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**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, Feb. 3, at 6:30 pm, at Beulah Brinton House, 2590 S. Superior Street. Virginia Hirsch will be sharing great ideas about Historic Tourism in Wisconsin!

## Matching Gift Campaign Is a Great Success

The Bay View Historical Society concluded a very successful matching gift campaign on December 31. An anonymous donor offered to match any gift made to the Society from October to December 2013. The enthusiastic

response of many people resulted in over \$36,000 being raised. This amount was matched by the donor and the Society will use these funds to reduce the principle owed on the Brinton House mortgage by \$72,000.

This will leave \$60,000 remaining to be paid on the mortgage. The Society is very grateful to every donor and especially to the anonymous person who has been exceptionally generous. Many thanks to all.

## Bay View Historical Society Presents

The next meeting for Bay View Historical Society Presents is on Feb. 3, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Beulah Brinton House, 2590 S. Superior Street. Virginia Hirsch will be sharing great ideas about Historic Tourism in Wisconsin! This is great timing as Milwaukee is on the list of the top six cities to visit in 2014. Join us for a wonderful evening!!

### About the Presentation: Putting the STORY in HISTORY

We all love to hear a good story—whether a tale of romance, a funny incident, or an exciting adventure. In spite of this, some continue to think of history as an old corpse, where all they are going to hear are the dry dead bones: just plain facts such as names, dates, and places. Of course all types of history have these facts, but every piece of history is also about real people who laughed and cried, experienced adventures and endured tragedy. And this is where the art of the storyteller comes in to bring to life the dry, dead, bones of the plain facts. Please join us for this presentation as “Walking Storyteller” Virginia Hirsch shares her perspective on historic storytelling, including some of its challenges and rewards, along with a few of her stories.

### About the Presenter

Virginia Hirsch is founder and owner of Bayfield Heritage Tours in Bayfield, WI, where she conducts historic and ghost walking tours and directs workshops on “The Art and Business of Walking Storytelling.” She is a member of numerous professional storyteller’s guilds and associations where she has been honored with recognitions and awards, including the 2005 GEMmy Award from the Midwest Travel Writers Association for being a “Gem” in the travel industry, and the Lucy Beck Memorial Award at the Wisconsin Storytellers Get-Together in 2011. Virginia holds degrees in both Speech and English, as well as a PhD in Theatre. Before assuming the Performing Arts position for Milwaukee Public Schools’ Recreation Department, she taught at the UW-Eau Claire Theatre Department.

## Pryor Avenue Iron Well Restoration

The Pryor Avenue Iron Well has undergone a much-needed restoration.

Many people made donations to help this project and thanks go to all of these donors. Along with making their gifts, some donors enclosed these comments:

“As a youngster, some 70 years ago, I enjoyed going to the well with my Dad. Today, my daughter still gets her water from the well. LONG LIVE THE WELL!!”

“I’m thrilled this project is being done. It’s the best artisan well in the area!!”

“I’ve used this well for many years. So did others. At times, there was a line. The water is so good and tasty. It’s a great reminder of what we have and who we are. Thanks for saving this great gathering place by the waters.”

“Thanks Bay View for caring for your history.”

### THANK YOU

Calvin Wetzel again donated a fresh Christmas tree to the Brinton House and it adorned the living room for the holiday season. Thank you for this generous gift, Calvin!

### SAVE THE DATE

The Bay View Historical Society Annual Dinner will be held at the South Shore Yacht Club on Saturday, April 26, 2014. The dinner reservation form and details will be included in the April issue of the *Historian* and on our website at [www.bayviewhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.bayviewhistoricalsociety.org). Plan to join us for a memorable and treasured time together!

***BVHS will NOT have a yard sale this year in lieu of other events being planned around the same time.***

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\$20 Individual/\$17 Seniors (Age 65+)

\$30 Household/\$25 Senior Household

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

HELLO Friends,

What inspires you?

- Telling stories about your favorite place to live?
- Listening to interesting research about your community?
- Being with neighbors who are making the area a better place to live?
- Enjoying local musicians at house concerts?
- Participating in activities that make you feel younger?
- Laughing and laughing the hours away with kids and their families?

Perhaps you have seen the story about Alex Sheen who promotes the message "Because I Said I Would." His idea has become both a movement and a non-profit organization to honor his late father and is dedicated to making a commitment to volunteerism. Sheen calls to the integrity that is within each of us to enjoy helping one another. In different ways he encourages us to write down what we are going to do, share it with another, and then get going.

"A promise made. A promise kept" is the motto!

### How would you like to be more inspired?

Learn more about the immigrants who moved into Bay View and their sincere efforts to create a thriving community despite struggle, adversity, and hardship...this is certainly about promises kept. Come to hear more at a BVHS open house!

Explore artifacts and stories that deepen our awareness...they remind us it was a commitment which kept people working hard and creating the life they imagined. Visit BVHS website, facebook page, or talk with a member of our archives team to learn more!

Connect with members and citizens of our community for a sense of belonging. From the most senior to the youngest child, we all have an important place and purpose to serve. Seeing Cub Scouts engaged with a charter member in a treasure hunt (as enthusiastic as playing a wii fi game) at the Beulah Brinton House...is truly amazing.

### Where can you be inspiring?

Bay View is an area that offers safety, well-being, great neighborhoods, historical resources, and lots of friendly, talented people. Although some readers are not in this area now, this idea relates to wherever you reside. In 2014 where will you focus and be inspired to make it better?

Can you mentor a student? Share skills with a neighbor? Help out at a non-profit? Support more local businesses? Write about the history of your community? Be involved in a neighborhood block watch? Say hello more often or welcome a new neighbor? Start a historic book group?

### Make a commitment, keep a promise, and help your community!

BVHS Board meeting came together in early January to inspire Bay View Historical Society around its plans for 2014. Join us throughout the year at events, on-line, in schools, around the community, and by volunteering.

**WE WELCOME YOUR INTEREST and TIME with BAY VIEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY!**

Be well,

Susan Ballje

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: 2013 MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

BVHS is so grateful for all the donations to our very successful Capital Campaign that raised over \$73,000. Thanks to each and every one who helped in any way!

**Major Donors:** Anonymous, Susan Ballje, Nadine Barthuli, Ilona Bauer, David Bellrichard, Mary Gutzwiller, Susan & James Herzfeld, William Stark Jones Foundation, Kopmeier Family, Kurt & Amy Mihelich, Frank & Kathy Mulvey, Donna Pogliano, Craig Risser & Chris Rieck-Risser, Donovan Riley, Martin & Elaine Schreiber, and Nancy Tawney.



## BVHS Annual 2013 Income and Expenses

	Actual
<b>REVENUE</b>	
<b>Direct Public Support</b>	
Donations at House	\$349.00
Capital Campaign	\$1,773.00
Annual Fund	\$3,294.35
Matching Gift Appeal	\$22,854.00
<b>Total Direct Public</b>	<b>\$28,270.35</b>
General Meetings	\$700.00
<b>Program Income</b>	
Walk	\$285.00
Walk Expense	\$-
<b>Total Program Income</b>	<b>\$285.00</b>
<b>Membership Dues</b>	<b>\$3,986.00</b>
<b>Interest Income - Bank</b>	<b>\$64.78</b>
<b>Rent</b>	<b>\$1,540.00</b>
<b>Bay View Book Sales</b>	<b>\$1,767.42</b>
Bay View Book Expense	\$5,079.20
<b>Total Bay View Book Sales</b>	<b>\$(3,311.78)</b>
<b>Town of Lake Book Sales</b>	<b>\$3,171.71</b>
Town of Lake Book Expense	\$4,727.85
<b>Total Town of Lake Book Sales</b>	<b>\$(1,556.14)</b>
<b>Pryor Avenue Well Project</b>	<b>\$3,580.00</b>
<b>Pryor Avenue Well Restoration</b>	<b>\$2,325.00</b>
<b>Total Pryor Avenue Well Project</b>	<b>\$1,255.00</b>
<b>Special Events</b>	
Annual Dinner	\$4,430.58
Annual Dinner Expense	\$1,646.20
<b>Total Annual Dinner</b>	<b>\$2,784.38</b>
Bay View Bash	\$210.00
Bay View Bash Expense	\$85.00
<b>Total Bay View Bash</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
May Workers Memorial	\$335.00
Rummage Sale	\$3,944.14
Rummage Expense	\$312.44
<b>Total Rummage Sale</b>	<b>\$3,631.70</b>
<b>Total Special Events</b>	<b>\$6,876.08</b>
<b>Grants Received</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Memorials, Legacies, Bequests</b>	<b>\$29,627.57</b>
<b>Sale Inventory</b>	<b>\$161.75</b>
Inventory Expense	\$-
<b>Total Sale Inventory</b>	<b>\$161.75</b>
<b>Archives Donation</b>	<b>\$-</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$398.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$69,296.61</b>

	Actual
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
<b>Board Expense</b>	
D & O Insurance	\$521.00
<b>Total Board Expense</b>	<b>\$521.00</b>
<b>Conferences &amp; Meetings</b>	<b>\$-</b>
<b>Occupancy</b>	
Mortgage Interest	\$5,953.51
Principal Reduction	\$14,529.05
Restoration - Renovation	\$8,695.64
Insurance	\$1,197.00
Maintenance	\$1,841.67
Other Occupancy Expense	\$-
<b>Utilities</b>	
Gas & Electric	\$1,328.45
Water	\$547.48
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$1,875.93</b>
<b>Total Occupancy</b>	<b>\$34,092.80</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Accounting Fees	\$150.00
Advertising	\$35.00
Archives	\$2,037.98
Annual Fund	\$1,082.25
Bank Charges	\$95.25
Capital Campaign Expense	\$31.90
Contingency - Unexpected	\$500.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$50.00
Education Project	\$549.46
Grants & Allocations	\$305.63
House Events Expense	\$141.99
July 4th Parade Expense	\$100.00
Miscellaneous - Other	\$152.73
Supplies	\$223.25
Web Site Maintenance	\$78.78
Internet Provider	\$524.83
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>\$6,059.05</b>
<b>Postage &amp; Shipping</b>	<b>\$1,036.66</b>
<b>Printing &amp; Publications</b>	
Historian	\$4,270.00
Other Printing	\$310.00
<b>Total Printing &amp; Publications</b>	<b>\$4,580.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$46,289.51</b>
<b>Total Income Less Expense</b>	<b>\$23,007.10</b>

## BALANCE SHEET 12-31-2013

### Assets

<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Anchor Bank -	
House Account	\$4,441.25
Harris Non-Profit Checking	\$25,286.15
Harris Bank Checking	\$4,275.71
Harris Bank Savings	\$9,394.94
Capital Campaign	\$61,153.31
Pryor Avenue Well	
Checking	\$1,255.00
USPS Postage Deposit	\$304.76
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$106,111.12</b>

### Other Assets

2590 S Superior	\$450,000.00
Personal Property	\$2,164.94
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$452,164.94</b>

**Total Assets** \$558,276.06

### Liabilities

2590 S Superior Loan	\$132,281.95
Security Deposit	\$20.00
Prepay Bay View Book	\$-
Accounts Payable	\$-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$132,301.95</b>

**Net Worth** \$425,974.11

**Total Liabilities & Net Worth** \$558,276.06

## Welcome New Members!

We welcome the following new members  
who have joined the Society since  
December 1st:

Marylin Banzhaf • Jessie Miller-Carpiaux  
Katherine Geiger • Lisa Ann Jacobsen  
Nathan Kraucunas • New Assisi Archives  
Bob & Anita Pietrykowski

## IT'S A BOY!!

A new baby boy, born to members  
Erin & Bob Lenz!

Henson Michael Lenz  
Born December 27th, 2013 at 1:43 pm  
5 lbs 10 oz - 18"

# Tribute to Ray Dietrich

BY RON WINKLER

Ray Dietrich, who was born August 5, 1922 and died December 6, 2013, loved music and inspired generations of Bay Viewites and residents of Milwaukee's south side. He graduated from Bay View High School (BVHS) in 1941. He then joined the U.S. Army Air Corps where he became a corporal in the 331st Bombardment Group during World War II. In 2011 he was selected as a member of the Stars & Stripes Honor Flight to Washington DC.

Upon discharge from the army, he attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and in 1948 received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. The following year he earned his Master's of Music Degree from the University of Michigan.



## Returned to his Alma Mater

He joined BVHS's music staff in 1949 and remained for 35 years until 1984. During that span as Chairman of the Music Department and Director of Choral Activities, he was responsible for the production of the school's highly acclaimed spring musicals.

He was baptized, confirmed, and, in 1948, married to Ellie Zilisch at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 South Layton Boulevard, where he served as Music Director from 1951-1997. He organized concerts and started voice, brass and hand bell choirs for children and adults. During that time he produced Ascension's noteworthy Christmas Candlelight Concerts. Even though his music program had strict standards for participation, with a demand for authority and respect, some families had three generations of singers trained by Dietrich. In 1998 he was honored with the title Music Director emeritus.

Between BVHS and Ascension, his life was consumed by rehearsals. After directing a

rehearsal at BVHS, he'd go to Ascension to direct a rehearsal. He credited his wife Ellie for raising their three children because he was always rehearsing. His choral groups at the church and Bay View High toured the Midwest, New York and Europe.



## Bay View High School Alumni Choir

Ray came out of retirement in 2006 at the urging of former BVHS choir members to organize and conduct the 70 voice Bay View High School Alumni Choir. The alumni choir performed at BVHS in a Winter Concert and a Spring Concert in partnership with the current students. The alumni choir also performed at community events and received excellent reviews from the media.

In 2009 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Milwaukee Civic Music Association. Then, at the BVHS Alumni Choir's 2011 Spring Concert, BVHS's auditorium was renamed the Raymond Dietrich Auditorium.

At Ray's funeral on Monday, December 9th at Ascension Lutheran Church, Dr. Tom Trimborn conducted the combined BVHS Alumni Choir and Ascension Senior Choir in the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." There was a large screen next to the choirs which showed a video of Ray conducting the BVHS Alumni Choir in the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The performance on the screen and the live performance were in perfect sync so that when Ray turned around in the video to invite the audience to join in the final



refrain, Dr. Trimborn was doing the same in the church. It was Ray's way of saying "farewell" to everyone and there was not a dry eye in the congregation.

## Personal inspiration

Although I was not part of Ray Dietrich's music programs, I took his music appreciation class during my senior year at BVHS. It was the beginning of my musical journey through life. Inspired by the excerpts of great music that I heard in Ray's class, I went to the library to hear the works in their entirety. Then I rode my bicycle to Radio Doctors on 3rd and Wells in downtown Milwaukee to buy classical albums. This was when I was still a high school student!

Today my wife Alice and I have season tickets to the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. In addition, we are involved in the music program at our church. Over the years I thanked Ray many times for the inspiration that came from his class. Music is one of my favorite leisure activities.

Ray was a member of the Bay View Historical Society and when my book *Bay View* came out in 2011, he sent me the following note, "What a treasure! It's wonderful for me to relive my days in Bay View. I can't praise you enough and I'm honored that you included me." He came to our house to purchase seven more copies of the book. We talked about music and he was thrilled when I presented him with a box of CDs of some of my favorite classical music.

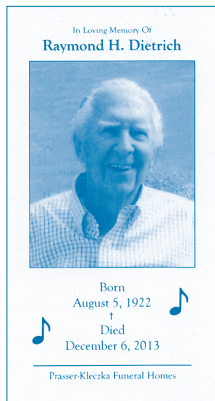
One of Ray's favorite activities was spending time with family and friends at the Dietrich Family home on Blue Lake in

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## RAY DIETRICH

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Minocqua, Wisconsin. He is survived by Ellie, his wife of 65 years as well as his children Joan (Joel) Lueneburg, Ann (Dick) Cotter and John Dietrich. He is also survived by his sister Janis (Willard) Reck and numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ray once referred to the longevity of his tenures at BVHS and Ascension by saying, "I'm a sticker. I stay. And besides, I enjoy it." The same was true for his life; he stayed for 91 years. Thanks Ray, for the music and the memories.

## Ron Winkler on the Road Slide Show Presentations

Ron's Books entitled *Milwaukee's Town of Lake* and *Bay View* will be available.

**Wed. January 29th** - South Shore Yacht Club, 7:00 pm, 2300 E. Nock Street, Milwaukee

**Monday, February 10th** - Channel 10, 6:30 pm, *I Remember with Jim Peck*

**Friday, February 21st** - Central Library, 1:30 pm, 814 W. Wisconsin Avenue

**Monday, February 24th** - Bay View Library, 6:00 pm, 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue

**Monday, March 17th** - Tippecanoe Library, 5:00 and 6:30 pm, 3900 S. Howell Avenue

**Thursday, March 20th** - St. Francis Library, 6:00 pm, 4230 S. Nicholson Avenue

**Monday, April 7th** - Bay View Historical Society, 7:00 pm, Beulah Brinton Community Center, 2555 S. Bay Street

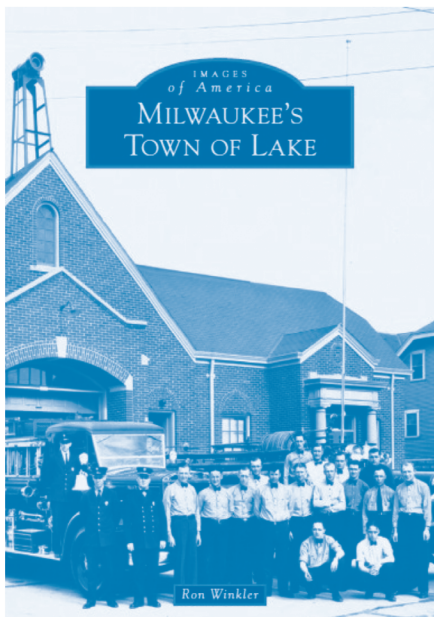
## DECEMBER 14TH BOOK SIGNING FOR MILWAUKEE'S TOWN OF LAKE

BY RON WINKLER

The weather forecast was frightful for Saturday, December 14th and turnout was light for the release of Ron Winkler's *Milwaukee's Town of Lake*. The multiple car accidents during the previous Sunday's snowstorm made southeastern Wisconsin's residents reluctant to venture out into the snow on Saturday. Despite the snow, those who attended the holiday party and book signing from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at the Beulah Brinton House had a good time.

*Milwaukee's Town of Lake* can be still be ordered or purchased at Bay View Historical Society events or at Ron's slide show presentations. Books sell for \$21.99 each and all profit goes to the Bay View Historical Society.

### Pre-order Ron Winkler's book, *Milwaukee's Town of Lake*



The Town of Lake was created in 1838 as one of Milwaukee County's seven townships. Its borders were Greenfield Avenue (north), College Avenue (south), (27th Street) west, and Lake Michigan (east). Beginning in 1850 and ending in 1954, Lake passed out of existence piecemeal as its farmland became developed and was claimed by the City of Milwaukee or incorporated to become Bay View, Cudahy, and St. Francis. The St. Francis Seminary and Convent, Cupertino tree on the lakefront, Lake Band, Lake Town Hall, Airway Theater, Lakeside Power Plant, Patrick Cudahy Company, Mitchell International Airport, Forest Home Cemetery, St. Josaphat's Basilica, Nunnemacher's Distillery, Grebe's Bakery, Gardetto's Bakery, New Coeln, and the Tippecanoe neighborhood with its landmark water tower are only a small part of what made Lake a unique area of Milwaukee County.

This is the first Town of Lake history containing abundant photos.

The book will be published in December. Books are \$21.99 each, and may be picked up on Saturday, December 14th at the Beulah Brinton House between 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm.

**Pre-order your own copy by returning this bottom portion to the Beulah Brinton House by Dec 6, 2013.**

Checks payable to: Bay View Historical Society 2590 South Superior Street Milwaukee, WI 53207

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

# of copies to be picked up at the Beulah Brinton House \_\_\_\_\_ X \$21.99 = \_\_\_\_\_

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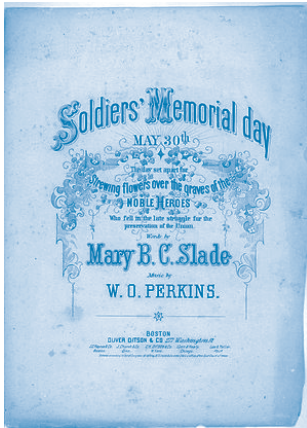
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# On the Street Where I Live

BY LISA ANN JACOBSEN

Many members may remember the name of this column, which ran in previous years in the BVHS newsletter. We have decided to revive the column and here begins with the street where I live, Logan Avenue.



On April 29, 1866, over 200 veterans of the American Civil War gathered at Woodlawn Cemetery in Carbondale, Illinois to honor their fallen comrades.

Decorated soldier Major General John A. Logan gave the keynote address, telling the audience that "Every man's life belongs to his

country, and no man has a right to refuse when his country calls for it." Two years later, on May 5, 1868, General Logan, now heading an organization of Union veterans called the Grand Army of the Republic, established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Major Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, DC, with ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of General Robert E. Lee.

Logan thought this to be "one of the proudest acts of his life. Indeed, it remains his greatest legacy. Today bronze markers located from the Atlantic to the Pacific honor Logan and his Memorial Day Order." In March 1887, Bay View, which had by that time annexed from

Milwaukee, determined Logan Avenue in honor of Major General John Alexander Logan.

The next time you drive or stroll along Logan Avenue, remember General Logan's urging that "We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance...let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

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[www.loganmuseum.org](http://www.loganmuseum.org)

[www.va.gov/opa/speceven/memday/history.asp](http://www.va.gov/opa/speceven/memday/history.asp)

## HOW BAY VIEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY BEGAN

Our current Bay View Historical Society began in 1980. However, the idea of starting such an organization has been an ongoing one. For example, on April 17, 1915, a meeting was held at Dover Street School regarding the establishment of a Bay View Historical Society and a Bay View Historical Museum at the new Llewellyn Library. Attendees at that meeting were many notable Bay Viewites, including Henry Otjen, Martha Heithe, Maria Toohey, Capt. William Donahoe, James McIver, Henry Dirsch, George Haurerwas, and John Campbell. However, their ideas of a society and a museum did not come to fruition at that time.

On August 26, 1929, George Meredith, son of the first Bay View Village president, and Dan Starkey, former editor and publisher of the Bay View Herald, organized an event at Humboldt Park to celebrate Bay View's 50th birthday with over 3,500 people in attendance.

On August 25, 1979, the Bay View centennial was celebrated at South Shore Park. A centennial plaque was unveiled to mark this occasion. It is mounted on a large boulder at the northwest corner of the park at the intersection of Superior and Estes Streets. A walking tour committee was formed at this time.

Shortly after the centennial, residents again discussed the idea of forming a historical society for Bay View. Exploratory meetings were held and the Bay View Historical Society was incorporated in January 1980. Ray Bethke was the first president and he gave the Society purpose and direction. Walking tours of Bay View and dedications of historic landmarks began to be held and continue to this day.

[Special thanks to John Utzat for providing material for this story; the information is from his copyrighted unpublished book "Red Skies of Bay View."]

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BVHS fundraiser at Boulevard Theater

Sunday, Feb. 16th at 2:30 pm  
*Shooting Star* (a romantic comedy)

\$25/ticket includes performance, talk back with actors and beverage

Very limited seating so reserve today!

Send reservation with check to:

Annie Hahn  
2748 S. Superior St  
Milwaukee, WI 53207  
414-769-7173 or email: [callamhahn@att.net](mailto:callamhahn@att.net)

### Beulah Brinton House – Poetry Event

Sunday, March 30th @ 4 pm.

Enjoy local poets –  
Anja Notanja Sieger and more!  
Donations Appreciated!

Volunteers:

BVHS is welcoming volunteers in many areas!  
Please contact Annie Hahn at  
414-769-7173 or email: [callamhahn@att.net](mailto:callamhahn@att.net)



## BEULAH BRINTON HOUSE PROGRESS AND PLANS

We have been very fortunate in 2013 to receive a bequest from a member's estate and some individual donations. With these donations we have been able to:

- Install new furnace and air conditioner
- Refinish the floors in the dining room and hallway
- Add new kitchen windows that match the age of the house
- Begin a landscape project by removing trees and shrubs.

### In the year 2014, our plans include:

- Refinish the floors upstairs
- Repair some electrical wiring
- Repair the front porch
- Paint the foundation where shrubs were removed
- Continue the landscape project designed by Bette Adelman (Heritage Farm)

If anyone would like to volunteer or donate towards these projects it is sure to be appreciated!

Annie Hahn

## IN MEMORY OF...

Raymond H. Dietrich  
Jane A. Sijan  
Gail L. Toerpe

## See Your Name in Print!

Write an article about Bay View history or of historical interest to BVHS members and we may run it in *The Historian*!

Word documents are ideal and articles must be 1,000 words or less — photographs are a plus!

Contact Susan Ballje,  
414-333-5414  
to find out more!



## Tigers and Cubs, oh my! BY BILL O'BRIEN



Bay View Historical Society greeted some very young guests on the Saturday before Christmas for a tour of the Brinton House. Members of the Tiger Den of Cub Scout Pack 57 from Humboldt Park School showed up in their uniforms just after lunch. Accompanied by several parents and a spare big sister, they assembled in the hall for the start of the tour before I walked them out to the verge. When I asked what the strip between the walk and the curb is, one young fellow looked down and declared "Snow!" I explained how a verge is the area just before an edge, like the brackets under the edge of the gable, and how such verge boards have come to be called bargeboards.

For some neighborhood context, we looked east to see the lake and learned how early streets in Bay View paralleled or ran perpendicular to the shoreline, a contrast to the surveyors' North-South, East-West grid for most Milwaukee streets. We peered north to the stoplight, to see the south border of the steel mill site.

The tour offered the challenge of being informative and entertaining for both young and old. For the boys, I posed the route through the house as a treasure hunt and, with something like subtitles, filled the parents in as we went along about the Gothic Revival, the Columbian Exposition, the Brintons, Lincrusta, and the Society's activities.

From a slow start, with only one lad spotting the rope in the moldings of the bay window, the boys worked briskly and brightly through the treasure hunt's checklist: an author; the start of a branch library; a tennis court; an oval window (like the tiny one in the little library out front); a cellar door; a ballet studio; an excursion steamer; a steel mill picture; the smallest bedroom; a skylight; secret stairs.

A neighbor boy quickly solved what I thought would be the biggest stumper: a room that once had three doors. Just as I finished asking the question, he pointed to the dining room window that now fills what was once an east door to the north porch. The son of an architect, he's on my list of future tour guide recruits.

The tour was fun, chatty, and a team effort. Susan Ballje arranged it and the "treasured" cupcakes. My daughter Kate told some of the stories while Mary Fisher and Susan helped with traffic control while at the same time skimming tour guide outlines that had been prepared. As more guides are trained, we will welcome more groups like the Cubs, and be gratifyingly thanked for "pulling off the nearly impossible! Keeping the attention of our 6 and 7 year olds!" as the Den Leader wrote afterwards.

If you're still puzzling through that checklist, a New Year's visit is clearly in order.



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# Calendar 2014

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

Bay View Historical Society Presents  
Historic WI Tourism with  
Virginia Hirsch  
Beulah Brinton House  
2590 S. Superior Street  
6:30 pm

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

Ron Winkler on "I Remember"  
with Jim Peck  
Tune in to WMVS Channel 10  
6:30 pm

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

Beulah Brinton House  
Open to the Public  
2590 S. Superior Street  
1:00 - 4:00 pm

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

Bay View Historical Society  
Fundraiser  
Boulevard Theater  
2250 S Kinnickinnic Avenue  
2:30 PM

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

- Monday, March 10, 6:30 pm  
Beulah Brinton House

*Board meetings may be subject  
to change.*