HISTORIC MILLBURN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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Volunteers Needed!

Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper Thursday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Lauren Hall, Millburn Church

It's that time of year again when we invite our members to join us for a delicious potluck supper and the annual membership meeting.

<u>Please note that, due to coordinating the</u> availability of the hall and the speaker, we are meeting on Thursday this year. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. will be followed by our general meeting and election of Board of Directors at 7:00 p.m. Diana Dretske, Collections Coordinator of the Lake County Discovery Museum, will present "From Farmers to Soldiers: Lake County and the Civil War" - Lake County's role in the Civil War on the battlefield and back home as revealed through a visual program highlighting the letters, diaries and photographs from the collections of the Lake County Discovery Museum. A special focus will be given to the Minto Family of Loon Lake. If anyone has any pictures of Civil War vets in your family, please let us know or bring them with you to the meeting. Please join us for a fun and interesting evening! Please bring a dish to pass.

Membership Dues for 2008

As you know, we rely on your support to maintain and operate Martin's Gen'L Store Museum and our local historical society. Membership dues (payable to the H.M.C.A., Inc.) for 2008 are due at this time. You may pay your dues at the annual meeting or send a check in the enclosed stamped envelope. We thank you in advance for your support.

> Membership Dues: Individual - \$12 Household - \$25 Individual Life Member - \$150 Household Life Members - \$250

We need volunteer shopkeepers for Martin's Gen'L Store Museum when it reopens in April. Please consider volunteering an afternoon of your time two or three times this year. It's an easy job! The museum will reopen Sunday, April 26th. If you're interested in volunteering, please call Jennifer Andrew at 847-845-8683.

Annual Holiday Tea

Once again, we thank Scott Martin and Patrick Lamb for graciously inviting the members of the historical society to their lovely home – the Edward Martin House, 1908 – to celebrate the holidays in December!

Memorial Day Service

As has been customary, the HMCA will again sponsor a Memorial Day Service at Millburn Cemetery. This year's service will be held on Monday, May 26th at 2:00 p.m. The service will be held around the flagpole. Please bring a lawn chair to sit on and flowers to place on Veterans' graves.

From the Archives...

Did you know that one of our own Millburn boys, James Henry Smith ("Silent Man of Wall Street"), son of Beatrice Yule and George Simpson Smith – pioneer settlers who came to Millburn from Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1843 – inherited most of his second cousin's millions in 1899 and educated many of his relatives at private schools and universities? His money also paid for Smith Hall at Ferry Hall, a former girls' private school in Lake Forest.

James Henry and his sister Mary Emma left their home and family in Millburn and were educated abroad when they were young. Their wealthy second cousin George Smith made this possible. James Henry became his protogé, and Mary Emma became Lady Mary Cooper. She and her husband, Sir George Cooper, purchased the historic Hursley Park estate in Winchester, England (the former country seat of Richard Cromwell and the present home of IBM UK Laboratories) in 1902; they also owned an estate in Scotland and a home in Grosvenor Square (now the site of the US Embassy).

New York's wealthiest bachelor James Henry married the former Mrs. William Rhinelander Stewart and made achieving social success his primary goal. He purchased the famous Whitney mansion in New York City and collected fine art and rare books. He presented a Rubens to the Metropolitan Museum. Quite a step up for a boy and a girl from Millburn!

H.M.C.A. Members 2007

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In Remembrance

We mourn the death of former Senator Adeline Geo-Karis—a wonderful, longtime friend and supporter of the H.M.C.A. and remarkable woman who will truly be missed!

Election Time-Board of Directors

Jennifer Andrew, Chairperson Ruth White, Vice Chairperson *Thomas Steffenburg, Secretary Patrick Lamb, Treasurer *Norma Welch, Board Member *Shirley Paddock, Board Member Laurie Dolan, Board Member *Joan Stewart, Board Member Dorothy Fettinger, Board Member Emeritus Mildred Haisma, Board Member Emeritus * These Board members' terms are expiring. Each Board Member is elected for a 2-year term. Nominations are welcome from the membership.