

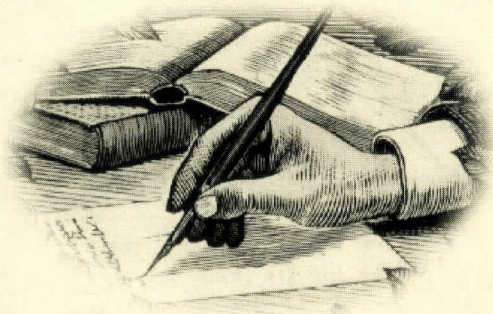
THE HOMESTEAD FAMILY

∞ GAZETTE ∞

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JAMES MILLIKIN HOMESTEAD, INC., 125 N. PINE, DECATUR, ILLINOIS

April 2010



A Note from Your President...

As our fiscal year draws to an end I want to thank the four board members retiring this April.

Janet Beasley - who has been president for two years and in addition headed numerous committees.

Barb Baroni - who has kept the minutes in her position as recording secretary.

Martha Grohne - who has been our star volunteer organizer, managing Open Houses, tours, and welcoming people to the Homestead with her infectious enthusiasm.

Kathy Sigmon - who with her gracious personality makes one think of a kinder, gentler time. She filled out an unexpired term and jumped right in co-chairing events.

The Annual Meeting
of the James Millikin Homestead, Inc.
will be held
Thursday, April 22, 2010
at 7:30 pm
at the Homestead
125 N. Pine Street, Decatur, Illinois

All members are invited to attend.

Our speaker will be

MR. ED WALKER

Chairman of the Millikin University Art Department.

All four have been involved with a variety of committees and have participated in all our projects. We are indebted to them and will miss them greatly on the board!

They have given much of their time talents and the Homestead survives only with the support of dedicated members like them!

Coming on the board are four new members who will be welcomed at the Annual Meeting in late April. Details about the meeting and the program are listed in this newsletter.

Spring has sprung! We have started our monthly Open Houses again which are on the last Sunday of each month April-October. Come see us!

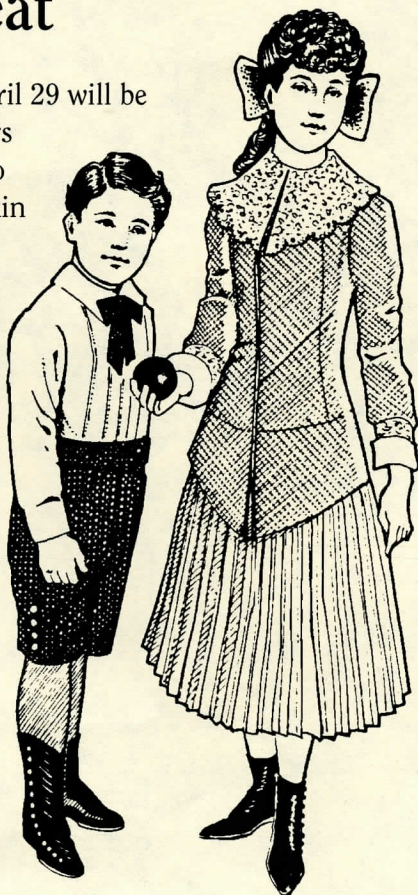
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Third Graders' Treat

This spring, the week of April 26-April 29 will be a special time for our area's third graders again. They will have the opportunity to experience a living "drama" at the Millikin Homestead.

Members and friends of the Homestead will re-enact a day in the life of Mr. and Mrs. Millikin for the eight and nine year olds of Macon County. All those classes registered will have the opportunity to take part in this fun experience. If you are going by the Homestead and see a school bus in front, feel free to stop and take a peek at what's going on inside.

Anna Mae Carlson
428-8908
Sharon Thompson
422-8765
(co-chairpeople)



Mr. Walker is also a certified appraiser.

Members are invited to bring an item to be appraised.
He will have sample items to show and discuss with us.

Refreshments and snacks will be served.

Come join us for an interesting evening at the Homestead.

Membership Drive - A Success!!!

Since our last newsletter quite a few more members have joined / rejoined. We value your support greatly and thank you most sincerely!

As always, typing mistakes and omissions can happen and we encourage you to bring them to our attention.

Sharon Alpi

Lee Ann Batchelder

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Bilyeu

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Braun

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Marty Schwarze

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shonkwiler

Kathy Sorensen

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Sproat, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Thompson

Marilyn Welch

Mrs. Joann Williams



Why Talk About Christmas When Spring Is Here?



Our last newsletter was published before the Christmas Tea, therefore we have not had a chance to report on the event.

It was a great success! The house was so very festively adorned, the refreshments were delicious, and the boutique was a great success thanks to months of preparation and work, headed by Christy Kelly and her "elves." We cleared a handsome profit.



Wreath Laying at the Millikin-Aston Mausoleum in Greenwood Cemetery at Thanksgiving.

Sweet Treat Boutique With Gratitude

All of your bakery donations added up to a wonderful profit for the Sweet Treats Boutique. We were twenty cents shy of four hundred fifty dollars! Thank you! Thank you! Every homemade cookie, piece of candy, coffee cake, pie, etc. was greatly appreciated, especially so close to Christmas when everyone is so busy.

Sharon Thompson and Anna Mae Carlson

Check Our Website for Upcoming Events: <http://www.millikin.edu/millikinhomestead>

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Mission Statement

The Mission of the James Millikin Homestead, Inc. is to restore and preserve the interior of this irreplaceable Decatur landmark, thereby raising community awareness of our historical heritage, and promoting preservation for future generations.

**Please consider the Millikin Homestead
 in your estate planning.**

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 Decatur, Illinois



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