



South Milwaukee Historical Society

717 Milwaukee Ave., 53172

August, 1984 *Newsletter*

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 10	5:30pm Annual Pot Luck Dinner at Senior Center
	6:45pm Presentation of Special Certificate of Award to Doralee Szewczuga for "Beginnings" by Tom McKay and Ms. Knetz of State Historical Society.
	7:00pm Short Meeting
	7:15pm Entertainment by High School Singing Group
Sept. ?	Fund Raiser --
Nov. 5	Meeting 7:30 pm at Senior Center
Jan. 7	Meeting 7:30 pm at Senior Center
	Dinner Meeting at Bucyrus Erie
March 4	Meeting 7:30 pm at Senior Center-Nomination Committee Report
April ?	Fund Raiser --
May 6	Meeting 7:30 pm at Senior Center - Elections
June 8	Rummage Sale in Historical Society House Garage

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Lois Schreiter, President 762-5214
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Steve Czerwiczniak, Board of Directors
Harold Hein, Board of Directors
Harold Reed, Board of Directors
Don Broskowski, Board of Directors
Rick Tangen, Board of Directors

Grace Broskowski has asked to be relieved of her position as Program Chairman. Grace's grandson had a tragic accident in late May and Grace, who is a retired nurse, is helping as much as possible. Be assured Grace, we are praying for all of you.

Rummage Sale Reports profits of \$161.00
July 4th was a fun time at the park for all the members who came to visit and manage the booth. Thanks to all who signed up to "man" the booth: Rick Grobschmidt, Ann Monson, Harold Hein, George Hook, Steve, Kathy and Lois Schreiter, Annette Kerlin, Don Broskowski. The receipts for the day were \$278 minus expenses. The time and effort to set up the table and displays, sell, talk, entertain, listen, learn, plot for "the next time" is always an adventure. All help was necessary and

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and appreciated greatly. The JC's provided us with free beer, soda and good company.

Member Rick Tangen, his wife Jan and children together with fellow Commander in Chief's Guard entertained and instructed visitors royally. We are hoping to be able to offer free to members of the S.M. Historical Society a candle light tour of the encampment of famed Revolutionary War group next year.

July 27th and 28th were the Side Walk Days sponsored by the S.M. Chamber of Commerce. We were assigned a booth at 10th and Milwaukee Ave. Each day we set up our display and table. The wind was a challenge on Friday morning but plates, buttons, notecards and book sales went well. We collected a little over \$240. for both days. Helpers were Lois Schreiter, Steve Schreiter, Gert Endthoff, Ruth Lewis, Rick Grobschmidt, Lynn Rankin, Barbara Klipfel, Ann Monson, Merle Monson, Rick Tangen, Laura Hook, George Hook, Lola Doe

Plate sales are up to \$644. at this time. Our cost is over \$20.00 a plate. The plate sells for \$25. which means our profit is less than \$5. per plate. The profit was intended for display materials. (We can only order in lots of 72.) This 644 dollars is not a profit number. It is down payment for approximately 40 plates (some are paid in full)

SO WHY THE NEED FOR A FUND RAISER?

In the past year or two the historical society house has experienced some water damage to the inside plaster ceilings. We have tried to find the causes of this damage and repair where necessary.

In the past two months we have had 5 roofers examine and give us advice and quotes on the repairs needed.

The repairs needed are 1. tuck pointing or replacing the mortar between the bricks of the chimney, some bricks having no mortar; 2. New shingles, the old ones are hard and brittle and breaking off; 3. The valleys are covered with shingle material and are cracked; 4. The rain gutters were improperly placed and need to be redone; 5. About 5 to 6 feet of boards from the rain gutters upward are rotted on both sides of the house; 6. There are 2 layers of shingles on the house presently and must be removed according to city code and to replace the rotted boards.

We have tried to anticipate this repair and have saved \$2,000.00 but we find we need \$4,000.00. We have asked the city for an interest free loan of \$2,000.00 to be paid back in 3 years.

We will receive this loan in about a week, and the roof repair will be started in about 2 to 3 weeks.

Please be generous with your time for our fund raisers.
Donations are extremely welcome.

We did not obtain a snow mobil trailer for a Memorial Day parade float this year. The parade was also rained out. Let's try again next year. It should be fun and good exposure for the Society.

No word from anyone on a log cabin for the Historical Soc. yard yet.

We did find a great button maker that we can borrow for minimum fee. Ready made buttons and make-your-own buttons were great sellers on the 4th of July.

Have you noticed the newly painted garage at the Society's House? The JC's and some of our members worked, painted and sweltered on July 14th while painting the SMHS garage in 95 degree heat. They did a great job!!!! Our thanks to Harvey Alexander for his expert advice and help with preparations. Helpers for food and refreshment were Gert Endthoff and Lois Schreiter. Painters were George Hook, Steve Schreiter, Dan, Lisa, and Jeanne Schreiter. Kathy Schreiter was the gofer girl. JC's and new members are: John Bordak, Don Frederick, John Bonchek, Kent Komassa, and Keith Komassa. After a 9 am to 3:30 pm hot day, we ran out of paint and enthusiasm. Dick Thinnes finished up the following week with another gallon of paint. THANKS FOR A GREAT JOB!!!

Dining Room ceiling repairs have been completed-- Come and see.

What would you think of charging an entrance donation of .50 for adults to see the S.M. Historical Society House?? Let us know at the Pot Luck Dinner on September 10.

How about each member getting another new member to join our Society?? It is only \$5.00 per family, \$3.00 individuals, \$2.00 seniors.

Just fill in--
New Member's name _____ Phone _____
address _____

Things I like to do _____
and mail to Laura Hook, 703 Minnesota Ave., S. Milw., 53172
Send check along payable to South Milwaukee Historical Society.

How about our 150 year commemorative plate? It sells for \$25.00 I want to order a plate. Here is my \$10. down payment. If plate cannot be picked up and has to be mailed out of town add \$4. to total. All plates are numbered.

My name is _____ Phone _____
Address _____

Today's Date _____ Enclosed is \$ _____

Send to Laura Hook, 703 Minnesota Ave., South Milwaukee, WI. 53172
Make all checks payable to South Milwaukee Historical Society.

Any donations toward the roof will save hours of effort and time for fund raising. YOUR DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.
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