

CUDAHY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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From the President's Desk... Dan Vnuk

The New Year has begun making it a good time to reflect on Christmas at the Depot 2014.

First, a big Thank You is in order to all who helped make our most popular fund raiser such a success! The bake sale made over \$400, which I think is a record. There was a copious abundance of goods for sale and, typically, it was all gone by the time the event was over. Sale chairperson Sharon Vaccaro says the response from members who brought in the home-made items was especially good. Just before we opened the door, a car pulled loaded with enough items to have a sale all by itself. I helped the lady unload and later learned she is Judy Geiger, a community supporter who always comes through in a spectac-

ular way according to Sharon, who says Judy loves to bake even though she has had to use a wheelchair since an accident.

The Society also received an especially generous Christmas gift donation of \$300 from long -time Cudahy resident Pat Jessup. This helped in a big way to offset the small amount raised by the scaled-down holiday rummage sale.

Finally, the Photos with Santa raised \$275, slightly better than previous years. What's especially nice is the growing amount of parents that graciously donate \$5 or more to take their own pictures using their cameras.

Next up is the February General Meeting where we'll hear from a local author who just published vol-

ume 1 of the history of St. Francis (more information in this issue). And, although May seems a long way off, plans are being made now for the Police Bicycle Auction and Rummage traditionally held on the Saturday between Mother's Day and Memorial Day.



Membership Dues

The Cudahy Historical Society membership year runs September 1—August 31. Yearly dues may be mailed (see back of newsletter) or paid at the general meeting. Checks are made payable to Cudahy Historical Society. Membership cards will be given upon request. If you have any questions please contact Membership Chairperson Jill Gestwicki at (414) 481-7341. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17, 2015
General Meeting, 7 pm, Depot

March 17, 2015
Board Meeting, 7 pm, Depot

April 21, 2015
General Meeting, 7 pm, Depot

April 25, 2015
Open House, 10 am—12 pm

May, 2015
Bike Auction & Rummage

May 19, 2015
Board Meeting, 7 pm, Depot

May 30, 2015
Open House, 10 am—12 pm

June 16, 2015
General Meeting, 7 pm, Depot

June 27, 2015
Open House, 10—12

July 04, 2015
Cudahy 4th of July Parade, noon

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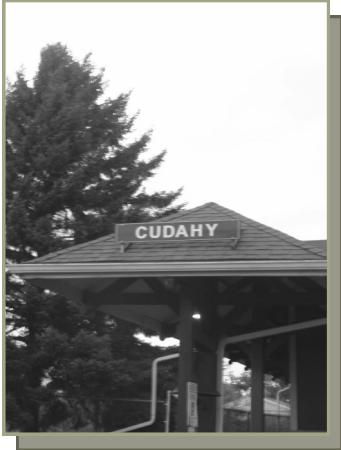
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"THERE IS
NO "I" IN TEAM

BUT THERE IS
A "U" IN

VOLUNTEER"

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Remembering Camille Prondzinski (10/03/22—01/01/15)

When it comes to Cudahy History, very few people touched the lives of so many in our city as did Camille Prondzinski. She died on New Year's Day, January 1, at age 92. Camille took over a vacant spot on the Board a few years back and throughout the years was a tireless member in many ways – she will be missed, mainly for her great smile and joyful disposition. Essentially, it can be said that she always "brought a lot to the party!"

A bit of background: Camille was employed by the City of Cudahy for 35 years, mainly serving as the City Health Nurse. But there's more to the story. I learned that she was the founder of Project Concern, a non-profit, interfaith organization located at Nativity of the Lord that serves low-income residents of Cudahy and St. Francis with emergency food, clothing and household items. At her wake, I was told that she actually started the successful operation in a closet at the old Holy Family parish. As I recall from days as a parish trustee, Camille was also deeply involved with the old St. Joseph parish and could be relied on to help out in any way asked of her. Finally, she was the state secretary of the Polish Legion of American Veterans (PLAV) for many years. She received a nursing degree from Loyola University, Chicago, and a Master's degree from Marquette University in 1956.

Camille was a fixture around City Hall in the Mayor Lawrence Kelly days and was well-regarded for her spirit and willingness to help those in need.

Christmas At The Depot—2014

Thank you Santa!



MINUTES—Board Meeting: Cudahy Historical Society January 20, 2015

Present: Dan Vnuk, Phil Lorum, Dave Jalowiec, Ruth Raczka

Excused: Jill Gestwicki, Jane Czarnezki

Absent: Charlene Peltier

Secretary's Report: (Due to position vacancy, none given.)



Treasurer's Report: Phil Lorum distributed four sheets that were done through a Quickbook program using standard accounting P/L procedures. As of January 20, 2015, the Society has total assets of \$30,820.51

Committee Reports: Dave Jalowiec said two large bricks and two small bricks have been ordered and will be installed when weather gets better. We also talked about the recent water incident at the Annex.

Old Business

Need to fill Secretary position and replace board members. Phil Lorum is heading up a committee to get new board members and help with fund-raising efforts.

Christmas at the Depot recap and update. Final facts and figures concerning the event were presented by Phil Lorum. Kathy Lorum and Dave Jalowiec have volunteered to de-decorate the Depot.

New Business

Nominating Committee. (See above.)

Fund Raising Committee. (See above.)

Membership: (No report given.)

Web site/donations: (No report given.)

Newsletter articles ((No report given.)

Questions/Comments: Discussion centered on a recent request to rent the Depot for a fund-raiser and other events in the future. No action was taken.

The recently remodeled Sheridan Park Pavilion was re-dedicated on January 10. Dan Vnuk will handle getting artwork donated by the Society to be displayed there.

Speaker for February General Meeting: Anna Passante author of recently published History of St. Francis, Part 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Vnuk, President





Author: Anna Passante—Guest Speaker

At our next General Meeting we'll hear from Anna M. Passante, a local author who just completed Part 1 of the history of our neighboring city, St. Francis.

I received an early copy of "From Nojoshing to St. Francis, From Settlement to City: the Early History of St. Francis, Wisconsin, Part 1." and am amazed at the detail and thoroughness this book contains. Loaded with footnotes and photographs, "Nojoshing" (if you want to know where the word comes from you'll have to come listen to the author or read the book) is extremely informative, well-researched and a delight to read! Book chapters include history of the convent, seminary, orphanage, school for the deaf, and local cemetery, as well as other early institutions.

*From Nojoshing to St. Francis,
From Settlement to City:
the Early History of
St. Francis, Wisconsin
Part I*



by
Anna M. Passante



Volunteers Needed...

**Officer—Secretary*

**Boardwalk Replacement—around Depot*

**Roof—Depot*

**Bike Auction / Rummage*

**Open House Docents*



Please contact President Vnuk

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rose Braun

David & Candy Butzlaff

Curt & Sydney Merica

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Pat Jessup

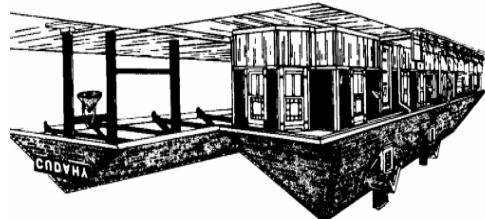


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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Donation to Statue/Park Maintenance

\$3 Student Membership

\$10 Individual Membership

\$15 Family Membership

\$25 Business Membership

\$100 Lifetime Membership

Additional Donation

*Checks are payable to Cudahy Historical Society

I am interested in serving as:

Baker

NEW: _____

Gardening

RENEWAL: _____

Newsletter

Publicity

Officer/Board Member

Social Helper

Fundraising

Depot Maintenance

Other (special talent) _____



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 7:00 p.m. at the Depot. A newsletter is sent to members prior to each meeting.

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