



Shakopee
Heritage
Society

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Please join us and bring a friend, if any of the following interests you.

- Sharing stories of Shakopee's past.
- Listening to stories of Shakopee's past
- Finding the answers to the questions you have.
- Reminiscing and telling stories of your past.
- Meeting new people or making a new friend.

*The Shakopee
Heritage Society's
Winter
Membership Meeting
Will be held
January 18th at 1.00 PM
in the Shakopee
Library Downstairs
Meeting Room*

We hope to see you there.

Editors Notes

By Don Wagner

1. *The Shakopee Heritage Societies officers and board members would like to wish all the members a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*
2. *The Board also requests that any of you that would like to become a board member or an officer contact one of the present board members and arrangements will be made to include you in the voting this January. You can also volunteer at the January 18th meeting and we will make arrangements to get you on the ballot.*
3. *The yearly membership dues are upon us once again in January. See Pat Ploumen at the meeting to get your dues paid up for this year, or mail to; Patricia Ploumen, 805 7th Avenue East, Shakopee MN 55379.*
4. *The SHS pictures that were at city hall were moved to the Shakopee library. At the moment we are getting some repairs done to those that need it. After that they will be displayed, in rotation, at the library.*
5. *Our October Membership Meeting speaker, Dave Greening, was unable to make that meeting but he will be our speaker in January and will share with us his memories of "growing up in Shakopee". His time slot is after the voting and when the official meeting is over so be sure to stay seated, grab a drink and a treat and ENJOY.*
6. *See the **meet our member's** column by Eileen Schmitz on member Lois Wendt. (Page 4.)*

The ballot for this year's elections. Remember we can accept volunteers until the vote starts.

Open positions- These are all Two (2) year terms.

Melissa Whiting	_____	2 years
Joe Collins	_____	2 years
Lois Wendt	_____	2 years
Director Open	_____	2 years (A position that has been open for several years)
Secretary open	_____	2 years

We need to vote on these this year.

Melissa Whiting	_____	Director	this position is to be voted on this year.
Lois Wendt	_____	Vice President	this position is to be voted on this year
Joe Collins	_____	President	this position is to be voted on this year
Open	_____	Director	this position is open we need a volunteer.
Open	_____	Secretary	Eileen is resigning. We need a volunteer.

Next year we vote on these positions.

Pat Ploumen	_____	Treasurer	this position gets voted on next year
Don McNeil	_____	Director	this position gets voted on next year
Don Wagner	_____	Director	this position gets voted on next year

As you can see we need two people to help us out, please volunteer for a position if you can.



Don McNeil came to the meeting prepared to fill in a bit of information after our guest speaker had finished. He was going to add to the Shakopee Brick portion but quickly expanded it and with the help of the audience He made the session quite enjoyable. Our speaker, Dave Greening, was unavoidably delayed but may be able to do us the favor on another occasion.

Usually it is Don who is behind the camera doing pictures and videos of us. This time we get to turn the tables on him. Thanks so much Don, as always you were both entertaining and well prepared.



<<To the left is **Lois Wendt** from **Just a few years ago**. See the article about Lois by Eileen Schmitz starting on page 4.



Happy New Year SHS members



The Fisher building

Located at 2nd and Holmes where city hall stands now. This building was the home of the first hospital in Shakopee on the ground floor and housed Dr. Fisher and his family on the 2nd story. It was set back from Holmes Street with a large yard and the house was at the back of the lot in the area that is the parking lot for city hall now. Later it became the home of the American Legion.



<<<To the left. Scott County Drug in the 1940 era.

As a student in high school and in college, Lois found employment at the Scott County Drug Store owned by Jerry Reagan. The drug store was located on the corner of Holmes and First Avenue literally a block from where Lois was born.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Lois Marschall Wendt

By Eileen Schmitz

Lois Marschall Wendt is our current Vice President. She's held SHS Board Positions in various capacities for over five years.

She comes from a long line of early Shakopee residents, the Marschall and Kopp families. Her paternal family, the Marschall's emigrated from Luxembourg to America in the early 1840's first settling in the area of New Trier, MN. The second generation Marschall's, Henry II, relocated to Helena Township, Scott County area in 1856. There they had good farm land but according to a written Marschall family history they found living with the Bohemians not easy because of the language barrier so by 1862 they sold their Helena Township farm and purchased land in Eagle Creek Township, Scott County. They choose a farmstead on top of a hill southeast of Shakopee. The farm is still owned by the Marschall family.

Her maternal line the Koppes and Schmitt's are of German extract. The families of her Grandpa Arnold Kopp and wife Katherine Schmitt also farmed in Eagle Creek Township.

Grandpa and Grandma Arnold Kopp lived in St. Paul after their marriage where Grandpa Kopp worked in a wholesale grocery farm. They returned to Shakopee years later to farm and after retiring from farming Grandpa Kopp worked as a carpenter in Shakopee.

Her grandfather William Marschall owned the Mobil Gas station and farm implement business located on Lewis Street and Third Avenue. The building still stands there. It was the home of the Coffee Bean Café some years ago.

Grandpa Bill also played "Santa Claus" for the Shakopee community Christmas Party. Children would be invited to a party at the Shakopee theatre with Santa handing out bags of goodies. As Santa Claus he would visit patients at St.

Francis Hospital and Home. He found much enjoyment and satisfaction in this role. Lois states that the only time she can remember her grandfather Bill being upset with her was when she was handed her bag of goodies and she said, "Thanks grandpa." He wanted to be unrecognized.

Her father Vince Marschall worked with his father Bill at the gas station and implement business. Later Vince owned and operated a school bus service for the Shakopee Public Schools. Her mother Armelle worked in the Public School food service. Vince was a former Shakopee Council member and the first manager of the KC Hall and past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 1685.

Her parents Vince Marschall and Armelle Kopp were married in 1937 at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Shakopee, MN. Lois was their first born followed by eleven more children. Lois has six brothers and five sisters. When I asked Lois where she was born she promptly answered, "The Legion Club." After I got over my initial surprise I realized that back in 1938 the Legion was Dr. Fischer's hospital and residence. The hospital/residence was on the corner of Holmes Street and Second Avenue. It is no longer there. The house was razed for the building of the new First National Bank. Years later the Bank again built a new structure and the building is now Shakopee's City Hall. There is a very good picture of the house when it was the Legion Club before the current American Legion located on First Avenue. Lois grew up in the east end of Shakopee. Her childhood home located on the corner of Third Avenue and Filmore Street was a featured home on the first House Tour during Shakopee's Sesquicentennial celebration in 2008.

Growing up the oldest in a family of twelve children made for an interesting and busy life. Lois was a baby sitter for many families in Shakopee and as a student in high school and college she found employment at the Scott County Drug Store owned by Jerry Reagan. The drug store was located on the corner of Holmes and First Avenue. This building now houses Valley Sports. With many of her close friends she belonged to the first Girl Scout Troop in Shakopee, Troop # 1 and enjoyed the daily goings on of all children. Mrs. Mary Adele Theis was their Girl Scout leader.

From around 1944 to 1956 Lois attended St. Mark's Catholic Grade School and Shakopee High School. Then it was off to college to St. Cloud State to become a teacher, a career she knew she wanted to pursue as a young girl. She taught mostly first grade in the Robbinsdale School District for 39 years, retiring in 1999. In 1965 Lois married Frederic Wendt. She became "Stepmother" to three children with the marriage.

Fredric passed away in 1998. In 2007 Lois moved back "home" to Shakopee. She has been an active member of her Catholic Church, both in New Hope and Shakopee. In addition to her involvement in the SHS she is the President of The League of Women's Voters and board member of Education Minnesota Retired. She enjoys traveling and spends time with her large extended family.

Lois is a valuable member of the SHS. Not only is she knowledgeable of Shakopee history, she works on many of our projects and is instrumental in researching and scheduling our field trips and tours. We thank her for her support and hours of work in making our society a pleasant, informed group.

Shakopee News from January 1914: One Hundred Years Ago.

The following news items were taken from the Shakopee Tribune. By Eileen Schmitz

January 9, 1914

Last Saturday morning the TRIBUNE undertook the task of moving from the upper story of the John Berens block, where it had made its home since June 16, 1809, to its handsome new ground floor office in the Herman Schroeder block in Industrial Row. Assisted by Drayman Walter Huss, the publisher, Mr. Bowdish and his son, the editors, Miss Ketterer, and three husky men, Frank & Joe Rademacher and John Sames, who comprise the Tribune force.

(John Sames is the uncle of SHS member Richard Schmitz) On the right in Picture >> (Anybody know where "Industrial Row" was located?)



January 16, 1914

Little Jack Coller who was reported quite ill with bronchial pneumonia last week, we are pleased to report is improving nicely under the care of Dr. H.W. Reiter and Miss Felix, a trained nurse from St. Paul City Hospital.

(Dr. H.W. Reiter is related to SHS member Lois Wendt through marriage)

January 23, 1914

FOR RENT: Six room flat over the John Heinen Confectionery Store.

**(This building is still present on Holmes Street between First and Second Ave,
It houses an antique business now.)**

Temperance meeting at the Presbyterian Church on January 25, 1914

Begins at 7:30 PM. All seats FREE

(The old Presbyterian Church still stands on East First Ave. across the street from SHS members Marcia and Don Wagner.)

January 30, 1914

Bert Scherer and a son of August Koeper killed a grey fox that made its den on the Koeper farm, two miles south of town. The pelt is worth between \$15.00 -\$20.00

(This farm is now a housing development with the new Highway #169 running on the north end of the old farm.)

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