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2015 VOLUNTEER & MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION

**You are cordially invited to the
2015 Volunteer & Membership
Appreciation
And the
9th Annual Meeting
of the
Gothenburg Historical Museum.**

**Please be our guest for a
special dessert bar, program and
Annual Meeting.**

DATE: November 1, 2015

TIME: 2:00—4:00 p.m.

**PLACE: United Methodist Church—
1401 Lake Avenue**

Please RSVP to

Anne Anderson—529-0906 or Roger Heidebrink—529-2196

2008-2015 STATISTICS.....

2008—1,823

2009—2,140

2010—2,458

2011—2,292

2012—2,009

2013—1,683

2014—2,262

2015—2,328

Total volunteer hours in

2015—2,383 hrs. This included
directors, workers and greeters.

We hosted people from 49 states
and 18 foreign countries.

Thank you to the following for sharing their collection pieces:

- Karan Smith
- Garry Hicken
- Larry & Kathy Nichols family
- Bill Haynes
- Michelle Warner
- Thelma Peterson
- Adelle Williams
- Anne Anderson
- Cal & Judy Frey
- Sally Dalrymple
- Mary Ostergard
- Dick Larson
- Dale Franzen
- Gothenburg Volunteer Firemen

HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTION DISPLAYS



"Grandparents Memories" from Karan Hicken Smith & Garry Hicken



Miniature decoys shared by Dick Larson



Athlete uniforms included letter-jackets & uniforms from Larry & Kathy Nichols family; Majorette hat from Bill Haynes; Band Uniform from Michelle Warner; Clarinet from Anne Anderson and Cheerleading uniforms from Thelma Peterson & Adelle Haynes Williams.



Compact folding typewriter from Judy & Cal Frey. Other office machines were on display including a mimeograph copier, adding machines & microscopes.



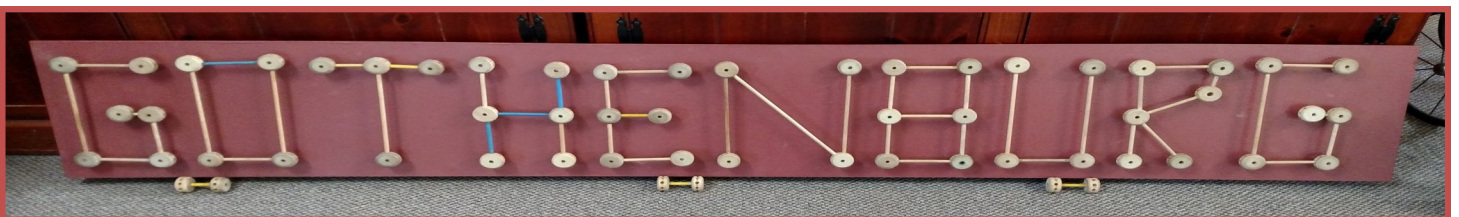
World War II matchbooks collection from Mary Ostergard. She also shared a doll collection.



Thanks to Dale Franzen and the Gothenburg Volunteer Firemen for sharing department memorabilia. Display included archive pictures from the museum files.



Sally Dalrymple shared her collection of children's sewing machines to add to the museums collection of sewing patterns & notions.



"A Window into the Past"

Tinker toys were a child's best toy "back in the day".

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF FOOTBALL HISTORY



During the Harvest Festival, Tot Holmes was on hand to share his "labor of love" with visitors to the museum. Tot, after spending hundreds of hours compiling statistics from research and recalling stories from his own memory, presented his book "100 Years of Gothenburg Football". It chronicles each of the 926 football games and includes the names of every person who was recorded as having earned a single rushing yard.

He has compiled a chronology of Gothenburg football including stats wherever possible. The book also lists each coach with his win-loss record, playoff history for the

Swedes back to 1979, state-rated teams according to the Omaha World Herald and standings for South-west Conference and district.

Gothenburg High School fielded its first team in 1910 and except for a season cancelled by the flu epidemic in 1918, has fielded respectable teams ever since.

The first team declared a champion came in 1926. The Swedes has been unbeaten and unscored upon until the final game of the regular season when they beat Lexington 26-13.

There were no official state champions named in Nebraska in 1933 but Gothenburg Swede fans claimed their undefeated

squad had earned that title. The Swedes beat North Platte, Kearney and Lexington on their way to a 9-0 season.

The Swedes were the only 10-0 football team in the state in 1945. They were named state champions by the Lincoln Journal Star.

The 1964 team, under Claire Boroff's direction, had a nine game undefeated schedule to claim the state championship

OTHER FOOTBALL TIDBITS.....

In 1922, a special train took 300 football fans and the second and third teams to North Platte for the game. Gothenburg defeated North Platte for the first time.

Coach Harlan Wyant came to the school in 1927 and coached the team so well the newspaper headline read—"Swedes Finished 1933 Season Unscored Upon" This state championship team included senior Jack Dodd who scored 124 points for the Swedes that year, and went on to achieve All-American status at the University of NE. Harlan "Dutch" Welch replaced Wyant and in 1944 Welch's team was undefeated for the season. Following Welch was "Dutch" Zorn who remained as the gridiron coach from 1944 until 1955, In 1945 Zorn's team went 10-0 and tied with Boys Town for the state title.

Excerpts were taken from the Gothenburg Times and the Gothenburg History Book.

GET YOUR COPY

To buy a copy of "100 Years of Gothenburg Football" contact Tot Holmes by email at tot4@centurylink.net. The books may also be ordered by mail at Post Office Box 11, Gothenburg, 69138. Cost is \$37.50 plus \$6 for postage.

A portion of the book sales will be donated to the Gothenburg Historical Museum, which is dear to Holmes heart.

2015 NEW & RENEWALS

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who have joined or renewed their membership and contributed to the museum building fund to date.

Those in bold are new since the July newsletter.

- Dick & Connie Larson*
- Pam Slack*
- Bev & Chuck Titkemeier*
- Denise Brittenham*
- Leonard France**
- Gene & Velma Schriver*
- Jim & Janice Gonzales
- Milan & Barb Franzen
- Tom & Rhonda Jobman*
- Gary & Anne Anderson*
- Roger Heidebrink*
- Jane Sheets*
- Randy Garcia*
- Connie Bihlmaier
- Jack Soller
- Romaine & Joan Aden
- Dan & Liz Frerichs*
- Dick & Connie Ostergard
- Loren & Mary Koch*
- Eddie & Regis Fruit
- Gothenburg Feed Products/Terry Cathy Healey***
- Robert Ronnekamp
- Gothenburg State Bank***
- Gerald & Janet Kranau*
- Father Wayne Pavela
- Robin & Lynnette Stevens
- Cathy Simon
- Larry & Kathy Nichols
- Jack & Faye Kniss
- Roy & LaVawn Farnstrom*
- LeRoy & Elsie Cyriacks*
- Marcy Wahlgren*
- Dr. James Graff
- Jill Rubenthaler
- Mike & Deb Bacon*
- Dick & Jackie Schwanz*
- Diane Trullinger
- Gene & Cora Bosch
- Bob & Mary Theasmeyer
- Don & Marcia (Zorn) Welch*
- **Lyle & Arlene Franzen**
- **Jack & Mary Ostergard****

LIFE-TIME MEMBERS

- Karla Blasé
- Denise Brittenham
- Larry & Jan Gill
- Gothenburg State Bank
- Gothenburg Feed Products/Terry & Cathy Healey
- Ron Klein
- Dick & Connie Larson
- Donna McConnell
- Ramona Ollendorf
- Blaine & Arlene Peterson
- Jenny Raymond

***Life-Time Membership: 10x

Building Fund Contributor—
\$1,000+

**Building Fund Benefactor—
\$500+

*Building Fund Contributor—
\$100+