

South Milwaukee Historical Society

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South Milwaukee, Wi. 53172

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MARCH
1972**

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As I worked on the letter from the President, I looked back on the events of the past year. We've been quite active in the community. Thanks to Barb Mueller and Addie Becker we had a booth at the downtown market and sold books, mugs, ornaments, even signed up a few new members. A big thank you to Lois and the people who helped on the garden tour in June. It was very successful and everyone had a great time. Let's not forget the Grant Park celebration in July. It was HOT! And we ended up with 400 Dixie cups to give away!

You can start renewing your membership anytime. The Historical Society relies on the dues and sale of items to maintain the museum and present programs. I would like to invite all members to attend our Board/Membership meetings the second Monday of each month (except Sept & May). Besides conducting the business of the Society we have some very interesting discussion where people share stories and information about the early days of our city. The meetings start at 6PM and we have coffee and desert.

Be sure to keep the calendar of events handy. Saturday February 11 will be our annual dinner, time & place to be announced. We're looking for program ideas and volunteers to help with the event. You can contact me at 414-768-8195. The Open House & Bake sale at the museum is November 19 and the Holiday Tea at the Grant Park Golf Clubhouse is on December 10.

A very big **THANK YOU** to the officers & curators. They worked very hard this past year & I appreciate all their time & effort toward making the Society a great organization and making our city's history accessible to everyone!

Bob Pfeiffer

P.S. From the Editor/Secretary:

Help?? Do you have a memory of South Milwaukee you'd be willing to share with our readers? How about an interesting picture of a place or event from our city's past that we could use. Maybe you'd like to try your hand at writing a short article for the newsletter? Give me a call or drop me a line. I'd love to hear from you. And, as always....If you'd like to sign up for the electronic newsletter just send an email to zsiarek@wi.rr.com and I'll add you to the list.

PAST EVENTS!!

It's been a lot quieter since all the goings on this past summer. We had the fall pot luck on September 12th at the First Congregational Church. As usual...good food and fun for all. Chet & Lorraine Grobschmidt brought two beautiful dinner plate dahlias for us to use as center pieces on the buffet table.




Waaaaay too many choices!



The aptly named dinner plate dahlia!

On September 24th a new plaque honoring Bucyrus was installed at Heritage Park on the corner of 10th & Milwaukee Avenues. Unfortunately, bad weather caused the ceremony to be moved inside to the Bucyrus Heritage Museum but it was well attended by local dignitaries, current & retired employees and general well wishers. Below is copy of the text on the plaque.



In 1880, the Bucyrus Foundry and Manufacturing Company was founded in Bucyrus, Ohio. In 1893, due to a shift in product lines and a shortage of space, the company was prompted to set roots in the Village of South Milwaukee where there was great potential for transportation of its products via rail and water. The company's name became the Bucyrus Steam Shovel and Dredge Company of Wisconsin.

Bucyrus delivered 77 steam shovels to build the Panama Canal and the company was a major contributor to the war effort during WWI and WWII.

Over the next 130 years, Bucyrus' research and development efforts have continued to add new products and improve established product lines. Bucyrus has positioned itself as the premier mining equipment manufacturer with a world class product portfolio for both surface and underground mining applications that include draglines, rope shovels, hydraulic excavators, drills, trucks, longwall and room and pillar equipment, highwall miners and belt systems.

In 1996, the company changed its name from Bucyrus-Erie to Bucyrus International, Inc. to reflect our global footprint.

Both Bucyrus and South Milwaukee have experienced tremendous growth since their early beginnings. Based on mutual support throughout the years, they have formed a strong partnership. Bucyrus has positioned itself as a strong player in the global marketplace, bringing distinction to the company and the City of South Milwaukee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Open House & Bake Sale
Saturday
November 19
9am—1pm**

**At the South Milwaukee
Historical Society Museum
717 Milwaukee Av**

**Featuring: Home baked goodies,
Jewell Jam,
books & ornaments,
and other Society items**

A great opportunity to do your Christmas shopping early!

SAVE THE DATE!

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL DINNER
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 11**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE WINTER NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Join the
Friends of the Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc
and the
South Milwaukee Historical Society
for an

Old Fashioned Holiday Tea



Saturday, December 10, 2011

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

at the

Grant Park Golf Clubhouse

100 Hawthorne Avenue - South Milwaukee

*Enjoy a delicious lunch with tea and dessert
in this beautifully decorated Historic building*

Cost: \$17.50 per person. Invite a friend!

*For reservations please call 571-1191 or 762-5214
or send payment to:*

*Friends of the Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc
810 Hawthorne Avenue*

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Please respond by December 3, 2011

COMING EVENTS

Our monthly meetings are now held at the South Milwaukee Library. We'd like to invite ALL our members to attend. As an added incentive, we'll be serving refreshments. **UPCOMING MEETINGS ARE: 6PM on November 14, December 12, January 14, 2012.**

Nov 19 Open House & Bake Sale, 9AM-1PM
South Milwaukee Historical Society Museum

Dec 3 & Dec 10 Indoor Farmer's Market , 10AM-3PM
Caterpillar Heritage Museum across from the South Milwaukee Library

Dec 10 Old Fashioned Holiday Tea
Grant Park Golf Clubhouse

Feb 11 Historical Society Annual Dinner
Details will be announced in the winter newsletter

Look inside for more information!



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