

HISTORIC MILLBURN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER

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Millburn of Old Mill Creek

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## Leap Into Spring With The HCMA Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper

The Historic Millburn Community Association (HMCA) warmly welcomes you to join us at our **Annual Meeting on April 6 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Millburn Congregational Church.

We're pleased to announce that Old Mill Creek mayor Tim Smith will be our guest speaker, sharing the fascinating history of the famed Lipizzan stallions, which his family first brought to our area in the 1950s, eventually building the world's largest herd — once numbering more than 600 — of these remarkable horses.

Tim's discussion is particularly timely, as it coincides with the recent publication of "The Perfect Horse" by Elizabeth Letts, a bestseller recounting "The Daring U.S. Mission to Rescue the Priceless Stallions Kidnapped by the Nazis" involving Gen. George S. Patton.

The Tempel Lipizzans are, perhaps, the most visible and distinctive symbol of our area, a beautiful representation of what makes Millburn and Old Mill Creek so special. Please join us to learn more about these extraordinary horses, to enjoy good company, and to support the HMCA and the preservation of our unique history.

**THE 2017  
MEMBERSHIP  
DRIVE HAS  
BEGUN.  
PLEASE RENEW  
YOURS NOW.**



*A Lipizzan performs a capriole leap at Tempel Farms.*

*Tempel "Tim" Smith, Jr. will be the guest speaker at the HMCA's Annual Meeting April 6, sharing the history of the Lipizzan horses that the Smith family have made such a distinctive symbol of our area.*



*Tempel Smith, Sr. and Esther Smith built the world's largest privately owned herd - once numbering more than 600 - of the famed Lipizzan stallions in Old Mill Creek.*

Martin's General Store Museum, 38757 N. US Highway 45, Old Mill Creek, IL 60046

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postcards and our newsletter, as well as the costs

## Martin's General Store Museum

*Since 1985, the HMCA has maintained the old Martin's General Store, in the heart of the Millburn Historic District, as a museum preserving the history of our unique area. The store was generously left to the HMCA, along with an endowment for its preservation, by Mr. Richard Martin, whose family had owned and operated the store since 1910. Built in 1862, the building contains a collection of historic artifacts related to the history of our area since its settlement in the mid 19th century. The museum is open by appointment only.*

### IMPORTANT MEMORIAL DAY UPDATE

The Board of Director, after much thought and deliberation, has decided that we are no longer able to organize and host the Memorial Day service at Millburn Cemetery. The Gurnee American Legion, which has graciously participated in our services, is faced with declining membership and can no longer participate. We, too, are faced with declining membership and fewer volunteers. We have been proud to organize this event for the last 30 plus years. We regret that we are unable to continue doing so.

### MUSEUM HOURS

Martin's General Store Museum will be open by appointment again this year. We are working on new signage with contact information so that interested visitors can make an appointment to visit us.

### MEMBERSHIP

#### No increase in membership dues.

Membership dues enable us to pay the utilities, insurance, and maintenance for Martin's General Store Museum. They are also used to sponsor the Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper, and the Fourth of July fundraiser. Membership dues also cover the postage needed to mail

of hosting our wonderful Website. Our membership has been declining over the years, making it difficult to balance our budget.

We want as many people as possible to know about Historic Millburn and to help us support this rare treasure. **We need your help in spreading the word about Millburn and the HMCA and in recruiting new members!** We need revenues, helping hands, and interest to keep our organization afloat and doing its important work.

### IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS

We welcome fundraising ideas and program suggestions. Are you interested in organizing a fundraiser or sponsoring a program for the membership? Please contact us and let us know. We need your help! It takes a village!

### ELECTIONS 2017

Each year the membership elects four or five directors to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors. The terms of the Board members listed below are expiring. Nominations are welcome from the membership. Laurie Dolan Jennifer Durot

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# 2016 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND HELP US RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR 2017

## LIFE MEMBERS

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## HONORARY MEMBERS

MILTON ANDERSON  
 MR. & MRS. FRED FETTINGER III  
 KAREN RABE  
 MR. DOUGLAS STILES

\*While we work hard to maintain accurate membership records, we apologize in advance for any errors. Please provide a copy of your cancelled check if you feel we have omitted your name here for 2016. Thank you!

# Membership Drive 2017

**Please fill in this form and mail it with a check payable to HMCA, Inc. Thank you!**

Historic Millburn Community Association, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 56, Wadsworth, IL 60083

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

[We would prefer communicating via e-mail if possible.]

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Membership Levels

I've (We've) enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be applied toward:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual annual dues (\$20)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Household annual dues (\$35)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual lifetime membership\* (\$200)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Household lifetime membership\* (\$350)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donation for \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ My company will send a matching gift.

*\*The name(s) of Lifetime Members are engraved on a brass nameplate on our display of lifetime members in the museum.*

## Suggestions:

If you have suggestions for how we might increase our annual membership or suggestions for fundraisers and program offerings, please let us know!

Your membership dues pay for:

- Heat & electricity
- Taxes
- Insurance
- Maintenance
- Communications
- Postage
- Events
- Speakers
- Office supplies
- Website

## HISTORIC, COLLECTIBLE, PRICELESS

Our Ornaments Make the Perfect Holiday or Birthday Gifts!



Last Christmas welcomed the second in our ongoing series of holiday ornaments featuring landmarks of Old Mill Creek. The 2016 ornament featured Ruth White's home (the John "Pikey" Strang House) in honor of her 95th birthday. Ornaments are still available. Contact the HMCA at [info@historicmillburn.org](mailto:info@historicmillburn.org) to order one! The 2017 edition will be announced on the 4th of July. The ornaments are high-quality enamel glazeware from renowned local artist Mary McLaughlin. Show your community pride and support the HMCA and our historic community by collecting them all!

## IN MEMORIAM Dorothy Berthold



The HMCA is grateful for Dorothy's long support and her devotion to our mission. She will be missed by many.

## Old Times, New Site

The HMCA's new Website is now live at :

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

No one was more dedicated to preserving Millburn and its history than Dorothy Mae Melby Berthold, who passed away October 11, 2016. Dorothy was born in Millburn, was a former Chair of the HMCA, and lived with her husband, Wolf, in the beautifully restored historic Robert Strang Home (1867), also known as Millburn Manor.

Visit our greatly improved site to access our archives, learn about the history of the Millburn area, browse our collection of historical

### And while you're online . . .

Please visit the Historic Millburn Community Association page on Facebook and hit the Like button to help us get seen!



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Website at  
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