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ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS...

you are invited to attend the WOODBURY HERITAGE SOCIETY'S HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER

- New Day and Time:** Sunday, January 4, 1998, 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon
- New Location:** St. John Lutheran Church
1975 St. John Drive, Woodbury
- Menu:** Please bring a vegetable casserole or salad, and a dessert to share. Ham, rolls and beverages will be furnished.
- Program:** The John McHattie/Kielbasa House;
Traditional games led by Bud Urtel



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Stone smokehouse offered to Heritage Society.

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Board Activities

Happy Holidays to you all!! You will notice that the Annual Potluck Dinner of the Heritage Society has been delayed this year. Because attendance was smaller last year, the Heritage Society Board of Directors hopes that changing the event to the Sunday afternoon after the New Year – The Eleventh Day of Christmas – will make it easier and less hectic for our members than the early December evening potluck of previous years. We have also been invited to hold the dinner at St. John Lutheran for the first time which will give us an opportunity to see the new facility.

First on the agenda will be dinner together. Following our meal, another program on Woodbury's special homes will be presented. (Because the program on the Kernkamp/Wessman House was such an enjoyable evening, we will try to arrange all our programs for the year to feature some of Woodbury's historic dwellings.)

Joseph Kielbasa will tell us of the home he and his wife Roxanne bought about three years ago – the former John McHattie homestead at 10350 Bailey Road. This home with 11 additional buildings has special significance to the history of Woodbury because John McHattie was one of the first settlers. Mr. Kielbasa will tell us of the special features of the main house, about the other buildings on their property and of the plans he and his wife have for their house. And later, Bud Urtel will again come up with several games to challenge us as we have another cup of coffee and dessert.

We hope that you will join us Sunday afternoon, January 4th, at 1:00 p.m. at St. John Church to celebrate the 11th day of Christmas with friends. Please mark the date on your calendar! If you need additional information please call Bud Urtel at 777-2830 or Eileen Krueger at 436-6558.

Woodbury History to be included in City's Comprehensive Plan

The Woodbury Heritage Society has completed a draft version of a City history for inclusion in the City's updated Comprehensive Plan. As part of this history, we prepared a listing of historically significant buildings still in existence in the City. A list of historic sites was also prepared and will be included in the next newsletter. City of Woodbury staff members have expressed an interest in learning more about each of the buildings on the list. Please look over the buildings shown. If you have information such as year of construction, special features of the structure/s, or other notes, please send this information to the Heritage Society at Woodbury Municipal Building, 8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury 55125.

Historic Buildings -

1. Charles Spangenberg Farmstead, 9431 Dale Rd., Woodbury. Built 1871 of river stone. On Historic Register.
2. Woodbury Community Hall, 8186 Afton Rd., Woodbury. Built 1933. First meeting place in the community for social activities. Community Club was originally organized as a Red Cross group during World War I. Now the Woodbury Community Church.
3. Farm House, Old Military Rd., Woodbury
4. House, 6895 Bailey Rd., Woodbury
5. Salem Lutheran Church and Cemetery, 9245 Bailey Rd., Woodbury. Was the first Lutheran Church in Woodbury. Built in 1866; 2nd, prior to 1900 with a parsonage. Building vacated when a new church was built at 7825 Bailey Rd. **DEMOLISHED IN NOVEMBER 1997.**
6. Spangenberg/Ratzlaff farm, 10316 Dale Rd., Woodbury. Built 1872. A Century Farm.
7. School district #25 building, 11256 Bailey Rd., Woodbury. Built in 1860, addition built in 1870. Private home.
8. School district #26 building, NW 1/4 of Section 11, Woodbury. Built in 1862. Now an out building on homestead at 1835 St. John's Dr.
9. School district #28 building, 7781 Bailey Rd., Woodbury. Built 1860, 2nd bldg. enlarged in 1922. Had electricity and water. Now private residence.
10. School district #47 building (Feely School), SW Corner Dale and Woodbury Dr., Woodbury. Built 1869, 2nd, 1904. Moved to hillside on Dale Rd. for a private home after consolidation.
11. Schilling Farm, 7535 Bailey Rd., Woodbury. Est. 1857. Century Farm in Schilling family. Owner Wayne Schilling, only remaining dairy farmer.
12. Marty Farm, 10550 Dale Rd., Woodbury. Est. 1863. Century Farm in Marty Family.
13. Stabenow Farm, 10850 Brookview Rd., Woodbury. Est. 1866. Century Farm of Stabenow family.
14. Mahle, Onella Farm, 3880 Woodlane Dr., Woodbury. Est. 1867. Century Farm of Mahle Family.
15. Neubauer/Blaksley Farm, 7340 Military Rd., Woodbury. Est. 1870. Century Farm of Neubauer/Blaksley family until it was sold. Now private residence.
16. Murphy Farm, 5990 Manning Rd., Woodbury. Est. 1872. Century Farm of Murphy Family until sold in 1989.
17. Nicman Farm, 5251 Cottage Grove Dr., Woodbury. 1872. Century Farm of Nicman family until sold in 1988.
18. Bieleberg Farm, 7911 Bailey Rd., Woodbury. Est. 1876. Century Farm of Bieleberg family until sold in 1992 to Wm. Fuhrman and 80 acres sold to City of Woodbury for Ice Arena and park. Resold in 1997.
19. Stoltzmann Farm, 11470 Brookview Rd., Woodbury. Century Farm of Stoltzmann family. Est. 1877.
20. Babe/Wolterstorff Farm, 8932 Military Rd., Woodbury. 1881. Century Farm, of Babe/Wolterstorff family.
21. First Post Office building, 10351 Bailey Rd., Woodbury. C. 1875. Bldg once stood at northwest corner of CR#19 and Bailey but has been moved to a private residence at 10350.52 Bailey Rd.
22. Pre-fab house, 6180 Upper Afton Rd., Woodbury. C. 1908. Built by Ben Garbe.
23. Triebold, Ed Home, Bailey Rd. and Half-Mile Dr. Owned by Ed Triebold who had first cooperative milk route in Woodbury to Casey Milk in St. Paul.
24. Triebold, Edna, 6370 Bailey Rd., Woodbury. C. 1875.
25. McHattie Homestead, 10350 Bailey Rd., Woodbury. C. 1858. Owned by J and R Kielbasa.
26. Marty Homestead, 10550 Dale Rd., Woodbury. C. 1875. Owned by Jon Shafer. (Duplicate?)
27. Ratzlaff Homestead, 10350 Dale Rd. C. 1850? Part of Ratzlaff farmstead. Owned by Dorothy Ratzlaff.
28. Maisch/Riemenschneider homestead, 4609 Mile Dr., Woodbury. C. 1860. Albert Maisch farmstead. Now owned by Eugene Riemenschneider.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF HERITAGE BOARD MEETINGS:

At recent meetings of the Heritage Society Board of Directors the following matters were discussed:

- The family of Margaret Urtel has offered the smoke house on the Urtel farm to the Heritage Society. To assist in the cost of moving this structure, Millie and Don Scheel have offered a substantial donation to the Society. Orville Bielenberg has obtained preliminary permission from the City of Woodbury to place the smoke house in the Heritage House area. He has also been contacting various building movers in the metro area. Estimated charges quoted by the movers seem very high - \$7,000-8,000! Other companies contacted have too many other jobs to do or weren't interested. Orville will continue to make inquiries. If any of our members has a contact with a building mover or someone with experience please call Orville at 735-5014 to give him the name. If a mover can't be located to do the work within the Society's budget, the project will have to be cancelled. This would be a huge loss to the Society and to the community.

- In November the Board accepted the resignation of Sue Sorenson from her position on the Board of Directors. Vonnie Stutzman was appointed to fill out the remaining time of Sue's term. The Board

wishes to thank Sue for her contributions to the Board and the Society.

- Eileen Krueger reported the results of her experience on the cable channel. The program will be televised in mid-November. Note: The program was taped and is available for those who wish to see it. Thanks to Eileen for tackling this project. You did a great job!

QUILT DISPLAY AT HISTORY CENTER HAS LOCAL TIE

The quilt display which opened recently at the Minnesota Historical Society includes a "Log Cabin" quilt made by Caroline Beutel Pechuman about 1900 and its history. Caroline was the great-grandmother of Bernice Stoltzmann. Caroline and her family came by oxcart from New York to Minnesota in 1867. Bernice has given the quilt to her son Doug and daughter-in-law Karen. Some years back Bernice and Karen participated in a quilt registry held in Astor. The quilt was photographed, and from the registry and photo the quilt was selected to be part of the Historical Society's display. It is on loan to MHS by the Stoltzmanns. We hope you will take a trip to the History Center in St. Paul to see the display. There is no admission charge.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION 1997-1998

Thank you to those members who sent in their membership dues for 1997-98. However, some dues still need to be updated. (The Heritage Society membership year begins June 1 and ends May 31.) Please review the membership categories which were adopted at the Annual Meeting and are shown below. Check your membership preference and send your check payable to the Woodbury Heritage Society to Treasurer Richard Pribnow, Woodbury Municipal Building, 8301 Valley Creek Rd., Woodbury, MN 55125. Contributions to the Heritage House Project may also be sent to Treasurer Pribnow.

Membership Categories: Individual Membership \$6 per year _____ Family Membership \$10 per year _____

I would like to support the Heritage House Project with my donation of _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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29. Riemenschneider/Urtel homestead, 8815 Bailey Rd. C. 1875. Originally Riemenschneider farmstead. Now owned by Margaret Urtel.
30. Schilling/Ickler homestead, 6710 Military Rd. C. 1875. Now owned by Michael Schneider.
31. Meyer homestead, 8615 Dale Rd. C. 1866. Now owned by Robert Switala.
32. Krueger/Walter homestead, 8317 Dale Rd. C. 1850? Now owned by Betty Sorenson.
33. Bahls homestead, 5210 Cottage Grove Dr., C. 1875. Owned by Marie Bahls.
34. Hartung homestead, 10275 Dale Rd., C. 1865? Now owned by Wayne Hartung.
35. Pritzel homestead, 705 Cottage Grove Dr. C. 1868. Now owned by Eugene Dowling.
36. Stabenow/Huber homestead, 10250 Brookview Rd. C. 1850? Now owned by Paul Hattun.
37. Brose homestead, 10392 Hudson Rd. C. 1860. Now owned by Michael Smith.
38. Bach/Jordan Farm, 6400 Upper Afton Rd. C. 1850?
39. Potthoff/Ortman homestead, 6660 Upper Afton Rd. C. 1850? Owned by Jimmy Davidson.
40. Heins homestead, 9675 Brookview Rd. C. 1850. Owned by Gladys Heins.
41. Malle/Lindeman homestead, 1385 St. Johns Dr., C. 1870. Owned by Amy Ebertz.
42. Porth/Markgraf homestead, 10751 Brookview Rd. C. 1854. Owned by Gary Holmgren.
43. Robbert homestead, 10261 Brookview Rd. C. 1856. Now owned by Fox Run.
44. Munson homestead, 11900 Valley Creek Rd. C. 1852. Owned by Donald Finger.
45. Miller homestead, 11500 Valley Creek Rd. C. 1860. Owned by Ralph Jankovich.
46. Johnson homestead, 2502 Manning Ave C. 1858. Owned by James Gaspeino.
47. Koening homestead, 2811 Cottage Grove Dr. C. 1869. Owned by Dufferin Dev.
48. Woodbury United Methodist Church and Cemetery, 7465 Steepleview Rd. C. 1855. Built with timbers from logs taken from J.H. Kerokamp's swamp and moved to site with teams of oxen. Gray limestone quarried from Metzger farm. Oldest church in Woodbury.

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