



South Milwaukee Historical Society

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NEWSLETTER JANUARY, 1995

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EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 1995:

FEBRUARY 11	ANNUAL DINNER, BUCYRUS CLUB, 6 P.M., ENTERTAINMENT GREG MEKA, "BERLIN, BEFORE AND AFTER THE WALL"
APRIL 21-22	BUSINESS FAIR 5 TO 9 PM, AND 10 AM TO 2 PM, HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
MAY 1	POT LUCK 5:30 P.M., 1111 N. CHICAGO AVE.
JUNE 3	OPEN HOUSE AND RUMMAGE SALE
JULY	HERITAGE DAYS, OPEN HOUSE, SPECIAL EVENTS, TROLLEY NEWSLETTER
AUGUST ?	RUMMAGE SALES
SEPTEMBER 11	POT LUCK, 5:30 P.M. 1111 N. CHICAGO AVE.
NOVEMBER	NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2	BAKE AND CRAFT SALE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers, board members and members of the society who helped make 1994 a success.



We did something new at the society this past year, and had Christmas Open House at the museum. Santa was there passing out candy canes and refreshments were served. Each room was decorated and the Christmas tree looked beautiful. Officers and board members you did a great job.

I would like to also thank the members and non members who baked and made crafts for the sale. Our bakers are the finest and our crafters are the greatest.

Our annual dinner in February is fast coming upon us. So please mark your calendars for February 11, 1995. The menu is beef pepper steak with buttered noodles, salad, oriental blend vegetables, rolls and butter, dutch apple pie with ice cream. Cocktails 6 P.M., dinner 6:30 P.M. Entertainment by Greg Meka, "Berlin, Before and After the Wall". \$12.00 per person. Reservations needed, see last page.

May is election time and our pot luck dinner held at the First Congregational Church. More information will follow in our next newsletter. However, there will be some officer positions open, so please feel free to volunteer, because without officers there will be no South Milwaukee Historical Society.

Best Wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year.



Addie Becker, President



CURATOR'S CORNER



by Gertrude Endthoff

Three groups of fifth graders from Blakewood School visited the museum in October. A group of 90 were met by Arlene Barsamian, Anne Monson, Gertrude Endthoff and Steve Czerwicznik, who were available as helpers. The day before the tour G. Endthoff spoke the group at Blakewood School as an orientation of the history of the area.

In December, Brownie Troop 683 from Blakewood visited the museum and were given a history of the area by G. Endthoff, Mary Magnuson and Anne Monson. There were 30 people in that tour. In Jan., a group of Cub Scouts from Blakewood came to learn about life in the area long ago.

"Christmas at the Museum" was a first this year. Attendance could have been larger. Punch and cookies were served. Good Punch, Lois Schreiter. Thanks for the cookies to all contributors. Santa attended and passed out treats. Thanks, to Santa and "Apple School."

The museum sparkled this year for both the craft and bake sale and "Christmas". Thanks to the efforts of the Board of Directors.

The auxiliary building is now newly sided and a steel service door installed. It is also filled with interesting things for our collectibles and rummage sales. Thanks to many hours spent by Mary and Bill Magnuson. A huge vote of thanks is due them for the number of volunteer hours they spent--over 400 hours.

A great need for ideas for a second *REMEMBER WHEN??* Also we need ideas and memories from your school days. Please submit your memories. The first issue is sold out after three printings.

Have you noticed we are now flying three flags?

HELP is still needed to: 1. get new members, 2. work on a housekeeping committee, 3. work on cleaning items for rummage, 4. filing and sorting artifacts and records, and 5. fund raising.

IDEAS for next December: Wouldn't it be nice to have Christmas lights outside? Let's improve the quality of the craft items for sale next December. A crafts committee could begin working now.



HOME HEATING IN THE 20TH CENTURY

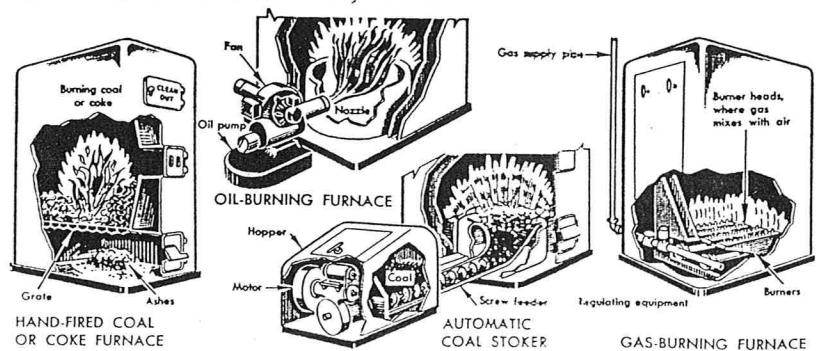
Living in the twenty century, we, our parents, our grandparents, and our great grandparents must have witnessed a zillion changes. Some of these changes occurred in home heating. How your house was heated depended on where you lived and the resources close to you, whether in the city or in the country. Wood stoves and fireplaces heated many homes in the early 1900's.

Household Heating depending on where you lived, was a fireplace, or stove heated by burning wood or coal in the early 1900's. Both the wood and coal stoves depended on someone to feed the fire in order to get heat. That meant if it wasn't fed during the night, the house would be cold in the morning. Coal furnaces had large round heating ducts that rose on an angle to heat the house with gravity raising the hot air. The coal furnace was close to a coal bin where coal trucks would deposit a few ton of coal on a trough inserted through the coal bin window. Clinkers and ashes were shoveled into metal baskets to be removed at garbage collection time and put in v shaped dumping wagons for disposal. Later the coal furnaces were converted into gas or oil burning furnaces, using the air ducts already installed in the home but fans were added to force the hot air through the house. Newer more efficient gas and oil furnaces and slimmer ducts were devised with better air blower systems. Fiber air filters were installed and streamlined.

Some homes used boilers and radiators where hot water circulated through pipes to heat the house. Some later homes used electric heat elements around the lower outer edges of the room. Solar furnaces have not been reliable for our northern cloudy winters.

The new high efficiency furnaces are highly sophisticated devices from the old coal furnace. These furnaces also cut heating bills by one-third of the 30 year old gas models. A fan/blower moves the air through the house longer because it begins to blow before the air is totally heated. The temperature is controlled by a computerized thermostat. The new high efficiency gas furnaces do not use the old brick or stone chimney on the house to vent. Instead the air intake and air venting is done close to the placement of the furnace on the side of the house about 4 feet off the ground. Some vent installations I have noticed are done through the existing chimney by installing a pipe up the chimney with an elbow or hooked pipe extending out the top for venting. There is a lot more condensation in these new furnaces and therefore a need to use materials that will not rust or corrode.

Electronic air filters that were developed to clean the air and remove dust and small particles on nuclear submarines 40 years ago are now available for use in the home. Dust particles are charged and are attracted like magnets to grounded plates. The electronic home filters clean up to 95% of the air and are helpful to allergy sufferers. They are maintained easily by soaking in detergent and rinsing in clear water every month or two. What stories do you have to tell about cold northern nights? Funny, sad, scary stories? Lessons learned? If you would like to share them with us, write to LLS/ SMHS, 104 Brookdale Dr., South Milwaukee, WI 53172 Deadline is March 10, 1995.



Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Lola Doe.

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

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

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

ANNUAL DINNER-- FEBRUARY 11, BUCYRUS CLUB, 6 P.M.

PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME,
NUMBER ATTENDING
AND \$12.00 FOR EACH RESERVATION TO



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DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR DUES FOR 1995

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