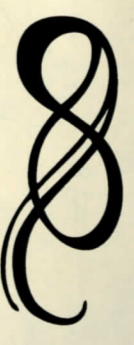


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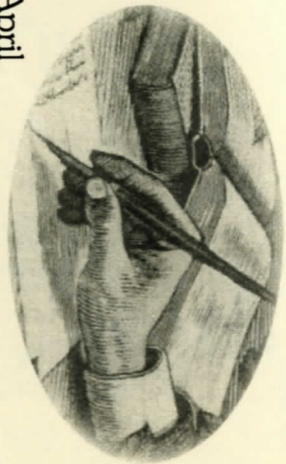


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JAMES MILLIKIN HOMESTEAD, INC. 125 N. PINE, DECATUR, ILLINOIS

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A Note from your President . . .



The Homestead Board's annual meeting was held in April with a wonderful report given by our out-going President, Irene Huff. Under her guidance the Board has made very positive moves forward for the Homestead both in-house and in the community. Irene reported that, with the help of the board members, we were able to accurately inventory the contents of each room. The attic and basement were thoroughly organized and are no longer areas to be avoided. The upstairs apartment became a proper storage area with designated shelving for seasonal items and a work area for board members. Irene also enthusiastically announced that a partnership with the Master Gardeners has begun due to the hard work of board members, David Bowman and Lilly Eckert. Also, because Irene challenged us to plan and organize our first major fundraiser in conjunction with Millikin University, we had a very successful event. We already miss Irene's wisdom, leadership and friendship. I continue to seek out her advice and ideas. The Homestead was blessed to have her as our President and look forward to her on-going support. Thank you Irene!

In June we hosted our Doll Tea with Anna Mae Carlson and Lilly Eckert as co-chairs. "Mrs. Millikin", board member, Marcia Millar, greeted our guests and had story time for our younger tea drinkers. Thanks to our co-chairs and all those who generously supported our raffle offering the use of the Homestead. This summer the Master Gardeners and board members David Bowman and Arla Thomas have been very busy on Fridays working outside and around the house weeding and planning to make the immediate grounds as they were when James and Anna lived here. If you get a chance, stop by and see how nice it is beginning to look. This fall we look forward to more activities at the Homestead and encourage you to think about using it for an event of your own or for any group in which you are involved. We appreciate your support in the way of membership and hope you will continue to help us restore and preserve this "Grand Old Lady".

Betsy Tietz, President

Rolls Royce Club



The James Millikin Homestead was the destination point for members of the Lake Michigan Rolls Royce Club. On Saturday, May 19, 2013, approximately thirty members arrived for a guided tour of this Decatur treasure. Members were duly impressed with the architecture and history of the Homestead. They were also intrigued by the number of historic homes located in the surrounding neighborhood.



The Millikins Host Their Favorite Visitors

Since 1979 Mr. and Mrs. Millikin have welcomed area third graders into their home. This Spring, April 29th through May 2nd, the tradition continued. Thirty classes (707 children) and their teachers and chaperones were treated to a lively tour and a "homemade cookie". Our numbers were up this year. Thanks again to all our faithful volunteers who made this week possible and thanks to Sophie, the kitchen maid (aka Krogers), for baking all those cookies. We couldn't do it without you!

Here are some memorable quotes from children's letters this year:

"It was an honor to step where your feet have stepped! I learned a lot and I'm sure I'll learn even more when I get to go to Millikin University!"

- Linzie -

"I didn't have a favorite part. It was all fun!!!!!"

- Evan -

"If I wasn't there, I would be feeling sorry about not coming because I got to share everything with my Mom and Dad."

- Kaleigh -

"The cookies were good. Better than cheesecake." (Joel drew a great picture of the Homestead on the back of his letter.)

- Joel -

Co-Chairs

Sharon Thompson, Anna Mae Carlson, and Terry Grant



Karen Neece, musical friend of the Millikin's, entertain a group of third graders as they learn about the pump organ.

Rental Policy at the Homestead

Looking for a unique, historic setting for your party? The Homestead is available for your private and special events (small weddings, baptisms, receptions, anniversaries...) Current members receive a 10% discount off the rental fee. For information and scheduling, please contact the Homestead at 217.422.9003 and leave a message.



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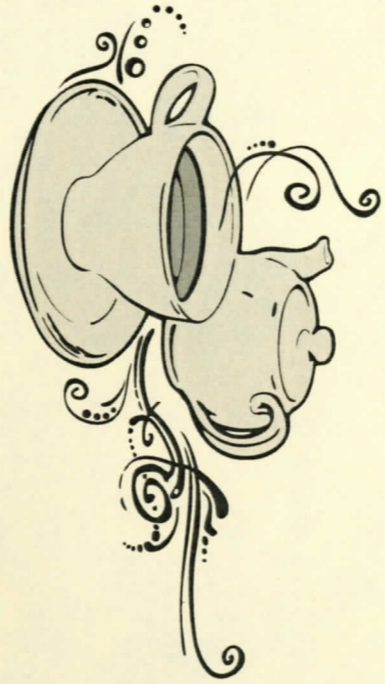
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Victorian Doll Tea

Another delightful morning and afternoon was held at Millikin Homestead on June twenty-second when we entertained guests, tall and small, at our Doll Tea. Many little girls with their dolls were excited when Mrs. Millikin, board member, Marcia Millar, greeted them at the door and entertained them with several stories read in front of our magnificent stained glass oriel window. Delicious sandwiches and sweets were prepared and served by our dedicated board members. Two beautiful dolls were given as door prizes along with many other items.

We wish to thank our members and friends for their generous support in the raffling of the Millikin Homestead. Sara Jerome and Jeanne Tyrolt were the lucky winners. Sara will enjoy a two hour rental for twelve friends with dessert made and served by our volunteers. Jeanne will be able to host a two hour event rent free. This 2013 Victorian Doll Tea was a success and with continued support from you, our loyal members, this tradition will live on.

Anna Mae Carlson and Lilly Eckert – Co-chairs



Sarah (5) and Cora (7) enjoy an afternoon of tea and fun with their dapper Dad, Matthew Stolz.

In Memoriam

Our deepest condolences to the family of Dan Moore. Dan was a valued member of our Homestead Family.

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.

James Millikin Homestead, Inc.

Regular Member - \$25.00

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