



HISTORY IS YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

MAY 2010

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the FHS took place on February 28th. Deborah Henkes was elected to the Board of Directors to replace Ann O'Brien. Thank you, Ann, for your years of service. Richard Blaney has agreed to continue to serve as President of the board, Roger Tesch is Vice-President, Adrienne Imilkowski is Secretary and Janet Maves is Treasurer. Other board members are LaVerne Brummel, John Darling, Richard Eggleston, Kathleen Harty, Carole Kinney, Winnie Lacy, and Diane Reynolds. The February meeting program featured *Rails Through Fitchburg* with our own Verne Brummel as presenter. It was a great success. Verne concentrated his presentation on the Illinois Central and Northwestern lines that ran through Fitchburg from the late 1880s until the 1990s. It was a very informative program with many of slides of the trains and maps of the lines. The program has been made into a DVD, which has been placed in our archives for future reference. A good turn out of members was joined by others who had learned of the program. The display case in the lower level of the Community Center had been changed from a Christmas theme to a railroad theme to enhance Verne's presentation. Several area model railroad club members have loaned us items featured in the case. This display will remain for the foreseeable

future. The Board of Directors is always looking for themes for upcoming programs. If you have ideas for a program of interest to our members please let someone on the board know about it.

Member news

Don and Judy Taylor, Fitchburg residents and members of the FHS, have been featured in the member profile section of the Wisconsin State Historical Society latest issue of *COLUMNS*. Don and Judy also belong to the Historic Blooming Grove Historical Society. Several members of the FHS participated in Stone Prairie School's Cultural night in late April. The event featured displays centered on the various cultures that are represented in the school's population. Our contribution featured Ireland's presence in Fitchburg and the naming of Stoner Prairie School. (It did not get its name from stones on the prairie but from the man who first broke land on the adjoining prairie, John Stoner.)

Upcoming events

The Fitchburg Senior Center and the Fitchburg Library are co-hosting a very special program, "A Century of Hats" (1860-1960) with Heather Edgington. The program will be held on Monday, May 24th at 1:00 P.M. in the dining room of the Senior Center at the Fitchburg Community

Center building. From the sunbonnet to the pillbox, there is an exquisite array of hats in this show. Heather will entertain you and educate you while staging an interactive hat show with guest as models. And what would a vintage hat show be without a tea party? Wear your favorite hat, bring your favorite teacup and enjoy classic English tea and sweet treats. For planning purposes reservations are requested and can be made by calling the Senior Center at 270-4290. It sounds like a very interesting program. May also brings Fitchburg Days. This year's celebration will be on the weekend of May 21 to 23 at McKee Farms Park. Watch local news outlets for details.

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Newsletter by email

In order to keep costs down we are setting up an email list for the newsletter. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please send your current email address to pwlacy@chorus.net . In the future we hope to be able to have our own email facilities at our new home in the soon to be built Fitchburg Library.

Membership

If the number "09" appears on your mailing label it means your membership for 2010 has not been renewed and this will be the final newsletter you will receive. If you wish to continue membership please send your dues to Janet Maves, 5781 Chapel Valley Road, #206, Fitchburg WI 53711. Dues are \$10 for a single and \$12 for a family.