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Meetings on the second Monday of each Month at the Museum, 6 pm

The President's desk!

Hello lovers of history! My name is Richard G. Thinnnes and I am your temporary Historical Society President. It has been just a little over 2 months since we all had to deal with the loss of our beloved Todd. He is truly missed.

I have tried to continue in his footsteps. We (the board and I) have made great strides for you and your building. We have new windows (which make your building more attractive and energy efficient), a new glass block window in your basement, we re-acquired 54 prints/pictures of the early days of South Milwaukee (you really must stop by and view them) and new displays in your museum. We do, however, have a lot more we need to do to make your Society a first class treasure in South Milwaukee and with your help we will achieve that goal. All of this is and will be achieved by a group of fantastic volunteers who give of their time and talent. However, we need more of our members to pitch in and make your Society the best in southeastern Wisconsin. You know eventually we stopped believing in things like Santa, the Tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny but I'll never stop believing in YOU, our members. Please continue to help and support us.


Respectfully,

Richard G. Thinnnes, president

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The South Milwaukee Public Library holds microfilm of the South Milwaukee newspaper for the period of 1892 to 2006. Due to microfilm reader and printer malfunction this microfilm cannot be read or copied in the library. Microfilm readers are becoming obsolete as a result of digital upgrades and the Library and the South Milwaukee Historical Society wish to have the microfilm digitized and made ready for searching. Our goal is to have a copy available at both the Library and the Historical Society. The Historical Society made grant requests to the WE Energies Foundation and the Bucyrus Foundation. Both sent rejections. Estimated cost of the project is \$15,000. Anyone interested in donating to this project we would certainly appreciate your help! We've even added a line to the membership form to make it easier for you to help us out.



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

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Telephone: _____

e-mail: _____

Individual: \$10.00 - Annual

Family: \$15.00 - Annual

Business: \$25.00 - Annual

Individual Lifetime: \$100.00

Additional Donation: \$ _____

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Please send completed form and check to:

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Thank you for supporting your local Historical Society!

***Consider this your reminder that it's time to
renew your membership for 2020!!***

While we were sorry to see Muskie's Gourmet House close recently we're very grateful to them for donating the collection of framed South Milwaukee pictures that hung in their dining room. It'll be challenging to find a suitable place/way to display them but we have some ideas. Stay tuned... We also owe a huge thank you to Richard Thinnes for the multiple trips bringing them from Muskie's to the Museum. Those things are heavy!!

Congratulations! to the 2019 scholarship winner, Tyler Kisting. He's studying pre-pharmacy at UW-LaCrosse.

From Lois

Kris Schell lent me her Bohemian-American Cookbook, by Marie Rosicky, pub. 1949. I found it interesting to read, wording and presentation, techniques and ingredients are not what we are used to seeing today. There are a number of pages of types of potato dumplings. This is one of them I might consider.

Soup with Potato Quenelles

Boil four large mealy potatoes, peel and grate. Cream two tablespoons of butter, add minced parsley, one egg, three yolks, salt and cream again. Add the grated potatoes and mix thoroughly. Make balls the size of a walnut, cover with bread crumbs and fry a golden brown in butter or lard. Place them in a tureen, pour clear soup over them and serve.

The South Milwaukee Historical Society would like to extend our wishes, condolences or congratulations to its members. Please contact Sunshine Chairperson, Vicki Bartoshevich, 414-764-2836. Please leave a detailed message including where the card should be sent (home, hospital, nursing home) and a number where you can be reached if Vicki has questions.

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

South Milwaukee Historical Society, 717 Milwaukee Ave., S.M. 53172

Open House: First Thursday of Month, 1:00pm to 3:00PM

Books on Sale at the Museum

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 Endthoff 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

Contact us at southmilwaukeehistory@gmail.com

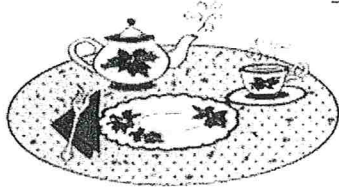
Tale of a Stamp

Submitted by Gustave A. Von Grosse, July 20, 1940
(found in a drawer in the Museum)

I'm a stamp. A postage stamp
Don't want to brag, but I was never licked
Except once, by a gentleman too.
He put me on to a good thing
It was an envelope, perfumed, pink, square
I've been stuck on that envelope ever since
He dropped us, the envelope and me
Through a slot in a dark box
But we were rescued by a mail clerk
More's the pity.
He hit me an awful smash with a hammer
It left my face black and blue
Then I went on a long journey of two days
And when we arrived, the pink envelope and me
We were presented to a perfect love of a girl
With the stunningest pair of blue eyes
that ever blinked
Say, she's a dream!

Well she mutilated the pink envelope
And tore one corner of me off with a hairpin
Then she read what was inside the pink
envelope
I never saw a girl blush so beautifully!
I would be stuck on her, if I could
Well she placed the writing back in the pink
envelope
Then she kissed me. oh you little godlets!
Her lips were ripe as cherries
And as warm as the summer sun
We, the pink envelope and me
Are now nestling snugly in her bosom
We can hear her heart throb
When it goes fastest she takes us out
And kisses me. Oh, say, this is great!
I'm glad, I'm a stamp—a two-center

Join the
Friends of the Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc
and the
South Milwaukee Historical Society
for our 13th Annual
Old Fashioned Holiday Tea



Enjoy a delicious lunch with tea and dessert
in this beautifully decorated historic building
**Note Doors open at 11:00 am*

Saturday, December 14, 2019
11:30 am* - 2:00 pm
at the
Grant Park Golf Clubhouse
100 Hawthorne Avenue - South Milwaukee
Cost: \$25.00 per person. Invite a friend!
Reservations will be taken after 8:00 am on 10/26/19
By calling 571-1191 Limit 6 reservations per call

Mail checks to:
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**We're also looking for volunteer workers and holiday bakers.
Any one interested can contact Lois Schreiter for details.**

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