

# CUDAHY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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



## *From the President's Desk... Dan Vnuk*

**Signing Off** There's an ancient curse that goes something like: "May you live in interesting times."

I've often reflected on these words during my last three year's serving as the president of the Cudahy Historical Society, for a number of reasons. Often the path was not smooth but it was challenging, which has always kept things interesting!

On the plus side, a lot of things got done including getting the Annex building standing tall, a thorough cleaning-up of the Depot, increasing attendance at general meetings and open houses. We've also managed to set new highs in raising funds from successful Christmas events and Police Auctions.

On the negative side, we've lost some great people over the past few years through death and resignations that has left a large void. I miss Betty Chovanec, Mary Becker, Virginia Sedlacek, Camille Prondzinski, Cheri Nadolny and, recently, Petie Schroettner (if I'm forgetting someone I sincerely apologize) dearly because not only were most of them founding members of the Cudahy Historical Society, they continued to give of their time and talents for so many years.

I am delighted that John Zodrow will be stepping in as our new Secretary. I held that position for six years before becoming president and it's a key spot that has been vacant for too long.

I am not going away. My hat is in the ring for a board member position at the upcoming election of officers and I also plan on taking pictures with Santa during this year's Christmas at the Depot, as I have for the past several years. In addition, I've been helping the very knowledgeable Ruth Raczka as a docent during the open houses. We have two more left this year at the end of September and October, so please stop by if you get the chance!

As my Mother used to say: "Never tell someone 'good-bye' (it's too final, she'd say) but just 'so long' or 'fare well.'"



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 15, 2015**  
General Meeting, 7 pm, Depot  
\*Membership Dues

**September 26, 2015**  
Open House, 10 am—12 pm

**September 26, 2015**  
Dedication Ceremony  
12:00 p.m., Depot

**October 20 2015**  
Board Meeting, 7 pm, Depot

**October 31, 2015**  
Open House, Depot, 10—12

**November 07 2015**  
Salem Witch Trials  
Special Event

**November 17, 2015**  
General Meeting, 7:00 pm

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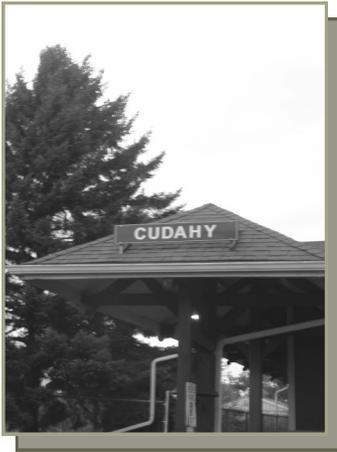
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## In Memoriam—Priscilla Schroettner

09/27/27—08/22/15

Our beautiful Petie Schroettner, will be remembered fondly by all past and present members of the Cudahy Historical Society. She was one of the original "soldiers" who saved our beautiful Depot and worked to refurbish it and keep it maintained. Her smile and warm demeanor made all feel welcome. Her love of the depot building and the history and people of our city was apparent in her volunteer work and the life she led. She shared her love of the city with her children—Sue, Judy, Margie & Andy and 65 wonderful years of marriage with her loving husband, Bill. She is the sister of Joan (Tom) Paul and (the late) Irma (Elmer) Henry.





## Officers / Board

### OFFICERS:

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“THERE IS  
NO “I” IN TEAM  
BUT THERE IS  
A “U” IN  
VOLUNTEER”



## Christmas Party



**The Friends of Cudahy Library will not be hosting the annual Christmas party this year. We will talk about other options at the general meeting on September 15. Please bring your ideas.**

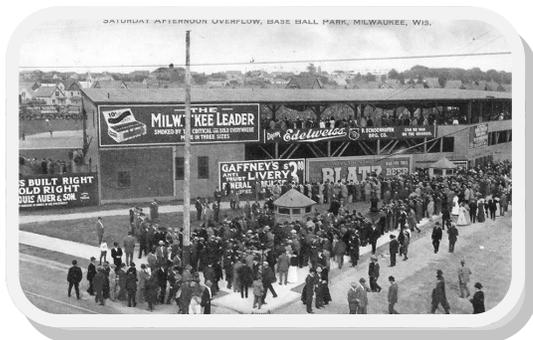
## Annex Building For Rent

The Annex building next to the Depot is available for rent. If interested, submit your information by letter to the Cudahy Historical Society, P.O. Box 332, Cudahy, WI 53110.





### *Speaker: Dr. Patrick Steel—Milwaukee Baseball's Golden Age*



For history lovers and baseball fans; as the pennant races are heating up, come hear a presentation by Dr. Patrick Steele, History Professor at Concordia University. He will be speaking at the general meeting on September 15 on the early American Association Milwaukee Brewers who played from 1902-1952 and the history of Borchert field which was built in 1888. Just over one hundred years ago, in 1913, the Brewers won their first pennant at the old Borchert Field. Learn interesting facts about the field, the team and perhaps share some of your own memories.



### *Membership—DUE this month*

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!



### *Dedication Ceremony—Saturday, September 26, 2015*

**The Cudahy Historical Society Dedication Ceremony will be held on September 26, 2015 at noon. You are invited to witness the dedication of the official plaque as the community celebrates the Depot's recognition and listing on the State and National Registry of Historical Places. This is the first building in Cudahy to be awarded this honor. Refreshments in the Depot will follow the ceremony.**



## Open House—August, 2015



*Dan Vnuk, Ruth Raczka, Joan Paul with Tom Bitters and John O'Malley (retired Ladish executives).*

## Thank You!



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## Save The Date—November 07, 2015

We are planning to have a special Cudahy Historical Society event on November 07, 2015. The venue has yet to be determined. Please watch our website [www.cudahyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cudahyhistoricalsociety.org) and Facebook (Cudahy Historical Society) for updated information.

**Trial By Fire—The Salem Witch Trials...**Jessica Michna has become widely known for her riveting portrayals of First Ladies and other historic women as well as her fictitious characters. She has entertained groups throughout America including guests from as far away as New Zealand, Japan and Brazil. Audiences ranging from young children to senior citizens have been equally enthralled. She has appeared before historical societies, schools, libraries, living history museums, senior centers, churches, and has been guest hostess at parties and weddings.

Mrs. Michna's performances are compelling and emotionally enthralling. Audiences laugh along with her humorous anecdotes. They share in her tears as she relates how the horrors of war have impacted families. She has a powerful effect on an audience. Once they have seen one of her characters they can't wait to see the next one.

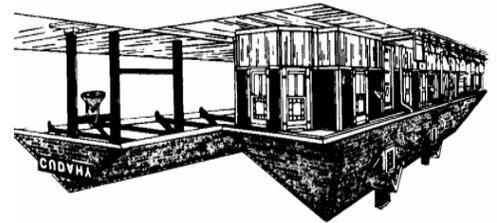




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# MEMBERSHIP FORM

**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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in serving as:

\_\_\_\_\_ Baker

\_\_\_\_\_ Gardening

\_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_ Publicity

\_\_\_\_\_ Officer/Board Member

\_\_\_\_\_ Social Helper

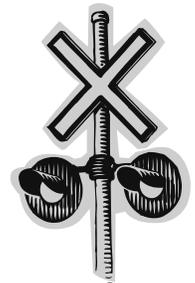
\_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising

\_\_\_\_\_ Depot Maintenance

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (special talent) \_\_\_\_\_

NEW: \_\_\_\_\_

RENEWAL: \_\_\_\_\_



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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