



South Milwaukee Historical Society

717 Milwaukee Ave., 53172

S.M. Historical Society House Open by Appointment 762-8852
762-0635
762-1091

November, 1984

Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 1....9am to 1pm Craft and Bake Sale, Coffee and Cider, cookies.
150 year Commemorative Plates ready to be picked up at House.
We have a few extra plates if anyone wants one.
- Jan 7....Meeting at 7:30pm at Senior Center--Show and Tell Night
- Feb. 16...Dinner Meeting at Bucyrus Erie Club, Entertainment-Krakow
Polish Dancers- more information in letter below.
- March 4...Meeting 7:30pm at Senior Center-Entertainment to be announced
Nominating committee report
- April.?....Fund Raiser ????
- May 6....Meeting 7:30 at Senior Center- Entertainment to be announced-
Elections- Plan for summer parade-Addie Becker has a trailer
- June 8....Rummage Sale in Historical Society Garage -- Needed rummage,
antiques etc.
- Nov. 27...next week...7 pm in City Hall a planning meeting for the 150
year celebration of the Settlement of Oak Creek. Are you
interested in planning and helping? Come!! We would like to
adopt the Historical Society logo for the celebration logo,
and plan a special event for each month of the coming year.

OFFICIERS

Lois Schreiter, President 762-5214
Addy Becker, Vice-President 764-2118
Laura Hook, Treasurer 762-0635
Ann Monson, Secretary 762-1091
Gert Endthoff, Curator/Board 762-8852 (87)
Doralee Szewczuga, Curator 762-7828
Steve Czerwiczuk, Board (87)
Rick Tangen, Board (86)
Don Broskowski, Board (86)
Harold Hein, Board (85)
Harold Reed, Board (85)

Bake Sale Chairperson is
Addie Becker
Craft Sale Chairperson is
Grace Broskowski
Plate Sale -Laura Hook
Rummage Sale Chairperson
is still needed

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Belder
Dave and Maureen Lang
Delores Kowalski
Mary Ann Weiner
Lorraine Fuhreck
Don Frederick
John Boncheck
Kent Komassa
Pearl Swendrowski

Come have a cup of cider with us Dec. 1st.

Donald Bell
Luba Panczenko
Edmund Garczynski
Marion Zeroth
Fred Jieratz
Kathryn Tosatto
Janet Conklin
Alex Panczenko

FOUNDED MARCH 1972 BY MR. AND MRS. DENNIS RANKIN

INITIAL DIRECTORS — DENNIS RANKIN • PENNY RANKIN • GEORGE HOOK • MARY MCCARRIER • BRUCE RAYESKE
DORA LEE SZEWCZUGA • WILLIAM DOMOE • LILLIAN DSHONG • CHESTER GROBSCHMIDT

We have had a very generous response for roof donations. Many thanks to the following:

Edward Kotschi
Vance Chamberlain
Lorraine Fuhreck

Fred and Amy Hook
Doralee Szewczuga
Donald Bell
Ferdinand and Bernette Brutvan

Joseph and Marie Frank
Barbara Rankin Klipfel

I think the roof looks great. The Board of Directors picked a good color of fiber glass shingle and David Lisowski did a fine job installing it.

On Aug. 26 the Historical Society participated in the Market Place Harvest Days. We sold history books, notecards, buttons, plates, cucumbers and Chinese lanterns. The following people were booth sitters: George and Laura Hook, Lynn Rankin, Lola Doe, Barbara Rankin Klipfel, Ann Monson, Ruth and Steve Czerwiczniak, Lois and Steve Schreiter, and Theresa Schattner

On Sept. 9 We decided to try it again at the Market Place Art Festival. Booth sitters were: Lois and Steve Schreiter, Gert Endthoff, Laura and George Hook, Ruth and Steve Czerwiczniak, I lost my list for this days work. I'm sorry. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone.

On Nov. 3rd and 4th at the South Milwaukee Yacht Club we again had a booth. Lois Schreiter and her mother, Eugenia Schwarzhuber, Lola Doe, Harold Hein, Steve Czerwiczniak, Addie Becker (Sat. and Sun.), Ann Monson, George and Laura Hook and Grace Broskowski were the hosts and hostesses.

As of 11-12-84 we have \$1901. We still owe \$685. remaining of the plates. A job of selling our wares and who we are as a society was well done. Thank you to all who sat and visited in the booth and those who bought items and donated. To date we have sold 124 plates.

Thank yous go to Ann Monson and to Mayor Grobschmidt for the new signs installed by the county on the Mill Road. The road is now officially Mill Road. We thank Ann and her letter writing talent for this happening

Harold Hein continues to donate books and Lincoln items to the society collection. There are now 300 books and items in this collection.

Helpers at the house cleaning and arranging for Dec. 1st Bake, Craft and Plate sale were Gert Endthoff, George and Laura Hook, Steve Czerwiczniak and Harvey Alexander. Steve and Harvey plan to put a child's rocking chair together. The chair is 150 years old and in pieces.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Annette Kerlin. I will remember her sitting and visiting with us on July 4th at the park. She was always willing to help even when she was sick. Her family has donated her collection of costumes to the Historical Society. We thank them.

We were saddened by the death of Ralph "the elf" Welbes, a man who gave much to our city. Even now has given his collection of miniature western and army memorabilia to the Society. The miniatures will be used for a new exhibit in the coming year.

Received from Iraleen Caveney many dresses and hats from her mother.
Received from Hazel Gates photos, articles of clothing. Thank you both.

IN THE FUTURE NEEDS the Board is considering better lighting in the house, photo recopying, a dehumidifier for the basement, display walls and storage cabinets. These needs will be studied and recommendations will be forthcoming. Investigation is being made into putting a large wooden, routed sign in front of the house with the history of the building.

People are needed for clipping news articles from the newspaper.
A set of dishes for 4 could be used for the dining table that would be reminiscent of the 1890's or earlier. This is for short term display.
People are needed for covering the basement windows with plastic.

Speaking of the House

Dick Thinnis is keeping things neat and clean around the Society's yard. Did you see the size of the tomatoes he grew in the gravel? I couldn't believe anything would grow there.--Anyway, the lawn mower quit permanently and we need a new/different one.
Rick Becker, our plastering expert has repaired the dining room ceiling again. However, he feels the area near the kitchen door may be a continuing problem with loosening paint. We hope he is wrong.
Steve Czerwiczuk replaced the wall paper in the corner damaged by water from the rain gutters and roof. We hope all those problems will not show up again for years and years.

A few members attended the Viacom orientation in preparation for using the equipment for video taping events in our Historical Society. May and Ray Thibaudeau, Pat and John Bordak, Lois Schreiter and Addie Becker. A few hours of practical hands on training will follow. We hope we will see much more of their work. If anyone else is interested in learning how to tape programs call Mariana Gentile at Viacom 762-9422.

Police Chief Redding has some 1893 court dockets and police dockets for us. He said the court dockets were the most interesting. An interesting item to use for show and tell night????

Saturday, February 16 We will again have our annual dinner at the B-E Clubhouse. The menu for this 150 year celebration of the Settlement of the Oak Creek territory will be the runner up for the national bird, turkey, with dressing, baked potato, vegetable, salad, rolls, relishes, cherry pie and beverage. This sit down dinner is open to the public and the seating is limited to 300. Entertainment by the Krakow Polish Dancers. Reservations before Feb. 1st will be \$7.50 and after Feb. 1st the tickets will be \$8.00. We urge you to get your reservations in early. Please feel free to invite friends and guests.

Cut and send to Laura Hook, 703 Minnesota Ave, S. Milw. 53172

Membership Dues January, 1985 to January, 1986

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Dues _____

Dinner _____

No. of People \$ _____

Dues circle one -- Family \$5. -Senior \$2.-Business \$10.-Life \$100.
Individual \$3.

Dinner \$7.50 each before Feb. 1
Dinner \$8.00 each after Feb. 1