stuart, Robert	6219 Washington Ave. Racine, Wis. 53406	1-634-3990
Szewczuga, Mrs. Dora Lee	610 Lakeview Ave.	762-7828
Tangen, Mr. & Mrs. Richard (Janice)	618 Milwaukee Ave.	762-2199
Thibaudeau, Mr. & Mrs. Ray (May)	1212 North Chicago Ave.	762-0866
Turgai, Dr. Valerio	908 Milwaukee Ave.	762-1945
Vitulli, Paul	1100 Fairview Ave.	762-8165
Ward, Mr. & Mrs. James E.	116 Brookdale Drive	762-2969
Warner, Mrs. William (Esperance)	601 Montana Ave.	762-3497
Weber, Gene	324 Hawthorne Ave.	762-1030
Wedon, Mrs. Joyce	1410 Missouri Ave.	764-1286
Weiland, Miss Gertrude	801 Hawthorne Ave.	762-1090
Wieselmann, Miss Libby	706 Madison Ave.	762-5679



SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PLEASE fill out this form & mail to Lois Schreiter  
104 Brockdale Drive  
South Milwaukee, WI 53172  
or bring to a Historical Society meeting.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Special skills:    Art       Handicrafts       Weaving       Other

What would you like to do for your society?

Carpentry \_\_\_\_\_ Yard Work \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical \_\_\_\_\_ Painting \_\_\_\_\_

Inside Cleaning \_\_\_\_\_ Help Curator \_\_\_\_\_

Types of programs you would like to see presented at our meetings

Ideas for fund raising?

Would you be willing to serve Your Historical Society in a more active capacity? If so.....How?

Would you be willing to lend or donate furniture or memorabilia of any kind so displays in the house can be changed from time to time?

Please fill out as much as you can and return. Thank you!