

THE HOMESTEAD FAMILY

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A Note From Your President...



The Homestead is still basking in the success of our first Jumble Sale, an event that we hope to have again on a fairly regular basis. Non-ephemeral items will always be welcomed and stored for this event. I want to thank all of the Board, members, spouses and volunteers for their contributions of help. Our success represents the effect of dedicated individuals working together.

This year has just rushed by so rapidly. All of a sudden it is time for me to extend an invitation to each of you to our lovely Christmas Tea. This annual party is our "thank you" to all our members, your friends and the community. Please come to the Tea on December 8th, 1-4 p.m. At the same time we will again offer our Mrs. Millikin's "Edibles and Delectables". We hope to present a surprise publication as well. We welcome you.

I wish for each of you a New Year of Peace.

Ann Seidman
President

Last look at the flowers still blooming at the end of October is a nice sight: however, the gardener is now busy planting bulbs for early spring color.

Something new coming in mid-spring — 60 iris varieties in a new planting bed. Watch for this and I guarantee this will be a pleasing sight for visitors.

Bill McGaughey
Grounds Chairman

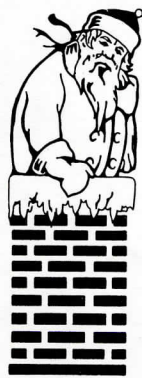
LEAVE A LEGACY

The Board of the Millikin Homestead is pleased to announce that it has joined the Decatur *Leave A Legacy* program. *Leave a Legacy* is a nationwide organization whose mission is to increase charitable bequests to local nonprofit organizations. The Decatur *Leave a Legacy* program intends to make our citizens aware of the advantages, to themselves and to their favorite local nonprofit, of charitable giving through bequests, lifetime giving, and estate plans. Additional information about the *Leave a Legacy* program will be presented in future Millikin Homestead Newsletters.



LEAVE A LEGACY
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Please consider the
Millikin Homestead
in your estate planning.



Which Chimney Did Santa Choose?

In the late 1800's as Santa was thoughtfully planning his Christmas Eve trip, how did he choose the proper entrance to the houses on his route. Consider the Homestead — five lovely chimneys creating an impressive silhouette and giving a different profile from each side of the house; only two visible from the front, four from the south and for the full effect, an approach from the west displayed all in their chimney-potted grandeur. Santa, of course, coming from the clouds would have the perfect aspect.

Wisely, he would choose the flue into the snowball room fireplace since it is felt that never was a fire laid there — he'd certainly avoid singeing his beard and smudging his suit but he would also need to think about logistics since it is the smallest grate of all.

Though each of the seven fireplaces in the Homestead has its singular attractions, Santa surely would have descended the high chimney into the gorgeous hearth at the foot of the grand staircase. envision James and Anna coming down the steps to see greens on the mantel, stockings filled with oranges, candy canes and sweetmeats tied in net bags in the Victorian fashion. Surely they, always so gener-

ous in their philanthropies to their community, deserved a special visit from St. Nick!

A present day Santa would have to knock at the door since the chimneys have been capped and the fireplaces plated shut with copper, not to keep HIM out but to discourage a raccoon who seemed to think the Homestead was just the place to visit! Who wouldn't agree, especially at this beautiful time of the year, when our lovely house is at its festive best!! -- a treat everyone can share on December 8th at the Christmas Tea.

Lou Snelson
Historian



English Jumble

We are still on cloud nine after our successful yard sale October 5th! Generous donations, many cheerful and hard-working volunteers, and perfect weather resulted in close to \$3,000 profit for the Homestead.

The dictionary defines "jumble" as a "confused mixture or heap". Indeed, our jumble had a mixture of items; from large pieces of furniture to small knick-knacks, we had it all!

October 5th: a picture postcard perfect day — blue sky, sunshine, and just enough crispness in the air to be invigorating. We started at 5:30 a.m. carrying items from the Homestead basement onto the circle drive. It took a dozen volunteers nearly 2 1/2 hours to accomplish the task. This



gives an indication of the large amount of donations we had accumulated! By 8:00 a.m. a sizable group of prospective customers

was waiting for the "opening bell". From then on it was a steady flow of people who were genuinely pleased with the variety, quality, and low prices. By noon we had only a few items left; by 1:30 p.m. we offered reduced prices, and by 2:00 p.m. we were nearly sold out. The very small pile of left-overs was turned over to Junior Welfare Bargain Bazaar; the remaining books donated to the Public Library for their next book sale.

Encouraged by this successful event we have already started collecting for the next sale. We hope to schedule jumble sales on a regular basis, so keep cleaning out your closets!

Thank you, one and all, for your time, effort, donations, and enthusiastic support. It was much work, but also great fun!

Ann Seidman
and
Brigitta Kapp
Co-Chairs of the
English Jumble



Open Houses

In spite of the summer heat, fifty trained and dedicated volunteers welcomed visitors from fourteen Illinois cities and twelve states, from New York City to San Diego as well as guests from as far away as San Paulo, Brazil and Decatur's "Sister City", Seevetal, Germany to the Homestead.

It was a great pleasure to greet all guests but especially pleasing to welcome Decatur residents, many of who were visiting the Homestead for the first time. No matter where they were from our visitors were enchanted with

the beauty of the home, the warmth of the woodwork, the elegance of the furnishings and the grandeur of the stained glass windows.

For the third year in a row the Homestead was open every weekend, April 6th through October 26th from 2 to 4 p.m. If you did not visit the Homestead this year, we cordially invite you to attend an Open House next year. We look forward to seeing you in 2003!

Rosemary Idleman
Anne Pondelick
Co-Chair Volunteer Committee



The pleasure of your company
is requested
at our annual

Victorian Christmas Party
On Sunday, December 8, 2002
from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

at the
James Millikin Homestead
125 North Pine Street

Mary Lou Malone
1924 - 2002

Mary Lou Malone served as a Homestead volunteer for many years and in many ways. This past few years she acted as a docent for several of the Homestead's "Open House" tours on weekends. Her knowledge of the home was extensive and she enthusiastically shared it with the visitors she escorted through James and Anna Millikin's house.

Always fun, witty and intelligent she shared her joy of life with all who knew her. Mary Lou was interested in everything: antiques, contemporary events, Decatur and the world. She was a true friend of the Millikin Homestead.

It was an honor that Mary Lou Malone chose the Millikin Homestead as the recipient for memorial donations. We valued her friendship, her interest, her support and her many volunteer hours for the Homestead. She will be missed by all of us.

Her memorial fund has raised over a thousand dollars for the Homestead. What a wonderful tribute to Mary Lou! We thank Mary Lou, her family, and friends.

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Alice Brock
Scheduling Chairman
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