



# South Milwaukee Historical Society

717 Milwaukee Avenue, South Milwaukee, WI 53172

## NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER, 1994

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### EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 1994:

- DECEMBER 3 Bake and Craft Sale, 9 AM to 2 PM  
Bring crafts and goodies Fri. 5:30 to 8 PM or Sat. at 8 AM
- DECEMBER 11 Christmas at the Museum (something new) 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- FEBRUARY 11, 1995 Annual Dinner, Bucyrus Club

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another summer has passed and we wonder where all the time has gone.

In September we had our annual pot luck dinner and again I must say we have some of the finest chefs in town as all the food was delicious. Our program was quite interesting as Mary Becker showed pictures, told us about the parks in the area and then had open discussion.

I would like to thank all that so generously gave of their time during Heritage Days. However, we didn't have our traditional ice cream to sell but we did have hot dogs and they seemed to make quite a hit.



Gertrude and I attended an appreciation dinner sponsored by the South Milwaukee Lions Club for all the support that the society gave them in putting on their summer activities. Entertainment for the evening were the Krakow dancers. It was a pleasure to watch these young people perform.

I am happy to report that M & I South Shore Bank has donated money to pay for the vinyl siding and steel door on the auxillary building and aluminum covering for the front porch pillars. Again THANK YOU M & I South Shore Bank.

We are again getting ready for our Christmas Craft and Bake Sale held on December 3, 1994. As always we need help, craft items and bakery. We are also doing something new this year. We are having open house at the museum on December 11, 1994 and need people to help. We need cookie bakers, room guides, room decorators, cleaning people, etc., so if you can help please call me at 764-2118 and I will give you more details

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Addie Becker, President



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Our deepest sympathy goes to the families of Merle Monson, Ray Thibaudeau, Clifford Sczewczuga, Esther Dauphin and Josephine Looker Johnson.

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OAK CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY invites you to their Christmas Party at the Market Place, December 15, 1994, 6:30 PM, \$11.00 per person. Dinner is Buffet, Chicken and Ham. Make checks payable to O.C.H.S. and send to Cathy Chronis, 2137 W. College Ave., #719, Milwaukee, WI. 53221. Deadline is 12/8/94. No refunds after 12/8/94.

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WANTED--JAM AND JELLY JARS WITH COVERS -- CALL Jewell Heise, 762-4650

DEPOSIT grocery receipts from Piggly Wiggly into Historical Society slot at store.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. DUES: Senior, \$4.00; Single, \$5.00; Family, \$6.00; Life, \$100.00. Send dues to Dean Marlowe, Jr., 3516 18th Ave, South Milwaukee, WI 53172

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HAPPY 100 TH BIRTHDAY  
JEREMIAH M. RUSK LODGE NO. 259

## CURATOR'S CORNER

by Gertrude Endthoff

### ITEMS ACQUIRED:

1. Wire egg basket, Stella Paplowski from Fitzgerald's Hardware Store.
2. Scale for weighing and grading eggs.
3. Photos of Esther Dauphin, (her second wedding) also some molds for forming hair weaving, Esther passed away July 4, 1994. Items were acquired at the estate sale.
4. A framed colored photo of Carl Lindquist as a young man.
5. A pair of ladies black leather shoes circa 1930, from Mrs. Kopecky.
6. A box of materials from Richard Tangen's history collection.
7. 1956 movie of Spectacle of Music Parade.
8. Materials from former Mayor Grobschmidt's desk-scrap books and 1913 City Directory.
9. Twenty foot flag pole donated by Former Mayor Chester Grobschmidt and Richard Grobschmidt, State Representative, which will accommodate the national flag.
10. Nineteen foot flag pole donated by Joseph and Phyllis Longo and family to accommodate the state flag. The poles were installed by Nick Barsamian, Thank you, Nick.
11. Kitchen utensil, spoons, round covered glass butter dish, hand painted flowers circa 1900 and diamond pattern depression glass round banana bowl, circa 1930's from Barbara Mueller.
12. White satin and lace wedding dress from Mrs. Feld
13. 1934 wedding dress worn by Mrs. Herbert (Cuff) See.
14. Glass mail box by Pyrex from D. Kowalski.
15. Long black velvet formal dress and a Gilda Grey wool bathing suit circa 1920 from Leona Beaument.
16. 12 Volume Lincoln Collection from St. Francis Library.
17. A 7.5 foot Christmas tree donated by Lois and Steve Schreiter.
18. Cast iron Christmas tree stand made in Germany circa 1900.
19. With the dissolving of the South Milwaukee Homemakers Club some of the silver was given to the South Milwaukee Historical Society.

### HAPPENINGS:

On Tuesday, October 4, G. Endthoff spoke to fifth graders at Blakewood School as preparation for tour of museum. Wed. Oct. 5, Arline Barsamian, Anne Monson, Steve Czerwicznik and G. Endthoff greeted three groups of fifth graders, parents and teachers. A good time was had by all as small groups traveled one way through the building.

## APOLLO 11 - TO THE MOON - 25 YEARS AGO

**Delco Electronics**, located in Oak Creek, was part of the excitement of the world as everyone watched and listened to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) transmissions from the astronauts to mission control. Delco made the navigation equipment used by the astronauts. It was the road map to the moon and back. Steve Schreiter was part of that Delco team. He appeared on local television three times during the anniversary week July 20, 21, and 22, 1994 as part of a small group of employees remaining from the days of Apollo. The following are Steve's remembrances:

**Periodically one or more of the astronauts would visit our plant to talk about the program and its importance to them and to the nation. Each employee was reminded of the fact that lives depended on our work. One of my jobs was working with the company building the computer memory. MIT would decide on the moon landing sites, advise NASA, and we would contract for memory modules defining that site. The decisions were always late and schedules were always tight. When it appeared that the modules might be late, we would call NASA and ask that an astronaut visit the module manufacturer and motivate the employees. In addition a dinner was always promised if the modules were on time. On the day of the first moon landing, I was driving across central Wisconsin listening to the landing on the car radio. As the pilot of the Command Module pushed buttons on the CDU (Control and Display Unit) he announced the numbers of the programs he was utilizing for landing. Each change put more of the landing operation into a manual mode and put more responsibility on his shoulders. There was only a limited amount of rocket fuel for the landing and the site had to be reasonably level. Finally he announced touchdown with 16 seconds of fuel remaining. This was the acid test for our equipment and a sigh of relief came from everyone who had worked on the project.**

