

CONVENTION

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NEWS UPDATE FROM THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Plans are in place.... The details are being worked out.... The 35th Anniversary Celebration is guaranteed to be a fun-filled weekend for everyone. If you haven't been to Convention in awhile, grab a friend and come to Red Wing in July.

We're planning activities that will bring you an exciting new RWCS Convention experience. Let's kick off the fun with the FREE Welcome Breakfast on Thursday, July 12, in the Red Wing High School Commons. Be sure to RSVP on your Convention registration form so we know that you're coming. There will be music and a ceremony honoring RWCS Charter Members. What a great way to reconnect with your Red Wing family!

Be sure to stay around after the keynote speaker Thursday for the memorial balloon release honoring departed members of our Red Wing family. Reps at Large Jerry Erdmann and Russa Robinson will coordinate this activity and are looking for volunteers. The Red Wing High School Cafeteria staff is joining in on the celebration by providing a freshly updated lunch menu including options for kids.

The activities on Friday, July 13, will start out early. Join us to commemorate the burial of the RWCS 35th Anniversary Time Capsule. The capsule will be buried at 8:30 a.m. by the North Star Monument located near the AmericInn on Old West Main Street in Red Wing. The 35th Anniversary Committee will soon contact members and chapters for items to be included in the capsule. The 35th

Anniversary Time Capsule will be opened on the 50th Anniversary.

The party continues at the Red Wing High School with an old-fashioned anniversary party!!! The high school food service staff will be cookin' up an old-fashioned Pig-Pickin, Pork & Turkey BBQ with all the fixin's. More details to come. An anniversary party wouldn't be complete without a cake. Join us in the high school commons for the anniversary cake cutting ceremony.

The 35th Anniversary Celebration continues Friday night.... Join us at Red Wing's Central Park from 5 to 9 p.m. for "CROCKFEST" – a festival for the whole family. The 35th Anniversary Committee has partnered with the Red Wing Convention & Visitors Bureau, Red Wing Area Chamber of Commerce, Red Wing Downtown Main Street and the Red Wing Arts Association to bring together a festival of food, local artists, a live pottery demonstration and live bands. We'll have special activities and games for kids including face painting and a special clay modeling area hosted by Scott Gilmer from Red Wing Pottery & Sales. Friday night has traditionally been a time for RWCS Chapter parties. The 35th Anniversary Committee would like to invite the chapters to bring your party to Central Park this year and enjoy the activities. This will be an event you won't want to miss!!!!

Watch the *RWCS Newsletter* and the website for more details. ■



KIDSVIEW JUG, JUG, JUGGLING!

Parents, be sure to sign up your children for KidsView when you register for



Convention. We've got some great activities planned and we need to know how many kids will participate so we have enough supplies on hand.

CALLING ALL RWCS YOUNG COLLECTORS AGES 13-20!

Watch the website and check out the next newsletter for details about the exciting activities planned for the 2012 Convention. And don't forget to register yourself for the RWCS Young Collectors Club activities on the Convention Pre-registration form!



New to Convention: The Red Wing E-Z Pass: A special offer from the Red Wing Area Chamber of Commerce, this card provides RWCS members with discounts or percentage savings at local merchants for gas, food and other merchandise.

Watch for details about a special gift for Convention attendees who have been RWCS members for 10 years or more!