

South Milwaukee Historical Society

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

Thanks to Lois for organizing all our past garden tours but she has indicated that she will not be doing them anymore. We need volunteers to step up and organize the garden tour in 2013 if we're going to continue having them. 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're interested, 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.

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

ANNUAL DINNER

Turnout was small for the Annual Dinner, held on February 9 at Pat's Oak Manor but everyone who attended had a great time.



Entertainment was provided by Will Branch & Dave Fox



After dinner, Chet Grobschmidt turned over a diploma from the South Milwaukee Vocational School and talked a bit about the history of the School. Stories were shared around the individual tables about classes taken there.



The after dinner raffle included a number of great prizes including donations from Donn Powers, Nona's Café, China Chef and Parkway Floral as well as gift baskets put together by Historical Society members. Our thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Friends Remembered

Our condolences to the friends and family of Russ & Betty Tschohl and of Betty Chovanec

Russ & Betty Tschohl were long time members of the Historical Society and for many years were our resident antique experts, often donating antiques to our sales. Their generosity and expertise were greatly appreciated and they will be missed.



Betty Chovanec was also a long time member who held a number of offices throughout her years with the Society and was an Honorary Board Member for the past few years. Her willingness to help out at all our functions was always appreciated and we will miss her too.

TIDS AND BITS

REMINDER:

The **Spring Potluck Meeting** will be held on Monday May 13th at the First Congregational Church in South Milwaukee. Dinner is at 5:30 and the evening includes a short meeting. This is an election year. If you're interested in running for any office please be sure to join us. If you can't join us you can contact Lois Schreiter to get your name on the ballot. For those of you who just want to enjoy good food and fun, be sure to bring a dish to pass. Dawn & Joe from *Studio 915* will be stopping by around 6:20 to talk about their store on Milwaukee Av.

The recent heavy rains have brought to light another issue at the Museum. Water is pooling on the sidewalk along the east side of the building and seeping into the basement. The board is discussing ways to deal with the problem. We'll keep you posted.

Just a reminder that all new Historical Society members are entitled to one hour of genealogical research from Steve Schreiter. If you haven't taken advantage of that yet give Steve a call. You can download the basic information form from the *Contact Us* page of our website if you have access to a computer.

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.

Unfortunately, so far no one stepped up to take over the Garden Tour. We'd like to thank everyone for their past participation. While it was a LOT of work, it was also a lot of fun.

We received an advertising booklet of the Milwaukee Equipment Manufacturing Co from 1953 titled "Gardening for Pleasure or Profit with M-E Rotary Tillers". A bit of research by Nancy Dzidzan found the company was located at 311 Marion St. Further investigations by Sue Ziarek & Judy Balestrieri turned up a newspaper article from 1953 when the company was sold to a firm in California as well as an ad in *Popular Mechanics*! If anyone has any stories to share about this company we'd love to hear them.

Our Thanks to Don Bulley who recently indexed the *South Milwaukee Then to Now* and has now done supplemental indices of ships, businesses, churches and organizations as well as a chronology of key events. If it isn't already, the index will soon be available on our website.

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 during open house hours or give Lois a call.

The Historical Society is always 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.

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COMING EVENTS

Our monthly meetings are now held at the South Milwaukee Library. Meetings begin at 6:00PM and are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. We'd like to invite ALL our members to attend. As an added incentive, we'll be serving refreshments.

2013 BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AT THE LIBRARY

Jun 10, Jul 8, Aug 12, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9

POTLUCK MEETINGS are May 13, Sep 9

Everyone is Welcome!

May 13 Spring Pot Luck meeting

First Congregational Church,

1111 N Chicago Av in So Milwaukee

Dinner at 5:30, Bring a dish to pass!



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