



EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S PANORAMA

By: Irma Jolliffe

I was elected to take over as President of the Society for the next two years. I am very excited about this opportunity and will do my best.

We are having a membership drive and would love to have you join us. I have talked with some of you on the telephone already to ask if you would like to join. If you know of anyone else who may be interested in this Society, give them my telephone number or share this newsletter with them. If I called and you weren't at home I'm sorry I missed you. There is an application at the end of this newsletter that you can fill out and mail to the Post Office Box.

This is going to be a great year, I hope that you will support our ideas and help us when you can.

BOARD MEMBERS

President - Irma Jolliffe (99)
V-President - Jerry Baker (98)
Secretary- Diane Thuemling(99)
Treasurer - Pat Wilton (98)
Don Ledrowski (2000)
Ed Mueller (1998)
Welthy Mueller (1999)

We could use two more people to fill Board positions if you are interested, please call one of the current members.

CURATOR'S CORNER

By: Elaine Ledrowski

As interim curator my immediate goals are to make the museum more accessible to visitors, to inventory and catalog all artifacts and to establish a pool of volunteers to participate in the first two goals.

I will be updating our donor list and would appreciate your cooperation. If you have donated an artifact to the Eagle Historical Society, please call me to discuss pertinent information concerning your donation. Call me at the museum or stop in the museum on Fridays between 9:00 and Noon, and also on any Saturday after May first. I'm looking forward to meeting and working with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL ELECTION BAKE SALE

April 7 will be the date and we will be at the Municipal Building all day long (as long as the food holds out) selling delicious baked goods. We will ask each member to donate something homemade and/or to donate a couple hours to help selling. This is a fun fundraiser because you get to chat with everyone in the Town and Village. If you can donate time or food, CALL Welthy Mueller right now, she is chairperson of this event. She will call and remind you later. We also need a few bakers. We will supply the dough and mixes and you supply the oven and time.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are held at the Museum at 1:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of every month. Please join us, these are open meetings and everyone is welcome. You may voice an opinion at the meeting or comment on what we say or offer suggestions. YOU ARE THE EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. We would love to have your input.

One member already suggested that we have some evening meetings because she can not attend on Saturdays. Is that true for anyone else? Should we include evening meeting through the year? Call Irma, if this is your desire. All of the meetings are held at the Museum: 217 E. Main Street in Eagle.

THE JERICO STORY

By: J.B. Skidmore

In 1840 the first school began known as Jericho School in a log school house located west of the stream which later came to be known as Jerico Creek. A blacksmith shop was built and a wagon making shop was connected to it.

There were a number of little settlements within a few miles of Jerico. Palestine with it's copper shop. Eagleville with it's grist mill for grinding grain. Also there was Howie's Tavern. Little Prairie to the west and others.

A Post Office had been established there receiving mail from the stage coaches.

Isaiah Skidmore was the first and only Postmaster and also a Justice of the Peace, a position of some dignity at that time.

As the time went on a confusion arose over the spelling of Jerico. A number of nearby communities had Biblical names and owing to that fact and to the name of Jerico, the community by mutual agreement called the hamlet, Jericho.

MIKE SASSO

As told to: Irma Jolliffe

Mike's folks moved to Eagle in March 1925. He was born in Eagle in June of 1925. His folks lived on Elkhorn Road in the house that Linda Dymond owned.

Mike's dad came here in 1925 on vacation and bought the Blue Ribbon Tavern that burnt down. He rebuilt it and called it Pall Mall. That was in 1932.

Mike has been in the tavern business all his life. He still has the menus when his folks served sandwiches for 10 cents. When Pall Mall was opened full meals were served and bands played on Friday and Saturday nights.

WLS had Western music in the Opera House. Mike donated the curtain with all the business names to the Eagle Historical Society. When the Pall Mall burnt down, he ran the St. Paul Tavern by the railroad tracks in Eagle. He operated that for four years while Pall Mall was being rebuilt.

During the Depression, Mike's dad lost the Pall Mall Tavern. In 1936 the family

moved to Sasso's Tavern, but they named it Pall Mall and it was renamed Sasso's in 1956. His dad died in 1942.

During his tavern life, Mike, met a lot of interesting people. One was ball players Stan Muscel and Robin Roberts. Mike did try out to be a ball player, but he did not make it, that was in 1945 and 1946.

In 1956, his mother, Francis, was noted for her homemade spaghetti. Braves ball players would come out and eat her delicious food. Francis passed away in 1981. Her recipes have not been forgotten. Mabel Finney worked for Mike's family for 42 years and she still makes all of the good recipes.

DONATIONS

The following people donated money to the Historical Society in the month of December:

Steve Steinhoff
Dr. Marino
Jerry Mealy
Dr. Loftus

The following people donated money to the Historical Society in the month of January:

Art and Betty Isleb
Clare Turner
Mickey Breidenbach

Fred and Carol Lake donated a frame with nine separate photographs mounted.

Thank you for your generosity

Recently there have been some big changes happening at our Museum and Historical Society. With hindsight it is easy to see that the dominoes began to fall last November. At the Annual meeting no one from the Board would step into the Presidency. With hopes that the Vice President (Sue Wambold), would take over in January, we proceeded with the Tour of Homes. (Which, by the way, was a glorious success)

Sue did call the Board in January and canceled the meeting because there would not be a quorum. Then Sue received a letter from the Library Board and she sent a copy to all of our current board members. The letter explained that the board was looking at the possibility of selling the Museum building and they wanted us to be aware of this. No decisions had been made and it would be discussed at their next meeting.

The Historical Society Board met on February 14 as scheduled. At the meeting, Irma Jolliffe was elected as President to fill the vacancy.

Irma and a couple more Board Members volunteered to attend the upcoming Library Board meeting to see what their intention was. No use jumping the gun.

The week of February 15 was the climax. At the Library Board meeting on Tuesday evening, our representatives expressed concern for the sale of the building and asked that we be given 90 days to remove our belongings. They agreed and assured the Historical Society that things were still being discussed and would move along

slowly right now. That was the good news.

Irma called members on Wednesday and called a special meeting on Saturday the 21, to discuss our options if the building is sold. That's when Sue Wambold told Irma that she was resigning because of family obligations. On Thursday, all Board members received a letter form Charlene Ritchey stating she was resigning as of the 14 of February. Now the Board members were calling each other to discuss the replacement of the V.P. and Secretary.

On Saturday, February 21, the Board did meet to discuss options for the building, accept the resignations and to appoint a new V.P.-Jerry Baker and a new Secretary - Diane Thuemling.

Also, on that day a letter form Elaine Raduechel was left at the museum stating she was resigning as Curator, immediately.

On Saturday, the Board asked Elaine Ledrowski to fill in as interim Curator, but choose not to accept Elaine Radueche resignations until some questions are resolved.

Because the two new officers were taken from our current Board, we now have two openings for Board members. Irma would like to receive a telephone call from all interested people.

The Historical Society will proceed as it has. The EHS Board will continue to uphold the Constitution and By Laws of the organization. Our motto: to discover, collect and preserve any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of this area.

COMMITTEES

PROGRAM - Elaine L. and Irma
Responsible for planning programs to be presented throughout the year and for publicity of programs. Subject to Board approval.

EVENTS & FUND RAISING-Diane
Committee recruits volunteers from the membership. Establishes a slate of public events for the coming year and presents to the Board for approval. Reports at Board meetings.

HOSPITALITY - Welthy Mueller
Works with above committee to provide refreshments as needed

MEMBERSHIP - Jerry Baker
Maintains membership list, actively pursues membership increases. Provides information packet and card to new members.

NEWSLETTER - Diane, Irma, Elaine L. and all committee chairs
Responsible for gathering articles, publishing and mailing the newsletter three times a year.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH-Elaine L
All society members should consider themselves members of this committee. Collect artifacts and information and aid the curator in the maintenance of the museum. Maintain the collection policy

FINANCE - Don Ledrowski and Pat Wilton
Present an annual budget in February based on anticipated program/membership/other income and estimated expenses. Report at Board meetings.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RETURN TO:

Eagle Historical Society, P.O. Box 45, Eagle, WI 53119
Please check membership desired:

<input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> SUSTAINING \$25 - \$49
<input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> SPONSOR \$50 - \$99
<input type="checkbox"/> SENIORS (65 & Over) \$8.00	<input type="checkbox"/> PATRON \$100.00 +

Membership year is January 1 to December 31 and is due annually

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

Interests: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Date _____

Please make checks payable to: Eagle Historical Society

☐ I would like to hear more about the volunteer program

EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1997 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1997 Balance \$2,957.81

INCOME

Membership Fees	\$ 806.00
Donations	410.22
Tour of Homes	1,440.35
White Elephant	1,530.36
Ice Cream Social	652.78
Merchandise Sales	136.50

Total Income	<u>4,976.71</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS

Purchases	394.19
Utilities	1,408.37
Office Expense	525.23
Maintainence	550.00
Programs	37.50
Tour of Homes	302.37
White Elephant	317.95
Ice Cream Social	511.44
Merchandise Sales	663.60

Total Disbursements	<u>4,710.65</u>	4,710.65
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December 31, 1997 Balance 3,223.87



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