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THE STONE LAKE DEPOT/MUSEUM, 1913
SOO LINE CABOOSE, AND 1926 TOWN HALL

DONATIONS FROM CAROL GROENLUND AND ANGIE RUID

Two very outstanding donations were received this summer from two young Stone Lake women. In June, 2012, Carol Groenlund sponsored a craft sale, and at the

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end of the day, Carol presented a check for \$1,120.83 to the historical society, all of the proceeds from the event. Then in September, Zumba instructor Angie Ruid, took part in a benefit sponsored by several dance groups and chose our historical society as her charity. We received a check for \$250 from Angie at the end of the event. A big THANK YOU to these two special people. These gifts will benefit all in the community who enjoy our rich local history.

SPRING HAM & SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER ENJOYED BY ENTIRE COMMUNITY

In April, 2012, the yearly spring dinner, sponsored by the historical society was enjoyed by a large group of folks. It was a Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner and was so well received it will be repeated in the spring of 2013. The date of the dinner will be Saturday, May 4, 2013. This is one of the historical society's important fund raisers and helps us accomplish our many yearly projects.

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On June 16, 2012, the historical society held the Antique Appraisal Event. Mark Moran, one of the Antique Roadshow appraisers, appraised 39 items for local families as the community came and looked on. This event was very popular, and will be held again in the summer of 2014 when Mr. Moran will also visit local homes to appraise items too large to bring to the scheduled event. Watch for details of this event as we get closer to spring of 2014.

PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL HONORS THOSE OVER 90 WITH SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Pie & Ice Cream Social held on July 8, 2012, was a great success and even though the temperature reached 100 degrees that day, everyone had a good time. The food was delicious, and the music, furnished by Carol Sheehan and her group of musicians, was outstanding. A special event was added this year when everyone 90 years of age and older were honored with birthday cupcakes, and free pie and ice cream.

OVER 50 ATTENDEES GATHER TO ENJOY THE PRESENTATION "SIBERIAN ADVENTURE"

On July 9, 2012, the historical society sponsored a free event called the "Siberian Adventure." It was based on the history of the glass negatives given to the museum by the Carolyn Clamer family. A husband and wife team of scholars, Edwin and Mary Lea Schander, traveled here from Pasadena, California, to describe the events occurring in the photographs which were taken by Major Charles M. Winter in 1919 and 1920 while he was stationed with the United States Expeditionary Forces in Siberia.



Edwin and Mary Lea Schander, from Pasadena, California, are shown during the evening they presented "Siberian Adventure" to the community. These special presentations are part of the mission of the historical society.

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BUILDING MAINTENANCE GOES UNDERGROUND!

This year a big maintenance item was laying a 14 inch deep impenetrable barrier around the base of all of the buildings to stop the activity of small animals who had decided that they wanted to live under our buildings. We felt if they got that far, they would soon work their way upward into the buildings. It took a good part of the summer, but was completed about a week before the museum closed for the season.



Tom McDonnell shown trenching around the historical society buildings. This is part of the ongoing maintenance that never seems to end. Thanks, Tom.

The big maintenance item for next season is repair to portions of the siding on the caboose. With buildings and caboose 100 years old, maintenance is to be expected, but that doesn't necessarily make it any easier. Are there any caboose re-siding experts out there? If so, we'd be very happy to hear from you. Email us at tncmed@aol.com. The project will begin in June, 2013.

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DOCENTS HONORED WITH SPECIAL DINNER

A dinner was held on July 21, 2012, to honor 58 Docents. These are the folks who hold our museum open so everyone can enjoy it, and who work in the historical society booth during the Cranberry Festival to help make it a success. They are on call in so many ways, and are very much appreciated. A ham dinner with all the trimmings was held at the Stone Lake Fire Hall and everyone enjoyed the great company.



Docents are essential to the daily life of a museum. This special evening was held to honor our 58 faithful volunteers.

**CEMETERY WALK ATTENDED
BY OVER 100 PEOPLE; TO
BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT**

The Cemetery Walk held on September 9, 2012, was the first ever for Evergreen Cemetery, and such a success it will be repeated next September. Over 100 folks turned out to tour our cemetery, and all enjoyed the presentation at the grave sites of our early pioneers. Karen Skwira became Nellie Dickinson, and spoke about the early life of the Dickinson family in Stone Lake. Sandy Oates told the story of the Bradley family, and the many early settlers who became part of the Bradley group through marriage. Karen Boylan talked about the three Boylan brothers, John, Mike, and William who became the first Boylans to settle in Stone Lake, but not the last.



Sandy Oates is shown at the Evergreen Cemetery Tour telling visitors about the Bradley family and its important role in Stone Lake's history.

Tom Langham told a history of the Langham family written by his mother, Marie Langham, just this summer, while Charlene Henk told the story of the Oscar Strand family and all of their descendants. The Strands were related to eight other families in Evergreen Cemetery. The final history was

given by Tammy Lindenberg, a great granddaughter of Frank Pitts Wakefield, one of the very first settlers in our area, coming here in 1884.

When the presentations were over, Connie Schield taught gravestone rubbing too many interested visitors, and Peggy Wood, of Main Street Music, and her friends, Steve Trude and Steve Kozak, played a wonderful selection of music throughout the entire event which added to the festivities, and refreshments were served. A special Evergreen Cemetery book was printed, and while it was sold out at the actual event, it has now been reprinted and can be purchased by sending your name, address, and check for \$8.00 to PO Box 35, Stone Lake, WI 54876.



Connie Schield is showing folks how to do cemetery rubbings. The necessary materials were furnished by the historical society to all who were interested in this activity.

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UPCOMING HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner: Saturday, May 4, 2013, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at the Stone Lake Fire Hall. This annual spring dinner is the historical society's major fund-raiser of the year.

TREASURE OF THE NAMAKAGON: Wednesday, June 12, 2013, 7:00 PM at the Stone Lake Town Hall. Jim Braaken, author of the "Treasure of the Namakagon" will speak on Cable/Hayward early history with emphasis on the hidden mine of Chief Namakagon.

Pie & Ice Cream Social: Sunday, July 7, 2013, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, at the Stone Lake Lion's Park on Highway 70.

Stone Lake Area Historical Society Open House: Saturday, August 17, 2013, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Stone Lake Area Historical Society Depot/Museum.

Second Annual Cemetery Walk: Sunday, September 8, 2013, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, at Evergreen Cemetery.

Cranberry Festival Wine Booth: Saturday, October 5, 2013, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM next to the Lion's Club building on Main Street in Stone Lake. Cranberry wine by the glass will be served by volunteers from the historical society.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THESE EVENTS. THEY PAY THE YEARLY OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

A big thank you, to the Cranberry Festival for giving the historical society the cranberry wine concession at the Cranberry Festival this year. We also want to thank the Stone Lake Lion's Club for letting us share their corner and thank the twenty dedicated historical society volunteers that kept the wine flowing. The weather was extreme that day: snow, rain, and cold temperatures. A switch from cool wine to hot wine saved the day; put lots of smiling faces on festival visitors and added \$1,200 to the historical society repair and maintenance fund.

The Stone Lake Area Historical Society is a 501 © (3) charitable organization; gifts are tax deductible.

CABOOSE RESTORATION FUND

We wish to make a tax deductible donation designated to help in the repair and restoration of the 1913 SOO Line caboose. Please use the following wording on our donation so the person(s) we designate may be honored on the Wall of Fame in Preservation Hall in the depot/museum.

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