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MAGIC ANNUAL BANQUET SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 9

Enjoy the music at MAGIC's 23rd Annual Meeting



Larry Hlinak will provide musical entertainment at the 23rd annual MAGIC dinner on Sunday March 9th at Fox Hills. The evening begins with a social hour at 5:00

o'clock p.m., including a double bubble special, and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at Village Hall, Shipbuilders Credit Union, Bank First National and the front desk at Fox Hills. The cost is \$13.00, the same as last year's banquet. Door prizes will be awarded and special awards will be presented.

The MAGIC Board will also present for approval a proposal to change the Articles of Incorporation to reflect how the organization functions. Currently, MAGIC is considered an organization "with members". Membership is broadly defined, as "Any person desiring to work toward the achievement of the stated goals of the organization shall be considered a member". In principal, this is fine. However, membership also confers legal responsibilities such as election of

Board members, which would require a formal and active accounting of membership, elections, establishment of quorums, etc. The MAGIC Board considers this impractical, nor is it current practice in that the Board recruits and elects new members and constitutes/reconstitutes itself, with oversight by the required two members of the Village Board. The proposal would change MAGIC's Articles of Incorporation to an organization without members, a common and more appropriate construct. If approved, MAGIC's By-Laws will be amended to reflect current practice and the new Articles of Incorporation. MAGIC Board meetings will continue to be open to the public and community input/involvement is always welcome. In practical terms, there will be no change to how MAGIC currently operates and serves the community.

Mark your calendar and plan to be present for a fun gathering as we enjoy Larry's music, honor some of our outstanding people, review the past year in slides, win door prizes and just enjoy socializing with friends and neighbors! Last year more than seventy-five people had a ball. Let's go beyond that number this year. Please Plan to attend.

(Clip and Save)

BECOME INVOLVED

If you are not already involved, please consider volunteering on one of MAGIC's committees. We need your help! Contact the following Committee Chairpersons to join in the effort to make Mishicot a great place to be!

Promotions Committee	Evie Sustman
Design Committee	Bonnita Budysz
Economic Development	Brian Wegner
Organization Committee	Melvin Kliment
Museum Committee	Jim Sustman

We look forward to hearing from you!!

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Norman Rockwell Holiday Weekend - Jan. 4, 5, 6.
- Friends of the Museum Night - Jan. 14.
- MAGIC Annual Award Banquet - March 9.
- Canoe Trip - April 26.
- Rummage Sale Weekend - May 16 & 17.
- Memorial Day parade / program - May 26.
- Farmers Market - Wed. mornings in summer .
- Summer Band Concert Series - Wed. evenings .
- Indian Pow wow bus trip - June 21.
- Riverfest - July 24, 25, 26 & 27.
- Christmas at the Museum - Dec. 17, 18, 19, 26, & 27.



THE IMPORTANCE OF MISHICOT'S MAIN STREET

By: Brian Wegner

Even though a year ago MAGIC opted to no longer formally participate in the Wisconsin Main Street Program to more efficiently use its financial and volunteer resources for our entire community's benefit, the importance of Main Street to Mishicot's vibrancy and appeal remains an important objective. Nearly everything we do, from Riverfest and Pumpkifest to the Summer Concerts, flowers, and the Riverwalk project, takes into consideration the promotion and health of our historic Main Street and its businesses. For both Mishicot's present and looking toward the future, Main Street is important to our community for many reasons:

1. Mishicot's business district is an important employment center.
2. Main Street plays an important role as a business center.
3. Downtown is a reflection of how Mishicot sees itself.
4. Main Street and other Village businesses are a significant portion of Mishicot's tax base.
5. The central business district must be an indispensable shopping and service center if the Village is to grow and thrive.
6. Mishicot's Main Street is the historic core of our community.
7. Main Street represents public and private investment in our community.
8. Mishicot's historic business district is a significant tourist draw.
9. Main Street is the center of the village government.
10. Main Street and the Village Park provide a sense of community and place.

MAGIC will continue to advocate and pursue projects and initiatives that enhance Mishicot's Main Street attributes, as well as businesses throughout the Village. The success of Main Street and other business areas is key to making Mishicot a place people will enjoy visiting and, ideally, a place people would choose to live. Besides the efforts of MAGIC and the Village Board, everyone has an opportunity to contribute to the success of our Main Street and Village. You can patronize our local businesses, volunteer for any of our community's activities, participate in Village events and festivities, support historic and beautification projects, or make a charitable contribution to MAGIC. Even being a responsible citizen is important, such as not littering, maintaining your property, and being friendly and helpful to visitors. Every little bit helps. Thanks for your support!

SUMMER BAND CONCERT SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

As you take your nightly stroll down historic Main Street on Wednesday evenings this summer, be sure to turn the corner and walk up to the Old School to enjoy the free, outdoor band concerts. What a great way to enjoy summertime with your friends and neighbors. This year's schedule includes several new bands(*) and many old favorites:

May 28	Mishicot High School Band & Chorals	July 9	84 th Division Army Band *
June 4	Manitowoc Lutheran High Jazz Groups	July 16	Newtonburg Brass Band
June 11	Sheboygan Pops Concert Band	July 23	Two Rivers Municipal Band
June 18	Baylanders Chorus of Green Bay * & Fox Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines	July 30	The River City Six
June 25	John Brauns Riverfront Ramblers * (Dixieland and vocal fun)	Aug 6	Bob Kuethers Ballroom Big Band *
July 2	Manitowoc Marine Band with the Czech Choraliers *	Aug. 13	The Artesian WELS
		Aug. 20	The DelRays
		Aug. 27	Rod Scheuers Mango Brothers *



MISHICOT BUSINESS NEWS

By Virginia Parlatto



Mishicot welcomes a new dentist to the **Mishicot Dental Clinic**. Erin Lasslo is a DePere native and studied at UW-Oshkosh as an undergraduate. She went on to Marquette University to study dentistry and did her residency at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Connecticut. Erin received advanced training in the area of medically compromised patient care. Erin's husband is also a dentist who currently practices in Green Bay. She enjoys outdoor activities such as running and biking, loves to cook and bake, and is a self-proclaimed Packer fan. Dr. Lasslo works at the Mishicot Dental Clinic Tuesday through Friday. To schedule an appointment call 755-2336. The clinic has a website at www.mishicotdental.com.



The remodeling of the **Mishicot Country Store** has doubled the size of their retail space. Besides offering hardware, household repair supplies, and animal feed, the store is now an authorized Stihl dealer and carries a full line of Stihl chainsaws, trimmer,

and blowers. Another new feature is the inclusion of a Grand Rental Station. The Country Store is now a Purina dealer and offers Exclusive and Red Flannel dog food, as well as Strategy, Senior, and Omelene feed for local horse owners. A deli section offers cheese, meats, jellies, pickles, and salsas. The store has expanded its wild bird, dog, horse, and gift departments to offer a more extensive selection of goods for Mishicot residents. Community classes, on such topics as wild bird feeding, home repair, dog nutrition, and horse owner workshops

(HOW) will begin in May of this year. A class schedule will be available at the store's Grand Opening on May 3, 2008. What welcome improvements! Mishicot residents can save time and money by shopping for all their hardware, feed, and household needs right here.

U.S. True Color Alpaca N More, 424 East Main, is open for business. Marilyn Nate offers alpaca sweaters and many other handcrafted and gift items including the softest teddy bears----perfect for a special valentine. A needle felting slipper class is offered on February 16 and 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the store. Marilyn raises alpacas and relates that alpaca yarn is softer than cashmere and warmer than wool. Stop to see and feel for yourself. Marilyn will host an open house on April 25 and 26, when she hopes to bring some of her alpacas for us to see.



Mishicot residents can look forward to a new All-You-Can-Eat offering at **The Bunkhouse Saloon and Dining** (formerly La Fiesta) located at 16607 County Highway B. This special will be offered every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and includes a dinner of chicken with all the trimmings, plus salad bar, and dessert for \$9.95. Regular business hours during the week are from 4:30 to 9 p.m. The Bunkhouse dining hall is available for rent for special occasions such as anniversary parties, wedding receptions, and other celebrations by calling 755-4414.



Plan now to participate in this year's
Village-Wide Rummage Sale Weekend on May 16 and 17.
To have your site listed in the flyer and map,
see the insert in this newsletter for registration form.
Watch for further information in
the spring newsletter.



CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM

Music and More Enjoyed by Many _____

This year more than twenty individuals and/or musical groups graciously shared their musical gifts and talents to make the holiday more enjoyable for the nearly 700 people who attended Christmas at the Museum. This event just keeps getting better and better thanks in large part to the musicians. We are grateful to all:

Philip Jindra
Czech Choraliers
St. Peter's Adult Choir
Larry Hlinak
Deb Rohr
Sooze Weisflock
Sara & Kimberly Voelker
John Schanilec
Mary Kay Meissner
Becky Markvart
Jean Hopke
Marie Steeber
Gina and Jill Finnel
Jim VanLanen, Christopher & Devan Wanek
Holy Cross Adult Choir
Holy Name Men's Choir of Tisch Mills
Connie Kunz
Potters' Clay of Holy Cross Parish
Tim Lohr Family & (and others from conservatory)



We are also grateful to all who volunteered during this event, while visitors enjoyed the music, the beautiful old-fashioned tree, and refreshments. Our thanks also go out to all residents and business owners who took the time and made the effort to decorate their homes and businesses for the season. This year there were more decorations than ever and all were very nicely done. Holidays are special times for all of us to enjoy in our village and we appreciate the efforts of all who contributed in any way!

FRIENDS OF MUSEUM NIGHT

A Program for Friends of the Museum _____

On January 14, sixty-five friends of the museum, including a number of new folks, gathered for the fourth annual Friends of the Museum Night. This event is hosted by our Mishicot Lions Club, to recognize our volunteers and other friends of the museum. The evening included a report on the past year at the museum, which indicated that nearly 1,500 visitors from twenty-four states and four foreign countries visited our museum in 2007.

An educational program on Simon Khaqhados, first cousin of Chief Mishicot, who was given a state funeral in 1931, was presented by Jim Sustman. Mike Maher, executive director of the Manitowoc County Historical Society, was a special guest at the program.



Lakeshore Technical College is offering a great schedule of community outreach classes in Mishicot this spring, including Spanish, German and Japanese for Travelers, Cake Decorating, Digital Cameras, Gardening and Landscaping, Food Safety, Word and Excel Computer Classes, and more. Call 888-468-6582 or go to www.gotoltc.edu/outreach for further information.



BRIEFS

CANOE TRIP

MAGIC is cooperating with the Two Rivers Park and Recreation Department on the second annual 300 Rivers canoe/kayak trip down the East Twin River from Mishicot to Two Rivers on Saturday, April 26. Special guest at this event will be retired physician Rick Kark, who, on last year's trip, made the East Twin the 300th Wisconsin stream he has canoed. We encourage local canoeists and kayakers to take part in this event. Boaters will gather below the dam starting at about 10 a.m. and will begin the trip at 11 a.m. We hope a large number of villagers will be present for the send off. For more information call the MAGIC office at 755-3411.

FARMERS' MARKET

Plans are underway for our Farmers' Market, which will begin later in the spring at the Village Hall on Main St. This will be the fourth season for our market and interested vendors of garden produce, crafts and other products or creations are invited to be a part of the weekly Wednesday morning event. Again free coffee, homemade bakery, music and all the local news will be made available by MAGIC. If you know someone with a green thumb or special craft, please encourage them to consider selling their products at our market. Interested vendors and volunteers, please call Evie Sustman at 755-3317.

USED BOOK SALE

A used Book Sale will be held in conjunction with the Village-wide Rummage Sale on May 16 and 17. Plan to bring your used books (hard cover and paperbacks) to the Village Hall to be donated to the sale to benefit the Friends of the Museum.

ALUMINUM CAN FUNDRAISER

Aluminum cans continue to be collected to help MAGIC with its community beautification projects. Please continue saving them and dropping them off at the Village Hall or call our MAGIC office and we will pick them up from you.

HANNAHVILLE POW WOW BUS TRIP

The third annual bus trip by our Historical Museum to the Hannahville Potawatomi Pow wow at Harris Michigan, the Land of Chief Mishicott, is being planned for Saturday, June 21. Cost for the day-long event is \$35.00, which includes the bus ride and entrance fee. Registration begins March 15 in the Village Hall office. More information on the trip will also be available later.

DESIGN COMMITTEE

has been busy working on new lighting for the covered bridge and directional signs around the village. Get your gardening gloves and tools ready for spring as volunteers will be needed for planting flowers in the whiskey barrels throughout the village. Plans are underway for a perennial garden at the west end of the existing riverwalk. This garden will be provided in part as the Eagle Scout project of Nathan Golding, son of Kathy and Jim Golding.

MEET OUR NEW POSTMASTER

Kristie Kalies became our new Postmaster on February 2, 2007. Kristie, who formally served as Postmaster for the Village of Kellnersville, lives in the rural Whitelaw area with her husband and three children. When not working in the Post Office, she is busy following the children, ages 17, 13 and 4 in their sporting events. If you have not yet met Kristie, stop in at the Post Office between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to say "Hi and Welcome" and while you're there, check out the new packaging products being offered by the Post Office.



MISHICOT'S YESTERYEARS MEINEKE GARAGE

By Marilyn Rohr



With the coming of the automobile, one of the first auto repair businesses in Mishicot was started in the early 1920s by William (Bill) Meineke (*on left in photograph*). His first garage was located on Main Street, close to the river behind the old grain mill (now the Country Store). Bill and his wife Mayme (Redeker), raised two sons, Donald and Dale. While the boys were overseas in the Second World War, Bill wrote to them, asking if they would join him in

business when they returned. If so, he would build a new building next to their home. "Meineke & Sons Garage" was built at 137 West Main Street, now the site of Mishicot Auto Sales, where the three operated the business together. Thus, Meineke's garage, operated in two locations on Main Street, was active for a total of sixty years. During those years, Bill and his sons also served as Mishicot Volunteer Firemen; Dale was Assistant Fire Chief for 30 years.

The business enterprises of the Meineke families in the Mishicot, Larrabee and Two Rivers area had their roots with their hard working German ancestors, the Schmidt family. Johann & Dorothea Schmidt came to Wisconsin in the 1850s, cleared the land, farmed, and raised a large family in a log home. In 1905, after the great Chicago fire created a need for brick buildings, four of the Schmidt's sons moved to Chicago and started the Schmidt Bros. Construction Co. Over the next thirty-five years, the company built 250 schools, churches, YMCAs, offices and the famous Medinah Country Club, which hosts major golf tournaments.

Other sons and daughters of the Schmidts remained farmers, such as Minnie, who married Charles Meineke, father of William, and five more sons and three daughters, most of whom remained in the area.

(Early photo of Meineke Family- probably 1913)



(Back row: Bill, Raymond, Nora, Ervin, Leona, Herbert)
(Front row: Charles, Erhardt, Esther, Harold, Minnie)

(Later Photo of Meineke Children - 1942)



(Back Row: Harold, Nora, Erhardt, Herbert, Leona)
(Front Row: Raymond, Ervin, Esther, Bill)

The oldest of the Meineke children was Leona, who married Alvin Jindra. Together they owned a cheese factory in Kingsbridge, later a farm across the road from what is now Fox Hills Resort. Their five children are Ethel Breitwisch, Alvin Jr., Roy Jindra, (who started Jindra Plumbing & Heating), Daniel, and Grace Schleis.



MISHICOT'S YESTERYEARS MEINEKE GARAGE (continued)

Nora Meineke and her husband, William Menges, also had a cheese factory and eventually ran the Clover Farm Grocery Store in Larrabee. Their daughter, Mildred Haese, later ran the store and William, Jr., Betty Wentker and Paul Menges also from Larrabee. William and Nora's brother, Raymond Meineke, built a grain mill in Larrabee, which was run by Raymond and his wife, Elvira (Ahrens).

Clover Farm Grocery Store in Larrabee:



Herbert Meineke and his wife, Hattie (Kadow), lived across the street from the Meineke Garage in Mishicot and sold chickens, eggs and vegetables from their large garden. Hattie could often be seen riding her bicycle to work while she worked at Holst Department Store in Mishicot for forty years. Daughter, Donna (Meineke) Barnes lives in Colorado.



Two of the Meineke brothers lived in Two Rivers. Harold, who married Ruth (Stueck) of Mishicot, was in partnership in the Two Rivers Motor Co. on 16th Street, selling and servicing Hudson and Rambler automobiles. They had two children, Richard and Audrey (Meineke) Shambeau, both of Two Rivers.

*First annual Two Rivers Auto Show –
Feb. 23, 1935 at Hamilton Community House*

Also in Two Rivers were Erhardt and his wife, Viola (Hels). Erhardt was a brick and stone mason, having learned the trade in the Schmidt Family Construction business in Chicago. Erhardt and Viola had three daughters, Marilyn Rohr, Joyce Beth and Bev Etzelmuller. Ervin Meineke and wife, Hilda (Mertens) of Two Rivers, also moved to Chicago to work in the construction company. Esther (Meineke) Holsopple and her husband, Dwight, lived in Beverly Hills, California where Esther had worked as a nanny for Erich VanStroheim, who later became a movie actor. They have a son, Carl, now of Florida.

If you have information and/or photographs about historic businesses in or near Mishicot, please contact Jim Sustman at 755-3317 to have them submitted for inclusion in the newsletter.

Be sure to stop in at the Mishicot Historical Museum to view many more photographs and exhibits about the historic Mishicot area. The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day through the end of October from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Wednesday evenings in the summer during the band concerts. You can also view many of our photographs online at www.mishicot.org. Click on "history", "additional history", and "online archive of museum exhibits".



ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE TO MEMBERS: _____

It is proposed by MAGIC’s Board of Directors that the corporation’s Articles of Incorporation be amended so that the official record of the corporation is consistent with past and current practice – to provide that the corporation is managed by its Board of Directors and not by general membership. Copies of the Amended Articles of Incorporation will be made available at the annual meeting on March 9 and all members present at the meeting will be asked to vote on the amendment proposal. A copy of the proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation can be obtained prior to the meeting by contacting the MAGIC office.

MAGIC’S 2007 FINANCIAL SUMMARY: _____

(complete financial report to be presented at annual meeting)

<u>Receipts</u>	
Summer Concert Sponsors	\$5,893.00
Contributors’ Drive	650.00
Interest Income	914.00
Grants	1,600.00
Event Revenues	3,649.00
Miscellaneous Donations	3,204.00
Room Tax Revenue	<u>30,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$45,910.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
Postage	1,499.00
Accounting	600.00
Administrative	3,091.00
Newsletters	2,727.00
Billboards on Hwy 310 & 42	1,800.00
All other advertising	1,712.00
Façade and sign grants	2,168.00
Flowers & decorations	1,954.00
Museum supplies	1,208.00
Museum building improvements	2,650.00
Insurance & Utilities	5,942.00
Summer Concerts	5,987.00
Promotional Expenses	7,275.00
Wages	3,271.00
Capital Improvements	<u>288.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	42,172.00
NET RECEIPTS	3,738.00

ALL MAGIC MEETINGS are open to the public. The Board of Directors meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: _____

We are happy to report that Nancy Koch and John Franz have been elected to fill the positions of retiring Board Members, Mary Eckert and Nancy Peveler. Our sincere thanks go out to Mary and Nancy P. for their dedication and hard work during their time on the Board.

Nancy Koch, has lived in Mishicot for 27 years, is married to “local boy”, Bill Koch, and they have two adult children. She has worked for Bank First National, f/k/a First National Bank, for the past 15 years; has been a member of the Mishicot School Board for 4 years; and has been a grade school mentor for 8 years.



John Franz grew up and attended school in Mishicot and now lives on Cherokee Court with his wife, Kay, and their two children, Amy and Noah.



John works at Thermo Fisher as a Project Estimator and is presently serving on the Village Board. He helped organize Riverfest for the past six years and says that he now looks forward to also serving on the MAGIC Board and helping in any way he can.

FEATURED VOLUNTEER _____

As we all know, it is our volunteers who make the MAGIC happen in Mishicot. It is impossible to recognize all of you in every newsletter, but we hope to express our gratitude to all by featuring one volunteer with each issue. This time we salute Arlene Vogel, who devotes a lot of her time to coordinating our village-wide rummage sale each year. Arlene and her husband, Vincent, have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. She is employed by the Mishicot School District as kitchen supervisor. Arlene also teaches 8th grade religious ed at Holy Cross Catholic Church and is active in the church’s Altar Society and volunteers for Parish Bingo, Parish Council and Picnic. She is the Branch President for Catholic Knights and is past and present officer for CESA 7 WSFSA Christian School Food Service Assoc. Arlene enjoys sewing, making and donating quilts for fund raiser for the elementary school library and also makes rosaries for donation.





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People say, "What is the sense of our small effort?"
 They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time.
Dorothy Day