

South Milwankee Historical Society

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EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 1995:

NOVEMBERCLEANING AND DECORATING MUSEUMDECEMBER 2BAKE AND CRAFT SALE 9 AM TO 2PMDECEMBER 10CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM WITH SANTA 1 - 3PMFEBRUARY 10ANNUAL DINNER AT BUCYRUS CLUB For entertainment

Russ and Betty Tschohl will host an"Identification Clinic". Bring an antique or treasure for show and tell.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The flag pole dedication on July 16 was an informal event which took place out of doors by our museum sign. Our thanks to Mayor David Keick and the Common Council members for attending. Thanks also to Dean Marlowe, Jr. who orchestrated the ceremony. Thanks go to Former Mayor and Mrs Chester Grobschmidt, State Representative and Mrs. Richard Grobschmidt for one flag pole and Mr. and Mrs Joseph Longo for the other flag pole. Our thanks to Nick Barsamiam for the excellent job of installation. Free ice cream was served in honor of the occassion.

Gertrude Endthoff narrated the wonderful "Learn about South Milwaukee" Trolley Tours again this year. She was assisted by Ralph Lisowski and Arlene Barsamian. Mary Magnuson, Jewell Heise, Ann Monson, Theresa Aghbashian monitored the rummage sale, while Addie Becker, Debbie Baer sold soda and hot dogs. Open House tours were in the museum with Eunice Hahn, Greg Meka, Dean and Louise Marlowe. Timothy Tangen, Jean Hetzel and Roy Opala helped where needed.

The September Pot Luck dinner was a culinary delight. Our guests and speakers for the evening's program, were Mayor David Keick and Alderpersons, Michael Janke,

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Thank you to South Milwaukee Savings Bank for donating \$250.00 for the cost of our advertising our Christmas Fair, membership and donation drive through Val Pak advertising. Look for it in your South Milwaukee mail box soon.

The Society will have a 10 ounce mug for sale at the Christmas fair. It is a fund raiser that has been made available through the generous donations of \$175.00 from Bank One and \$50.00 from M & I South Shore Bank. It will be printed on two sides with a sepia drawing of the Grant Park Seven Bridges entrance with South Milwaukee Historical Society printed beneath the drawing. The mugs will sell for \$4.00 and will be available at the Bake and Craft fair Dec. 2 and at Christmas at the Museum Dec. 10. Thank you to Addie Becker for planning and helping me with the Val Pak coupon and the mug.

As with all old buildings our museum constantly needs some repairs. The latest was a plumbing repair that required a removal of part of a plaster wall. Thank you to Greg Meka for your muscle and skill in removing the old and getting the replacement wall shimmed. Thanks to Steve Schreiter and Dean Marlowe for getting the dry wall up, to Lois Schreiter for the joint repair, and to Greg Meka again for replacing the paneling and doing the touch up work.

Thank you to Janice Tangen for the lovely picture from the South Milwaukee Broom Factory. See Gertrude Endthoff's article for more museum information.

Thank you everyone for the great cooperation. See you on Dec. 2 and Dec. 10.

Lois Schreiter, President

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The Society is looking for someone to take over our Rummage Sales. Help is needed to unpack and mark items donated for our sales. It is one of our biggest money makers beside our Craft and Bake sales. The rummage is held on the first Friday and Saturday of June and the two weekends during Heritage Days. Hope there is someone in our Society who would like to take over this worthwhile project.

Many thanks to those who have contributed items which makes for a very successful rummage. Mary Magnuson

Have you ever wondered----

how does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work in the morning? why are cigarettes sold in gas stations when smoking is prohibited there? why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?

why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?

why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?

CURATOR'S CORNER

by Gertrude Endthoff

The sixth annual trolley tour was successfully completed with the provision of the trolley by the city. Ticket sellers Arlene Barsamian and Dean Marlowe, and ticket takers Theresa Aghbasian and Ralph Lisowski with Edith See on stand-by made the afternoon a worthwhile success. There were 200 riders on nine trips. Thanks to all who made the tour possible. See you in 1996.

Painter - artist Tony Kotchi presented an oil painting of the South Milwaukee Carnegie Library built in 1917 on the corner on 10th Avenue and Monroe. It will be placed on permanent loan in the newly refurbished South Milwaukee Public Library. Thank you, Tony. Also thanks to June Fykse whose 1934 survey of the city provided information and a photo of the building.

Former Alderperson, Mary Nelson presented a scrapbook of her historical accounts entitled <u>Flashbacks</u> to the Museum for our archives. Thank you, Mary.

Many interesting items were received from the George Zych family, which will be on display as space permits. One item is a glass candy jar from the Zych Drug Store on Milwaukee Avenue. Buy penny candy at the craft fair Dec. 2nd. Remember the machine for rolling your cigarettes. We've got one.

Ideas are needed for another "Remember When" about folks and life long ago. Only three were submitted at the potluck. Also we need more memories about school days. Anyone having city directories from 1911 to1959. PLEASE donate them to us, good use is made of them. Constant requests for information are being received about who lived where and when.

School groups, scout groups and adult groups are welcome for tours, call 762-8852 for reservations. Three groups of fifth graders from Blakewood School will visit in November.

Maps of the township of Oak Creek are available for \$1.00. The are reproduced from the Illustrated Atlas of 1876 on buff paper. Good for framing. A good supply of post cards at \$1.50 per set of 12 are still available. These can be used for thank you, birthday greetings holiday greetings. One young couple used them for thank you notes for their wedding gifts. You'd also be sharing some local history. A special offer of: 4 sets of post cards for \$5.00 until Dec. 15th. Buy now.

Long time resident and member Agnes Reingans celebrated her 99th birthday in September in Livonia, Michigan where she now lives. A feature article appeared in the local paper.

Parts catalogues from 1917 Bucyrus 75 ton Steam crane were given to the museum. Thank you to the donor.

The curator and Ann Monson attended the Metropolitan Regional Council of Local History hosted by the Wisconsin Old Cemetery Society, a tour of the halls of history and Forest Home Cemetery was the highlight of the day.

Janice Tangen donated a lovely framed picture of women at the S.M. Basket Factory.

Attend the Craft and Bake Sale Dec. 2. Also drop in for "Christmas at the Museum" on December 10.

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 are due in January: Senior, \$4.00; Single, \$5.00; Family, \$6.00; Life, \$100.00. Donations welcome. Send dues to Dean Marlowe, Jr., 3516 18th Ave, South Milwaukee, WI 53172

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