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HAPPY ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY
CITY OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE
1897-1997

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

TREE LIGHTING-CITY HALL	SUN., NOV.30
BAKE AND CRAFT SALE	SAT., DEC. 6, 9 AM TO 2 PM
CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM	SUN., DEC. 14, NOON TO 3 PM-
	"SANTA'S ON DISPLAY"

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings Everyone!

Glad to be writing to you after a very hectic but enjoyable summertime.

I would like to acknowledge our Curator Gertrude Endthoff for all of her work on the Centennial Book which has been such a big part of South Milwaukee's Centennial Celebration. Gertrude has worked countless hours both at the Museum and at City Hall organizing pictures and writing the text. Congratulations on a wonderful job, Gert!

Our Heritage Days celebration was a success, even though the rain held down attendance. Thanks to all who helped give tours of the museum and who sold goodies from the "History Hut". Thanks also to Gert for directing our eighth annual Trolley Tour and thanks to our ticket takers and sellers!

Our Pot Luck supper was well attended. Everyone was treated to fine foods and desserts. Thanks to Kathy Steiner for a very interesting and enjoyable discussion about cosmetics and fashion colors for both men and women.

Officers and board members of the Historical Society will be serving refreshments at the City's tree lighting ceremony at 4 P.M. on November 30th. Come and enjoy the Madrigal Singers, Carriage Rides \$2.00 and Wagon Rides \$1.00 ! 4-8 PM RESERVATIONS 768-8051

Our Craft and Bake Sale will be held Dec. 6th from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Museum. Come see the many fine craft items for sale. Bring your appetites as you'll have an opportunity to buy breads, cookies and other goodies!

This year, our Christmas at the Museum event will be held December 14th from noon to 3 P.M. Come and see our "santa displays" Speaking of Santa, Billy the Brownie has informed me Santa will be making a visit to the Museum! Refreshments will be served . See you there!

Here's hoping everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and a Joyous Christmas.

Dean Marlowe, Jr., President

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NOTES:

Thanks to John Blandino for the wonderful computer printer.
Future donations will go toward marking the mill stones, which are next to the Mill Pond Dam.
Many people do not know what they are.
Loose shingles on the Museum roof have been repaired.

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF ETHEL LANGE. ETHEL WAS A LIFE MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND A WILLING VOLUNTEER WHEN SHE LIVED IN THIS CITY.

CHRISTMAS GIFT ITEMS FOR SALE:

"**Historic Quilt Story**" stories are now available for a donation of \$1.50.

Mail orders \$2.00

Stories about the quilt will be discontinued in this news letter.

"**Remember When**" has been redone on a computer and is available for \$1.00. Mail orders \$1.50. This is a wonderful card to send for birthdays and holidays.

Book: SOUTH MILWAUKEE THEN TO NOW is still only \$7.50 .

Mail orders \$9.00. This is a great gift for graduations or holidays. It comes autographed by the author and is a hard bound edition.

Note cards are 10/ \$4.00 Great for wedding thank you cards.

Post cards 12/ \$1.50

Mugs are \$4.00 or mailed \$6.00. Mugs have a picture of Grant Park's seven bridges entrance on both sides in sepia.

Centennial Pewter spoons (dated 1897-1997) \$6.00

Sweat Shirts SMHS logo in gold on dark green shirt sizes s-xlg are \$15.00 prepaid xxlg = \$16.00 xxxlg = \$17.00

T- Shirts SMHS logo in white on red shirt sizes s-xlg are \$10.95 prepaid xxlg = \$11.95 xxxlg = \$12.95

Send your orders, with your name, address, zip code, size and check to SMHS Treasurer, Fred Brutvan, 729 Monroe Ave., South Milwaukee, 53172

Special collectables will be available



Curator's Corner by Gertrude Endthoff Remember ??

When dolls didn't say anything or maybe "ma - ma"?

When zippers and velcro were buttons and every housewife had a button box?

When nobody had hear of "cholesterol and fat free" and butter, cream and eggs were good for you?

When ladies used to make cakes from grandmother's recipes?

When handwriting was something of which to be proud?

When doctors made house calls? When the family doctor treated everything?

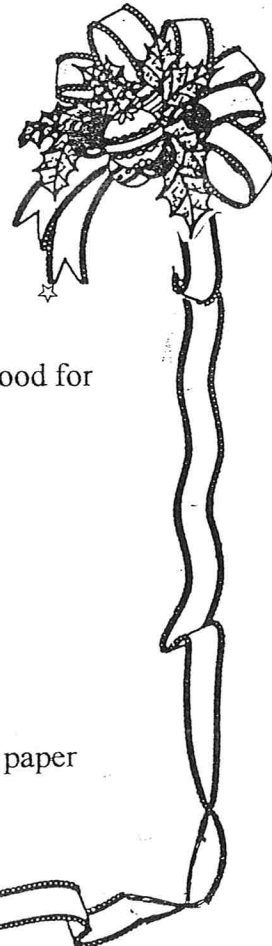
When doctors smoked and kids didn't?

When people who had surgery or a baby remained in the hospital for weeks?

When picnics were fried chicken, potato salad, and pie out in the country instead of hamburgers and potato chips on the patio?

When grandmothers had grey hair and wore aprons?

When your choice of gift wrapping at Christmas was red tissue paper and white tissue paper the rest of the year?



DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. New membership dues in Jan. 1998

Senior, \$6.00, Single, \$8.00, Family, \$10.00, Life, \$100.00. Donations welcome.

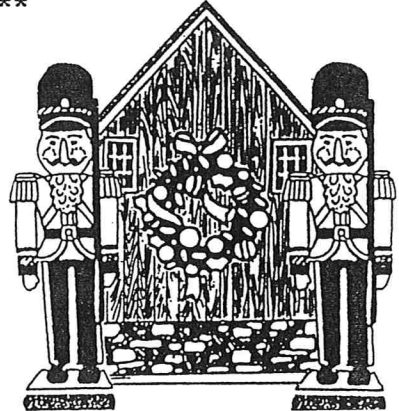
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