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#### JUNE MEETING

Wednesday, June 12, 1991

7:30 P.M.

Presbyterian Camp  
Saugatuck Michigan

The Society invites everyone to come to camp on Wednesday, June 12th to discover what has happened through the years and take a guided tour. Joe Hill, Camp Director, will talk about George Gray, the founder, the Swifts of meat packing fame, who helped to finance it and the changes in lifestyle, buildings and ownership through the years.

A collection of photos, maps, clippings and movies will be displayed. Following camp custom we will have a sing-a-long as the sun goes down.

The program will begin in the dining hall at the Camp. Take the Oval Beach Road to the sign for Presbyterian Camp. Turn in and follow the road to the parking lot at the dining hall.

Oren & Arlene Sherman will provide the refreshments.

Come and bring another camper!!!!

#### JUNE BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order on June 2nd at the home of Elaine & Jim Essenburg by President Bob Johnson. The minutes of the April 28th Board Meeting were read and approved. Oren Sherman, Treasurer gave year-end reports to the Board and said the paperwork for application for Not-For-Profit status is completed. The costs for the dedication at City Hall were \$89.28. Membership was discussed and the mailing list will be updated. A motion was made, seconded and approved to not make a contribution above our dues to the Michigan Historical Society.

Chuck Lorenz will take charge of Public Relations and News Releases. Pat Wilson reported on the June meeting at Presbyterian Camp. The 4th of July parade participation by the Society with Arlene Sherman as Coordinator will take place as usual. Anyone who would like to take part is asked to come dressed in red, white and blue or antique clothes. Does anyone have a boom box with over-sized speakers that we may use? Call Arlene at 857-1832.

Del Langhorst resigned as Chairman of the Inventory Committee due to other commitments. President Bob Johnson will call a meeting of the committee. Arlene Sherman also resigned as Membership Chairman. Nancy Oppman has accepted the Membership Chairman position. A motion was made and seconded by the Board giving thanks to Del & Arlene. The meeting was closed at 4:15.

## MAY

Our May meeting and Birthday party was a wonderful way to celebrate five years. Election of officers took place and the slate as presented was elected. Those elected are Robert Johnson, President; Pat Wilson, Vice-President; Secretary, Alice Mecko; Treasurer, Oren Sherman; and Members-at-large, Del Langhorst, Goldie Kleinheksel and Stan Wilson. Congratulations! We all enjoyed the birthday cake provided by Judy Oberholtzer.

The Dedication Ceremony at the Saugatuck City Hall on the 19th was a treat for all who attended. Michael Sweeney presented original music and a history of the building. Oren Sherman videotaped the ceremony and we hope to present it in the future. Thanks to all who provided cookies.

## THANKS

"I would like to personally thank the many people responsible for a very pleasant and successful Saugatuck City Hall dedication ceremony including Dorothy Langhorst, committee chairperson and her committee composed of Kay Krause, Jeff Wilcox, Goldie Kleinheksel, Peg Sanford, Judy Oberholtzer and Inge Nimrod.

In addition to this I would like to thank Mike Sweeney who was guest speaker, Bill Oberholtzer who composed the textual material for the program, Del Langhorst for the program's cover illustration, Stan Wilson for our new logo, Advance Management Systems of Holland for the final text of the program, Jeff Wilcox for Audio, Oren Sherman for videography and the Saugatuck High School Band which played before the program.

Last, but not least, my thanks go to the City of Saugatuck and the officials who worked with the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society to make this a memorable event. They are Mr. Laverne Serne, Rick Curtis and David Mocini.

Congratulations to our new president, Mr. Robert Johnson. I hope you will give him all the cooperation that you have given me."

Charles J. Lorenz

## JULY AND AUGUST

- July - Our July meeting will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church and will be hosted by Father James Curtiss, who will give us a history of the church. Refreshments will be provided by Jim & Elaine Essenburg.
- August - Our annual picnic will be held at the home of Del & Dottie Langhorst. It will give everyone a chance to see their new screened porch.

## GET WELL

Member, Marjorie Aplin fell and broke her arm. She is currently living at Harbors until it is mended. You may send cards to Box 13, Saugatuck MI 49453. Hurry up and mend.

### THIS AND THAT

Historical Society of Michigan - Although the Society has elected at this time not to make an extra donation to the Historical Society, members who wish to do so may contact Joan Phillips 857-2839 for information. Donations are tax deductible.

#### New Titles from the Historical Society of Michigan:

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| Coast Guard City U.S.A.: a History of the Port of Grand Haven                                      | \$23.00 |
| Sweetwater, Storms and Spirits: Stories of the Great Lakes   | \$29.50 |
| Steaming Through Smoke and Fire 1871: True Stories of Shipwreck<br>and Disaster on the Great Lakes | \$12.00 |

#### Michigan History Magazine

#### WANTS YOU!!!

The Michigan History Magazine needs contributions for its December, 1991 issue. The issue will be devoted to Michigan and World War II. They are interested in wartime diaries, letters and photographs, BUT DON'T SEND THE ORIGINALS!! Mail these copies to Editor, Michigan History Magazine, 717 West Allegan, Lansing MI 48918-1805. Include your phone number. The deadline for submissions is August 1, 1991.

The May/June issue contains an article called The Michigan Traveler - Visiting Kazoo & Paw Paw - A Great Weekend Getaway. It talks about Kalamazoo's seven local and nationally designated historical districts, the wineries in Paw Paw and the Star Clipper Dinner Train.

Another interesting article is entitled "Mapping the Great Lakes." These maps, done in 1761 have been resting in Public Record Office in London. They were discovered by the author.

#### Michigan Summer Travel Guide

|            |   |   |  |                |
|------------|---|---|--|----------------|
| June 8     | - | Allegan Bridgefest                      | Downtown Allegan                           | (616) 673-2479 |
| June 8     | - | Battle Creek Arts & Craft Show          | Kellogg Arena                              |                |
| June 11-16 | - | Three Rivers Water Festival.            | Includes river float parade and fireworks. | (616) 278-8193 |
| June 15    | - | Bridgman Arts & Crafts Show.            | Cook Energy Information Center.            |                |
| June 16    | - | Berrien Springs Spring Wine Celebration | Lemon Creek Winery.                        | (616) 471-1321 |
| June 28-29 | - | Holland Libertyfest                     |  | (616) 396-3278 |

1991 Calendar of Events published by the Saugatuck/Douglas Convention and Tourist Bureau. Pick one up at the Information Booth. It provides dates, times and places for all local events.



### MEMBERSHIP

The Society has just celebrated its FIFTH great year! As we move on to the SIXTH the following persons have said yes to continued membership:

Marjorie Aplin  
Robert & Gwen Crawford  
Wm. Coupe (Corporate)  
Dave Erlandson  
Elita Bird Graves  
Robert & Ellen Johnson  
Jane Van Dis  
Robert Wolbrink

Goldie Kleinheksel  
Del & Dottie Langhorst  
Charles & Chris Lorenz  
Bobbi McCray  
Robert & Doris Mersbach  
Judy & Bill Oberholtzer  
Wayne Weed  
Pat & Stan Wilson

John Overmyer  
Louisa Peters  
Dr. Marty Raebel  
James & Katherine  
Sheridan  
Oren & Arlene Sherman  
Jean & Joan Simonson  
Jeff & Katherine Wilcox

IF YOUR NAME IS NOT LISTED ABOVE - IT IS TIME TO RENEW.

The form to be mailed is at the bottom of the page.

Welcome New Members

Barry Avedon      Caroline Evangelista      Robert & Mary Mason  
Warren & Betty Mulder      Robert Taft

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BOX 617  
DOUGLAS, MICHIGAN 49406

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Sr. Citizen Couple or Individual....\$8.00  
Family....\$12.00

Sustaining....\$25.00  
Corporate....\$60.00  
Life....\$250.00

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