



South Milwaukee Historical Society

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Dates to Remember: Saturday, Dec. 4, Bake and Craft Sale 9 AM to 2PM
Come and Shop at the Museum

At City Hall-- Sunday, Nov. 28, Christmas Parade, rides, tree lighting 1PM -6PM

From the President:

November is here and again we are getting ready for the holidays. We are planning a Bake/Craft sale for Saturday, December 4th, 2004. The hours the sale will be 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and as usual we will need your donations of luscious bakery. Also on sale that day will be Nels Monson's picture history of South Milwaukee. The book will be right off the press and it will make a wonderful Christmas gift for a family member or a friend. The book will sell for \$19.99, and proceeds benefit the Historical Society. Other museum merchandise including ornaments, cards, and Gertrude Endthoff's book will also be on sale.

Other news – new windows have been installed upstairs at the house. Hopefully this will keep “Rick” warm and save some heating money.

This fall we have had two rummage sales and we had a very successful “Tea” for the Widows group from Divine Mercy. Children from Luther school also came for a visit.

Hope to see you December 4th.
“JB” Bulley, President

Museum Visitations: Call J.B. Bulley at (414)762-7605 allow 45 minutes. The South Milwaukee Historical Society Museum is open for viewing on Sunday afternoons 2 to 4 PM and by appointment. Visitors, school groups, scouts, families, clubs and individuals are welcome.

Your support of our Historical Society is appreciated.

The Historical Society wishes to express our sympathy to the family of May Thibaudeau who was an active member and rarely missed participating in a Historical Society event since she joined in 1974, and to the family of Ester Kieck, an active member since 1998 until her illness. Ester was the mother of member Richard Kieck, our South Milwaukee Mayor.

S M Historical Society trivia:

South Milwaukee Historical Society and the Association of Commerce again present an ornament for your Christmas collection. This year it is a picture of the FowleHouse/Grant Park Clubhouse, originally built in 1892 near the site of the first post office in South Milwaukee and is now the golf clubhouse.

Ornaments sell for \$12.00; Pick them up at the Bake and Craft Sale, Dec. 4th 9AM-2PM

For only \$100.00 you will never have to remember to send in your dues again. Senior, \$6.00; Single, \$8.00; Family, \$10.00; Life, \$100.00; Business, \$15.00; Make checks payable to South Milwaukee Historical Society. Send membership dues to Membership Chairperson, Addie Becker, 526 Sycamore Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172 (414)764-2118.

The South Milwaukee Historical Society would like to extend our wishes, condolences or congratulations to its members. If you know of someone who should be remembered, please contact Sunshine Chairperson Barbara Mueller, 762-2712. If you leave a message, please indicate if the card should be sent to their home, hospital or nursing home. The name of the hospital or nursing home would also be appreciated.



Winter weather is a time for cooking. The days are cloudy and gloomy, and the need for comfort food fills your mind. The following are some of my favorites. I'm always looking for good tasting, natural foods. The newest in my good food—lose weight collection follow.

Calico Chicken Chili

1 15oz. Cans of beans with liquid (Black, Chick Peas, Baby Butter Beans, Red Kidney, White Kidney (Cannellini), Pinto or Pink Beans, mix any of these)

1 large onion, chopped

5 stalks of celery, chopped

1 15 oz. Can of diced tomatoes (or 5 Italian tomatoes, peeled and diced)

1 ½ chicken breast, skinless and boneless, cooked and diced (1 – 1 1/2 lbs)

¼ Poblano pepper (or green bell, if you wish) Freeze the rest of the pepper.

Poblanos are available in the fall. They are dark green and a little narrower than

Bell peppers and have a mild chili flavor. I usually buy 2, quarter and seed them, and store in baggies in the freezer for my winter chili supply.

¼ Red Bell pepper

1 teaspoon chili pepper (to taste)

½ teaspoon salt

Simmer 30 minutes. Thicken with corn starch or flour paste if desired.

Sassy Sweet Potatoes

Mix: In one quart Corning or Pyrex dish

1 15oz. Can sweet potatoes, drained and sliced

1 small pear

1 small apple, both sliced thinly

1 8 oz. Can crushed pineapple with juice

Topping:

¼ cup brown sugar

¼ cup chopped, or sliced nuts

1 Tablespoon whole-wheat pastry flour

Bake: 350 degrees, 40 minutes

Quinoa (pronounced "keen wa"). It is a tiny whole grain from south of the border. Grown by the Incas, it is high in iron, fiber and has all 8 amino acids.

Lois' Quinoa

Boil : 2 cups water (broth is good or bouillon)

Add: 1 cup Quinoa

1 stalk celery, diced

1 tablespoon onion, diced

Add ½ teaspoon salt if desired

Reduce heat. Simmer 15 minutes. Let rest 5 minutes until all liquid is absorbed.

Use in place of rice or just for a snack. Store in refrigerator.

Wanted--Jelly Jars with covers--Call Jewell Heise, 762-4650.
SAVE grocery receipts from Piggly Wiggly for Historical Society. Mail to Jewell Heise,
1822 Manitoba Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172. Thanks for the added effort.

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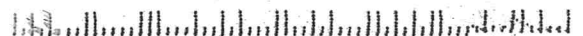
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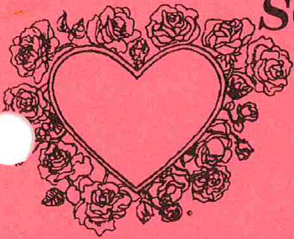
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SOUTH MILWAUKEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



A REVIEW OF 2004

This past year was a busy one for the South Milwaukee Historical Society and its Board of Directors. Much was accomplished with old projects being completed and new ones started. It was also a year we experienced the sadness of losing our beloved curator, historian and friend Gertrude Endthoff. She passed away April 13 after many years of dedicated work to the Society and its programs. It is a loss still felt each time we enter the museum. We know she would be pleased we have continued her efforts on behalf of the museum and its members.

Christmas decorations were nestled among antiques and artifacts when the Society held its annual Bake Sale and Holiday Fair at the museum on December 4. Along with our museum items such as notecards, teaspoons and sweatshirts, handmade items donated by the members were available for purchase. A very generous supply of baked goods and jelly made by our fabulous bakers and cooks filled our dining room table and were a big hit with our shoppers. Vice President Addie Becker did an outstanding job of coordinating the sale.

Also sold at the fair were the 2004 ornaments. This is the third year the Society has teamed up with the Association of Commerce to sell the limited edition collectible ornaments with local historical places and date on them. The 2004 ornament has a drawing of the Grant Park Clubhouse, formerly the home of Horace N. and Ellen (Thompson) Fowle. The ornament sells for \$12. A few 2002 and 2003 ornaments are also still available at \$10 each.

In October the Society sponsored a tea party at the museum for the Widow's Group of Divine Mercy Parish in South Milwaukee. Eleven women enjoyed homemade cookies with their tea followed by a tour of the museum. Society President Joyce (JB) Bulley, Secretary Judy Balestrieri and Board Member Barbara Mueller organized the tea and were on hand to answer questions and show off the museum's treasures. Judy, who is a descendant of the Fowle family and very knowledgeable about her family history, brought her great-grandmother's Haviland China for the women to use. The china belonged to Caroline (Ladwig) Fowle and was given to her for her wedding in 1897 to Francis M. Fowle. Many of the women were seeing the museum for the first time and were very impressed with what we have and with the history behind the items. The Society found the event very enjoyable and may offer it again to small groups.

It was a busy summer for Society members who had a stand at the "Evening on the Avenue" on Milwaukee Avenue as part of the Heritage Days celebration. The museum also held open houses and our auxiliary building opened for a rummage sale two Sundays during the weeklong observance. Museum tours also were given each Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Weekday tours continue to be offered to school children and small groups by appointment.

JB Bulley was elected Historical Society President in May, succeeding her husband, Don, who did an outstanding job for two terms. The Society also held two weekday rummage sales during the summer and fall. One of the best sellers was Jewell Heise's famous rhubarb and strawberry-rhubarb jam. Several residents also stopped by to donate artifacts for the museum. It continues to receive artifacts and other items from current and former residents for which we are extremely grateful. Hats, jewelry, scrapbooks, books, ledgers, photos and glassware are some recent acquisitions. Planning is underway for a Heritage Garden as a memorial to Mrs. Endthoff. A Landscape Committee of Don Bulley, Nels Monson, Barb Mueller, Judy Balestrieri and Richard Thinnes will plant heirloom bushes and perennials in the memorial garden in front of the house. A memorial plaque will be added.



Judy also stripped the triangular sunrise on the wooden dormer above the museum's front door. She took off about 11 layers of paint, after which her friend Mavis Buckland painted it. Squirrels got into the attic resulting in some needed repairs to the roof. New windows were installed to keep our upstairs tenant nice and warm this winter. Bathroom and plumbing work also was done upstairs. Don Bulley did a great job of overseeing these projects.

The Society has two special current projects. Member Nels Monson was the driving force behind the Yellowstone Trail (1915-1930) — one of the first transcontinental auto routes in the U.S. Nels, a lifelong resident of South Milwaukee, proposed the idea of identifying the route of the trail as it passed through South Milwaukee to Mayor David Kieck and the Common Council. Now, nine trail markers can be found along Chicago, Twelfth and Milwaukee Avenues. The "new" Trail Association in conjunction with the Lemay Auto Museum of Tacoma, Wash., is planning stages of a large cross-country Auto Run, tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2006. He and the Society hope to induce some of these travelers to stop in South Milwaukee.

Nels, along with Past President Dean Marlowe Jr., completed a pictorial history of South Milwaukee. The text and more than 200 photos of South Milwaukee are part of the Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series. The book is available at the Historical Society Museum and Lynn's BookRoom in South Milwaukee. The authors held several book-signing sessions at the museum and bookstore.

The Society has an ongoing project accepting family reminiscences and histories of its members, elderly and prominent citizens of South Milwaukee. A form is available for anyone who wishes to add themselves or their family history to our archives. New members are always welcome. Upcoming events include potluck meetings in May and September and Heritage Days participation in July.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE EVENTS!

