



Join us for the Tour of Homes on **Sunday, June 24.**

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**Summer 2012**

Newsletter of the Waukegan Historical Society

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# **President's Letter**

## **Dennis Moisio**

The Society held its Annual meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>; Officers and Directors were elected for the coming fiscal year, this past year's events and activities were reviewed and we looked ahead to the coming year. The meeting was capped off with the prize-winning Metro History Fair presentation on Edward Amet, Waukegan's motion picture pioneer.

The current officers were all reelected along with current directors, Betsy Alleman and Denyse Waters, and Josh Bill was welcomed as a new director, replacing Gretta Dieck. A Waukegan High history teacher, Josh is a great promoter of our local history and spearheads the annual Metro History Fair at the High School.

This past year the Society welcomed well over two thousand visitors to our museum, research library, special events and programs. Highlights include our Civil War exhibit (also the focus of our fall Cemetery Walk), our October appraisal program, and the Titanic program in April. Also noteworthy are the continued good sales of our book and increased interest in our Historical Marker program, as well as the ever expanding history program in the grade schools run by Museum Supervisor, Ty Rohrer.

We have also begun to make available to you and the public, selected photo images from our past that you can display in your home or business. And recently after a period of inactivity, the planning process for our new museum/library building has begun again. We of course, look forward to this new fiscal year and to your continued involvement and support of the Society in our efforts to explore and tell our unique story.

# Calendar of Events

## Exhibits at the museum

### **The *Titanic*: A Fateful Ticket to Waukegan**

*(June 18 through 2012)*



Last lifeboat filled with Titanic survivors. Photo taken by a passenger of the *Carpathia*, the ship that received the Titanic's distress signal and came to rescue the survivors.

15 April 1912

### **Bowen Country Club: The Jane Addams Hull House in Waukegan**

*(June 24 through 2012)*



Two young campers enjoy Bowen Country Club.

## Programs and Events

### **June 24**

Annual Waukegan **Tour of Homes**.

Order your advance tickets now!

# Tour of Homes

**Sunday, June 24, 2012**

**1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

## **Buy a ticket now and save!**

Advance tickets now on sale at the following locations:

Waukegan History Museum  
1917 N. Sheridan Road  
Waukegan, IL 60087  
(847) 336-1859

Jack Benny Center  
39 Jack Benny Drive  
Waukegan, IL 60087  
(847) 360-4740

Research Library  
Lilac Cottage  
1911 N. Sheridan Road  
Waukegan, IL 60087  
(847) 360-4772

Advance Tickets:  
\$10 Society Members  
\$12 Non-Members

The Society's much anticipated annual Waukegan Tour of Homes will take place on Sunday, June 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Tour of Homes showcases the unique architectural styles and distinct neighborhoods of Waukegan.

The homes featured on this year's tour include:

1215 Hickory Street

823 N. County Street

408 North Avenue

First United Methodist Church

128 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue

Lilac Cottage

1911 N. Sheridan Road

Waukegan History Museum

1917 N. Sheridan Road

Tickets are \$10 in advance for Historical Society members and \$12 for non-members. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Waukegan History Museum, Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Research Library in Lilac Cottage, as well as by mail to: Waukegan Historical Society, 1917 N. Sheridan Road, Waukegan, IL 60087. If ordering by mail, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Tickets will be \$15 the day of the tour and may be purchased at any tour site.

This is the Society's main fund-raiser for the year and is regularly attended by several hundred people. The Tour of Homes is a self-guided tour that allows participants to go through each



carefully chosen home at their own pace. Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to participate in this enjoyable event that showcases Waukegan's finest homes and neighborhoods!



## Preservation Corner

You may have noticed that there are a few more historic markers popping up around Waukegan. The Sign and Marker Committee consisting of Harry Came, Randy Bowcott, and Meg Goljenboom have been hard at work researching and preparing the markers for interested home and business owners.

The Historic Marker Program was incorporated to help bring attention to the notable homes and buildings in the city. The 12" x 18" sign is made of attractive, weather-resistant materials for placement on the exterior of the property. The signs provide the original date of construction, the name of the first owner, and any additional information of significance.

The cost for a marker is \$75.00 and any profits will be restricted to support the ongoing activities at the Raymond Research Library. Further details are available on our website.

We would love to add a marker to your home or business, just give us a call!

# Education Outreach

Our Education Outreach Program (described on page 10) continues to make big strides. This past fiscal year, 179 programs were given, the majority in Waukegan schools. Glen Flora School even had all nineteen outreach programs presented to the third grade students during the school year.

The third grade teachers at Glen Flora, Ms. Mendez, Ms. Munoz, and Mr. Gross came up with the brilliant idea of a historic bus/walking tour of Waukegan to show the students the many places that they had learned about in the outreach programs.

The tour was led by Museum Supervisor Ty Rohrer. We went to many historic places on our bus/walking tour including the “Lonely One’s” ravine in Ray Bradbury Park, Veterans Memorial Plaza, the home where Abraham Lincoln slept, an Underground Railroad site, and of course a quick inside tour of the Genesee Theatre.

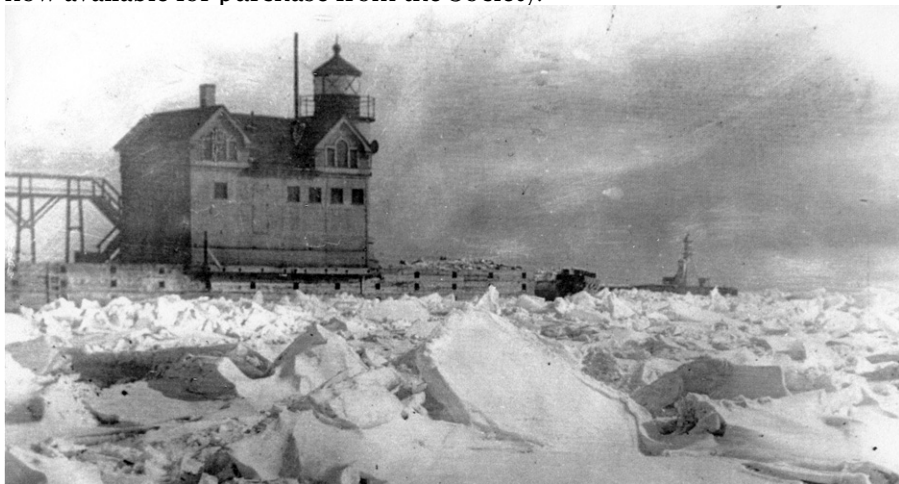
Historical Society President Dennis Moisio and Board of Director Jim Maguire and his wife June were chaperones for the day. Mayor Robert Sabonjian also came along for the ride to the delight of the students. We had a great time touring the city and we hope to incorporate this again in the future.

Third-grade students of Waukegan’s Glen Flora Elementary School enjoy Veterans Memorial Park during their history of Waukegan bus trip.



# Buy Historic Waukegan Photographs

We are pleased to announce that copies of photographs from our book, *Waukegan: A History*, are now available for purchase from the Society.



Our initial offering of five prints includes the following:

The Beachfront in summer, ca 1900

The Lighthouse during the winter storm of 1913

A horse drawn bus in front of the Waukegan House Hotel, ca 1890

The Besley Brewery delivery wagon, ca 1910

A horse drawn steam pumper used for fire fighting, ca 1875.

These may be purchased as matted prints you can frame or preserved on a plaque that is ready to hang. Prices range from \$25 to \$35 depending on size and type. Society members receive a \$5.00 discount per image.

The prints are available for sale at the Waukegan History Museum.

## Historically Speaking

# The Reporter

### Ed Link

He moved around extensively throughout his life but it was at his final stop where he gained his fame.

Mark Kellogg was the son of an innkeeper who seldom stayed in any place for long. Simeon Kellogg and his wife Lorenda had ten children and one can follow their movements based on where the children were born. First they were in Canada, then Watertown, New York, back to Canada, McHenry County and finally Waukegan in 1850. At that time Simeon ran the Exchange Hotel at State and Water streets. Within three years the family relocated to La Crosse, Wisconsin where Simeon operated the Kellogg House for the rest of his life.

Mark was one of the first children born in Canada. Census records list his birth date as March 31, 1833, although 1831 appears in other sources. He shows up in the 1850 Census as a clerk working for his father. Apparently he remained with the family as he is in the 1860 Census in La Crosse.

The following year he married Martha Robinson and they had two daughters. At various times he worked as a telegraph operator and train dispatcher, but his ambition was to be a newspaperman. He worked for a paper in La Crosse. Following his wife's death in 1867 he left the girls with an aunt and moved around the mid-west working for papers in Iowa and Minnesota. In 1873 he joined the *Bismarck* (North Dakota) *Tribune*.

In 1876 he joined an expedition led by General Alfred Terry which was to settle the Indian troubles in the area. While moving west from Fort Abraham Lincoln he kept a diary and sent dispatches back to the *Bismarck Tribune*, and they were relayed to papers in Chicago and New York. In those dispatches he wrote of the ordinary events occurring in an Army march, described the Army itself and



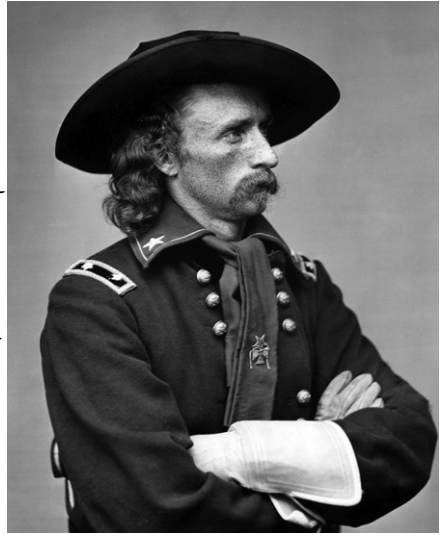
wrote glowing descriptions of one of its commanders, Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer.

When General Terry divided his command, Kellogg stayed with Custer. This was in apparent disobedience of a telegram from U.S. Army Commandant William T. Sherman who advised not to take along any newspapermen. When Custer divided his forces prior to the June 25 attack on the Sioux and Cheyenne at the Little Big Horn, Kellogg stayed with him and died along with the entirety of Custer's troop.

Stories of the battle and its aftermath often are confusing and conflicting. Kellogg's body was either untouched or he was scalped and an ear cut off. His notes were in a pouch found alongside his body or left on a steamboat on which he had earlier worked. Regardless, his information was part of the first reports of Custer's massacre. Kellogg was eulogized by the eastern newspapers which claimed him as one of their own. The *New York Herald* even sent \$500 to Mark's daughters. The *Bismarck Tribune* responded that he was its correspondent only and it was the only paper that funded his excursion.

In one of his final reports Mark Kellogg said "I go with Custer and will be at the death". Undoubtedly he was referring to the Indians after the Army met up with them. Little did he know how prophetic his words were.

The 1965 movie "The Great Sioux Massacre" showed a fictionalized version of the Custer story. In it actor House Peters Jr. played a character named Mark Cambridge. That character rode along with Custer, wrote favorable newspaper articles advancing the Custer legend, and died with him at the Little Big Horn. It isn't difficult to determine who the character was based on.



George Armstrong Custer

# Museum Supervisor's Report

## Ty Rohrer

What a fun “fiscal” year at the Waukegan History Museum. We had nearly two thousand visitors and gave many tours to scout groups, school children, and adult groups. Our temporary exhibits were a hit and we look forward to another successful year.

Opening June 18th is *The Titanic: A Fateful Ticket to Waukegan*. This exhibit will be up through 2012 and will showcase local residents who were aboard the R.M.S. *Titanic* as well as the local reporting of disaster. Near and dear to us is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bowen Country Club and we are proud to celebrate it with the exhibit *Bowen Country Club: The Jane Addams Hull House in Waukegan*.

We are excited to have Lola Chevreau as our intern this summer, thanks to the support of the Cultural Arts Department of the Waukegan Park District. This year our intern is coming over from France. Lola will be looking into the early French influence in the area including the establishment of the Fur Trade and the Little Fort trading post.

Please consider making the museum and Bowen Park a destination for your family in the summer. We are close, free and part of a beautiful park with an award winning playground, hiking trails, skate park, gardens, etc.

If you want to know more about what is happening at the Waukegan History Museum, like us on Facebook. If you want to know more about the history related events occurring throughout Lake and McHenry counties like “Northeast Historical Happenings” on Facebook.

# Free History Programs

## From the Waukegan Historical Society and the Waukegan Park District

For your organization, group, social event, or classroom. Topics include:

Native American History of the Waukegan Area\*

Early settlers of Little Fort\*

Waukegan and the Underground Railroad

Abraham Lincoln Goes to Waukegan

The Civil War: The War Efforts in Waukegan

Waukegan's Famous Civil War Drummer Boys\*

The Early Industry Worker\*

"Firsts" in Waukegan\*

Waukegan: A History of Immigration

Lake Michigan History and the Lady Elgin Shipwreck

Waukegan's African American History

Influential Women of Waukegan's Past

Prominent Events and Visitors of Waukegan

Edward Amet and the Motion Picture Industry in Waukegan

Ray Bradbury: Waukegan's Influence on a Visionary

Jack Benny: From Waukegan to Hollywood

Haunted Waukegan\*

"What-Cha-Ma-Call-It" History Trunk (hands on program)\*

Guided Neighborhood Walking Tours\*

*\*for school groups only (all other programs are for both school and adult groups)*

Program length is 45 minutes to 1 hour. Many programs are multimedia presentations with hands-on artifacts.

Programs presented in the schools are based on Illinois Social Sciences Performance Standards.

Programs can be given for multiple classrooms on the same day. Programs able to be scheduled to be given on a weekly basis.

The Supervisor of the Waukegan History Museum

will present each program. 350 programs have been presented in the last 3 years, reaching over 5,000 students and adults.

For more information and to schedule a free program, contact the Waukegan Historical Society.

## **Lake County Alliance**

The Historical Society hosted our friends from the Lake County Historical Alliance in April. The Historical Alliance is a consortium of museums and historical society's in Lake County. During the morning meeting, Museum Supervisor, Ty Rohrer, provided training to the group on how to use Facebook. Following the meeting, the group toured the Waukegan History Museum and Research Library.

## **It's Renewal Time...**

Just a gentle reminder to those with yearly memberships in the Society—it's time to renew. Use the membership form on the last page of the newsletter to accompany your payment. And once again, we encourage you to consider becoming a life member, thereby avoiding the need to renew each year.

## **Recent Donations**

**Shore Line Interurban Historical Society**  
5 First & Fastest Magazines

**Minne Trista Cultural Center**  
Johnson Motors Material

**Tim Vavrek**  
Ice Cream Scoop  
Bottle Cap Opener

**Jean Styx**

Edna Mary Douglas Memorabilia

**Jim Lodesky**

Fire Department Newspaper Photocopies

**Dan Klinessmith**

Fire Department Newspaper Photocopies

**Randy Bowcott**

Autographed Copy of Fahrenheit 451

**Michael Keefe**

Waukegan High Yearbooks

**Nancy Salmela**

Lace Dress & Stoles

**Tom Mellen**

Loveday & Co. Token

**Coventry Group**

History of Crab Tree Farm

**Mary H. Parks**

1968 Waukegan High School Year Book

**Eamon Rago**

11 Photographs

5 RTA & Metra Brochures

**Samuel Cook**

Kodak Slide Projector

8 Trays of Slides

**Dale Shorman**

34 Photographs

2 News Sun Books

**Ann Darrow**

Fansteel Medal

**Carol Bradbury**

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**Lee Clark**

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**Robin Hadley**

Tieken Family Papers

**Sherry Christol**

1929 Swedish Glee Club Concert Program

**Penny Ashton**

Misc. Clothing

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Reproduction Maps

Reproduction Documents

**Chandra Sefton**

Dr. Price Baking Powder Can

**Find Us on Facebook!**

Like the "Waukegan History Museum" on Facebook!

For more information on local historical events and programs, like "Northeast Illinois Historical Happenings" on Facebook!

# **Thank You!**

## **New Members**

Eileen DeThorne  
Irene T. Olson

## **New Life Members**

Ms. Joan J. & Stanley F. Tomkovick  
Jan & Scott Castillo

## **Donations**

Arthur H. Miller  
Howard & Cleone Petersen Memorial Fund  
George Samuelian  
Shirley Hill  
Baxter Employee Giving Campaign  
Waukegan's Women's Club

# **Society Is Going Green!**

The Society is looking to cut printing costs and also help save the environment. If you would like for the newsletter to be sent to you via email, please contact the Waukegan Historical Society to let us know.

# **High School Reunion Groups**

Do you have a high school reunion coming up? If so you may want to include the book Waukegan: A History written by Ed Link as a special favor to all participants. For more information please call the Waukegan History Museum (847) 336-1859.

# Join Us!

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## MEMBERSHIP

Senior (age 60+)	\$7.00
Student	\$7.00
Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$25.00
Patron, Organization	\$50.00
Life, Individual	\$100.00
Life, Couple	\$150.00
My additional gift	\$ _____

Make checks payable to  
Waukegan Historical Society.

## VOLUNTEER

☐ Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

### Waukegan Historical Society

Founded in 1968, the Society collects, preserves, interprets, and exhibits significant materials about the history of the Waukegan area. The Society, in cooperation with the Waukegan Park District, operates the History Museum and Raymond Library and publishes this quarterly newsletter.

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Visit our website for more information  
about events, exhibits, and our  
extensive library.

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### Waukegan History Museum in Bowen Park

1917 N. Sheridan Road

Museum Supervisor: Ty Rohrer

847-336-1859

[museum@waukeganhistorical.org](mailto:museum@waukeganhistorical.org)

Tuesday, Thursday: 10am - 4pm

Saturday: 1pm-4pm

### John L. Raymond Research Library

1911 N. Sheridan Road

Librarian: Beverly Millard

847-360-4772

[library@waukeganhistorical.org](mailto:library@waukeganhistorical.org)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

10am - 2:30pm

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Sunday, June 24

1pm-5pm

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