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Cudahy Historical Society

"The Depot"



The purposes of this organization are exclusively educational and shall be to preserve, advance, and disseminate knowledge of the history of Cudahy, WI.

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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E . . . J I L L G E S T W I C K I

Dear Members,

It's a new year full of new ideas and possibilities!



The Christmas at the Depot event was a great success! Many thanks to the volunteers who organized, shopped, cleaned, decorated, baked, cooked, served, and photographed. So many families come back year after year to continue their tradition and make new memories with Santa at the Depot. It's fun to watch these families grow.

This year we added a "Santa Paws" event (later in the afternoon) for pet photos with Santa. It was well received and we'll be continuing this event. Check out the cute photos in this newsletter.

The November speaker, Scott Schaffer, was fascinat-

ing! He shared the historical geology of Sheridan Park. We had great attendance and he was well received.

On our wish list this month is a sturdy shovel. Our volunteers have been struggling with the current shovel. Please donate if you can.

Reminder: The new time for General Meetings is 6:30 p.m. This will allow us to finish our business before the speaker at 7:00 p.m.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2020, dues will be collected before and after the General Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you on February 18, 6:30 p.m. at the General Meeting!

This is a great year! I encourage more members to get involved with helping hands.

Gratefully, *Jill*

C A L E N D A R

February 18, 2020

General Meeting, Depot

6:30 PM, Speaker at 7:00 PM

April 21, 2020

General Meeting, Depot

6:30 PM, Speaker at 7:00 PM

April 25, 2020

Depot Open House

10 AM—Noon

May 30, 2020

Depot Open House

10 AM—Noon

June 16, 2020

General Meeting, Depot

6:30 PM, Speaker at 7:00 PM

June 27, 2020

Depot Open House

10 AM—Noon

July 25, 2020

Depot Open House

10 AM—Noon

September 15, 2020

General Meeting, Depot

6:30 PM, Speaker at 7:00 PM

August 29, 2020

General Meeting, Depot

6:30 PM, Speaker at 7:00 PM

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S P E A K E R — F E B R U A R Y — D A V E J A L O W I E C

President's Day Program

It seems only fitting on the day after Presidents Day we present you with a wonderful program about the same!

Come join us for an interesting program filled with many little known facts and anecdotes about several of our past Presidents of the United States of America. This very interesting program is the work of our long time senior society member, Joan Paul. Joan has a deep love for U.S. history as it pertains to our Presidents, and has made it her life's avocation to learn all she could about them. At the time of the programs creation, Joan had read the official presidential book for every one of our past Presidents. Please come and learn the many fascinating things she learned through her reading that will be delivered to us by her son in-law and our society board member, Dave Jalowiec.

I N M E M O R I A M — M A R Y L O U D R E T Z K A



(Excerpt from obituary...) "Mary "Lou" Dretzka (nee Weighner), age 91, (of Prairie du Chien, South Milwaukee, Cudahy) passed away at her home in Greenfield, WI. Born in 1928 in Prairie du Chien, WI to Wilbur and Anna (Zweifel) Weighner. Married to Kenneth M. Dretzka, Sr. in 1954 until his death in 1998.

They raised six children: Ken Jr. (Pat) of Milwaukee, Ellen (Jay) Anderson of Naperville, IL, Neil (Jennifer) of Richfield, the late Matt (Jennifer) of Northglenn, CO, Andy (Amy) of New Berlin, and Phil (Lizabeth) of Woodbury, MN. Devoted Nana of 10 grandchildren: Rachael, Alex, Ally, Dani, Ricki, Fiona, Ian, Emma, Ethan and

Sophia and aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by brother Phil Weighner (Katie and Joan), sister Doris (Sterlie) Rybarczyk, brothers-in-law Hubert (Violet), Roland (Jill and Elaine) and Jerry Dretzka; sisters-in-law Marianne (Jim) Cherrie, Lenore (Nick) Dretzka-Fluyeras and in-laws Jerome and Elynor Dretzka.

Lou attended Mount Mary and Cardinal Stritch colleges, earning a degree in elementary education. She went on to teach kindergarten in Richland Center, Plymouth and Cudahy and later again at St. Sylvester and APL schools in South Milwaukee.

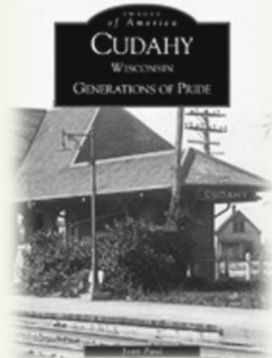
An avid reader, she also loved to play bridge, do jigsaw puzzles, go to rummage sales and antique stores and travel. Proud member of the Cudahy Historical Society, helping to preserve the historic Cudahy Train Depot.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Cudahy Historical Society or the Wisconsin Humane Society would be appreciated".

Thank you Mary Lou, for your dedicated service to preserving the Depot!



C U D A H Y B O O K S F O R S A L E



We received a new shipment of Joan Paul's book "Generations of Pride" and they are available for \$22.00. You may order your copy on the website or save the

\$3.00 shipping by purchasing them direct from the Depot. All sales go to the Cudahy Historical Society. Get your copy today!

Thank you to Joan Paul!





SPONSOR A MONTH PROGRAM

WHAT? - "Sponsor A Month" of lawn and landscape maintenance of the depot grounds by making a \$500 donation to cover our annual costs.

WHEN? - Anytime is a good time to start! Hurry before YOUR month is gone!

WHY? - To honor, celebrate or remember a special someone or something, or simply because you care about our National Treasure and want to see it preserved for generations to come.

WHO? - Anyone, any group, or any business can purchase a month. If we are blessed with an overage, we can designate those funds for your chosen month the following year.

HOW? - Mail your check payable to Cudahy Historical Society to Kathy Lorum—Fundraising Chair, 1532 W. Grange Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53221.

All donors will be recognized on our marquis sign during the month they have selected. They will also be mentioned on our website @cudahyhistoricalsociety.org and our Facebook page, @Cudahy Historical Society.



BRICKS FOR SALE

Does your family or business have a commemorative or memorial brick at Immigrant Family Park? There are spaces available for the small bricks, priced at \$60.00.

The bricks are 4"x 8", 14 characters per line, 3 lines.

You may order online at the website: cudahyhistoricalsociety.org. Just use the "Donate Now" button, pay \$60.00 and put your message in the memo box. Or print out the order form and mail.

Please allow time to or-

der, fill the order, pick up and install the bricks. They make great wedding, baby, birthday, shower, or housewarming gifts! Thank you for supporting the Cudahy Historical Society!



MEMBERSHIP

The membership year runs September 1—August 31. Yearly dues may be mailed (see back of newsletter), paid online (www.cudahyhistoricalsociety.org) or paid at the general meeting. Checks are made payable to Cudahy Historical Society. The Cudahy Historical Society meets 5 times per year—February, April, June, September and November. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Depot, with a speaker at 7:00 p.m. A newsletter is sent to members prior to each meeting. Contact Jill Gestwicki (414) 737-4305 with any questions.



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Contact Membership Chairperson Jill Gestwicki at (414) 481-7341. Thank you!



\$3	Student Membership
\$10	Individual Membership
\$15	Family Membership
\$25	Business Membership
\$100	Lifetime Membership







Christmas at the Depot
 "Santa Paws" at the Depot
 2019

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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City, State, Zip _____

_____ Donation to Statue/Park Maintenance

_____ \$3 Student Membership

_____ \$10 Individual Membership

_____ \$15 Family Membership

_____ \$25 Business Membership

_____ \$100 Lifetime Membership

_____ Additional Donation

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I am interested in serving as:

_____ Baker

NEW: _____

_____ Gardening

RENEWAL: _____

_____ Newsletter

_____ Publicity

_____ Officer/Board Member

_____ Social Helper

_____ Fundraising

_____ Depot Maintenance

_____ Other (special talent) _____



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