



MENASHA CITY SQUARE 1888

## MENASHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER MARCH, 2010

### LOOKING BACK

Hi there! We're back and ready to begin the second part of our yearly program. Are you ready to get going to preserve Menasha's past? First, we ought to remind ourselves of our outstanding Christmas party. Yes, that was the last time we met and it was a good experience, wasn't it? Thanks to all those who were involved.

Since our last get-together, we also opened our facility to a large crowd of people attending the "Winter Gala" on February 6th when ice-sculptors participated in Smith Park. Numerous visitors enjoyed our mini-museum as well. Thanks to Board members who monitored the museum.

### NEXT PROGRAM

Our program, Thursday, March 11 at the Memorial Building will feature a talk complete with slides prepared and presented by Menashan, Dick Loehning. He has been helpful to our directors by cataloging our many slides and preserving them on DVD's. Now he will share his knowledge of Menasha with us. Try to attend to be informed and to join fellow historians - your fellow members. Don't forget 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 11 at the Center. See you there!

### APRIL MEETING

Looking ahead to our April meeting, we are asking you to take part in our program by putting on your "memory cap". What do you remember about Waverly and Brighton Beach? Did you swim there, picnic, hike out along the railroad tracks, wade way out, spend your pennies in the penny arcade? Be prepared to share that with your fellow members.

### DONATIONS

We are always appreciative of donations, especially now that we display our artifacts for all to enjoy and to remind us of our past. We have been given a pair of well-worn high-top baby shoes, and two whiskey bottles donated by Jean Haugen. Dick Loehning has donated a DVD player. Mikie Ryder has donated an original water color, "Winter on Lake Winnebago". Do you have remembrances of "old" Menasha? How about donating your keepsakes so others can enjoy them at our museum?

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## ASSISTANCE NEEDED - PLEASE!

Bob Beachkofski has been assisting our Resource Center by faithfully clipping and filing Menasha news articles from the Post Crescent for future reference. He is now reaching the point when he can no longer be as active as before. He will be difficult to replace, but we need to continue his work. Can you please donate an hour or two once a week on Monday morning to take over where Bob must leave off? We need you!! (No special skills are needed outside of loyalty and enthusiasm.)

## IT'S A COMPUTER WORLD!

In order to enter the era of new technology and continue to preserve "Menasha's history" it is imperative to upgrade our Society's office equipment and increase our volunteer help. Financial funding will also be necessary to accomplish this important task.

Specific areas in which VOLUNTEER help is needed and most appreciated:

- Computer-literate operators - installing and working with necessary software
- Grant writing
- Fund raising ideas, physical support, and donations

Additional equipment needed:

- PC computer (Windows XP)
- Monitor
- Digital camera
- Backup systems
- Software

Thank you for giving this serious consideration and encourage your friends/neighbors, schools, or anyone you come in contact with, to join and lend support to YOUR Menasha Historical Society. Be sure to visit our Museum/Resource Center any Monday 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or by special appointment by calling Katie 722-4364 or Jean 722-7349.

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### MRS. NORTON, BAKERY

Mrs. A. Norton became a resident of Menasha in 1861, and has made this city her home most of the time since. In February, 1896, she opened a home bakery and restaurant in the building east of the Trilling hardware store, where she has built up a satisfactory business. Her bread, cakes, pies, etc., are baked by herself and their uniform excellence has made them very popular. Her stock consists of bakers' goods, confectionery, fruits, cigars and tobacco. Warm meals are also served at a reasonable charge, and a nice run of patronage has been worked up in this line.