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HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 11, 2005 - 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Haines House Museum - 1917 N. Sheridan Road - Bowen Park

Experience the splendor and magic of a Victorian Christmas
A special treat this year will be live musical entertainment provided
by the students from
Greenwood School (2:15-2:45pm) and East Middle School (3:00-3:45pm).
Admission is free, for further information call 847-336-1859
or visit: www.waukeganhistorical.org

President's Letter

Christmas is my favorite season of the year, for perhaps at no other time do we embrace the traditions of our past in the way we do during the holiday season. Whether it be the sparkle of a lovingly worn glass ornament, the smell of a treasured family recipe cooking on the stove, or the sound of a favorite Christmas carol, the holidays are a time to be visited by the happy ghosts of Christmas past. And the best place to return to the past is the Haines House Museum. Restored to the elegant 1870s period and decked out in its holiday best, the house is like a Currier & Ives Christmas card brought to life. Our Open House will be held on Sunday, December 11, see above for details. I'm especially delighted this year to welcome students from two local schools who will provide music during the afternoon. I hope you will plan to drop by and bring a neighbor or friend who might not know about the Society. I'm sure they will be glad you did. Our newly redesigned notecards will be available that day and make the perfect gift, while helping to support the mission of the Society.

The dedication of the Veteran's Park Plaza on November 11th is a day long to be remembered in Waukegan. Our hats off to the City of Waukegan and the Waukegan Park District for all their efforts to create this beautiful addition to our City. And my thanks to the members of the Society who spent countless hours researching and compiling the names for the plaques. The ceremony was very moving, and no doubt the highlight was when Congressman Mark Kirk presented the bronze star to World War II veteran (and Historical Society member) Paul Eagon. We are all very proud of you Paul, and all our veterans.

We won't be holding regular meetings during the winter months, but your Board of Directors is busy with a variety of projects, and the museum and research library remain heavily used resources. Meetings will resume in April, see page 6 for upcoming dates.

My best wishes to all of you for a happy holiday season and a healthy and safe New Year.

NEW MEMBERS

LARRY TEN PAS (LIFE) - BRIAN BAILEY (LIFE) - MELISSA CLARK (LIFE)
MR. & MRS. JOHN KATALINICH - KATHRYN CLAY - MR. & MRS. GEORGE EMERY - JAN SCHROEDER
MR. & MRS. ROY PAULSON - MR. & MRS. FRITZ WAKLER - DOROTHY BUDDENHAGEN - MR. & MRS. KEVIN KANE
RICK LARSEN - BROOK EDWARDS - MARIAN TEWES - JOY BOLLER - TRACI MARTINEZ
MR. & MRS. JEFF CRIBB & FAMILY

PATRONS

DR. STEVEN ROSSWURM - MR. & MRS. SEAN WIEDEL - WAUKEGAN COMMUNITY PLAYERS
MR. & MRS. GEORGE DOYLE

CASH DONATIONS

The Society wishes to thank the following members for their recent cash donations:
CORAM HAMMARSTROM - JOSEPH FAVERO - ROBERT ABBOTT - ELEANOR HALL - MARGARET MARTIN
MR. & MRS. JAMES McCULLOCH - DOROTHY BUDDENHAGEN

EXHIBITS!

CITY HALL EXHIBIT

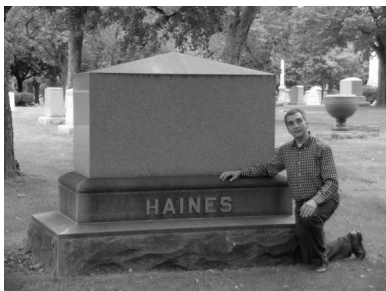
The Historical Society recently completed a new exhibit which was unveiled at City Hall in time for the reception following the Veteran's Plaza reception on November 11th. The exhibit is divided into three sections: the various buildings that have housed City Hall through the years; the history of our local version of the Statue of Liberty; and a listing with photos of all former Waukegan mayors. We wish to thank Ann Darrow, Brian Hora, and Beverly Millard for their considerable work on assembling this project. Please take time to view the exhibit next time you are at City Hall.



MUSEUM LOANS

The Historical Society has amassed a truly amazing collection of items since its founding in 1968. Although most of our items relate specifically to Waukegan, we occasionally get requests from other organizations to borrow items for their exhibits. Items are currently on loan to two museums. A beautiful wood and brass large format camera, dating to 1890, has been loaned to the Glessner House Museum in Chicago to be used in an exhibit on the life of their son George. George Glessner was a talented amateur photographer in the late 1800s and the museum has many of his photographs, but not his original camera. The Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society has four of our vintage toasters on display, highlighting the great inventions from the area.

JOHN C. HAINES REMEMBERED



Society President Bill Tyre poses beside the Haines family marker at Rosehill Cemetery.

During the summer, several members of the Society's Board of Directors (Harry Came, Sara Griffin, Bill Tyre, and Denyse Waters) visited Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago. The cemetery is home to fourteen Chicago mayors, including John C. Haines who served from 1858 to 1860. This is the same John C. Haines who purchased the home in Waukegan in 1857 which the Society today operates at the Haines House Museum. Haines is interred in a large plot along with his wife and children.

Recent Donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Object</u>
Joan Alders.....	Chocolate Serving Set
Burt Atkinson.....	Photos & Newspaper Clippings - Assorted Fishing Equipment
Harry Came.....	Framed Lincoln Print
Ken Cope.....	Photocopies of Salt Docks in Waukegan
Ann Darrow.....	1960 Class Reunion Booklet - History Club Ribbon - Citizens Bank Calendar - Postcards
Mike DiCello.....	Photocopies of Harbor Photos
Sara Griffin.....	'Bull-Dog' Revolver
Peggy Gupton.....	41 Ethnic Photographs
Sue Hendrick.....	Waukegan High School Memorabilia - 1959 Centennial Book, 1916 Calendar
John Horacheck.....	Photocopies of North Shore Trains
Steve Jaronik.....	Osling Book - 1926 Street Directory - Wm. Leslie Diary Yearbook - Pamphlet
Grace Keefer.....	Old Waukegan Days Program
Kathleen Kinderfather.....	2 Wristwatches - 3 Ribbons - 2 Napkin Rings
Robert & Nancy Lewis.....	Abstract of Whyte House
James Maguire.....	1 Pair of Cuff Links - 1 Tie Clasp
Renate Martin.....	Shoes - Photo - Newspaper Clippings
Eleanor Moore.....	WWI Letters - 4 Books - 1893 Postcard - 1924-28 Piano Recital Programs North School History & Reunions - 1986 House Walk, Genesee Theater
George Petri.....	Photo & Pamphlet 1949 Waukegan Speedway Race Track
Raupp Historical Museum.....	'Gold Rush Participants'
Bill Tyre.....	Child's White Fur Muff

We thank each and everyone of you who thought enough of us to donate these wonderful objects!

WAUKEGAN'S FIRST LANDMARKS

At the City Council meeting held October 3, 2005, the Council unanimously passed a motion to designate two buildings as landmarks. These are the first two buildings in the City to be thus designated. The properties so honored are the Charles T. Dickinson House at 701 Grand Avenue and the Francis E. Clarke House (now Peterson & Patch Funeral Home) at 408 N. Sheridan Road. Both properties were nominated by their owners, and received a favorable review by the Historic Preservation Commission, which forwarded their recommendation and report to the Council for consideration.

HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING IDEAS

As you search for fresh ideas for gift giving this holiday season, remember the Historical Society. A membership in the Society is something that would be truly appreciated by a friend who has moved from Waukegan, a nursing home resident, a college student or a new neighbor. The application can be found on page 7. In addition, the Society has recently redesigned their popular notecards featuring a beautiful drawing of the Haines House as it appeared in the 1870s. Packages of 10 notecards with envelopes are just \$5.00 and will be available at the museum and research library by early December.

MUSEUM WISH LIST

The Society is grateful for all of the donations that members and residents have made recently, including several who provided items as they were in the process of "downsizing." The Museum is always most appreciative to have any materials relating to Waukegan, especially architectural photos for our archives. The John Raymond Research Library is looking for Waukegan Telephone Directories from 1913 thru 1923 and from 1957 thru 1967. Please keep the Society in mind if you have items such as these and are looking for a good home for them.

The Hobart P. Yard Journals

In October, 2004 the Historical Society was given 34 journals/diaries kept by Hobart Yard, a longtime Waukegan journalist. They were donated by Brian Leekley and Rev. Kayle Rice of Marquette, MI. The journals cover intermittent years from 1875 to 1943.

Yard was a Waukegan native and a part-time correspondent for many local and regional newspapers. His personal oddities show in his writings. Although plagued with poor health throughout his life, he lasted past his 89th birthday and outlived two wives. He walked everywhere around town while observing changes. He rode the train to Chicago nearly everyday, either as part of his work or for entertainment. He attended the Columbian Exposition thirteen times in 1893. He kept ledgers, accounting for every cent of income and expense.

The journals began shortly after Yard's tenth birthday and continued daily. Each entry began with a statement of local weather. He included family news, local news, including marriages, deaths and politics, and occasionally world news. The journals collectively serve as a history of Waukegan from a personal perspective.

They also serve to highlight specific events and to fill in gaps in the city's recorded history. As many of you know, the Waukegan newspapers from the 1890s did not survive to the present. The journals are limited substitutes for those times. Given Yard's reporter background and his apparent meticulous style, his observations can be taken as factual. Therefore we have specific dates for occurrences we knew of only generally.

For example:

- the Chicago Safe & Lock Co. began work on a new lakefront factory on September 29, 1890 and that work ended on December 6 when the company failed due to apparent malfeasance by its president.
- fund raising for a proposed hospital was helped by a concert on January 12, 1892
- the morning papers arrived by tug boat on July 3, 1894 because of a railroad strike
- six men were prostrated in the Washburn & Moen fire room on April 16, 1896

Obviously hundreds of other observations exist throughout the journals and can serve as invaluable additions to anyone's research of the era. Unfortunately the 34 books only cover portions of Yard's life. It is probable that he wrote a journal for each of the missing years, but we don't know of their existence.

The journals are available for public inspection and reading in the Historical Society Library during normal operating hours.

-Ed Link

Historically Speaking



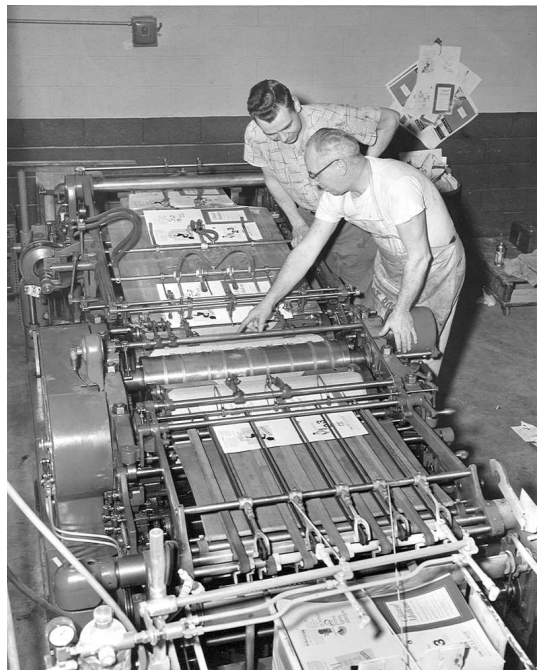
The Waukegan Sun Building
North Genesee Street. East side between
Washington and Madison Streets.



The Waukegan News-Sun Building
North side of Madison between Genesee and
Sheridan Streets.



Genesee Street looking north from Washington
Street. Waukegan Sun Building was on the right in
the distance.



Printing equipment at the News-Sun.
January 10, 1958

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MUSEUM WORK DAYS

Saturdays at 9:00am

December 3rd & 17th
January 7th & 21st
February 4th & 18th



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See page 1 for all the details!

BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesdays at 7:00pm

December 7th(Wed.)
January 3rd
February 7th

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mark your 2006 calendars now!

April 9, 2006:

Wayne Munn with an encore presentation of his popular sell-out program on the "Time Capsule Apartment" featuring new material.

May 21, 2006:

Keith Turner will present an informative program on the plan to bring the U.S.S. Connolly to the Waukegan harbor, as well as, the Society's annual meeting and election of officers.

(Both programs will be held at the Dr. Lynn Schornick Theatre at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts in Waukegan's Bowen Park)

June 25, 2006:

Annual Tour of Homes



WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT EVENTS

- Dec. 3
1:00 - 5:00pm **Holiday Festival**
Corner of Genesee & Clayton St.
(For more info - 847.599.2949)
- Dec. 5, 6, 7, 8
9, & 10 **BPTC**
Holiday Shows for Young Audiences
-*The Shoemaker and the Elves*
Advanced Registration Required
(For more info & tickets - 847.360.4740)
- December 10
7:30pm **Waukegan Symphony Orchestra**
-*Songs of Wonder*
(For more info & tickets - 847.360.4740)
- Dec. 18
4:00pm **Waukegan Concert Chorus**
-*Carols, Carols, Carols*
(For more info & tickets - 847.360.4740)

**WAUKEGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

In addition to learning more about the long and fascinating history of Waukegan, membership in the historical society comes with many additional benefits. Use the membership application below. Consider becoming a member, or giving a gift membership to a friend. It also makes a great welcome gift to a new neighbor.

Benefits of membership:

- * \$2.00 discount on any ticket to the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra, Waukegan Concert Chorus, Bowen Park Theatre, or Bowen Park Opera;
- * 10% off any entree at Kong's Restaurant, 40 N. Genesee Street;
- * 10% off any entree at Madison Avenue, 34 N. Sheridan Road;
- * 10% off any sandwich at the Uptown Cafe, 300 N. County Street;
- * 10% off Society gift items including the Jack Benny CD and the book *Images of America: Waukegan, Illinois* when purchased at the museum.

(Restaurant discounts at the discretion of management, call to confirm.)

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE SOCIETY
AND HAINES MUSEUM**

The Society is a volunteer organization, and we are always seeking new volunteers to assist with a variety of tasks. We have many different opportunities available to match your interest. No previous experience is necessary; we will gladly train you. Listed below is a summary of the positions available.

- * **Museum Docent** - serves as a guide for visitors to the museum, including 'room-watching' during special events;
- * **Program Aide** - assists with the educational programs;
- * **Exhibition Assistant** - aids in the planning and implementation of displays and exhibits;
- * **Collections Assistant** - helps with the historical collections, including cataloging and conserving objects;
- * **Administrative Aide** - assists with clerical activities;
- * **Researcher** - investigates subjects for upcoming exhibits and responds to requests from scholars and residents;
- * **Maintenance Assistant** - assists in the upkeep of the museum facility.

(Use the form below or call Brian Hora at 847-336-1859 to volunteer or to get further information)



Membership Application

Name(s) _____
 Address _____

 City _____
 State _____ Zip + 4 _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

- 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
- Corporate.....\$500.00
- Please Accept My Additional Gift.....\$ _____

Please make checks payable to the **Waukegan Historical Society**

Volunteer Application

Name(s) _____
 Address _____

 City _____
 State _____ Zip + 4 _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

(Check as many as you are interested in!)

- Museum Docent
- Program Aide
- Exhibition Assistant
- Collections Assistant
- Administrative Aide
- Researcher
- Maintenance Assistant

Mail To: Waukegan Historical Society
 1917 N. Sheridan Road
 Waukegan, IL. 60087

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<p>WAUKEGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY</p> <p>William Tyre.....President Gretta Dieck.....Vice President Harry Came.....Treasurer Ellen Frew.....Recording/Corresponding Secretary Sara Griffin.....Immediate Past President Betsy Alleman.....Director Margaret Martin.....Director Denyse Waters.....Director Sean Wiedel.....Director</p> <p>Website.....www.waukeganhistorical.org</p> <p>Contact: William Tyre Telephone (evenings/weekends).....847-625-7896 Email.....w.tyre@comcast.net</p> <p><i>Newsletter published quarterly in March, June, September, December</i></p>	<p><u>Haines House Museum</u> 1917 N. Sheridan Road Waukegan, IL 60087 Telephone.....847-336-1859 Email.....haines@waukeganparks.org Museum Supervisor.....Brian Hora</p> <p><i>Open for public tours:</i> Monday through Friday.....1:00pm - 3:00pm 1st & 2nd Saturday of Every Month.....1:00pm - 3:00pm Group Tours by Appointment</p> <p><u>J. L. Raymond Memorial Library</u> Lilac Cottage 1911 N. Sheridan Road Waukegan, IL 60087 Telephone.....847-360-4772 Email.....lilac@waukeganparks.org Librarian.....Beverly Millard</p> <p><i>Library Hours:</i> Wednesday through Friday.....10:00am - 2:30pm</p> <p><i>Photocopying services available for 25 cents per page. On site assistance with genealogical and general research.</i></p>
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