



# South Milwaukee Historical Society

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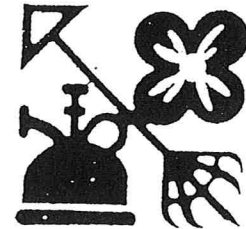
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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

It is with great pride that I thank all of our faithful members who so graciously helped at the Business and Industry Fair. Serving brats, hot dogs, coffee, soda, sweet rolls and chips is not all work, for you get to see and meet many of our members and new members who have joined during those busy days. I now welcome into the Historical Society Mayor and Mrs. David Kieck and their family and Alderman and Mrs. Dean Marlowe, Jr. and family.

The Board has voted to change the membership dues date. It will be from January to January, regardless of what time of the year you joined. By doing the memberships this way we will have a more accurate record of member dues.

May is not only our Pot Luck Dinner it is also election time. We are desperately in need of a treasurer, won't you please consider running for this office?

The museum is open by appointment for group tours. If you know of any group interested in touring the house please notify Gertrude Endthoff at 762-8522. She is available most anytime for tours.

Come one, come all, join us for a Pot Luck Dinner on May 9, 1994 at 5:30 pm, at the First Congregational Church, 1111 N. Chicago Ave., South Milwaukee. Bring your favorite dish to pass. The program for the evening will be a presentation on Forest Home Memorial Cemetery.

Addie Becker, President





### EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 1994:

- FEBRUARY 12 Annual Dinner, Bucyrus Club  
APRIL 15, 16 Business and Industry Fair
- MAY 9 Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 pm, 1111 N. Chicago Ave  
Forest Home Cemetery Story, Elections
- JUNE 4 and 5 Open House and Rummage  
JUNE 25 and 26 Northwest Territory Alliance, Living History in Grant Park  
JUNE 29 Day Tour by Coach Bus to Old World Wisconsin  
(see information below)
- JULY 17 Heritage Days, Open House, Rummage, Demonstrations  
JULY 24 Heritage Days, Open House, Trolley Tour, Rummage
- SEPTEMBER 12 Pot Luck 5:30 pm, 1111 N. Chicago Ave  
History of County Parks
- DECEMBER 3 Bake and Craft Sale  
DECEMBER 11 Christmas at the Museum (something new)
- FEBRUARY 11, 1995 Annual Dinner, Bucyrus Club

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### OLD WORLD WISCONSIN TOUR

The South Milwaukee Historical Society is sponsoring a tour to the State Historical Society's Ethnic Living History Museum at Eagle, WI on Wednesday, June 29. The bus leaves 717 Milwaukee Ave., South Milwaukee at 10:00 am and returns at 4 pm. The cost is \$19.50 per person and includes Coach Bus, Admission and Tram. Lunch is buy your own at the full food service on the grounds. The Tram allows you to get on and off when you want. Special needs chairs are provided free if needed. **Reservations limited to 47 people and must be prepaid by June 13. Send reservation checks for \$19.50 per person to Lois Schreiter, 104 Brookdale Dr., South Milwaukee, WI 53172-1215** Non members and members of other societies are welcome to join us for this fun day.

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**NEW MEMBERS: WELCOME TO** Robert Berker, Mayor & Mrs. Kieck and Family; Alderman & Mrs. Dean Marlowe Jr. and Family and the Schlaraffia Milwaukee Fraternal Society, all of South Milwaukee, and Lucille Rofedale Tubbs, San Diego

THE ADDRESS LABEL on this newsletter will be 1/94 if you have paid your dues for this year. L = life member.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. DUES: Senior, \$4.00; Single, \$5.00; Family, \$6.00; Life, \$100.00. Send dues to Addie Becker, 526 Sycamore Ave, S. Milwaukee, WI 53172

## A TRIBUTE TO MAYOR CHET

South Milwaukee Mayor Chester W. Grobschmidt who recently ended a 37-year career with the city was paid tribute at a public ceremony attended by several hundred people.

The celebration marking Mayor Chet's retirement included plaques, citations, resolutions, special honors, and wonderful reminiscences by family and friends. And yes, even a few tears mingled with the outpouring of love and respect for the man who gave so much of himself to the city.

Chester W. Grobschmidt began his political career in 1957 when he was elected 4th District Alderman, a position he held through 1965. The following year he successfully ran for the office of mayor, continuously being re-elected for 28 years.

Mayor Chet has always been a strong supporter of the South Milwaukee Historical Society. In 1972 he was among the 66 Charter Members of the organization. In 1974, Mayor Grobschmidt and the Common Council granted official status to South Milwaukee's Bicentennial Committee, sponsored by the Historical Society. The 11-member committee was formed at a meeting of the Society. The following year, when South Milwaukee was recognized as an official Bicentennial City, an American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) Flag was presented to the mayor to hold a place of honor until the end of 1976.

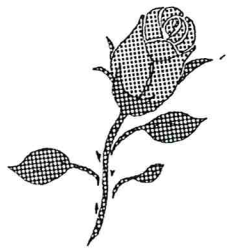
Mayor Chet worked with the Society to get the Grant Park Golf Clubhouse and Railroad Depot placed on the National Register of Historic Places. He also helped the Society obtain some funding for restoration and maintenance work on the Museum at 717 Milwaukee Avenue. Mayor Chet attended as many Society functions as his busy schedule permitted -- be it a state convention or potluck supper.

In February 1992, after receiving approval from the Common Council, Mayor Chet announced the appointment of Historical Society Museum Curator Gertrude Endthoff as the City of South Milwaukee's Official Historian. In July, he selected her Grand Marshall of the City's Heritage Days Parade. Mayor Chet also took it upon himself to order the red trolley car for the Society's open houses during the Bicentennial, and Heritage Days celebrations. The mayor also invited Society members to serve the cookies and refreshments at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony held each December at City Hall.

As a special tribute to South Milwaukee's Mayor of 28 years, plans have been announced to name the Senior Center, and Oak Creek Pool after him. This will assure that the name Chester W. Grobschmidt will always remain an important part of our history for generations to come.

South Milwaukee Historical Society members will always remember the mayor for his unselfish dedication and loyalty to the organization.

Mayor Chet -- we wish you many happy, healthy years of retirement.



**THE REGULARS ARE COMING; THE REGULARS ARE COMING.....\***

On the 25th and 26th of June, 1994, the Areas 5 and 6 of Grant Park will be transformed back into history. On these two days, groups of the Northwest Territory Alliance (N.W.T.A.) will put on a two day, living history event portraying the Revolutionary War. The re-enactors will set up tents, (some will sleep in them). They will build fires and cook food over them (Yes, it is real food.) Events scheduled are two "battles" each day, daily men's and women's fashion shows, cannon demonstrations and other related entertainment throughout each day. Come for both days or come for only one day. The price is the same. **IT IS FREE!** If you want more information on this call me at 762-2199.

Pvt. Richard Tangen  
Fourth Continental Dragoons

\*This is what Paul Revere and the other minutemen actually called or yelled on their ride.

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Included with this newsletter is a **Tribute to Mayor Chet** written by Historical Society member Barbara Mueller, who is a charter member and served on the Bicentennial Committee, has known Mayor Grobschmidt since 1970. She has worked with his office during the past six years as secretary of the South Milwaukee Association of Commerce, which has its office in City Hall.

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