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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

We wish to thank all who assisted and participated in making our May 8th Grist Mill Rededication and May 10th Pot Luck such successful Historical Society activities.

We were recipients of furniture from the Parkcrest Housing Authority which will need to be located in our museum along with a retired voting machine from the city. We still must find a place for boxes of photos from Lakeshore Photography. As you can surmise we are somewhat hampered for space.

Dick Thinnes has really got the landscaping at the Historical Society Museum looking nice. Thanks Dick.

We will have a "identified" trolley in the Heritage Day Parade, Saturday, July 24th. Join us in this and other activities. We will be enjoying the weekend Rummage-Open House and hot dogs!

Happy Days,

Chet Grobschmidt, President

SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1999 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

South Milwaukee Heritage Week Celebrations (3rd week in July)
South Milwaukee Heritage Days Parade Saturday, July 24
Trolley rides and guided tour around South Milwaukee, WI Sunday, July 25
(12 - 4:30 PM)

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September 13 / Monday

Pot Luck First Congregational Church 5:30 Dinner, gathering at 5:15PM

Curator's Corner by Gertrude Endthoff Museum Visitations available. Call 762-8852 or 762-2519 Acquisitions:

- Cream colored wedding dress worn by Annie Lorie Megow, 1920's, given by her daughter Jay Slugg.
- Religious Picture form the Symanski family
- Two period dresses, 1930's, also hat box and man's hat
- Books written about World War II will form a library of over 150 paperback books donated by a World War buff of So. Milw.
- We also acquired books about Vietnam and Korea to add to our collection. Now we need a book case to display them.
- Several pieces of furniture were acquired which could be used to improve our office.

The dedication of the Grinding Stones from the 1840 John Fowle Grist Mill took place May 8, 1999. Thanks to the work and generosity of several persons and organizations

- * Volunteers are needed to serve as docents on Sundays and during Heritage Week, July 18 and 25.
- The Heritage Day Parade, July 24th, will form from 7th and Milwaukee and go past the Historical Society Museum.
- July 25th Open House at the Museum, We will have a rummage sale. Hot dogs, soda, and jam will be for sale. Volunteer helpers welcome.
- The 10th annual trolley tours begin at 12:00 noon until 4:30 PM on July 25th. Trolley leaves from the Museum at 717 Milwaukee Ave. \$1.00 donation.

Welcome to New Life Member: Judith L. Balistrieri We now have 32 Life Members.

St. Sylvester Parish History was not in the booklet of history of churches in South Milwaukee, so I have included it in this newsletter. (ed.)

St. Sylvester Parish History

In March 1957 a petition for a new parish in northeast South Milwaukee and southeast Cudahy was circulated. Three months later the petition and a cover letter were sent to Archbishop Meyer. In the Spring of 1958 he granted permission to buy land between College and Badger Avenues.

On September 20, 1962 St. Sylvester Parish was officially established by Archbishop Cousins. That winter the land was purchased and a temporary rectory was established at 200 Lake Drive, South Milwaukee. St. Sylvester's temporary church was located at Victory Hall, 3665 E. Grange Ave., Cudahy.

Fr. Frederick N. Schmidt was appointed the first pastor, and celebrated the first parish mass at Victory Hall on September 16, 1962. Weekday masses were in the rectory.

In 1963 Auxiliary Archbishop Atkielski broke ground for the new St. Sylvester Church.

The church opened for the first mass on September 4, 1964. School opened five days later for classes Kindergarten through 8th grade. The first staff included two sisters, nine lay teachers, and a lay music teacher. The enrollment was 408 students.

On October 18, 1964, Archbishop Atkielski laid the cornerstone. Archbishop Cousins celebrated the Solemn Day of Dedication on June 27, 1965.

Pastors of St. Sylvester Parish

- Fr. Frederick N. Schmidt September 1962 to July 1967
- Fr. Gerard Clark July 1967 to August 1970
- Fr. Edwin "Ginger" Grzendzielewski August 1970 to February 1973
- Fr. Stan Baranowski February 1973 to June 1987
- Fr. Anthony McCarthy June 1987 to June 1993
- Very Rev. Thomas Trepanier June 1993 June 1999
- Fr. Ron Gramza June 1999 present

SUNNY SUMMER SPINACH SALAD (4 servings)

- 1/2 Bag of spinach, washed and stems removed
- 4 -5 large strawberries, washed and sliced
- 1/4 cup pecans, sliced almonds or chopped walnuts
- 2 Tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 Tablespoons sugar

Mix balsamic vinegar and sugar until dissolved. Pour over other ingredients.

Membership dues in Jan. 1999

Senior, \$6.00; Single, \$8.00; Family, \$10.00; Life, \$100.00; Business, \$15.00; Donations always welcome.

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WANTED--Jelly Jars with covers--- CALL Jewel Heise, 762-4650

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Manitoba Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172. Thanks for the added effort.

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