

South Milwaukee Historical Society

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MARCH
1972**

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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

Thanksgiving approaches. It is just the right time for me to thank all our members for their great support last year. A special "Thank You" goes out to our officers, curators and all the others who ran events, worked in the museum and did research for us in 2014. The publishing of our book was a really big job and it really declared our presence in the community. Everyone who worked on it also deserves a special thanks for that effort.

I would like to suggest that we give some of the less fortunate in our community something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving too. I suggest that we each bring one or more non-perishable food items to our

November board meeting. I will see that they are delivered to Human Concerns for distribution.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Don Bulley

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

MUSEUM FACE LIFT

Efforts continue to spruce things up at the museum. A lot of the work thru the summer and fall focused on the outside. Trees trimmed, bushes cleared, a new fence and a cleaned out garage among other things

A rather large tree branch was threatening the shed roof.....



Before



After



The 'welcome' sign originally greeted people driving into South Milwaukee. Now it welcomes visitors to the museum!



Clearing the way for the new fence



Before



After

Come join us for a

Winter Open House

Saturday November 29 from ^{9am-noon} ~~Noon~~—3PM

Start your Christmas shopping at the South Milwaukee Historical Society Museum!

717 Milwaukee Ave

Books, ornaments, post cards, gift memberships, etc.

Coffee, cookies and hot cider will be served.

Hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENT

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 6, 2014

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: \$20.00 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
South Milwaukee WI 53172*

Note: Reservations will be taken as of 11/1/14

It's that time again.....

Don't let your membership expire! Clip out the form below and mail it **TODAY!**



South Milwaukee Historical Society — Preserving the Proud Past

2015 Membership Renewal Form

Please renew my membership at the following level:

Individual (\$10) Family (\$15) Business (\$25) Individual Life Member (\$100)

Make checks payable to South Milwaukee Historical Society
and mail to Addie Becker, 526 Sycamore Av, South Milwaukee WI 53172

All Payments due by 2/16/2015

if payment is not received by then you will be removed from our mailing list

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Check here if you would like to receive your newsletters by email and write the address below.

Email Address: _____

WOULD YOU HELP RECORD THE HISTORY OF THE SOUTH MILWAUKEE AREA BY TAKING THE TIME TO WRITE A BRIEF HISTORY? Or perhaps you already have a family history you could share with the Society.

Sue & Judy continue sorting thru the museum. Their latest efforts have been in the office organizing our files. We have quite a bit of genealogical information and family histories but we could always use more and we're asking your help to fill in the gaps. Perhaps you already had your family history done. Would you be willing to donate a copy to the Society?

It isn't just the founding fathers (and mothers) who shaped our city. What they started could not have flourished without the efforts of everyone who came after. Those are the people and stories we're looking for. Below is a guide to help you get started and organize your thoughts....

Family History of _____
 full family name: First Middle Last

Where did the family originate from? _____

When and where did they settle? _____

Why here? _____

Member of the immediate family — names, birth date, date of death, buried where, etc

Primary occupation, employer, business? _____

Important events in their life? _____

Each family member could have a family history: grandparents, parents, their brothers and sisters, you, your children, your brothers and sisters, etc

Your stories should be in your own writing style. These don't need to be polished manuscripts! The most important thing is for you to write SOMETHING! Time goes on and people forget or life ceases and stories are never told. Do it today.

Put your name, address and phone number on what you compile and send it to:

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HELP US PRESERVE THE PROUD PAST

TIDS AND BITS

The 2014 Scholarship winner stopped by the August meeting. Don Bulley & Lois Schreiter presented a check to Jason Anthony Molus. Jason will be attending UW Madison College of Letters Sciences. We wish him all the best in his studies.



Lois Schreiter and Patti Bergeson along with Patti's daughter Peyton got to ride in a 1929 Mercedes Benz in the Heritage Day Parade in July.



On a rainy Friday night in October, South Milwaukee's official historian, Nels Monson gave a lantern lit cemetery tour at the First Congregational Church. Over 100 people stuck it out thru the rain. One of the stops on the tour included Mettie Rawson's grave where Nels was kind enough to plug our *Letters to Mettie* book! Thanks to that we sold several books at the reception in the church hall after the tour.



Thanks Nels! For the tour *and* the plug!

Speaking of books, Nels is co-author, along with Dean Marlowe, Jr, of *Images of America—South Milwaukee*. We recently got a new shipment just in time for the holidays. Both books make great Christmas presents as does *South Milwaukee Then to Now* by Gertrude Endthoff. All three titles will be available for sale at the Open House on December 1.

Can't make the open house? Cost of *Letters to Mettie* is \$7.50; *Images of America* is \$22.00; *South Milwaukee Then to Now* is \$10.00. Shipping & Handling is \$2.50 per book. To order, send a check for the cost of the book(s) plus S&H to the Historical Society Museum (717 Milwaukee Av). Be sure to include your name, address and a phone number where we can reach you if there are any questions about your order. Please allow at least 2 weeks, more time as we get closer to Christmas!

The 2014 Christmas Ornaments have arrived. We have a limited number available for sale at the museum. The picture this year of the War Memorial on South Chicago Av. We also have a selection of past ornaments available.

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.

As always....I'd like to encourage anyone who's able but hasn't done so yet to sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter. You get it sooner, the picture quality is much better, it saves the Society money on printing & postage and it helps the environment! If you'd like to give it a try send an email to sziaiek@wi.rr.com. If you change your mind I can always put you back on the list for paper copies.

Until the Winter Newsletter....



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.

2013-14 BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AT THE LIBRARY

Nov 10, Dec 8

Nov 29 Winter Open House at the Museum 9am - noon

Dec 6 Old Fashioned Holiday Tea

Feb 14 TENTATIVE Annual Dinner
Details will be in the Winter Newsletter



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