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MAY MEETING

Wednesday, May 8, 1991
7:30 P.M.
Saugatuck City Hall
Saugatuck Michigan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society will celebrate it's Fifth Birthday on Wednesday, May 8th. From a meeting on March 13, 1986 in the High School Library of interested persons we have grown to membership of over 80 families and individuals. Come and help us celebrate at our annual meeting.

Election of officers for the 1991-1992 year will take place at this meeting. Won't you bring a new member with you?

Refreshments will be provided by Judy Oberholtzer.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee met and presented the following slate of officers at the April meeting.

President	Robert Johnson
Vice-President	Pat Wilson
Secretary	Alice Mecko
Treasurer	Oren Sherman
Members-at-large	Del Langhorst, Goldie Kleinheksel & Stan Wilson

"Nominations may also be made by any of the Society at any time prior to balloting at the annual meeting. A candidate for election shall be a member in good standing."

SAUGATUCK CITY HALL DEDICATION CEREMONY

On May 19, 1991 at 2:00 p.m., a marker dedication ceremony and unveiling will take place at the City Hall, which was listed on the Michigan State Register of Historic Sites on July 19, 1990. Mrs. Dorothy Langhorst is chairperson of the event and Michael Sweeney is the guest speaker. Kay Krause who is in charge of refreshments needs to hear from anyone who is planning to bake cookies for the event. Call her at 857-4510 to confirm.

PLAQUES FOR SALE

Plaques from the Nautical History Celebrations are for sale. They will be available at the May meeting at the "historical" price of \$10.00 each.

BOARD MEETINGS

April - The April Board meeting was held at the home of Joan Phillips. Dottie Langhorst reported on the program of the Village Hall dedication plans. Katherine Wilcox analyzed member questionnaires returned so far. Members gave very thoughtful responses and suggestions. Almost everyone indicated that the Society should be involved in historic preservation. Several people who have historic photos and materials to share with the Society were identified. Many people indicated that they were willing to serve on committees. Please return your questionnaire if you have not done so.

Joan Phillips reported on the plans for Allagan Museum trip on Saturday, April 13.

Chuck Lorenz attended a workshop on perserving photo collections. The Board discussed using old photo reproductions for Society fundraising.

Two members have volunteered funds and skills to build a frame for the 1864 map in the Society archives.

The Board will apply for nonprofit status, print its new brochure and complete the cataloging of archival materials before the new Board is elected.

May - The May Board meeting was held at the home of Oren & Arlene Sherman.

Stan Wilson presented a beautiful new seal he designed for the Society. It is a more detailed drawing of our current logo, the FS Stockbridge sailing ship, built at Saugatuck in 1874. This drawing will be used in the membership brochure which will be printed this month.

The May 19 Dedication plans are progressing. The Saugtuck High School Band will begin playing about 1:45. Mike Sweeney has composed music for the event and he will talk about the history of the building.

The May 8 general meeting will be the Society's Fifth Anniversary. We will celebrate following the Annual Report and election of officers.

Much of the meeting centered around the Annual Report and proposed budget for the coming year. Outgoing President Chuck Lorenz read an impressive list of accomplishments for the past year.

Arlene Sherman announced that after three years, she is stepping down as chairperson of the Membership Committee. Arlene has done a great job in developing the membership and greeting members and guests at the monthly meetings. We'll miss her work and hope she continues to offer her input.

LETTER FROM A MEMBER

Chuck Lorenz received a fascinating letter from member, Carl Norberg about the Indians on High Island and their place in it's history. Carl has also offered to pay for the case to be built to house the 1864 map. Thank you Carl for your continuing support and interest in the Society.

APRIL

Our April meeting was held in the Library of Saugatuck High School. The video tape of the State Capitol restoration was extremely interesting. It presented the history of the building and well as views of the restoration that has been completed.

The nominating committee presented it's slate of officers for the coming year.

On Saturday, April 13th twenty of the members and guests met for lunch at Orlos Deli in Allegan and then took a tour of the Allegan County Historical Society building which is located in the old jail. They have collected an amazing number of artifacts from Allegan and Michigan to display in the museum. We who attended had a great afternoon.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Many of our membership dues are payable at this time of the year. If your newsletter has "OK" stamped next to this announcement you are current. If the stamp does not appear, please send us your payment or bring your check to the next meeting.

THIS AND THAT

Saugatuck Womens Club - The club has invited the Historical Society to be their guests. On Friday, May 10 at 2:00 P.M., John Pahl will speak on "Pleasant Past Memories of Fennville. On Friday, May 24 at 2:00 P.M., Anna Lisa Cox will present an "Historical Fashion Show," and on Friday, June 14 at 2:00 P.M. a program on "Decorating With Antiques" will be given.

Manitowoc Maritime Museum - On August 17, 1991, the Museum will present a Model Ship Builder Symposium. Dana McCalip will speak on "Various types of Rigs and Ship Rigging of the 19th and early 20th Century." For further information call Joan Phillips, 857-2839.

Michigan History Magazine -

- May 11-12 - The Battle Creek Vintage Home Tour. (616) 964-7784
- May 13-18 - Tulip Time in Holland. Visit the Tulip Time Quilt Show at the Women's Literary Club (616) 396-4221.
- May 18-19 - See demonstrations of early American arts, crafts, music and living history presentations at the Lost Arts Festival in Grand Rapids, OHIO (419) 832-0114.
- May 27 - The Bluewater Michigan Chapter offers a steamboat cruise from Detroit to Port Huron and return. (313) 399-7963.

Michigan Summer Travel Guide and Calendar of Events

- May 11-12 - Great Lakes Stunt Kite Competition, Grand Haven State Park (616) 846-7501
- May 11-12 - Muskegon Trillium Festival (616) 798-3573
- May 19 - Charlotte - Dawn Patrol. Fitch Beach Airport. Features skydivers, flybys and helicopter and plane rides, (517) 543-5300