



# South Milwaukee Historical Society

717 Milwaukee Avenue, 53172

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Dates to Remember: See reservation form on page 3.  
Saturday, February 12, 2005 Annual Dinner

## From the President:

The holidays are behind us and a new year is upon us. Our festivities will begin Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> with our annual February dinner. It will be at the South Milwaukee Community center. We will have a good dinner of a stuffed pork chop, green beans almandine, baked potato (with sour cream of course) followed by Black Forest Torte. – Sounds good to me! In addition to good food, we will have an evening of entertainment. This evening is not only for Historical Society members, but for their friends and relatives too. Reservations deadline February 5<sup>th</sup>. I hope you all will join me February 12<sup>th</sup> and that you all have a happy & healthy New Year.

“JB” Bulley, President

**Museum Visitations: Call J.B. Bulley at (414)762-7605 allow 45 minutes. The South Milwaukee Historical Society Museum is open by appointment. Visitors, school groups, scouts, families, clubs and individuals are welcome.**

**Your support of our Historical Society is appreciated.**

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**Correction: Last month we erroneously typed Richard Kieck as the mayor of South Milwaukee. We think everyone knows Mayor David Kieck is correct .**

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**S M Historical Society trivia:**

**The trivia from the last newsletter was good enough to get comments of "I never knew that." "Could you tell us more about that post office?" The November newsletter stated the 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 Fowle House/Grant Park Clubhouse, originally built in 1892 near the site of the first post office in South Milwaukee and is now the golf clubhouse.**

**In 1835, John Fowle was one of the first settlers to arrive here with his family. He built a tavern and stage coach station on the edge of the bluff near the mouth of Oak Creek. John Fowle's way station/tavern was like a hotel today. It was the only way station between Racine and Milwaukee. When traveling on a stage coach or with a wagon and oxen, it was a day's journey from Racine to South Milwaukee and another days journey from South Milwaukee to Milwaukee. John Fowle kept the station there for about five years. The waves and the high water table from which water flows into the lake to this day helped to erode the bluff enough to bring the edge dangerously close to the stage coach/ postal station/ tavern. So the stage road was changed and moved away from the lake, inland to what is now Hawthorne and North Chicago Ave, where a new coach and postal station was built with Elihu Higgins as the station keeper.\* A year later the old coach and postal station fell into the lake. The Fowle House/Grant Park Clubhouse we see today was built by John's son, Horace, in 1892, when he was 55 years old. Eighteen years later, in 1910 Milwaukee County bought 150 acres of his farm to become the first park in the Milwaukee County Parks System.**

**\* SOUTH MILWAUKEE THEN TO NOW, Gertrude Moe Endthoff, 1975, p. 21.**

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**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.**



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**ANNUAL DINNER FEBRUARY 12, 2005 SUPPORT SMHS with your presents and your presence. Make you reservations by Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> to Addie Becker.**

**MENU: Stuffed Pork Chop, Green Beans Almandine, Baked Potato, Black Forest Torte  
Entertainment by Delores Bink on the Celtic Harp**

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**South Milwaukee Historical Society Membership form and Dinner reservation:**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of membership:** \_\_\_\_\_ **amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment included:** cash \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner reservation for** \_\_\_\_\_ **person/s @ \$16.00 per person** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 and  
dinner reservations to Membership Chairperson, Addie Becker, 526 Sycamore Ave., South  
Milwaukee, WI 53172 (414)764-2118.**

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**Word Trivia:**

**The word "OK" is a word coming from Native American Plains language. OKEH comes  
from American Plains Indians which means "we have come to an agreement". It is  
probably the most used word in our English language.\***

**\* Aging in the News, Winter 1990, p14.**

**Humility is a strange thing. The minute you think you've got it, you've lost it.**

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**Support your Historical Society-----It is the best bargain around!**

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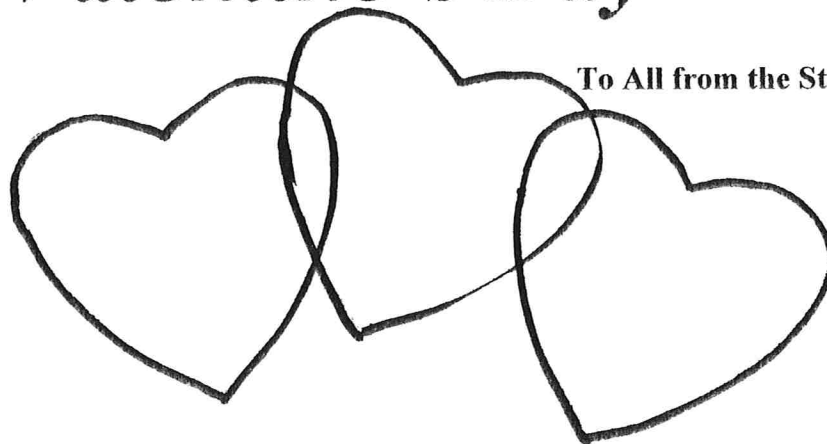
**Wanted--Jelly Jars with covers--Call Jewell Heise, 762-4650.**

**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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# *Happy Valentine's Day*

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