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## ANNUAL MEETING WOODBURY HERITAGE SOCIETY

7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 4, 2000

Salem Lutheran Church  
7825 Bailey Road, Woodbury

CALL TO ORDER - Acting President, Bud Urtel

1998-99 ACTIVITIES REPORT - Vonnie Stutzman, Secretary

1998-99 FINANCIAL REPORT - Richard Pribnow, Treasurer

The terms of Bernice Bielenberg, Ferd Stoltzmann, and Bud Urtel are expiring on the Board. They have all agreed to accept another three-year term if elected. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor.

Anita Buck from Stillwater will be our guest speaker. Anita is a historian and author of the book Behind Barbed Wire. She will be discussing her book which is about POWs held in the United States during World War II.

The South Washington County Historical Society has been invited to join us for this interesting program.

Refreshments will be served after the program with time to visit.

### NEW RESIDENT OPEN HOUSE

The Woodbury City Council has selected Thursday, April 13, as the date for a new resident open house to be held at the Eagle Valley Golf Course Clubhouse from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

There will be tables set up in the banquet room for different community organizations, city departments, and school districts. Residents can visit these tables to pick up information on the various programs and services as well as talk to members from the organizations.

Our Heritage Society will be participating in the event with brochures and other information about our organization.

### SCHOOL MEMORIES

As many of you may remember, some years ago the Heritage Society held a School Memories Night. The following are a few of the responses from School District #28 to a questionnaire sent to former students on their memories of those one-room school houses.

"My strong conviction is that a one-room school with eight grades was a very practical way for students to master the subjects we had to cover in eight years. Each year we would hear the upper classes reciting their history, geography, grammar, etc., aloud. By the time we reached the upper grades, we were already familiar with most of the material. Call it reinforcement, review or whatever, I believe it was a valuable learning system."

Harriet Schilling Richardson

"When snow melted there was a lake which formed in Schilling's field and if it froze over, the big fellows and girls would run across back and forth to make rubber ice which was all cracked and would rise six to eight inches as a group would run. Many a time someone would break through and get a soaking."

Harold Bieleberg

"I remember the Halloween exchange parties between Districts #27 and #28 when we fixed spooky basements with grape innards for eyeballs, cold spaghetti for brains, twine string for cobwebs, two teeter-totter boards for a slide, etc. Another boy and I, about six years old, went over to District #27 and were petrified with fear of going through the basement. We hid behind a board fence until it was time for the eating part and then we joined the rest of the kids."

Art Warnke

"On a cold snowy afternoon we would look outside and there would be our fathers with their horses and sleighs waiting to drive the children home. What fun it was not to have to walk those miles and cuddle under blankets and listen to the horses and sleigh bells. Also, on cold nights when the Christmas plays were presented, our fathers would drive over to the school with the horses."

Caroline Stutzman Hall

"Christmas was a fun time. We always had a program for the parents. A stage had to be built, there were lots of practices, and best of all, we got out of some classes so we could practice. It was a big night and everyone had a good time."

Bernice Fritze Kuehn

"My first day of school was trying to feel comfortable in meeting a teacher and children I did not know all speaking the English language. German was spoken until my grandfather died a year earlier, but Stella Lietzau was my comforter and had me sit on her lap to dry my tears. She could speak German so she understood my feelings."

Alvin Warnke

"Miss Bertram would heat water in a large container. We would take lunches in glass bottles. When the water was hot enough, we would put our lunches in the water to heat them."

Janet Metzger Dibrell

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### NEW MANAGER AT WARDEN'S HOUSE MUSEUM

Arlene Fults is the new part-time manager at the Warden's House Museum in Stillwater. She comes from Donnelly, Minnesota, and calls herself a lifetime prairie dweller. Quite a change to be in a town where it seems every street either goes straight up or down.

Arlene graduated with a BA in history and a minor in studio art from the University of Minnesota-Morris in 1996. She was director for three years and curator for one year at the Runestone Museum in Alexandria.

The assortment of artifacts and major collections which the Washington County Historical Society safeguards for future generations has impressed her. This along with the support of the community, skilled staff, dedicated board members and talented volunteers were main factors in her acceptance of this position.

Historical Whisperings

### RECENT ACCESSIONS

Ken Wolterstorff has donated a cloth covered photograph album and Burton Nagel has presented us with a Woodbury United Methodist Church cemetery transcription. Thank you.

### MINNESOTA BEGINNINGS

Minnesota Beginnings, Records of St. Croix County, Wisconsin Territory, 1840-1849 has been published for the History Network of Washington County by the Washington County Historical Society. Washington County was once a part of the Wisconsin Territory. Manuscriptographers of early settlers, photos and illustrations, first deeds, road surveys, county board and treasurer's records, tax assessments, J. P. Court records and more are included. For further information, call 651-439-5956.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION 1999-2000

The Heritage Society Membership year begins June 1 and ends May 31. Please review the membership categories which are shown below. Check your membership preference and send your check payable to the Woodbury Heritage Society to Richard Pribnow, Treasurer, Woodbury Municipal Building, 8301 Valley Creek Road, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## School Memories continued:

"Our school was heated by a one-lung furnace, and many times during the winter our teacher would have us sit around the registers for class so that we could put our feet on the registers and get them warm for a little while. One day the whole school (12 of us) sat in the basement around the furnace so that we could stay reasonably warm. Since we wore 100% wool, long-sleeves, long leg underwear, it was usually our feet that were the coldest."

Mary Metzger Knight

## HERITAGE HOUSE

The board has decided to have the Heritage House open each Sunday from May through October **this** summer. The hours will be 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

We are in need of hosts for these Sunday afternoons. There will be a sign-up sheet at the annual meeting. Please choose a date to help. If you are unable to attend the annual meeting, please call one of the board members

## PAINTERS NEEDED

The Heritage House and picket fence are in need of paint this summer. For those of you willing to help with this project, please call John Seemann at 738-3675