

HISTORIC MILLBURN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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December 2007 Newsletter



Tis the Season... for our Annual H.M.C.A. Christmas Tea

Once again, we are holding our annual H.M.C.A. Christmas Tea at Scott Martin and Patrick Lamb's historic home (Edward Martin House), 38793 US Highway 45, Millburn, on Sunday, December 30th from 4:00–6:00 p.m. Come join us for great conversation, wonderful food, and an all around good time! Please bring an appetizer or sweet to share. There is parking at Mill Creek Emporium, Berthold's Millburn Manor, or Millburn Church. We look forward to seeing you to celebrate the season.

2007 in Review

We kicked off the year with our General Meeting and Potluck Supper in April and thoroughly enjoyed our guest speakers—the Civil War soldier and his wife. We also held our annual membership drive. We enjoyed an “over the top” 4th of July celebration hosted by Tim Smith at the historic Trophy Room and a fabulous fall picnic at Mildred Haisma's historic home. Projects this year included paving the museum driveway, replacing and painting the museum building eaves and moldings (there were “bats in our belfry”), beginning an oral history project and “reading” the cemetery project (to be continued in 2008), installing a plaque (dedicated to Tim Smith for his generous support) on a granite boulder in a garden at the base of the flagpole, and fundraising for the restoration of the cemetery fence. We also hosted three Brownie Troops who were earning their local history badges. We will conclude the year with our popular Christmas Tea.

Museum Hours

The museum is closed for the year. It will reopen again in April, 2008. Don't forget to visit our website at www.hmca-il.org for a wealth of local history information.

Goals for 2008

In 2008, the museum building and sign will be repaired and painted. The oral history and “reading the cemetery” projects will be continued. Increasing our membership and the participation of our members will be needed to keep our museum open and active, to initiate new programs and activities, to keep previous programs going, and to complete our oral history and “reading the cemetery” projects. Look for some new activities in the coming year as well, and think about how you can support our efforts. Let's work together to keep the history of our community alive and well!

Finances

Last but not least, we must find creative ways to generate the funds needed to keep the H.M.C.A., Inc. and Martin's General Store Museum in operation. Annual membership dues are not sufficient to cover our annual expenses. We dipped into our savings to meet expenses this year. We would prefer not to do this. The organization must have a financially secure future. We live in an area rich in history, and one of our goals is to make sure that Millburn's history is never lost. We must secure the funds needed to continue our mission. At this juncture, our income is barely paying for the basic necessities. In order to initiate additional projects, such as preserving our artifacts and documents, we need to improve our financial situation. If you have any suggestions, please let us know!

Looking for the Perfect Holiday Gift?

How about gifting that special someone with an annual or lifetime membership to the H.M.C.A., Inc? Each recipient will receive acknowledgement of your generosity on their behalf. An individual membership is \$12.00/year, and a household membership is \$25.00/year. An individual life membership is \$150.00; a household life membership is \$250.00. If you, or someone you know, needs a tax deduction before year-end, please consider supporting the H.M.C.A. The H.M.C.A., Inc. is

a registered, not-for-profit organization, so all donations are tax deductible. This is a great way to not only support the H.M.C.A., your local historical society, but to obtain a tax deduction before the year ends. We've included an easy-to-use gift certificate with this newsletter.

Fall Picnic

The Annual Fall Picnic in September was a big success. The weather was beautiful. Good food and good friends! It was a lovely event. If you missed it, make a point to join us next year. The brats were especially good! Thank you, Mildred Haisma and the Ruth, Ed, and Bruce Young!

In Appreciation

Thank you for your continued support. We count on your participation to continue operating the Martin General Store Museum and local preservation efforts. Wishing you and yours a blessed and healthy holiday season.

Board of Directors

Jennifer Andrew, Ruth White, Norma Welch, Tom Steffenburg, Patrick Lamb, Shirley Paddock, Laurie Dolan, and Joan Stewart

Membership

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining, please call Jennifer Andrew at 847-845-8683. New members of all ages are needed. The time will come for current Board members to "pass the baton." We need members willing to assume responsibility for the organization one day. You don't have to live in Millburn to join the Historic Millburn Community Association. Get your friends and neighbors involved!

From the Archives

from the pages of the Waukegan Daily Gazette
4 December 1886

- Cold weather for carpenters, this; so say Mr. Hughes and Peter Strang.
- Miss Mable Smith left on Wednesday for New York where she will spend the winter.
- Cora Strang has been visiting in Lake Forest and Chicago for the past week.
- John Stewart who came up to eat turkey with his brothers and sisters returned home Monday.
- If you are in need of a pair of bob sleighs, either heavy or light, or a fine swell body cutter, you can save money by calling W. H. Rose.
- The mail carrier seems to be rushed with business now a days.

Happy Holidays!

Gift Certificate for Membership to the H.M.C.A.

A Gift for: _____

(please include address so we can send a letter notifying the recipient)

Address: _____

Amount: _____

From: _____

Thank You!