



# *South Milwaukee Historical Society*

*717 Milwaukee Avenue  
South Milwaukee, WI 53172*

## **NEWSLETTER July, 2018**

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President	Todd Michalek	762-6876
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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Term Expires)**

Lee Loveal	2018
Rose Nosacek	2018
Don Bulley	2019
Stephen Schreiter	2019
Vicki Bartoshevich	2020
Carol Novak	2020

### **Welcome New Members**

Donna Gottwald  
Kathryn DeRidder  
Kris Shell  
Mary Latus

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### **The President's desk!**

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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**Events to add to your calendar:**

**Friday, May 11—The Oak Creek Historical Society welcomes the South Milwaukee Historical Society and Friends to Tour St. Matthew's Landmark Old Brick Church followed by an old-fashioned Door County Style Fish Boil—Tour: 4:00pm, Fish Boil: 5:00 pm—No need to reserve, just show up, and if you're staying for the Fish Boil, bring some cash. It costs \$11.00 per person.**

- May 19** Plant Exchange at SMHS Museum 9 am- 12, bring one-take one
- June 2** Fairy Garden Class at SMHS Museum 10 am – 12, registration required --Todd at 762-6876
- June 16** Garden Tour volunteers day, 10 am -
- June 23** Garden Tour 10 am – 3, Tickets \$10. Garden Art Street Vendors
- June 30** Canopy Class, Wheat Weaving with Linda Daly, 10 am at SMHS Museum
- July 7** State Historical Society Regional Local History Meeting at St. Francis Historical Society, St. Francis City Building , Registration required
- July 14** Canopy Class, WWI Nurse Caroline Donsing, presented by Anna Passante, 10am at SMHS Museum
- July 21** Canopy Class, "Growing Up Polish in South Milwaukee" with Author Carol DeMarco, talk and book signing, SMHS, 10 am
- July 29** Heritage Days Parade
- August 4** Stepping Stone Class, made with concrete, at SMHS 9 am, Registration Required Todd at 762-6876
- August 11** Canopy Class, "First Fifty Years of Oak Creek, 1840-1890", Steve Schreiter, 10 am, SMHS
- August 18** ? Kensington Rune Stone?
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Thank you, Thank you goes to our Canopy Class Speakers, Linda Daly, Anna Passante, Carol DeMarco and Steve Schreiter.

Thank you for donations from Catherine Truszynski through her son and daughter in law, Jim and Nancy (Kern). Catherine's homestead while raising her family was 1717 Minnesota Ave. The donation included South Milwaukee Centennial memorabilia mugs, pins, ornaments, candles, brochure, rocket pins, a plate from Ludwiczak General Merchandise Store, 1909 calendar. A golf trophy from Catherine's sister Ms M. Kaczmierczak, who also played for the All American Girls Professional Baseball League in the 40's. Thank you Catherine, Jim and Nancy.

Thank you for the donation of money from the family of Barb Schouten.

Our Sympathy to the families of our members who have recently died. Mary Haiderian, Jill Schmidt, Barb Schouten and Barb Mueller.

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The South Milwaukee Historical Society would like to extend our wishes, condolences or congratulations to its members. Please contact Sunshine Chairperson, Vicki Bartoshevich, 764-2836. 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.

**Genealogy by Steve Schreiter: One hour of genealogy for anyone with the new \$10.00 membership.** Basic information forms must be filled out and returned with dues to Carol Novak, 1818 Elm Ave, South Milwaukee, WI 53172 Books on Sale at the Museum – First Thursday of Month, 1:00pm to 3:00PM

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*Images of America, South Milwaukee, a picture history book by Nels Monson and Dean S. Marlow, Jr. \$20.00.*

*Then to Now (History of South Milwaukee) by Gertrude Endthof is \$10.00,*

*Letters to Mettie Civil War Soldiers letters to Mettie Rawson, \$7.50,*

*Growing Up Polish in South Milwaukee, by Carol Wagner Demarco, \$15.00*

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**The History Mystery : What is under Rock Lake? Between Milwaukee and Madison in our state of Wisconsin is the town of Lake Mills. Next to Lake Mills is Rock Lake. Under the water of Rock Lake are manmade rock shapes. The shapes are cone shaped like an ice cream cone. One long shape like a tent is about 100 feet long. These are all made of stone. Who made them? Where did they come from and why did they disappear under water? Were they ancient copper miners from the Mediterranean Sea or the Canary Islands? Why has it taken so long to learn of this unusual place?**

**Frank Joseph, historian and scuba diver, has written a book, Advanced Civilizations of Prehistoric America, 2010, published by Bear and Company**

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