



# South Milwaukee Historical Society

717 Milwaukee Ave., 53172

NEWSLETTER

August 19, 1985

## IMPORTANT DATES:

August 31 South Milwaukee Sesquicentennial Committee presents BLUE GRASS IN THE PARK featuring four Blue Grass Bands. 11 am to 7 pm., Grant Park areas 5 and 6. Donation of \$1. or can of food for Human Concerns. Bring lawn chair or blanket. Food and refreshments available. The bands are Buck's Stove and Range, Dan's Pick a Way, Piper Road Spring Band, and Weekend Wages. The Historical Society will again have a picture display and encourage recording family histories. Balloons will be for sale also. Rocking chair and afghan raffle tickets will be sold. HELPERS WILL BE NEEDED.

September 9 POT LUCK SUPPER 5:30 pm. at the South Milwaukee Senior Center. Bring a dish to share with a serving spoon. We will provide plates, plastic wear, and beverages. Raffle tickets will be sold at the dinner also for \$1. Gert Endthoff will be showing slides. Drawing for the rocking chair and afghan will take place.

October 13 FOR WOMEN ABOUT WOMEN At the B.E./Becor Club Cash bar 12 noon, Luncheon 1 pm. Tickets are \$6.50 and will be available at the Pot Luck Supper. Sponsored by five women's organizations with a great program in honor of the Sesquicentennial

November 4 Regular meeting 7:30 pm. at Senior Center

December 7 CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND BAKE SALE 9am to 2 pm. Come and have some cider and cookies with us.

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Lois Schreiter, President 762-5214  
Addie Becker, Vice-president 764-2118  
Laura Hook, Treasurer 762-0635  
Ann Monson, Secretary 762-1091  
Gert Endthoff, Curator/ Board of Directors 762-8852  
Doralee Szewczuga, Curator 762-7828  
Steve Czerwicznik, Board of Directors  
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Rick Tangen, Board of Directors  
Mayor Chester Grobschmidt, Board of Directors  
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Lucille Siren	Anne Monson
Lola Doe	Harvey and Jo Johnson
Theresa Schattner	Laura and George Hook
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Don Broskowski	Anne Monson
Rosemarie Broskowski	Dawn Wendorf
Lucille Siren	Debbie Rekoske
Jeff Plale	Peggy Fillema
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