

SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Jan. 1979

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MEETING DATES

According to the changes made in the by-laws last fall, the calendar of meeting dates for the coming year will be as follows:

Jan 8th September 10th
March 5th and
May 7th November 5th

Meetings will still be held on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Room of the South Milw. public library. Special programs are planned for each meeting and the Society's annual election of officers will be held at the May meeting. Please mark these dates on your calendar and we'll see you there.

In Remembrance

We regret to inform you that our friend and fellow worker for the Historical society, Florence Johnson passed away on Dec. 18th. Although Florence had not been feeling well for the past several years, she always found time to help with events of the society.

She was a tireless worker at the rummage sale in Sept., did much work as the curator of our museum and on Dec. 4th had presented a program on candle making at the society's meeting.

Florence will be missed by all of her friends at the historical society, indeed, by all of those in So. Milw. who knew her.

Rummage Sale

In spite of the bad weather, lack of advertizing and not too many rummage items, the society was

able to add \$121 to its treasury.

We had a good donation of articles from Jackie Cranec and some that were left over from the AFS rummage sale/ With donated plants and items left from our last sale we did fairly well. Another rummage sale will be held in Spring, so gather up your surplus and bring it along to a meeting or arrange for pick-up by calling DoraLee at 762-7828. Now that we have a garage for storage, we can take items at anytime.

House Has New Look

If you've been past the Society house at 717 Milw. Ave. lately you will have noticed it has a new look. Gone are the overgrown shrubs that covered the front windows and made the sidewalk impassable. In their place are nice neat shrubs planted by Harvey Johnson, Fred Hook and Rick Grobschmidt last October.

The basket weave fence has also been painted by Harvey Alexander and looks very nice. One of the big projects still to come will be to scrape down and paint the house which is beginning to look a little seedy. Mention has been made to apply to CETA this spring or summer for workers----

Greeting Cards

Two of the four sketches of historical sites in South Milwaukee have been completed by artist Curt Leland for either greeting cards or note paper that will be sold by the society as a fund raising project. Done are the Horace Fowle house and the Pawson house, still to be completed are the depot and a view of the mill and mill-pond.

No. 319

The South Milwaukee depot has been placed on the National Register of Historical places as entry number 319. The depot committee has been informed by the railroad that some arrangement may be worked out in the very near future as to the purchase of the depot. Historical Society members should know that the South Milwaukee Depot Committee is completely separate from the society and will incorporate as a non-profit organization in order to raise funds to acquire and restore the depot. The historical society will not be involved beyond lending its moral support. Members can join the Depot Committee if they so desire. Just call Lois at 762-5214 or Doralee at 762-7828.

TOUR

The So. Milw. Women's Club toured the historical house on Jan. 5th. More than 30 persons viewed some of the society's acquisitions, the latest being a lovely patchwork quilt that dates back to about 1890. The quilt was donated by Mrs. Gertrude Adler of Whitefish Bay. It was made by her mother, Ellen Jansen Mangold and other members of the family, all of whom were residents of So. Milw.

On hand to answer questions and explain things were Laura Hook and Otto Kuppert.

WOOL AND WAX

A very entertaining and informative program was presented in November by spinner Ginny Jenkins and her daughter Anne. Society members and friends were taught how to spin wool from samples Mrs. Jenkins passed out. She explained types of spinning wheels, methods of spinning and how wool is gathered and processed. Also shown were samples of her work including patchwork quilts and clothing.

On Dec. 4th a program on candle making was given by Florence Johnson. Each of Florences candles are a work of art. She told the group how each kind of candle was made step-by-step, where the ingredients came from and the cost. A lively question and answer period followed her presentation

How to Ruin an Organization

1. Don't come to the meetings
 2. If you do come, come late.
 3. Find fault with the work of members and officers.
 4. Never accept an office, it's easier to criticize.
 5. Nevertheless, get angry if you're not appointed to a committee, but if you are, don't come to committee meetings.
 6. When asked for your opinions regarding some important matter, tell the chairman you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how things ought to be done.
 7. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves to work, howl that the organization is run by a clique.
 8. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay at all.
 9. Don't bother about getting new members, let someone else do it.
 10. When a special event is planned, tell everyone money is being wasted and nothing is accomplished by doing so.
 11. When no special even is planned say the organization is dead.
 12. Agree with everything said at meetings and disagree with it outside.
 13. Get all the organization gives, but don't give anything in return.
 14. When all else fails, blame the officers.
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Grant Park Clubhouse

The Horace Fowle house, known to most as the Grant Park Clubhouse, has been granted county landmark status. This old home, built in 1893 was sold to the county and the land became the first golf course in the 1920's.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The annual dinner dance will be held on Saturday Februnay 3rd at the Grant Park Clubhouse. A hospitality hour will be held at 6 p.m. with the dinner to follow at 7 p.m.

The menu will consist of:

chicken and beef
two kinds of potatoes (salad, mashed or roasted)
a hot vegetable
cole slaw coffee, tea, milk and sanko
yellow molds
relishes
hot rolls
cherry torte

Following dinner, members and friends can sing along with or dance to the concertina music of Dave Freimark.

Cost will be \$6.75 per person, and since we are limited to 75 persons, reservations should be made as soon as possible. Use the form below or call Laura Hook at 762-0635. Reservations are open to everyone and the deadline is Jan 26.

Mrs. Laura Hook
707 Minnesota Ave.
So. Milw. Wis 53172

Hospitality Hour 6 p.m.
Dinner 7 p/m.
Cost: \$6.75 per person

Enclosed is _____ for _____ reservations for the
Feb. 3rd Historical Society Dinner-Dance at the Grant
Park Clubhouse.

_____ My yearly membership dues are also enclosed.

Name _____
Address _____

Tele. No. _____

Reservation deadline is January 26

TREASURERS REPORT FOR 1978

January 1, 1978 Balance on hand \$1,307.77

Receipts:

House Maintenance Fees	770.00	
Membership dues	395.00	
Donations	292.00	
Dinner Reservations	378.00	
Interest on Savings	64.67	
Rock Sales	44.73	
Hospitality Table	11.91	
Refund-ClubHouse	10.00	
Wis. Heritages Free Will Offering	12.00	
Rummage Sale	121.27	
		2100.08

Total receipts \$3407.85

Disbursements:

Insurance	607.00	
Printing, postage	100.86	
S.m. Book Fund	213.50	
Curator Supplies	16.51	
Rent-Rawson Ballroom	25.00	
Preservation meeting, GreenBay	14.00	
Wis. Heritages-Donation	12.00	
Depot expense	11.66	
House Maintenance	518.24	
Treasurer's Supplies	2.35	
Birthday Cake & Supplies	9.09	
Rummage Sale Advertizing	7.25	
Deposit-ClubHouse	35.00	
Program	10.00	
Anniversary Dinner	345.61	
		1928.07

January 1, 1979 Balance on hand \$1,479.78

Respectfully submitted,
George O. Hook, Treasurer

Co-Curators

Gertrude Endthoff and DoraLee Szewczuga will take over the duties of co-curators, filling in the vacancy left by the death of Florence Johnson. Gert had previously been assistant to Florence.

BOARD MEETINGS

The board of directors will meet on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Society house on the following dates:

Feb 5th	August 6th
April 9th	October 8th
June 4th	December 3rd



Are you interested in preserving the history of South Milwaukee?
 Are you concerned about the loss and/or neglect of not only artifacts,
 but information about the settling of the area now incorporated as
 South Milwaukee?

The South Milwaukee Historical Society is interested, does care
 and is concerned.

The Society was incorporated in October, 1972 as an affiliate of
 the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Its aims are to encourage
 the preservation of all information and artifacts relating to South
 Milwaukee.

We strive to arouse pride and community consciousness in the
 heritage to be found here.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of ~~each~~ month at 7:30 P.M.
 at the South Milwaukee Public Library. Occasional speakers and programs
 of interest are presented throughout the year. Refreshments are served
 after the meetings so that members can socialize and become better
 acquainted.

The Society publishes a quarterly newsletter which keeps members
 informed of individual and group activities, as well as giving notice
 of all meetings of the Society.

Some of the activities sponsored by the Society are: collecting
 and cataloguing pictures, articles of clothing, books and all types
 of written and printed material pertaining to South Milwaukee, its
 founders and present residents, and collecting on tape an oral history
 of memories and reminiscences of some of its elderly residents, as well
 as documenting happenings of today.

An application blank for membership, describing the various types
 of membership in the Society, is attached. If you wish to join, please
 detach and mail to our membership chairmen.

South Milwaukee Historical Society	+	Type of Membership	
Laura Hook or Jan Schumacher	+		
703 Minnesota Ave.	+	Regular Individual .	\$3.00
South Milwaukee, Wis. 53172	+	Family	5.00
	+	Junior (to 18) . . .	1.00
Enclosed are my membership dues:	+	Retired Person . . .	2.00
Name _____	+	Business	
Address _____	+	Professional	10.00
	+	Organization	
City _____ Zip _____	+	Sustaining	25.00
	+	<i>Life</i>	<i>100.00</i>

Phone:
 Your active support of our endeavors will be appreciated.
 Dues and contributions are tax deductible.