

South Milwaukee Historical Society

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P R E S E R V I N G T H E P R O U D P A S T

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MARCH
1972**

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- Penny Rankin

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F R O M T H E P R E S I D E N T ' S D E S K

Hope everyone is enjoying this nice weather. This is a good time to take in the many historic sites the area.

Thanks to Lois for organizing our 5th annual garden tour. Lois has indicated that this is the last one that she is organizing. We need volunteers to organize and run them in the future. If you are interested, contact Lois for more information.

Speaking of volunteers, we are always interested in compiling a list of volunteers to help with various projects. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact me at 414 768-8195.

Don't forget our board/membership meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month at the library. The meetings start at 6 pm. All are welcomed.

Have a great summer!

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 sziarek@wi.rr.com and I'll add you to the list.

Sue Ziarek

PAST EVENTS

The Spring Pot Luck was held on May 9th at the First Congregational Church. As always there was a wonderful array of homemade food and good fellowship!



Kinda makes your mouth water doesn't it?



Making sure everything is just right!



Mary Haidarian doing a bit of prep work in the kitchen



Addie Becker & Vicki Bartoshevich checking out the selections (and hamming it up for the camera!)



When do we eat???



Too many choices!!!



Estelle Haack hard at work on the clean up

Dinner was followed by a short meeting that included elections. Estelle Haack resigned from the Board of Directors and was replaced by Lee Loveall. Our thanks to Estelle for all her past work on the Board. And Welcome Aboard to Lee. Bob Pfeiffer was re-elected as President; Lois Schreiter was re-elected as Vice President. Sue Ziarek and Richard Raatz were unopposed as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The Board of Curators remains the same also: Steve Schreiter, Judy Balestreiri & Richard Thinnes who have accomplished quite a lot this past year. Keep up the good work!

1. You had to hang the socks by the toes...NOT the top.
2. You hung pants by the BOTTOM/cuffs...NOT the waistbands.
3. You had to WASH the clotheslines before hanging any clothes—walk the entire length of each line with a damp cloth around the lines.
4. You had to hang the clothes in a certain order and always hang "whites" with "whites" and hang them first
5. You NEVER hung a shirt by the shoulders—always by the tail! What would the neighbors think?
6. Wash day on a Monday! NEVER hang clothes on the weekend or on Sunday for Heaven's sake!
7. Hang the sheets and towels on the OUTSIDE lines so you could hide your "unmentionables" in the middle (perverts & busybodies you know!)
8. It didn't matter if it was sub-zero weather...clothes would "freeze-dry"
9. ALWAYS gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes! Pins left on the lines were tacky!
10. If you were efficient you would line the clothes up so that each item did not need two clothes pins but shared one of the clothes pins with the next washed item
11. Clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket and ready to be ironed!
12. IRONED??? Well, that a whole 'nother subject

And now a *POEM* ... (author unknown)

*A clothesline was a news forecast, To neighbors passing by,
There were no secrets you could keep, When clothes were hung to dry.*

*It also was a friendly link, For neighbors always knew
If company had stopped on by, To spend a night or two.
For then you'd see the "fancy sheets", And towels upon the line;
You'd see the "company table cloths", With intricate designs.*

*The line announced a baby's birth, From folks who lived inside,
As brand new infant clothes were hung, So carefully with pride!
The ages of the children could, So readily be known
By watching how the sizes changed, You'd know how much they'd grown!*

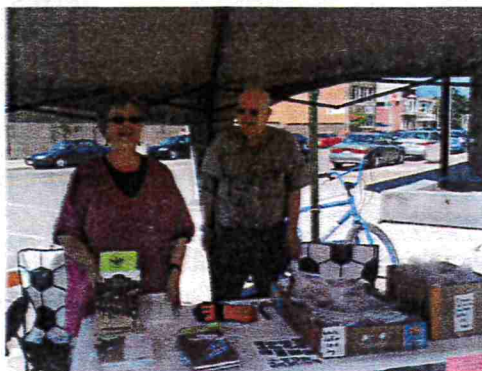


*It also told when illness struck, As extra sheets were hung;
Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe too, Haphazardly were strung.
It also said, "On vacation now", When lines hung limp and bare.
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged, With not an inch to spare!*

*New folks in town were scorned upon, If wash was dingy and gray,
As neighbors carefully raised their brows, And looked the other way.*

*But clotheslines now are of the past, For dryers make work much less.
Now what goes on inside a home, Is anybody's guess!
I really miss that way of life, It was a friendly sign
When neighbors knew each other best... By what hung out on that line.*

PAST EVENTS CONTINUED



They also had Society books for sale and tried to recruit new members.

Steve & Lois Schreiter set up shop at the June 7 South Milwaukee Downtown Farmer's Market selling tickets to the 5th Annual Garden Tour on June 30th along with daffodil bulbs Lois cleaned out of her gardens.

2012 Historical Society Scholarship winner, John Bukowski, stopped by the June 14th member meeting.



Society president Bob Pfeiffer presenting John with an award



John, with Scholarship Committee members Bob Pfeiffer, Addie Becker, Lois Schreiter & Barb Mueller.

John will be attending Marquette University's School of Bio-Medical Science in the fall. **Congratulations John!** We wish you success in your studies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5th Annual Historical Society Garden Tour

**Your chance to peak into the hidden treasures of
Eight South Milwaukee Gardens**

**Saturday, June 30
10:00-3:00**

**Tickets are \$8 in advance;
\$10 day of the tour**

Available at :

Parkway Floral

1001 Milwaukee Av in South Milwaukee

Nona's Cafe

2206 10th Av in South Milwaukee

**By calling Lois Schreiter
at 762-5214**

At the Historical Society Museum

(717 Milwaukee Av)

on the day of the tour

**2012 Wisconsin Historical Society
Wisconsin Council for Local History Regional Meeting
Metropolitan Region—Saturday July 14, Franklin Historical Society
9151 West Loomis Road, Franklin WI 53132**

Registration begins with morning refreshments at 9:30am. The day's agenda features a workshop on making the most of your photography collections, a roundtable discussion of current projects and issues in the Metropolitan Region, as well as updates from the Wisconsin Council for Local History and a performance of "Civil War in Song" performed by Franklin Historical Society members and friends. Lunch will feature baked chicken & Polish sausages and tours of Legend Park will be offered.

For a more detailed agenda visit the Wisconsin Historical Society website (www.wisconsinhistory.org/localhistory/regional.asp) or contact Jim Luckey at (414) 421-6539 or luckeyjim@yahoo.com. Registration Fee is \$15.00

The Milwaukee County Genealogical Society is offering "FREE" Beginner Genealogy Classes
Learn how to research your family tree

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Are you interested in researching your family tree? Have you started, but aren't making as much progress as you'd like? Milwaukee County Genealogical Society can help with FREE Beginner Genealogical Classes

The classes are free, however, a \$5.00 Beginner's Kit containing information and forms used in the class, and to assist you in your research must be purchased.

Classes meet once a month from September until June between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. starting Saturday, September 29, 2012, at Milwaukee Public Library Downtown, 814 W. Milwaukee Street, with convenient on and off-street parking. Check parking at: <http://www.parkmilwaukee.com>

Class Topics Include:

Researching at Libraries Historical Societies Courthouses Churches Cemeteries Newspaper Archives	And more Using Census Data Doing Foreign Research Using Queries A trip to the State Historical Society library in Madison is also included.
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<http://www.MilwaukeeGenealogy.org>

To register: Call or E-mail Ms. Norma Bruss Phone (414) 461-3660 Email nbruss@wi.rr.com

Class Schedule

SEPTEMBER 29

First Steps in Gathering Information

OCTOBER 27

Using Pedigree Charts and Family Group Record Sheets

NOVEMBER 10

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
Courthouse Records

DECEMBER 8

Church and Cemetery Records

JANUARY 26

Census Records and the National Archives

FEBRUARY 23

Library Records

MARCH 23

Queries, Newspapers and Correspondence

APRIL 27

Foreign Research

MAY 18

Organizing Your Family History

JUNE 29

Summing Up and Critique

ONE MORE EVENT TO REMIND YOU ABOUT.....



FALL POT LUCK MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

AT THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
1111 S CHICAGO AV, AT 5:30PM

THREE DRAMA STUDENTS FROM

THE SOUTH MILWAUKEE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WILL DO A READING OF THE
RECENTLY TRANSCRIBED CIVIL WAR LETTERS FOUND AT THE MUSEUM!!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A DISH TO PASS!



TIDS AND BITS

The Historical Society recently received five pieces of Midwest Pottery from long time local resident Gertrude Hart whose husband, Earl, worked at Midwest Pottery. One of the things we learned from Gertie is that the mark on the bottom we thought might be an initial is actually a batch number indicating when it went into the kiln for firing. The new additions to our collection are two chickens and a bird, both in the common cream color but also George and Martha Washington with color. Our thanks to Gertie for her generosity!



As you saw on page 4, Steve & Lois Schreiter set up the tent at the Farmer's Market in June. They plan to be there every Thursday in June to promote the Garden tour. If anyone would care to join them they'd be glad to have company. Even if you can only stay an hour or so, please give them a call at 764-5214. And if anyone is willing to set up the tent later in the season talk to Bob Pfeiffer.

Our THANKS to Don Bulley. He recently indexed Gertrude Endthoff's book, *South Milwaukee, Then to Now*. The new index will be a big help for any one trying to research South Milwaukee related information.

Evening on The Ave will be on July 26. Barb Mueller and Addie Becker volunteered to staff a table. As in the past, we'll be sharing space with the Friends of the Library. If anyone else is interested in helping to staff the table please call Barb or Addie (their phone numbers are on Page 1). Be sure to stop by and say HI! They'll be selling Society items as well as Jewell Jam!

Speaking of Jewell Jam....if you have any jelly jars with lids you're looking to get rid of please send them our way. Contact Lois Schreiter if you have anything.

Unfortunately we don't have any new updates on the HVAC or bathroom remodel. The committee was unable to meeting in April and May but will try again in June.

The Historical Society would like to extend our wishes, condolences or congratulations to its members. Please contact sunshine chairperson Barbara Mueller at 762-2712. Be sure to leave a detailed message or a number where she can contact you.

A reminder that the Society has a number of things for sale including postcards and ornaments. You can also order a South Milwaukee Historical Society t-shirt. These are red with the Society logo in white on the front and are available in sizes Small to XX-Large. The t-shirts are printed to order, cost \$10 for any size and must be paid for in advance. Stop by the museum, the Farmer's Market, Evening on the Ave or give Lois a call.

The Historical Society is still in need of docents to staff the museum during open house hours the first Thursday of each month (1pm-3pm). You don't have to commit to every month but any help would be appreciated. If you are interested you can contact Lois Schreiter. Training will be provided.

Finally, I'm always on the look out for contributing editors. If you'd have a story or old pictures you'd like to share with our members please contact me and we'll work something out. You can call me at 414-520-1959, or email me at sziaiek@wi.rr.com.

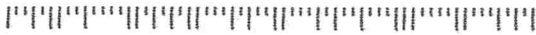
COMING EVENTS

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: July 9, Aug 13, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 12

June 30 4th Annual Garden Tour
See inside for details

Sept 10t Fall Pot Luck Meeting
First Congregational Church

Look inside for more information on these events and others!



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