



# South Milwaukee Historical Society

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## OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected at the May meeting.

President:	Lois Schreiter	762-5214
Vice President:	Grace Broskowski	762-5474
Secretary:	Anne Monson	762-1091
Treasurer:	Laura Hook	762-0635

Elected to the Board of Directors were Harold Hein and Harold Reed. Congratulations to all, and we're sure the society will benefit by your enthusiasm.

## ANNUAL DINNER

Since this is the first newsletter since December we have a few items to get caught up on and the Annual Dinner held on Jan. 30th is one of them. If you remember we asked those attending to come in costume and we'd like to thank those who did because it made the evening just that much more interesting. Those who wore period dress were Don and Rosemarie Broskowski, Grace Broskowski, May and Ray Thibaudeau, Rick and Janet Tangen, Agnes Reingans, Frank Meyers (who could forget that mustache???) Annette Kerlin, and Fred Hook.

## VALENTINE DISPLAY

On Sunday, February 14th our museum was decorated with hearts and gay crepe paper streamers to serve as a background for the display of antique valentines that were exhibited by the Lester Dallmanns of South Milwaukee. The valentines were dainty, whimsical, delicate, flowery, lacy beauties and we hope you didn't miss seeing them.

## CITY HALL DEDICATION

The historical Society was called upon to serve at the dedication of the new city hall on Sunday, February 21st. Those who helped serve cake and coffee were: Lynn Rankin, Gert Endthoff, Laura and George Hook, DoraLee, Marie Frank, Anne Monson, Sue Shulfer Caroline and Adam Kotowicz and Lois and Kathy Schreiter. The society was presented with the brass plates from the old city hall and they will be on display at the museum as soon as the city brings them over.

## RUMMAGE SALE

Our spring rummage sale, or TRASH AND TREASURES as has been suggested, will be held on Saturday, June 12th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Good usable items as well as plants and craft items are appreciated, and if you have a treasure to donate there may be a special table for those. Help is always needed, too, so if you could spare a few hours to help with the sale or to house sit (as the museum is also open to the public at the same time) please contact one of the officers.

## MUSEUM OPEN SUNDAYS

Beginning with Sunday, May 30th the museum will be open on Sunday afternoons during the summer until Labor Day. Volunteers are needed to spend two hours each Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. keeping the museum open for tours. If you can arrange to spend a Sunday please get in touch with Anne Monson at 762-1091.

## MOWER NEEDED

The Society desperately needs a good usable lawn mower. If you have one you are not using that you would like to donate, get in touch with one of the officers.

## ARTIFACTS RECEIVED

Among the many items recently received by the society were:

From the Anna Bergmann estate: Eastlake table, settee, dress form, early school books, a drug cabinet from the drugstore of her husband, Henry F. Bergmann, along with two carved posts that were part of the soda fountain there, a box of postcards of South Milwaukee scenes which were taken by Bergmann about 1910 and sold in his store, over 1200 glass negatives which date to the 1890's and "The Military History of Wisconsin in the Civil War" written by E.B. Quiner of Madison, Wis. in 1866

From Mrs. Bernice Gronewold: a picture taken in Bergmann's Hall in the early 1900's, early newspaper articles

From Harold Hein: (On loan) early medical equipment used by Dr. Sidney Smith, founder of Smith Hospital in 1904, and more Lincoln books, by which last count have grown to over 150 and most all donated by Dr. Hein.

From Janet L. Smith: the "1881 History of Milwaukee" in two volumes with an index of over 20,000 names. A gift which will interest those who are into genealogy. Also a Lincoln book, "The Hidden Lincoln"

Our museum is slowly filling with some interesting items. Just how to display them is a problem which will take some studying. Eventually we hope to use most of them.

Mrs. Heidelberg died. She was buried with the babe in her arms.

### TOURS, FAIRS AND CELEBRATIONS

Historic Milwaukee, Inc. offers various tours in Milwaukee. Walker's point, Kilbourntown, Yankee Hill, the UWM area and others. For tour information call 645-5300.

Norway Historical Society will present their Heritage Days on Saturday, June 12 and Sunday June 13th at Heg Memorial Park in WindLake. Proceedings start at 10 a.m. each day. The NorthWest Territory Alliance, a Revolutionary War group, are co-sponsors and will appear in demonstrations throughout the day.

### MEETING DATES

Board of Directors: Monday, June 7th 7:30 p.m. at the museum

Membership meeting: Monday, September 13th 7:30 p.m.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER

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