

Munster Historical Society Hosts Titanic Dinner Dance



“Mrs. Astor” hosts dinner in her private quarters aboard the “MHS Titanic”. Left to right: September Alexander, Zachary Smith, Taylor Christianson, Norma Benoit, and William Christianson. Photo is courtesy of Munster Historical Society President Kelly Benoit.

When the R.M.S. Titanic embarked on its maiden voyage in April of 1912, it was the largest luxury ocean liner ever built. The excellent staff of the Titanic catered to the rich and famous such as the wealthiest man in America, perhaps the world, John Jacob Astor. In spite of an emphasis on luxury and fine service, attention to safety was of less concern.

Only a few of the people who prepared and served the splendid food on the Titanic survived. When the wreck was discovered in 1985, it was revealed that prior to sinking the ship had broken in half close to the First Class kitchen and pantries. Among the scattered remnants of the Titanic’s last dinner, haunting reminders were

found. “A White Star tea cup sat on a boiler as if placed there by human hands. Neat stacks of dishes lay in the bottom mud as did hundreds of bottles of wine and champagne, their corks still in place. These images evoked the Titanic in all her high Edwardian glory, the way lovers of the ship will always prefer to remember her.” (Excerpt from Epilogue, “The Last Dinner on the Titanic by Rick Archbold & Dana McCauley”)

Honoring the 100th anniversary of the R.M.S. Titanic, the Munster Historical Society is celebrating the year 1912 and the elegant and lavish last dinner on the Titanic by hosting “A Moment in History” Titanic Dinner Dance Event. If you are wondering what it was like to dine with the rich and famous in the Grand Salon of the Titanic, then you won’t want to miss this historic event at Munster’s Centennial Park Ballroom, overlooking the “ocean view” on Saturday, February 11, 2012. Meet Captain Smith, the Astor’s, the Ryerson’s, the “unsinkable” Molly Brown, and other notables. First Midwest Bank is the premier sponsor of this event.

Welcome Aboard!

Location: Centennial Park Clubhouse
Centennial Ballroom

1005 S. Centennial Drive, Munster

Tickets/Info: purchase online at www.munsterhistory.org, call 219 836-6530, or email info@munsterhistory.org

Ticket Cost: \$50 includes dinner & entertainment
(cash bar with additional signature Titanic drinks available)

Entertainment: Featuring dinner music by Munster High School Camerata Orchestra & ballroom dance music by Catalyst Productions

Recommended Dress: formal, semi-formal, dress military, or business attire. Titanic Era historic costumes are welcome (1900s Edwardian, Gibson girl, late Victorian, top hats, derbies, boater hats, high tea hats, tiaras, ostrich feathers, boas, and other appropriate accessories)

Public Welcome/Reservations Only/Limited Availability

Menu

Filet of Beef with Mushroom Demi
&
Chicken Breast with Lyonnaise

Chef’s Selection of Seasonal Vegetables

Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes

Spring Mix Salad with Vinaigrette

Titanic Cake

Vienna Rolls, Ice Tea, Hot Tea & Coffee



Munster High School Camerata Orchestra (photo courtesy of Jill E. Cooke)