

# THE HOMESTEAD FAMILY



# GAZZETTE



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

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## *A Note from your President . . .*

"Gangsters, Gals & Gumshoes", what a very special and tremendously successful event it was! One hundred eighty people joined in the spirit of the evening, many wearing 1920's attire. Our success was due to all the people who participated; Events Plus for their expertise and guidance; Dynagraphics for more printing than I imagine they counted on; Flora Gems for the beautiful necklace that was the raffle prize; Diamond, Ruby and Pearl sponsors; Dr. Jeffcoat and the University's Theatre & Catering departments for their cooperation in providing the setting, talented actors and delicious food; Jeannine Schaub, our honorary chair; Michael Scherer for organizing the band and providing exceptional music; Julie Herring and her sister-in-law, Dana, for all the photos that were taken; Friends of the Homestead who made monetary donations toward the event; the Board; Betsy Tietz, who with the steering committee, planned and executed the event; and last, but certainly not least, all of those who attended. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank all of you and encourage you to continue your support of the Homestead by your membership and, if not a member, by becoming one so the maintenance and restoration of this historical treasure may continue. We have over two hundred persons listed on our role but, unfortunately, several of those members are no longer current. Our goal is to support the maintenance of the Homestead with membership dues so that all donations and fun raising can go toward restoration. With your continued support we can reach that goal.

Irene Huff, President



To view Pictures taken during Gangsters, Gals & Gumshoes:  
Go to: [www.herringphotography.zenfolio.com](http://www.herringphotography.zenfolio.com)  
Click on Millikin Homestead, type in password "Gumshoes"  
Select your pictures, then click "buy" or "download". Download  
allows you to print them or send to another location for professional  
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## Calendar of Events

Annual Meeting - April 18, 2013

Mr. & Mrs. Millikin Days - April 29 thru May 3, 2013

Victorian Doll Tea - June 15, 2013



*From My Perspective:*  
**Cindy Deadrick Wolfer**

The Homestead Holiday project of Shop On Main and the James Millikin Homestead was a beautiful opportunity for two organizations to partner for a common good, to highlight the Homestead, raise funds and promote awareness. The additional hours provided many more people (over 500) the opportunity to visit, learn a bit about the history of the Homestead and purchase items that would ultimately support the home. Although sales were not as robust as hoped, Shop On Main is pleased with the overall success of the project and thanks the Homestead organization for the opportunity to decorate one of the greatest gems in this community.

## Celebrations at the Homestead

The Homestead was used for many events during the past several months besides the "Homestead Holiday" which brought new people into the home. Additionally, it was used for Meetings and Christmas celebrations for a bridge group, an office party, a book club gathering, an educational society group, a business club, a community organization and several Millikin events. The Homestead was also the backdrop for pictures for two wedding parties, engagement photographs and a rehearsal dinner. Keep the Homestead in mind for any upcoming events that you or your organization are planning for the year ahead. It is a unique and special place for most any occasion.



## 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.



LEAVE A LEGACY™  
Decatur, Illinois

Please consider the Millikin  
Homestead  
in your estate planning.

## James Millikin Homestead, Inc.

- Regular Member - \$25.00
- Friend - \$50.00
- Patron - \$100.00
- Life - \$1,000.00  
(May be paid in four annual installments)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to  
James Millikin Homestead, Inc.  
and mail to:

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(Membership is tax deductible)

Check Out Website for Upcoming Events: [performance.millikin.edu/millikinhomestead/](http://performance.millikin.edu/millikinhomestead/)

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## IN MEMORIAM

Our sincere condolences to the family of life member, Steve Gralker. He served as a Homestead Board Member from 1980 to 1984.

## WITH GRATITUDE

The Board acknowledges, with great appreciation, the donation from the estate of Rosemary Idleman, member and past Board member.