



**HO HO HO! -- COME SEE THE
CHRISTMAS TOYS DISPLAY**

Once again, our Society has created a window display for the month of December at the Hales Corners Library. Our theme this year is *Christmas Toys and Books from Our Past*. All items were provided by our board members, and date from 1910 through 1978. Please drop by and see if you recognize some of Santa's gifts from your own childhood!

MEMORY CAFE A SUCCESS

In November, our Society presented a special program for individuals living with early-stage dementia/memory loss and their care partners. Entitled *Hales Corners Heritage: a Look Back*, the program was conducted at the Hales Corners Library, with an informal Q&A format on local history and a focus on Ben Hunt. Artifacts from the Hunt collection were made available for hands-on inspection, and a tour of the Cabin followed. Thanks to board members Celine Kashishian and Ruth Strekow, and the Library's Lori Kreis, the program was well received.

CABIN ATTENDANCE SOARS

More than 140 visitors toured the Ben Hunt Cabin in November, including the 4th grade classes from Hales Corners Elementary School. Our Society is much indebted to cabin guides Celine Kashishian and Katy Galewski. Another 80 people stopped by the cabin during the Hales Corners annual tree lighting ceremony on December 3rd. On hand that night to provide tours were William Kochis, Dave and Kathy O'Brien, and Randy Sannes.



Toyland comes to the Hales Corners Library now through December 31st.

CHIMNEY REPAIRS ARE DONE

Final repairs were completed on one of three chimneys on the Ben Hunt Cabin. It was a long process managed and coordinated by three of our board members: Chris Schachtlie, Jim Bain, and Randy Sannes.

SAD NEWS

We mourn the passing of Anita Hantzsch and Dick Riebs, two of our long-time members. Anita performed a multitude of tasks for our Society; she is perhaps best known for her many years of service in helping to catalog the artifacts in our Ben Hunt collection. Dick was involved in our Society's annual plant sale fundraisers, and quite a number of computer tasks, including digital scans for our recent history book. Both Anita and Dick will be greatly

missed, and our hearts go out to their families and closest friends.

PROGRAMMING FOR 2017

Our program director, Fr. Jerry Hudziak has booked the following programs for 2017: *The Civil War in Wisconsin* on February 1, *The Photography of Lyle Oberwise* on April 5, *City of Festivals* on August 2, and *History of the Bosch Tavern* on October 4. Save the dates; we'll send more information soon.

FIRST MEMBERS IN 2017

Our 2017 membership mailing hasn't even gone out yet, and we *already* have two renewals: Joe and Bonnie McGraw. Our thanks go to them for being our first members in 2017! Annual membership letters will be sent out by the end of this month. Look for yours in the mail.