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 that of the Waukegan Park District, which contributes immeasurably to our efforts.

Dennis Moisio

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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 90th 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.
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 90th birthday. The second exhibit was created to commemorate the 150th 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
### INCOME

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**Total Income** $23,115.89

### EXPENSE

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**Total expenses** $20,216.81

**Total net income** $2,899.08

Value of In-Kind Contributions - $74,252.00
## ASSETS

Current Assets

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