

# NEWSLETTER

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Millburn of Old Mill Creek

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## HMCA Marks Historic Anniversary with Special Guest

THE 2015  
MEMBERSHIP  
DRIVE HAS  
BEGUN.  
PLEASE RENEW  
YOURS NOW.

### ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK SUPPER

APRIL 10TH AT 6:00 PM

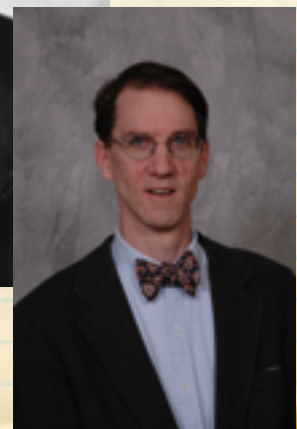
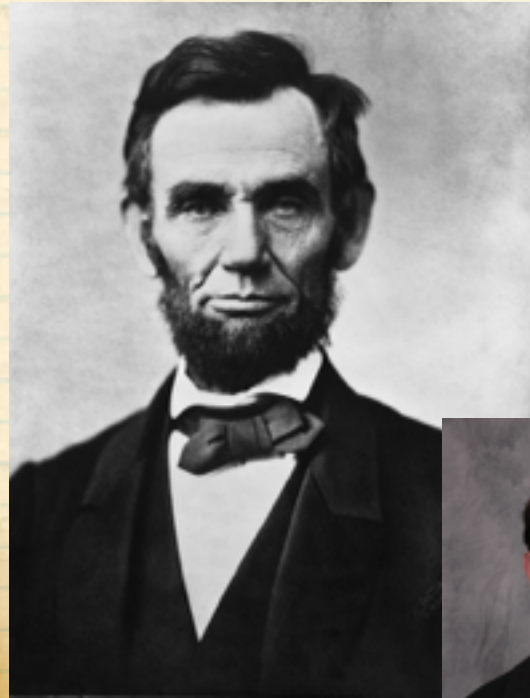
Since 2015 marks the 150th anniversary of the conclusion of the U.S. Civil War and the death of Abraham Lincoln, the Historic Millburn Community Association (HMCA) has arranged for a special speaker, Dr. James M. Cornelius, Curator of the Lincoln Collection at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, in Springfield, to be the keynote speaker at its upcoming Annual Meeting on Friday, April 10.

Dr. Cornelius' discussion, "What's New In The Universe of Lincoln," will cover current scholarship on Illinois' favorite son, who was recently once again voted by historians to be the greatest president in U.S. history.

The annual meeting and potluck supper will be held Friday, April 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in Lauren Hall (Millburn Church). Please bring a dish to pass. Encourage your friends to join our historical society and bring them along!

Admission is free, but a donation of at least \$5 is recommended and would be greatly welcomed to help sustain the HMCA and its museum, and to make events like this one possible.

*"What's New in the Universe of Lincoln" will be the topic of the keynote speech at the HMCA's upcoming Annual Meeting at the Millburn Congregational Church, which is celebrating its 175th anniversary (see story, page 5).*



*Dr. James M. Cornelius, Curator of the Lincoln Collection at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois, will be our guest speaker.*



## 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.

### 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.

Our membership has been declining over the years, making it difficult to balance our budget. Please encourage family and friends to join the H.M.C.A. and support this worthwhile endeavor!

### 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 2015

Each year the membership elects four directors to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors. The terms of the Board members marked with an asterisk (\*) are expiring. Nominations are welcome from the membership.

- Jennifer Andrew\*
- Laurie Dolan\*
- Mike Dolan
- Patrick Lamb\*
- Lisa Moser
- Rick Moser
- Thomas Steffenburg
- Ruth White\*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you interested in volunteering? We are looking for an organized person to maintain the annual membership list. We are also looking for someone who is able to keep our Website updated. If you are interested, let us know!

### IN MEMORIAM

The HMCA wishes to remember Mrs. Irene Mueller, a longtime resident of Millburn and friend of the HMCA. Irene passed away in January. She was a valued member of our community and will be sincerely missed.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# 2014 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND HELP US RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR 2015

## LIFE MEMBERS

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 MIKE AND LAURIE DOLAN  
 GARY DOOLITTLE  
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 ANNE & CHRIS DUNLAP & FAMILY  
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 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 2014.

Thank you!

# MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2015

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

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

## Millburn Church Celebrates 175 Years

Beginning as a small meeting house serving a new settlement in 1840, Millburn Congregational United Church of Christ is proud to celebrate its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Originally established as a church for all people, the First Religious Society and Congregational Church of Millburn, Illinois represented a religious home for the Protestant denominations of the village that would come to be known as Millburn. Soon, Father William Bradford Dodge came to Millburn and served as minister for the church from 1844-1862. It was under his leadership that the church passed a resolution to support the Underground Railroad and its mission of “letting the oppressed go free.” Reverend Dodge was also instrumental in establishing the Millburn Mutual Fire Insurance Company to help protect the local farmsteads and businesses from devastating loss.

The church grew with the community. A succession of ministers served with dedication while the church continued to inspire community events and religious focus. The building changed throughout the decades, with extensive renovation in 1887 and the addition of the first church piano, a Steinway, in 1888. Groups such as the Millburn Ladies’ Aid Society (formerly The Sewing Circle), guest lecturers and entertainers helped establish the church as a cornerstone of the Millburn community.

Despite the frantic efforts of men, women and firefighters from Antioch, Lake Villa and Gurnee, the historic structure reared in 1867 was lost to fire on January 12, 1935. Worship and Sunday school were held in Millburn school. Then, the church received a gift from the Chicago Congregational Union — the church building of the Third Congregational Church of Oak Park. Building materials and components were painstakingly dismantled and brought to Millburn – the windows, pews, pianos, and materials were all loaded with care into trucks, while pots and pans, hymnals, carpets and pictures came by automobile. The Millburn congregation held its first worship service in the new building on June 6, 1937.



*Millburn Congregational Church is celebrating its 175th anniversary in 2015. The church in 1907 (left) and (right) today.*

Martin’s General Store Museum, 38757 N. US Highway 45, Old Mill Creek, IL 60046

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## Millburn Church (cont.)

Responding to growth in its activities and membership, the church added an educational wing with a new kitchen space and large meeting hall in 1968. More recently, in 2005, the church again expanded with a building addition further to the west, with new offices, new preschool space, and a large meeting room.

To celebrate the rich history of Millburn Congregational United Church of Christ, the church will be hosting a variety of events throughout 2015. Historic displays are being created to be shared with the community. Events include a Pulled Pork Dinner to be held on Saturday, June 6, and a Historic Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 28. Then, Millburn Church will welcome current, past, and interested parishioners during Rally Home Sunday weekend events on September 11-13.

Millburn Congregational United Church of Christ is located at the corner of Grass Lake Road and U.S. Highway 45 in Old Mill Creek, Illinois. For more information, visit the church's website at [www.millburnchurch.org](http://www.millburnchurch.org).

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

**Monday, May 25th, 2:00 PM**

Mark your calendars. The Memorial Day Service at Millburn Cemetery is scheduled for Monday, May 25, 2015, 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 and scout groups help commemorate Memorial Day at Millburn Cemetery in 2014. This year's ceremony takes place Monday, May 25 at 2:00 p.m.*

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