



South Milwaukee Historical Society

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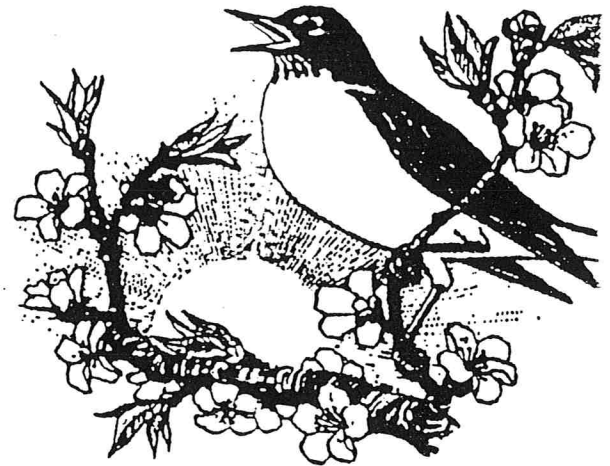
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EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 1996:

- MAY 6 POT LUCK 5:30PM First Congregational Church, Pine and Chicago Ave.
entertainment, "A Button Collectors Dilemma?", G. Endthoff
- MAY 26 MEMORIAL DAY OPEN HOUSE FREE ADMISSION FOR MOTHERS
- JUNE 1 RUMMAGE SALE
- JULY 20 - 28 HERITAGE DAYS
- SEPT. 9 POT LUCK 5:30PM First Congregational Church, Pine and Chicago Ave.
- DEC. 7 CRAFT AND BAKE SALE
- DEC. 8 or 15 CHRISTMAS AT MUSEUM -CHRISTMAS CRIB DISPLAY - PLEASE
**REGISTER BY NOV. 1st IF YOU WISH TO DISPLAY YOUR CHRISTMAS
CRIB.**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Annual Dinner was a success, thank you to all who attended. Thanks also to Jewell Heise, Addie Becker, reception/membership committee; Gertrude Endthoff, table specialties; Chester Grobschmidt, Janice Tangen and Lois Schreiter, donation of raffle items; Parkway Floral, floral centerpiece; and Dean Marlowe, Jr. for reservations. Our newest State Senator and member Richard Grobschmidt addressed the members and guests and many of our political candidates and members introduced themselves. Russell Tschohl taught us the basics of furniture refinishing and Betty Tschohl identified antiques brought in by the audience.



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We have scheduled two major clean up days at the museum, March 23 and April 23 from 10 AM to 12. On March 23 Dolores Kowalski, Eunice Hahn, Gertrude Endthoff and Lois Schreiter spent 2 1/2 hours cleaning the office. We remove plaster chunks and dust, curtains and boxes. The cleaning was/is necessary after our major plumbing and wall repair. It is looking good, however, the job is not finished yet. We are hoping to install blinds, paint the walls and ceiling and wax the floors.

Our next major event is the May 1 Pot Luck, 5:30 PM, First Congregational Church, learn about something you use every day--buttons. Please come.

Our thanks also to Time Insurance Company and Dean Marlowe, Jr for the donation of an IBM 386 computer, monitor and key board. DOS is on the computer and software was donated by Marc Meyer. We still need the following items if someone wishes to donate one or all we would appreciate it. We need: a small computer desk-\$80-100.00, a power cord-6.00, a surge protector-10.00, disc box for 3 1/2" discs-4.00, bubble jet printer-225.00, and a mouse, mouse pad and installation kit-36.00.

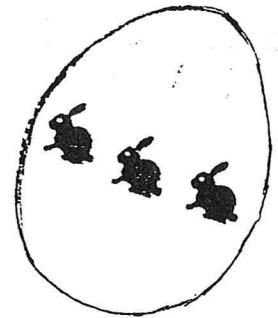
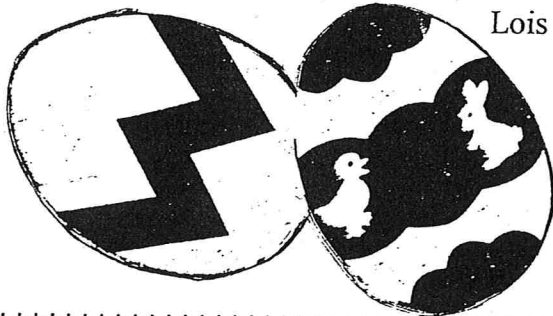
The museum has some damaged aluminium siding after the recent winds. Estimates are being taken for the repairs.

Thanks to Jim Ward for his letter to the editor. I always appreciate comments, then I know someone is reading the newsletter.

The Historical Society survives on dues, donations and our fund raisers. Please remember to send your dues to our membership chairperson, Addie Becker.

Happy Easter to all of you. Steve and I will be playing with our 2 1/2 year old grandson for a few days. We hope you have some smiles too.

Lois Schreiter, President



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

1-23-96

Dear Lois:

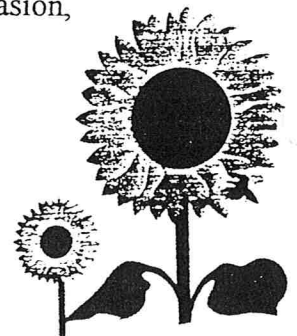
I read with interest the "Curators Corner" wherein it states that the population in 1895 was 2662, because one of the last issues of the Voice Graphic in "Rockets' Report" states that the population in 1892 was 517.

My Dad's family came here in 1892 from Eden, WI, stayed until 1894, left for Fondulac,(sic) and came back in 1896, and we've been here for 100 consecutive years. In September I'll be 75 years and will celebrate the 100th year and my birthday at the same time. I plan to write a brief family history for members of our family for the occasion, and I'll show you a copy, if you would be interested.

Yours truly,

Jim Ward

ed. I'd love to read the story and print it here too, if that is ok with you.



In 1924 a brick church and school building were built on a half block area of Eighth and Marquette Avenues. The residence for nuns was across the street from the school.

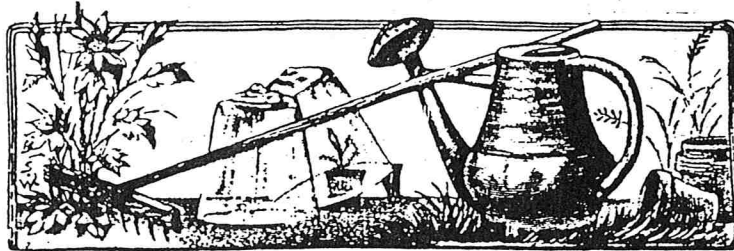
About 1980 the second church was razed and a new church erected across the street on the southeast corner of Eight and Marquette. The priest's residence was remodeled. Since there were few nuns in 1990, their residence was changed to provide an assisted, more protective residence for the elderly. It is known as St. John's Manor.

4. Gate House, Bucyrus Dredge and Steam Shovel Company, 1892 -1876, Eleventh and Milwaukee Avenues

When a group of wealthy Milwaukee men came to the area and bought a good amount of the farm land in 1890's with plans to "boom" the town. They platted the area to be the downtown and industrial layouts of the area from Rawson Avenue to Marquette Avenue, to the lake of the East and West as far as 13th Avenue.

Bucyrus, Ohio responded by expanding their dredge and steam shovel foundry. 1892 - 1893 were years of severe depression in the United States. Many who were attracted to the area were not able to stay for financial reasons. The fate of Bucyrus Dredge and Steam Shovel Co. was made sound by the digging of Panama Canal, Seventy-seven shovels were built and used in digging the BIG DITCH.

Men from many parts of the country were encouraged to come here to work. Some went with the shovels to operate and keep them working. Many men came to work then as houses were built for their families. People from many ethnic groups were attracted and came to our community.



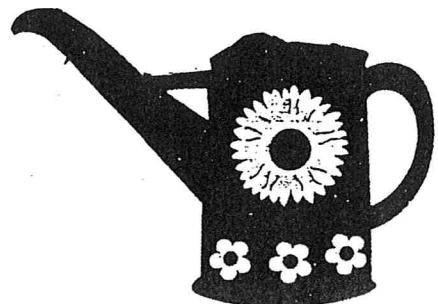
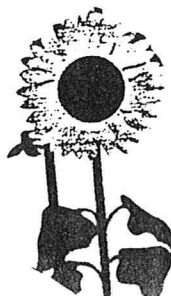
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS. IT IS 90 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR AND -----

HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY WEST ALLIS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Carolyn Haack, Ramona Marlowe, John Gompper, Mr and Mrs. Edward Mueller, Mildred Urban and Life member John Bordak  
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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.

Best Wishes to Gene Stark who retired this year after serving as President of Oak Creek Historical Society for over 10 years.



Results of Survey from September Pot Luck

These are the top three in each group:

For income/fund raising we should-

1. Bake and craft sale
2. Business and industry fair
3. Rummage sales

For educational projects we should-

1. Early Settlers slide program or video
2. New Displays
3. (tie) History of Music in South Milwaukee on slides or video
History of Stores of South Milwaukee

For organizational means we should-

1. Microfilm records
2. (tie) Get shelving for basement storage
Get shelving for office
3. Computer - printer



Lessons from the Goose:

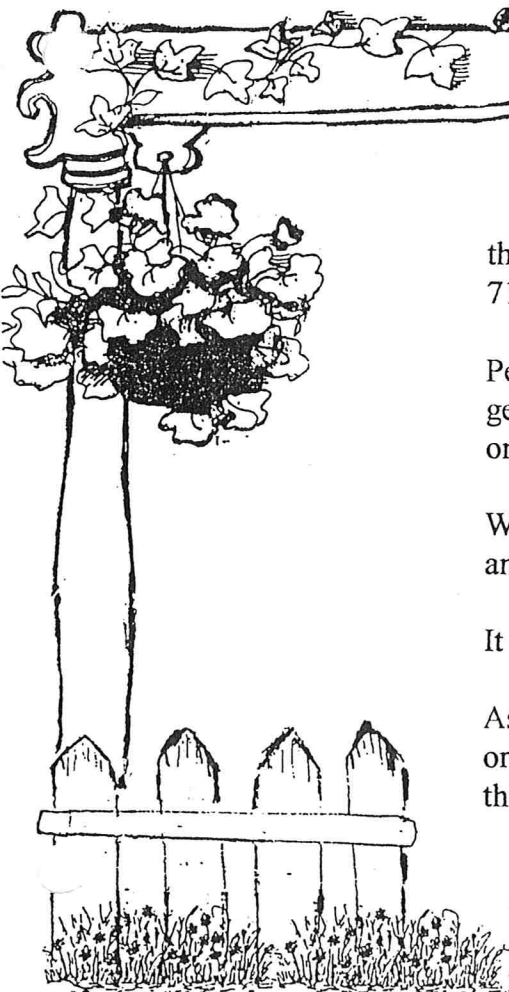
As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird behind it. By flying in a V-formation the whole flock adds 71 percent more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier when they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position.

It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership.

As a member of any organization you should be willing to contribute or participate five minutes a week for that organization. Please keep this in mind for the May election of Historical Society positions.



DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Senior, \$4.00; Single, \$5.00; Family, \$6.00; Life, \$100.00. Donations welcome.

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