

WINTER 1987 **** HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 26



The annual meeting of the St. Francis Historical Society will be held Monday, January 26, 1987. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will include the election of directors. A program presented by the Advanced Chorus from St. Francis High School will begin following the election.

Prior to the meeting, all members and guests are welcome to share in our annual pot luck supper at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The Society will provide coffee and milk.

All of this takes place at the St. Francis Community Center, 3476 E. Howard Ave.



ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Three members of the board of directors will be elected during the annual meeting. The board positions are for three year terms. The directors whose terms have expired are Kathy Schwingle, Jean Kiehl and Millie Schimelfenyg.

The newest member of the board is Laura Staats, wife of City Attorney Richard Staats. Laura was appointed to the board following the resignation of Lu Steinert.

RENEWAL TIME



A form is included with this newsletter for the renewal of your membership in our Society. Payment may be made to Ron Tessmer during the annual meeting or mailed to him at 2036 E. Fernwood Ave., Milwaukee, 53207.



ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

The 9th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair sponsored by the Society on November 2 earned a net profit of about \$630. Thank you to everyone who helped with the set-up of tables, to those of you who donated baked goods and to all who helped during the fair itself. We're already planning for a 10th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair.

LOCAL HISTORY ANNUAL CONVENTION

Local historians from throughout the state-- including eight members of our Society-- met October 17 and 18 at the new State Historical Society in Madison for the annual convention of the Wisconsin Council for Local History. The Council celebrated its 25th anniversary during the convention and now includes 203 member organizations, up from 70 member groups in 1961. Convention-goers were treated to a reception at the Governor's Mansion. The keynote speech of the convention was an overview of the local history movement in Wisconsin. In addition to other programs, there was a local history resource center which provided information on a variety of topics.



ROCK COUNTY HISTORY

Twenty members and their guests toured the Rock County Historical Society and the Tallmann House Restorations last fall. The Society, depending on interest by members, plans a bus trip each fall to a place of historic interest. Previous tours were to Old World Wisconsin.

LADY LIBERTY

Dennis Kaluzny presented an interesting video of the history of the Statue of Liberty and her restoration during the October 27 general meeting of the Society.

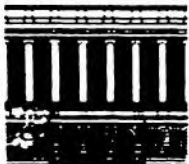
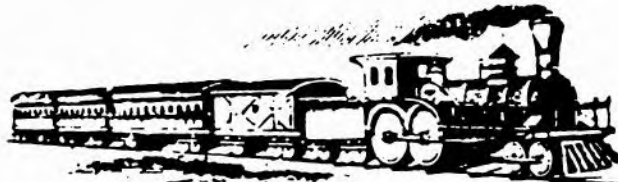


PURSUIT OF ST. FRANCIS TRIVIA

Look up at the Thompson School facade the next time you think of it. Etched in concrete high on the front of the old part of the building are renditions of Little Boy Blue and Little Bo Peep. Why? It seems there was a contest "way back when" to involve the schoolchildren in providing the decorations for the front of the then-new building. Ken Weinhold, now a member of our Society and the friendly butcher at Ola's, was the winner of that contest. Those are his drawings. (Ken says he was a budding artist at the time but gave up formal art lessons when his color blindness became apparent.)

TAKE NOTE

A Blood Bank will be held at the Community Center on Tuesday, January 27, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Members of Affiliated Local Historical Societies are eligible for
DISCOUNT MEMBERSHIP in

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin

- Individual \$15 \$12.50
 Family \$20 \$15

Other Membership Categories

- Contributing \$50
 Supporting \$100
 Sustaining \$200 - \$500
 Patron over \$500

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Please mail this form and enclosed check to:

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF WISCONSIN
816 State Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Old World Wisconsin

Ski through History

Old World Wisconsin is open for cross-country skiing every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from December 27, 1986 to March 8, 1987, snow conditions permitting.

More than eight miles of carefully groomed and marked trails, graded for beginning, intermediate and advanced skiers, wind through nearly 600 acres of rolling, wooded hills in the southern unit of Kettle Moraine State Forest. The trails take skiers past many of the site's historical structures and ethnic farmsteads. Two of the buildings are open to the public. An 1896 schoolhouse serves as a heated reststop where hot and cold drinks may be purchased. The Clausung Barn Restaurant is open for lunch and until 6 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information about hours, admissions, season passes and equipment rental write Old World Wisconsin S103 W37890, Eagle, Wisconsin 53119 or call (414) 594-2116.

Old World Wisconsin is operated by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. It is located on Hwy 67, about 35 miles southwest of Milwaukee and 55 miles southeast of Madison.



You Are Invited...

Turn winter thoughts to summer at this year's State Historical Society Founders Day. The history of the development of major league baseball in Wisconsin highlights the program Thursday, February 19, 1987 at Milwaukee's Marc Plaza Hotel. Featured speaker Milwaukee Brewers president Allan H. "Bud" Selig will describe the city's efforts to attract a major league team after the Braves departed for Atlanta in 1965. For information about Founders Day contact Connie Meier, SHSW, 816 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53706 (608) 262-9613.



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