



South Milwaukee Historical Society

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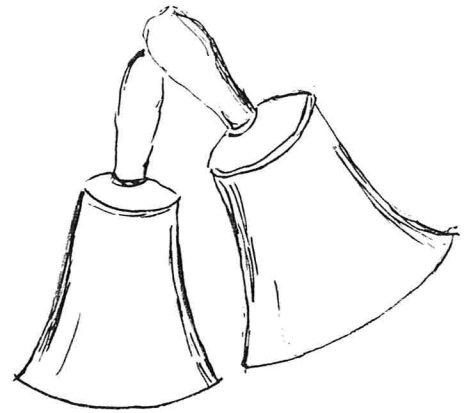
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Dates to Remember:

Feb. 11 Annual Dinner, Social hour 5 PM; Dinner 6 PM; Entertainment: Adult Hand Bell Choir from St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, Cudahy, At the Market Place Cafe, on the corner of Puetz and Chicago Rd., Oak Creek. Please join us. \$18.00 per person . Send in form on page 3 of this newsletter with your money.)

From the President:

New Years' greetings to you! Hope you had a Merry Christmas.

The Board of Directors is planning cosmetic interior and exterior changes to the Museum for 2006. In addition, more photos and artifacts will be displayed in the museum. Thanks to everyone who donated baked goods and crafts for our Bake and Craft Fair! Our Bake and Craft Fair was very successful.

Many of you have expressed interest in obtaining the 2005 collector ornament. I have asked the Association of Commerce to have additional ornaments made for those interested in purchasing them. Please contact me at 414 768 8790 to place your ornament order. In addition, the Board of Directors has sent three designs suggestions for the 2006 ornament to the Association of Commerce for consideration; the Association will make the final decision sometime later in 2006. The ornaments will be available later in 2006, and are a fundraiser for both the Society and the Association. Our Annual Dinner will be held at the Market Place Café in Oak Creek on February 11. Please contact Addie Becker at 764-2118 to reserve your place; I look forward to seeing you!

Historically Yours,
Dean S. Marlowe, Jr., President

Museum Visitations:

FOUNDED MARCH 1972 BY MR. AND MRS. DENNIS RANKIN

INITIAL DIRECTORS — DENNIS RANKIN • PENNY RANKIN • GEORGE HOOK • MARY McCARRIER • BRUCE RAYESKE

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Call Dean Marlowe, Jr. allow 45 minutes. The South Milwaukee Historical Society Museum is open Sundays, Memorial Day to Labor Day, 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.

Curator's Report

Greetings to all! I hope the New Year finds you well. Yes, it is I, your humble curator sending out my first (and long overdue!) "State of the Museum" report. I realize that I have officially held the position of Curator\Historian for almost a year now, but I wanted some time to assess the situation as I see it before commenting on it formally:

First, I hope you have noted the fact that the layout of the "Museum" has changed a bit in the last 16 months. This was done to try to create a sense of what it may have been like to live here a century or so ago. I am constantly looking for ways we can heighten the experience for visitors to our museum. I hope we are off to a good start! Thanks to those who have helped in this transformation, especially to Judy Balestreiri, who has been very generous with her time and efforts in making many positive things happen.

Also, there have been steps taken towards improving our building's curb-appeal. Some badly overgrown bushes have been removed from the front of the house. The "Gert Garden" and landscaping has added a new beauty to the façade and yard. Again thanks to all volunteers (especially Don Bulley and Richard Thinnes). The front porch area has taken beginning steps at improvement, thanks mostly to the beautiful restoration of the original pediment (or triangle shaped wooden ornamentation piece) above the porch. For this, special thanks are in order to Mavis Buckland for the use of her considerable artistic talents! Plans are underway to replace the badly dated and broken aluminum screen door for something more befitting a Victorian-era building. I think it is important to concentrate on restoring the porch and entry of the building. Another visible way, perhaps, to increase interest in what we are trying to accomplish here .

I have, however, come to the conclusion that we are rapidly running out of room. When I first came here, it seemed that large parts of the Museum proper had been used as storage space! Of course, when trying to organize nice display areas that are uncluttered with boxes, tables, etc., means that stuff has to be put somewhere else. The question now becomes "where?" What it boils down to is this, we need to find ways to increase storage space and/or reduce inventory. This is an important subject that needs to be addressed. At the very least we should drastically narrow what kind of things we should be willing to accept as donations. Again, a topic for board meetings, but one I feel is crucial in trying to improve the visitor's experience while viewing our wonderful collections.

Here's to a Great Year!

Nels J. Monson, Curator\Historian
South Milwaukee Historical Society

Images of America, South Milwaukee, a picture history book is for sale at the SM Historical Society. Authors are Nels Monson and Dean S. Marlowe, Jr. , \$19.99.

Support your Historical Society——It is the best bargain around!

For only \$100.00 you will never have to remember to send in your dues again.

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.

Lois' Letters

Thank you for the many Bakery and Craft items and donations of money we received for the Bake and Craft Sale in December. Thank you to the members who worked the sale hours, those who set up, took down and cleaned up after the sale. The society needs the help of every member whether it is selling, buying, or labor of another kind. When we say "Thank you for your support ." that is what we mean. Our income from the B & C Fair plus donations was \$227.75

Our Annual Dinner is coming up soon. Saturday, Feb 11, 2006. It will be held at the Market Place Café in Oak Creek. The menu includes chicken breast stuffed with rice, baked potato, salad, rolls, vegetable and beverage. Desserts will be provided by Theresa Aghbashian, Barbara Mueller, Cecelia Pomahac and Lois Schreiter. Use the sign up form on page 3. If anyone needs transportation within the S. Milw., Oak Creek, Cudahy area call Lois Schreiter, 762-5214 .

As some of you know Steve and I sing with a group called the Community Chorus. The Chorus performs 2 public concerts and 6 concerts at retirement homes in December and in May each year. This December we sang at San Camillo and after the concert talked to a few of the residents. We were surprised to learn that the lady we were talking to used to live a block away from our house. We sent her a newsletter and here is her note back to us.

Dear Mr and Mrs Schreiter,

I was delighted to get your newsletter and picture of my old house. Thank You! I read with interest your newsletter and knew personally Wm. Demoe and Chet Grobschmidt and their parents. The house(116 Lake Dr.) was built in 1929 and I lived there with my parents (Nicholas and Eva Hogan) until we sold it in the mid 40's when my folks built their retirement home on 715 Aspen St., South Milw. I grew up going to St. John's Grade School and S. Milw. High School and graduated in 1938. My father worked as a policeman in Grant Park and my playmates were the children of his boss, Mr. Fred Wulff. Those were happy years of my young life. The editor of the local newspaper, The Voice at the time was Art Heubner who lived next door, north of us. I hope you continue to enjoy your neighborhood. (Our neighborhood was featured in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel newspaper recently. Ed.) After my parents died, I moved to Hales Corners where I lived with my first husband, Lou Rose, who worked at Nordberg. Before our 7th anniversary he died of open heart surgery. Again I moved to Elm Grove, married my 2nd husband, Neil Hofmann. Now we're on our 13th year at San Camillo, loving every minute of it.. Thanks again for your interest. Aurelia Hofmann

South Milwaukee Historical Society Dinner and Membership form:

Name: _____ Date: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone Number: _____
Type of membership: _____ amount: _____
Form of payment: cash _____ check _____
Dinner Menu: Stuffed chicken breast with rice, salad, rolls, vegetable and beverage
Dinner reservation for _____ person/s @ \$18.00 per person _____

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.

Jelly Jars with covers wanted—Call Jewell Heise, 762-4650.

At Christmas Eve Mass at Divine Mercy Parish on College Ave. this year a squirrel ran into the church as the service was beginning.

The Nativity Squirrel

**He had traveled all day,
Wearing his gray fur coat.
He was eating seeds,
Blown round by the circling wind.
As the door opened to people
Entering the church.
He too entered
Anxious to see inside
Searching to see inside**

**He ran up one aisle
And down another,
Not looking at the crowd.
Where could this babe be?**

**He ran through the choir,
Up a Christmas tree
Next to the altar,
Looking around,
Scared, he dashed across the altar.
To the crib, where the babe was found.
Hiding in the branches
And looking around, pleased.
He had found the babe this
Christmas Eve.**

**Lois Schreiter 2005
(After the service he was ushered out.)**

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