

NEWSLETTER

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Millburn of Old Mill Creek

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P.O. Box 56
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Tally Ho! Our Annual Meeting is Coming Soon.

THE 2016
MEMBERSHIP
DRIVE HAS
BEGUN.
PLEASE RENEW
YOURS NOW.

POTLUCK SUPPER

APRIL 7TH AT 6:00 PM

This year's speaker will be Keith Gray, Master of Foxhounds at the Mill Creek Hunt Club in Old Mill Creek.

The Club, for which Hunt Club Road is named, has been a unique attribute of our area since 1927 when it moved to the country from Lake Forest. It was originally known as the Onwentsia Hunt Club and retained that name for a number of years after moving to the neighborhood.

The Hunt's gracious clubhouse and stables were designed by famed architect David Adler, whose former estate in Libertyville is now the Adler Cultural Center.

Keith will discuss the history of fox hunting in England and early America, and will tell us about the Club's history and its activities today. The Hunt Club is one of those only-in-Old-Mill-Creek features that makes our area so special. We look forward to learning more about it and to seeing you there!

Admission is free, but a donation of at least \$5 is requested to help sustain the HMCA and its museum, and to make events like this one possible. Please bring a dish to share.

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Onwentsia Hunt Club to Have New Fields at Millburn Next Year
BY NANCY R.—

These are high days and exciting days for the gay little band of riders who make up the Onwentsia Hunt club—you've only to talk five minutes with any one of them to find it out—for within the next year they are to move to new fields and the plans that are now buzzing in the air sound just as thrilling to the outsider as they do to those members of the inner circles who are going to make them material.

At Millburn, twelve miles north and west of their present hunting grounds, they are going to build stables, kennels and the smartest sort of clubhouse—a combination that will put hunting in this part of the world permanently on the map. Mill Creek, great walnut groves and green, rolling country, from which autumn rains drain quickly, comprise a setting as snappy and alluring as any to be found in England. What's more, the eager hunters,

(Clockwise from upper left) Keith Gray, Master of Foxhounds at the Mill Creek Hunt Club and our Annual Meeting speaker, in the field. A 1927 story in The Chicago Daily Tribune announcing the club's move to Millburn. Members at the club.



Martin's General Store Museum

Since 1985, the HMCA has maintained the old Martin's General Store, in the heart of the Millburn Historic District, as a museum preserving the history of our unique area. The store was generously left to the HMCA, along with an endowment for its preservation, by Mr. Richard Martin, whose family had owned and operated the store since 1910. Built in 1862, the building contains a collection of historic artifacts related to the history of our area since its settlement in the mid 19th century.

MUSEUM HOURS

Martin's General Store Museum will be open by appointment again this year. We are working on new signage with contact information so that interested visitors can make an appointment to visit us. Meanwhile, appointments can be made by e-mailing hmca.millburn@gmail.com. Someone will reply to your e-mail and schedule an appointment.

NO INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues enable us to pay the utilities insurance, and maintenance for Martin's General Store Museum. They are also used to sponsor the Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper, the Memorial Day Service, and the Fourth of July fundraiser. Membership dues also cover the postage needed to mail postcards and our newsletter to members, as well as the costs of hosting our wonderful Website.

But our membership has been declining over the years, making it difficult to balance our budget.

We want as many people as possible to know about Historic Millburn and to help us support this rare treasure. **We need your help in spreading the word about Millburn and the HMCA and in recruiting new members!** We need revenues, helping hands, and interest to

keep our organization afloat and doing its important work. Please bring family and friends to our events and encourage them to join our organization!

IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS

We welcome fundraising ideas and program suggestions. Are you interested in organizing a fundraiser or sponsoring a program for the membership? Please contact us and let us know. We need your help! It takes a village!

ELECTIONS 2016

Each year the membership elects four directors to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors. The terms of the Board members listed below are expiring. Nominations are welcome from the membership.

Mike Dolan
Lisa Moser
Rick Moser
Thomas Steffenburg

GLASS PERSON NEEDED

One window pane on the museum was cracked over the winter. The estimate to replace the glass was almost \$700! Do you have a family member or friend that is in the glass business and might give us a discount? Please let us know!

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2015 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND HELP US RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR 2016

LIFE MEMBERS

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 DEIRDRE TONER
 MAURICE AND VIRGINIA WILSON
 LILLIAN WIRTZ
 BRUCE YOUNG

HONORARY MEMBERS

MILTON ANDERSON
 MR. & MRS. FRED FETTINGER III
 KAREN RABE
 MR. DOUGLAS STILES

*While we work hard to maintain accurate membership records, we apologize in advance for any errors. Please provide a copy of your cancelled check if you feel we have omitted your name here for 2015.

Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2016

Please fill in this form and mail it with a check payable to HMCA, Inc. Thank you!

Mailing Address:

Historic Millburn Community Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 56, Wadsworth, IL 60083

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

[We would prefer communicating via e-mail if possible.]

Address: _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone: _____



Membership Levels

I've (We've) enclosed \$_____ to be applied toward:

- ____ Individual annual dues (\$20)
- ____ Household annual dues (\$35)
- ____ Individual lifetime membership* (\$200)
- ____ Household lifetime membership* (\$350)
- ____ Donation for _____
- ____ My company will send a matching gift.

**The name(s) of Lifetime Members are engraved on a brass nameplate on our display of lifetime members in the museum.*

Suggestions:

If you have suggestions for how we might increase our annual membership or suggestions for fundraisers and program offerings, please let us know!

Your membership dues pay for:

- Heat & electricity
- Taxes
- Insurance
- Maintenance
- Communications
- Postage
- Events
- Speakers
- Office supplies
- Website

COLLECT THE WHOLE TOWN!

Holiday ornament series commemorates landmark buildings, raises funds for HMCA.

The HMCA launched a great new tradition during the 2015 holiday season when it produced its first-ever collectible ornament. We plan to issue a new ornament every year, featuring one of our historic buildings each time. Appropriately enough, the first edition bore the image of our Martin's General Store Museum.

The ornaments are produced on high-quality enamel by renowned local artist Mary McLaughlin, who has created similar likenesses of famous and distinguished buildings around the world.

If you haven't yet gotten your copy of our inaugural ornament, you're in luck, as we still have a few left. Ornaments are \$35 apiece and proceeds support the HMCA and maintenance of our museum.

Next year's ornament will feature the 1881 home of John "Pikey" Strang, better known to all of us as Ruth White's pink house on U.S. Highway 45! We hope to begin taking orders at our 4th of July Fundraiser. More information will be forthcoming.



The first in the HMCA's new series of collectible ornaments depicted our Martin's General Store Museum. A new ornament featuring a historic building from our area will be issued each December.

Annual Meeting (continued from front page) – Bylaws Revision: At our Annual Meeting, the membership will be voting on revisions to the HMCA bylaws as proposed by the board. From time to time, it is necessary to revise the bylaws to make sure that they reflect current practice. Copies of the proposed bylaws will be available for viewing at the annual meeting or you may request a copy via e-mail. Requests for a copy of the proposed bylaws may be sent to hmca.millburn@gmail.com. In an effort to save money, will not be sending copies via snail mail.

The Future of Our History

The HMCA's Website has been a great resource for many years, but we want it to preserve history -- not become history itself. So, we're in the process of a major update and upgrade. We'll let you know when our new and improved site is available for you to peruse. It's coming soon! Our new URL will be: www.historicmillburn.org. We hope to go live by the end of April, or earlier if possible!

And while you're online . . .

Please visit the Historic Millburn Community Association page on Facebook and hit the Like button to



The screenshot shows the website's header with the logo and navigation menu (Home, Museum, Preserve, Archive, About, Contacts). Below is a main heading: "Preserving, Protecting, and Enhancing Millburn of Old Mill Creek". The main content area features four sections: "Martin's General Store Museum", "Our Online Historical Archives", "MILLBURN HISTORIC DISTRICT", and "About HMCA". Each section includes a small image and a brief description of the organization's mission and activities.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Monday, May 30th, 2:00 PM

Mark your calendars. The annual Memorial Day Service at Millburn Cemetery is scheduled for Monday, May 30, 2016, at 2:00 PM. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like to sit, and flowers to place on veterans' graves. Cookies and lemonade will be provided after the service.

Local veterans, scout groups, and citizens help commemorate Memorial Day at Millburn Cemetery each year. We owe a debt of gratitude to the veterans from the Gurnee American Legion, to Pastor Emeritus Paul Meltzer of Millburn Church, to Rev. Fr. John A. Jannicky and Rev. Father James Merold of St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Parish, and to Brian, Nancy, Christopher and Nicholas Morrissey of Lake Villa, for making our Memorial Day Services so special. Please take an hour out of your busy day to honor those who have served our country to protect our freedom. Memorial Day is more than a holiday!

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