



# South Milwaukee Historical Society

717 Milwaukee Avenue, South Milwaukee, WI 53172  
NEWSLETTER JULY, 1993

## OFFICERS

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Term expires)

Greg Meka	1996	762-2695
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LaJane Lisowski	1995	762-0749
Dr. Harold Hein	1994	483-4826
Mary Magnuson	1994	762-9428



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

JULY 10 & 11 REVOLUTIONARY WAR ENCAMPMENT AT GRANT PARK. SPECIAL PROGRAMS 10 AM TO 4 PM BOTH DAYS

JULY 18 HERITAGE DAYS BIKE RIDE -STARTS AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE 1:30 PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE FREE ADMISSION TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. OPEN HOUSE AT THE S.M. MUSEUM. RUMMAGE SALE JEWELL HEISE WILL MAKE JAM. ANY VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE BREAD OR CRAFTS???

JULY 25 HERITAGE DAYS WATCH LOCAL PAPERS FOR ALL THE EVENTS OPEN HOUSE, TROLLEY RIDES, ICE CREAM AND SODA, RUMMAGE SALE 12 NOON TO 5 PM

AUG. 28 NEW BERLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES CONVENTION. 8:30 AM TO 3:00 PM AT NEW BERLIN CITY HALL, \$10.00 INCLUDES ROLLS, COFFEE AND LUNCH, TALKS AND TOUR OF WINTON-SPRENGEL 1870'S HOME. RSVP: RUTH STIGLER, 3450 S. CATAMOUNT DR, NEW BERLIN, 53146 (Reservations must be in by Aug. 21)  
QUESTIONS: JACKIE HERMAN, N.B.H.S. PRESIDENT, 679-1783

SEPTEMBER 13 POT LUCK DINNER--FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 5:30 PM BRING A DISH TO SHARE-MEETING FOLLOWING THE DINNER

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS!!

HOST AND HOSTESSES NEEDED AT THE MUSEUM, no experience necessary, contact Rick Tangen, 762-2199

MUSEUM OPEN BY APPOINTMENT DURING THE WEEK call Rick Tangen or Gertrude Endthoff (numbers above)

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Heritage Days are again approaching, and our museum will be open both weekends with a lot of activity going on. Anyone who is interested in helping, please contact me.

We had elections at our Pot Luck Dinner. The Pot Luck food was delicious, and the newly elected officers are Jan Tylicki, Treasurer and Board Members are LaJane Lisowski, Delores Kowalski, and Greg Meka. Welcome!

At this time I would like to thank Steve Czerwiczuk for many, many years that he served on the board. Steve was always there when a helping hand was needed, especially at the Business and Industry Trade Fair. Steve was the one who took care of ordering the brats and hot dogs and getting them prepared for cooking. Steve, you will be greatly missed and thanks again for a job well done.

I would also like to thank Lois Schreiter for her endless hours of keeping tabs on our finances, while she served as our treasurer. Thanks for doing a great job, Lois. However, Lois will still be working close with us as she is editor of our newsletter.

At our last board meeting we talked about repairing the front porch and remodeling the upstairs bathroom. The pillars on the front porch need some repairs and the upstairs bathroom needs a new tub and shower installed. We are waiting for the estimates and will proceed from there. I will also keep you posted on the progress.

See you at Heritage Days--come and ride the trolley with Gertrude, Theresa and Alderman Lisowski.

Addie Becker, President

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THANKS TO THE GOOD SCOUTS:

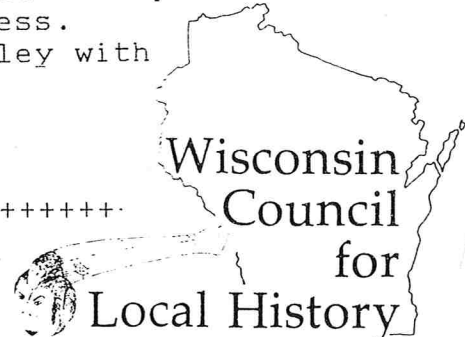
GREAT help has come from the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Eagle-Pro Scouts. We are very grateful for the help of these young people and their leaders who helped organize pictures, newspapers, books and shelving. Thanks to Neal Omernik and Jean Hetzel.

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IN THE MUSEUM:

Twenty new display boxes to view. Many boxes contain ladies fans.

Ralph "the elf" Welbes will be spotlighted in a display case this summer. The case will display a t-shirt with a picture of the wrestler, "The Crusher". Ralph was the number one body guard of "The Crusher", a famous international wrestler from South Milwaukee. Ralph's toy soldier collection had been featured in diaramas previously displayed in City Hall and the Library.



## MEMORIES of Living in South Milwaukee

It has been 24 years since we moved to South Milwaukee. We liked the neighborhood, not far from stores and schools. The lot was there on the northeast side of South Milwaukee and Nina Grobschmidt sold it to us from her brother Eugene's estate. The builders were ready to start the basement of the house and the cement block trades people went on strike, leaving us with a grass lot from June to October. I remember visiting the partially built house often. The most memorable time was shoveling snow out of the front room window in January.

We wanted our 2 kids to see it being built. The thought was that they would adjust to living in a new place easier, but they still woke up at night for three months after we had moved into the new house.

We had two more children in the following years and now await the arrival of our first grandchild. Only one of the four remains at home. The older three are in three different states and there is nothing like being away from a place to help in appreciating it's uniqueness.

The neighbors have been great. When we needed help they were there. One night I had terrible stomach pains and had to go to the hospital. It was midnight and the kids were sleeping. At that moment my neighbor, a professional wrestler, was just coming home from a match in Green Bay and he stayed with the kids until my husband returned.

The land in South Milwaukee is slightly hilly, but mostly straight. It's good for riding bicycles to the store and to the library and then stopping for a Dairy Queen on the way home. The hills of Seattle are beautiful but

city of . . .



## South Milwaukee



riding a bike there is difficult. I continue to enjoy the bike trails along Lake Michigan.

What is frozen custard? A lot of the world doesn't have any idea of our fantastic ice cream - frozen custard. Maybe you have enjoyed Dairy Queen or Jessica's or Leon's or Kopp's?

The South Milwaukee Library is still the best arranged library in the area. The childrens books are arranged with young reading levels in mind.

Skating on the mill pond in winter was always fun. The older sibblings would tease the younger ones on their two runner skates so they would be chased and show how much faster they could get away on their figure skates. In Southern California you have to go to the mountains for snow or ice.

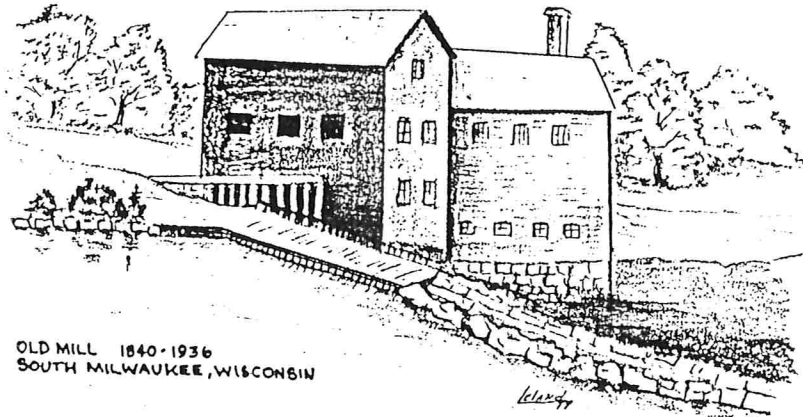
Walking along the trails in Grant Park by the seven bridges was fun on Sunday mornings after church. Skipping stones on top of the water was hard and always presented a challenge.

On the fourth of July it was great walking the trails in Grant Park going to the fire works, laying on your back to watch them bursting in the air, and then walking back home through the dark park with hundreds of people

I remember beach parties with a couple of families. We would cook brats, burgers and hot dogs and play with baseballs, footballs and volleyballs. Sometimes we just collected pretty stones in a pail. On warm days we floated in the lake and waited to see how far the waves would push us down the beach.

I think some of our readers have had some of these same memories of living in South Milwaukee. Send rememberances to: SMHS Remembers, 104 Brookdale Dr., South Milwaukee, WI 53172-1215

Lois Schreiter



OLD MILL 1840-1936  
SOUTH MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN



*As long as we have memories,  
yesterday remains.  
You, as pioneers of the past,  
enrich and extend the lives of the  
pioneers of the future.*

A WORLD WAR II DISPLAY IN MEMORIUM OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE SOLDIERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES.

ACQUIRED: A World War I uniform and a Red Arrow Division Cap

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TREASURERS CORNER

Thank you for your support during my term as treasurer of the SMHS during the past two years that I have held that office. The treasurer's job is a demanding and exacting one and I know you will all support the new treasurer, Janice Tylicki. I shall continue to be editor of the newsletter.

New Life Member: Lillian Fowle Rankin  
In the last issue of this news letter I mistakenly printed a life member's name as Barbara Coley. It should have read Bonnie Rankin Coley. Sorry, Bonnie.

Your New Treasurer is: Janice Tylicki, 1611 Walnut St., South Milwaukee, WI 53172. Dues should be sent to her.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU:

South Milwaukee Fire Department 100 years  
St. Mary's Catholic Church 100 years  
St. John's Catholic Church 100 years  
First Methodist Church 100 years



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Send remembrances to:  
SMHS REMEMBERS, 104 BROOKDALE DR., SOUTH MILWAUKEE, WI 53172-1215

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Our SYMPATHY:

To the families of Lois and Steve Schreiter, on the death of her mother and  
To the family of Adam Kotowicz.

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If you know of any members that are ill, please call Mary Magnuson, 762-9428 with the information, so she may send them a get-well wish.

TWO LOTS-Forest Hill cemetery. Offers accepted. See Gertrude Endthoff

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Send FAMILY HISTORY INFORMATION to: S.M.H.S., 717 Milwaukee Ave. 53172  
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THANK YOU FOR USING YOUR PIGGLY WIGGLY STORE GROCERY RECEIPTS: The S.M. Historical Society BENEFITS from your efforts.

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Newspaper editor: Lois Schreiter, 762-5214

Dues are listed below. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH TIME, MONEY  
AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S PROGRAMS. THANK US--BY  
BECOMING A MEMBER. YOU ARE NEEDED.

DUES: Seniors	\$4.00	Professional	\$10.00
Single	\$5.00	Life Membership	\$100.00
Family	\$6.00	HELP PRESERVE YOUR HERITAGE.	

SEND TO Janice Tylicki, 1611 Walnut St., South Milwaukee, WI 53172

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