



January / February 2020

**NOTE:
NEW DATE!**

This program has moved to Tuesday, March 10th at 7 p.m.!
**ROOSEVELT'S TREE ARMY:
THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS**

On March 10th at 7:00 p.m., our program will feature **Steve Schaffer**, Assistant Archivist, Milwaukee County Historical Society. He will narrate the story of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), which was formed during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Its purpose was to put unemployed young men to work building infrastructure projects across the nation. This program focuses on the CCC's work in Milwaukee County, which did include Hales Corners' Whitnall Park, where a CCC building still stands (upper photo), and Boerner Botanical Gardens (lower photo of Garden House).



FREE for all HCHS members!
For non-members,
a donation of \$5 is suggested.

MUSICAL MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS BECAME A TOP-TEN HIT!



Our annual Christmas window display at the Hales Corners Library received many compliments during the month of December. Featuring 45s, 78s, LPs, Cassettes, and CDs, it was a real blast from the past! Thanks again to **Mary Javorek** and **Katy Galewski** for their artistry.

HISTORICAL SIGN ERECTED AT ANN'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT



In December, our Society erected a commemorative sign at the front entrance to Ann's Italian Restaurant. The sign relates the building's 50-year history as a restaurant as well as its earlier function as the home of the Frank Acker family.

TALES OF THE CORNERS

From the files of the
Tri-Town News and Hub

90 YEARS AGO (1930)

- The fire siren sounds to signal that the switchboard of the new telephone exchange on Godsell Road and Bruno Avenue (South 109th Street) is ready for service.
- The Hales Corners Volunteer Fire Department has 110 members.
- Assets of the State Bank Hales Corners total \$724,705.

80 YEARS AGO (1940)

- Holz Motors Co. advertises the largest stock of used cars in its history. The cars total \$12,785 in value.

70 YEARS AGO (1950)

- The Speedrail Rapid Transit adds an extra train to run from Milwaukee to Hales Corners at 1:45 a.m. on New Year's Day.
- Plans are made by the Wisconsin Gas and Electric Co. to start pumping natural gas to Hales Corners.
- The grand opening of the National Tea Food Store on the corner of Janesville Road and Highway 100 is scheduled (the present location of Walgreens).
- W. Ben Hunt speaks about woodcarving to the Hales Corners PTA.
- Hales Corners Boy Scouts display Indian lore in the window of Welch's Hardware Store.
- Hales Corners pilots schedule a dinner flight to Montello for an afternoon of fun at the resort.

50 YEARS AGO (1970)

- The Southwest YWCA begins the year in its new building on 111th Street and Janesville Road (now Hartson Funeral Home).
- Moreway plans to open soon in the former U-Tell Department Store on Highway 100 (the current site of Xperience Fitness).

40 YEARS AGO (1980)

- The Hales Corners Historical Society holds a craft show featuring items with an old fashioned theme on Sweetheart Sunday. Shoppers enjoy home-made ice cream!

Research by Katy Galewski

WELCOME, NEW* AND RETURNING 2020 HCHS MEMBERS!

Constance Anderson
Kenneth J. Augustine*
James Bain
Mary Bennett
Joan Berg
Dan & Diane Besson
Robert Burnham
& Patricia Laughlin
Esther Demerdash
Jeffrey Dietz*
Ronald & Kathleen
Dondlinger
Mike & Judee Fischer
Katy Galewski
David & Margarete Harvey*
Michael J. Holmes
Frank & Judith Humpal
Mike Jedrzejewski
& Sybil Grandeck
Celine Kashishian
James & Jacqueline Keuck
Bob & Dottie King
Gary Kohls
& Karen Niessing
Scott & Judy Kruger
Mary Long
David & Kathleen O'Brien
Jerry & Marjorie Pagel*
Mike Praedel
Frank & Audrey Reineck
Cornelio & Colleen
Resendiz
Scott & Maureen Riemer
Richard & Carol Ann Rose
Randy & Sandy Sannes
Chris & Caroline Schachtli
Kevin & Marnie Schmidt*
Mel & Elaine Schmidt
Walt & Nancy Sievert
Marjorie Stahl
Sherman & Sally Stock
Daniel & Kayellyn Strasburg
Al & Ruth Streckow
Brian & Laura Touhey
Thomas Ueberroth
& Delene Hanson
Jeff & Anne Weber
Janice Zeit

CHRISTMAS CROWDS AT THE CABIN

Every year our Society opens up the Ben Hunt Cabin during the Village Tree Lighting event. This year, a record number of 140 visitors came through the cabin. Many had never been there before. Much thanks to our volunteer docents: **Katy Galewski**, **Randy Sannes**, and **Sandy Sannes**.

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