

Barringer. All were duly elected and installed. The officers for 1990-91 are: President - Janel E. Lundgren; Vice-President - Cullom Davis; Secretary - Linda Garvert; Treasurer - John F. Macpherson. New Directors are: Edward G. Pree (Class of 1991) and in the Class of 1993, Ruth Benjamin, Olive S. Foster, Kathleen Friedman, J. Keller Mack, M.D., Thomas D. Patton, William E. Starr, and Kay Cooper Watt.

In presenting the gavel to Janel, outgoing President Joyce Sandage recalled for us the many fine programs and tours of the past year and thanked those who had participated in the planning and carrying out of all events. She presented certificates of appreciation to chairmen of the various committees and to members who had faithfully attended Board meetings.

After dinner the program was presented, as is our custom, by our president of ten years ago. Sarah Robinson-Horney, Ph.D., gave a delightful and lively program on the history of one of Springfield's long-time traditional social events - the Beaux Arts Ball, recalling many colorful events of years past. She noted that the annual ball in the present time is a far cry from the carnival-spirit Bal Masque of 1930; this annual event now has become a re-affirmation of social solidarity. Many of those attending the meeting had participated in the Beaux Arts Balls over the years and found that Sally's history and reminiscences brought back fond memories.

During an after-dinner coffee and social hour we were entertained with a number of favorite songs sung by Polly Roesch, accompanied by John Jordan, bringing to an end a memorable evening.

BOARD MEETING REPORT

The SCHS Officers and Board of Directors met at Lincoln Library on August 23, with the new president, Janel Lundgren, presiding. Twenty-two members were present. The Treasurer's report showed that our balance in all accounts as of Aug. 19 was \$22,442.29. Committee appointments for the 1990-91 years are: Finance - Tom Patton; Historian - Floyd Barringer; Lincoln Colloquium - George Painter; Membership - Georgia Northrup; Pioneer Park - Hughes Diller; Program - Polly Myers; Publications - Mary Ellen McElligott; Publicity - Kay Watt; Recorder - Ethel Swenson; Tours - Kim Efird; Editor - Patricia Henry. Committee reports followed. Program Chairman Polly Myers presented the proposed program schedule for the year. Members chosen from the Board will be greeters, and there will be refreshments at most meetings. George Painter reported on the Lincoln Colloquium to be held at Sangamon State University on Oct. 20 (see Colloquium information). Tour Chairman Kim Efird reported that 25 members and guests had taken the May 19th Bishop Hill tour. Other possible tours were discussed, with no definite dates decided as yet. Finance Chairman Tom Patton stated that his committee will discuss the establishment of guidelines for donations, gifts to speakers, and possible grants. Bette Franke gave a final report on the Annual Meeting and presented the Board members with folders containing the printed program, the list of those attending, the financial records for the evening, and her personal report including thanks to those who assisted and to the officers and Board. A copy-machine print of a group picture of past presidents taken at the Annual Meeting was included. The photographer's original print was available for viewing - it is a good picture of 18 of our past presidents and copies may be ordered. (See instructions following.)

Immediate past president Joyce Sandage thanked Bette for the programs during the past year, and also expressed appreciation to officers and Board members for their participation.

Dates for the coming 1990 Board meetings were set up for Thursday, Sept. 27 and Thursday, Nov. 8, each to be held at 4:30 P.M. at Lincoln Library. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Copies of the 8" x 10" group portrait of past presidents at the 1990 Annual Meeting are available at a cost of \$10.00 each, from Grussenmeyer's Photography Studio, 1605 South MacArthur, Springfield, IL, 62704 Tel. 787-6688

THANKS FOR A GOOD YEAR!

Dear Friends:

July 30, 1990

Our Sangamon County Historical Society has certainly made grand history this past year!

Our year began with an executive committee meeting held at the Vachel Lindsay Home. Programs with such outstanding speakers as Patrick Noonan, Richard Hart, Cullom Davis, Judge Harlington Wood, Bruce Beeman and Bob Larson afforded us much fine information. All meetings were very well attended.

Our Sangamon County Historical Society along with the Lincoln Home National Historic Site and the Lincoln Group of Illinois hosted the Fourth Annual Lincoln Colloquium which featured such fine speakers as Dr. Don E. Fehrenbacher, Professor of History and American Studies, Emeritus, at Stanford University and a Pulitzer Prize recipient; Cullom Davis, Professor of History at Sangamon State University; Robert V. Bruce, a Pulitzer Prize winner and Professor of History, Emeritus, at Boston University; Dr. Wayne Temple, Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives; and Harold Holzer, Co-author of "The Lincoln Image."

Our trips to Beardstown, Conner Prairie, and Bishop Hill were expertly planned and greatly enjoyed, as were the tours of the Camp Lincoln Museum and the Christmas tour of Lincoln's Home on Dec. 19, 1989.

Our annual meeting on June 19, 1990, held at the Illini Country Club, emphasizing patriotism, featured Sally Robinson Horney, our president of ten years ago, as our speaker. A beautiful exhibit featuring the works of our own authors was on display. Special award plaques were presented to Pat Henry and Dr. Floyd Barringer for their significant contributions to our Society. The unveiling of a large Presidents' Plaque was a highlight of the evening.

We close this year with a membership of around 500 and an up surge of renewed interest in our Society.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the distinguished officers and Board of Directors for their extraordinary support and contributions to our group; thanks also to the Lincoln Library staff and Robinsons for their kind cooperation. Personally, it has been a memorable year and my life has been enhanced with your friendships and knowledge. Many thanks to all of you for all you have done to contribute a year of grand history to our Sangamon County.

Affectionately,

Joyce Sandage.

DANA-THOMAS HOUSE RE-OPENS

By the time this newsletter reaches you the long-awaited re-opening of the Dana-Thomas House will have taken place on Sept. 7. The Frank Lloyd Wright-designed house, completed in 1904 for Springfield socialite Susan Lawrence Dana, is an outstanding example of the architect's famed Prairie style house. Mrs. Dana lived there until about 1928 when she moved to a small frame house next door to the west, just across the railroad tracks. Her former home was sold to the Thomas Publishing Co. in 1944