



***WAUKEGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY***  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011**

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This report for the fiscal year 2010-2011 summarizes our major activities during the period from June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011.

A major focus this year has been the promotion and sale of our book "Waukegan, A History" published in January 2010. This chronological record from the early 1800's to the present, combining an informative text with photos, maps and other artifacts has been very well received and over 1500 copies have been sold. It continues to be available for sale at the Waukegan History Museum, the Raymond Library and local retail outlets.

Our second major project, the building of a new structure to expand both the Museum and the Library was not significantly advanced this year. The conceptual design presented to us by David Woodhouse Architects, while having many attractive features also has several drawbacks. The Society is hoping to resolve these in the near future and move the project forward. The Historic Preservation Fund, formed to focus on supporting the longer-term needs of the Society, has received donations of about \$1600 this year. This combined with a \$5,000 contribution to this Fund from the Society's reserves are dedicated to this new building.

This year, we welcomed three new members to our Board of Directors, Mary Goljenboom, Douglas Stiles and Gail Dever, as well as 11 new Society members. At our annual meeting in May, we recognized all of our volunteers and our members for their dedicated past as well as continuing service. They are truly the lifeblood of the Society. We look forward to their on-going support as well as that of the Waukegan Park District, which contributes immeasurably to our efforts.

Dennis Moisio

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Officers

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## STAFF

*Museum Supervisor*

Ty Rohrer

*Research Librarian*

Beverly Millard

*Museum Intern*

Jennifer Berzin

## PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

As in the past, the fiscal year began with our annual Tour of Home in July. Four private residences of varying ages and styles were featured as well as the Waukegan History Museum and its two special exhibits. Despite the hot, humid weather, it was well attended and well received.

At our fall member meeting, Ty Rohrer presented a program on “Ray Bradbury – A Visionary” that complemented the Bradbury museum exhibit and capped the city’s celebration of Bradbury’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

At our spring meeting, we took a trip back to a simpler time, recalling the heyday of old time radio with a program familiar to public radio listeners, “Those were the Days”. It was held in the Schornick Theatre, where the play “Sleuth” was being performed. Its stage set created a great backdrop for the program.

Other events in which the Society participated were the Oakwood Cemetery Walk in September 2009 and the Annual American Independence celebration in Bowen Park.



Participants of the 2011 Tour of Homes.

## Museum Supervisor's Report

The 2010-11 fiscal year saw changes throughout the Waukegan History Museum. More historic photographs and the history of Waukegan can now be found throughout the museum. The museum also welcomed over 1,100 visitors.

The Waukegan Historical Society's comprehensive education outreach program continued to be highly utilized in the community. Over 80 programs were presented for community groups and classrooms. Over 2,000 Waukegan students participated in the education outreach. The programs cover various aspects of Waukegan's history and the most popular program continues to be "Jack Benny: From Waukegan to Hollywood."

Two new temporary exhibits were developed for the museum. The first titled, *Ray Bradbury: Waukegan's Influence on a Visionary* was created to celebrate Waukegan born author Ray Bradbury's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The second exhibit was created to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of the Civil War. The exhibit is titled *The Civil War: The War Efforts in Waukegan*.

Phase I of the inventory of the Society's collections was completed. Phase II, which includes the inventory of all textiles such as clothes, hats, etc. was started. This phase will be completed by the fall of 2011.

The Saturday open to the public hours changed this past year. The hours changed to 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for the months of September through May. The summer months remained 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays. The museum is now staffed by volunteers on Saturdays.



Exhibit at the  
Waukegan History  
Museum

*The Civil War: The  
War Efforts in  
Waukegan* at the  
Waukegan.

## FINANCIAL DONORS

### **\$1.00 TO \$100.00**

Jean Balmes  
Kathryn Clay  
Betty Cutler  
Vernon Dale  
Catherine Danson  
Kathryn Dohrman  
Dorothy Everhouse  
Colleen Foote  
Shirley Figeas  
Nancy Inskeep  
Ray & Therese Ives  
Richard Longacre  
Joyce Ludovic  
Sophie Ninos  
Ann Olson  
David Rasche  
Dianna Schammert  
Joseph & Sheila Somers  
William Tyre

### **OVER \$100.00**

Baxter International Foundation  
Harry Came  
Robert & Michelle Crombie  
Sheryl Eichler  
Ann & Vince Johnson

### **WAUKEGAN HISTORY MUSEUM**

**255** Total Walk-Ins  
**509** Total Scheduled Tours  
*(516 students/ 127 adults/ 42 Cub Scouts)*  
**371** Total Special Events  
*(Tour of Homes – 150)*  
*(Cemetery Walk – 100)*  
*(Independence Day – 121)*  
**1,135** Total Visitors

### **OUTREACH PROGRAMMING**

#### **Community Outreach Programs**

**12** Presented for Adult Groups  
*(451 Total Adults)*  
**1** Presented for Children's Group  
*(30 Total Children)*

#### **School Outreach Programs**

**82** Presented in Schools  
*(2,298 Total Students)*

**95 TOTAL PROGRAMS PRESENTED**  
**2,789 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS**

### **JOHN L. RAYMOND RESEARCH LIBRARY**

**604 TOTAL VISITORS**

### **VOLUNTEER HOURS**

**WAUKEGAN HISTORY MUSEUM**  
**923.25 HOURS**

**RESEARCH LIBRARY**  
**1,232.75 HOURS**

**2,156 TOTAL COMBINED HOURS**



WAUKEGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT  
Year Ended MAY 31, 2011

**INCOME**

Contributions	\$	1,676.00	
Membership Dues		1,476.00	
Sales & Royalties		13,565.00	
Research Services		220.00	
Program Income		5,737.00	
Interest		441.89	
Total Income			\$ 23,115.89

**EXPENSE**

Publication Cost	\$	5,256.00	
Advertising		500.00	
Postage		2,473.49	
Events and programs		3,109.52	
Materials and Supplies		3,990.09	
Maintenance		1,555.00	
Insurance		1,321.00	
Fees		10.00	
Rent		961.00	
Donations, Gifts		525.00	
Dues and Subscriptions		389.00	
Miscellaneous		126.71	
Total expenses			<u>20,216.81</u>
Total net income			\$ <u><u>2,899.08</u></u>

Value of In-Kind Contributions - \$74,252.00

WAUKEGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BALANCE SHEET  
Year Ended May 31, 2011

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 16,322
Investments	<u>71,503</u>

Total current Assets \$ 87,825.00

Fixed Assets

Equipment	\$ 4,552.00
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,552.00)</u>

Total fixed assets -

Inventory 9,263.00

Total Assets \$ 97,088.00

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

Current Liabilities \$ 1,501.00

Long Term Liabilities 4,500.00

Total liabilities \$ 6,001.00

Equity 91,087.00

Total liabilities and equity \$ 97,088.00