

Membership Committee Annual Report – 2022 (Bev Wenzel)

Membership of Swedish American Historical Society includes 125 individuals. During the year, we have welcomed 17 new members to SAHSWI. This year, we lost three dedicated long-time members in death Barbara Froemming, Eva Kasetkes, and Les Touve. Another three moved from the area and/or requested removal from our membership list.

At past Society events, we have invited non-members to sign-in to receive a semi-annual listing of our events each year. This list has now grown to over 150 individuals who are contacted semi-annually with an email invitation to attend our coming meetings and events. If you have a name you would like added to this mailing list, please contact me at wenz113@outlook.com. We will also be happy to forward information about SAHSWI to any one you suggest.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Wenzel, Membership Secretary

Historical Files Committee Annual Report – 2022 (Bev Wenzel)

Since the beginnings of Swedish American Historical Society, materials of historical value have been designated to be preserved in our society archives. The archives, under the guidance of our historian Marge Jochen, hold society records, documentation of activities and historical projects, as well as donations of interest from members. Many early items have already been moved to Milwaukee County Historical Society for permanent storage and public access. Some of the donations made to us over the years have been redirected to other organizations having closer contact and greater interest in the material.

In 2022, the archives have been evaluated for utilization of expanding technologies available. Society records, projects and activities records, and other information of interest will now be retained and stored digitally for preservation and future access. We will continue to direct any appropriate paper materials to MCHS for permanent placement. Materials evaluated to be of reference value and useful in planning by present board or committee members are being directed to these individuals for review and evaluation. Any new donations received will be evaluated for historical or reference and directed accordingly.

We welcome any donations of interest members may have to be considered for historical preservation or for use in our present society planning.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Wenzel, for Historical Files Committee