

MENASHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

May 2012



MEMORIAL DAY A time to remember



April 12-The program on the Brin & Valley Theatres, presented by Nancy Barker, was held at the Memorial Building, the site of the Menasha Historical Resource Ctr./Museum. Many attendees shared their own experiences at both sites to add to a very interesting program. We set up for approximately 35 persons and much to our amazement 98 persons attended. Yes, we ran out of space and had to adjourn to the upstairs area in order to accommodate all. Much scurrying around to move chairs upstairs and later bring them back down, buying more refreshments, etc. made for a very memorable evening. Thank you to all of our members and guests who so willingly offered their services. A great lesson:

Working together makes all things possible!!

The newly elected officers and board members, who will assume their duties as of June 1, 2012 for a two year term, are as follows:

President – Bob Smarzinski

Vice-President - Jean Chew

Secretary – Dolores Gear

Treasurer – Nancy Ropella

Resource Director – Katie LaMore

Advisor – Paul Brunette

Ex-Officio – Nancy Barker

Dick Loehning

Carol Sweet

Tom Konetzke

Sylvia Biebel

Stacey Hoekstra



Mark your calendars for the final “get-together” of this season
and

September 13 for our annual “back-together”
Picnic in the Park

THURSDAY - MAY 10

11:00 a.m.-Lunch (Dutch treat) at Michaels Bar & Grill – Appleton Rd., Menasha
(Call Dolores Gear 722-3635 for reservations)

1:00 p.m.-Barlow Planetarium-“Ring World”-Campus of UW Fox Valley

(\$4.00 discounted cost will be collected at lunch or prior to admittance)

You may park in the lot directly in front of the building reserved for Barlow and Weis customers. Please heed posted signs on other special reserved spaces.

NEWLY DONATED ARTIFACTS

2 metal ballot (voting) boxes which were used in the 3rd Ward many years ago. They have now "come home" to their original site.

When RR Donnelly cleared out the Ahnaip St. building we acquired information, artifacts and pictures of the Banta family and era. Included are many duplicates of the Nightmare (Banta's monthly published newsletter) and are available for the taking at the Resource Ctr./Museum. They will also be available at the Menasha High School Alumni Banquet which will be held June 6 at Germania Hall.

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Vacation time is almost upon us (for those of us who don't leave WI for warmer climate during our winter months). That means this will be the final issue of our Menasha Historical Society Newsletter until August. However, the Resource Center/Museum continues to be open every Monday (except holidays) from 9:00 am-12:30 pm, or whenever the faithful volunteers finish the day's projects. There are also projects we hope to accomplish during the warm, summer days so will always accept anyone willing and able to help. In June the newly elected Board of Directors will be discussing programs for the coming year and would love to have suggestions which would interest all age groups and the entire community.

For anyone not acquainted with the Menasha Historical Resource Center & Museum please stop in and check us out. We are very proud of the valuable city history which has been collected over the years and is available for research along with all of the artifacts we now have on display. As the word is spread we are receiving countless requests for information/pictures, etc. from locals and persons living throughout the United States. Stop in and check us out and perhaps consider becoming a member of the Society. We welcome persons of all ages as HISTORY is never finished!

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

Peace will come when people live
In friendship, side by side,
And cherish understanding
More than hatred, greed and pride.

Peace will come when people see
All people as the same,
And no one has to live in fear,
In ignorance, or shame.

Peace will come when people
Who are needy can reach out
For shelter, food, or love,
And no one has to do without.

Peace will come when people
Learn to listen and to care
About the rights and dignity
Of people everywhere.

Peace will come when love
and trust
And kindness know rebirth,
And on that day all people
Will rejoice in peace on earth.

