

The Milford Historian

Mission Statement: We are organized exclusively for educational purposes. We bring together those people who are interested in history, especially the history of the Village of Milford and Milford Township.

Milford History Film and More



You don't want to miss this! At our March 17th General Meeting we'll present a film created to showcase our community and preserve its history. Entitled Milford: The Way Were; a folk history of a unique Michigan farm community, the film was produced in the mid-1980s by Robert S. Humitz, Glenn Ruggles and others from the Huron Valley Arts Council. Their goal was to capture on film the life and times of our early settlers. Their venture required three long years of fund-raising, compilation, production and editing to complete. But in the end they met their goal - to assemble Milford's history in a form that others would enjoy and future generations would appreciate. Please join us on St. Patrick's Day as we watch this important film.



And there's more... As an special treat, Lee Johnson and her students from the Highland Montessori School will present what they learned during the week they recently spent at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing.

Our evening will begin with a scrumptious potluck dinner at 6:30. The business meeting will begin at 7:30 followed by the programs. Our meetings are open to the public. All are invited. You don't have to be a member to enjoy St. Patrick's Day with people who like history. The Historical Society is famous for having the best potluck in town!!



Barbara Bank Young Research and Reference Room

From Your NEW President...



The Museum Doorbell

History isn't just about explaining the past to the young. It's also about recalling, even re-experiencing a happy memory from years ago. For me, such a memory is recalled whenever I enter the museum. As I reach the front door and rotate the turn-to-ring mechanical doorbell, I'm immediately transported back to another porch and another bell in Tecumseh, Michigan, where I stood as a five-year-old boy. I would proudly turn that handle and grandpa would open the door, pick me up and give me a big hug before putting me down again. I'm convinced that memories like these are why people enjoy history and why the Milford Historical Society's role continues to grow in importance.

As your new president, I'm pleased to announce that all officer and board member positions have been filled, and that our major community enrichment activities for 2005 are well underway. These are highlighted below and described in more detail on pages two and three.

- Accepting positions as new officers are Kelly Irwin (vice president) and Mary Lou Gharrity (treasurer). Bill Schimmel has agreed to continue as secretary. Welcome aboard, Kelly, and thank you Mary Lou and Bill for adding to the many ways you have served the Society.
- Kelly Irwin has also agreed to be chairperson of Home Tour 2005. This is a huge job and she will need everyone's support. See page three for ways you can help.
- Sue Gumper, Museum Board Chair, is assisting the museum in applying for a \$10,000 grant from the Michigan State Historical Society.
- Judith Reiter and the Powerhouse Committee report that the asbestos at the Powerhouse has been removed and building repair is about to begin.
- Kathy Rheaume, chairman of the 4th of July Parade, advises that work is under way.
- Sue Bullard reminds us that unpaid dues should be paid immediately by mail or at the next General Meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next General Meeting, "Milford the Way We Were" on March 17th.

David Chase

Welcome New Member

We are pleased to announce that **Kathleen Percy** is our newest Historical Society member. Welcome aboard, Kathleen! We'll meet at the March 17th

