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**"FUN WITH THE BLOG" INVITES AUDIENCE INPUT
AT S/D HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S FEB. 12 PROGRAM**

JAN. 31, 2014 -- An evening of photo sleuthing through historical pictures will kick off this year's series of monthly public Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society programs on Wednesday, February 12, in the Old School House History Center, 130 Center Street, Douglas, at 7 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Titled "Fun with the Blog", presented by SDHS members Jack Sheridan and Marsha Kontio, the program offers a chance to learn, share information or ask questions about Saugatuck-Douglas life in the 1940s and 50s, as seen in photos shot here by renowned Time-Life reporter and photographer Bill Simmons.

The "Blog" refers to an interactive digitized gallery of several thousand photos, artworks and maps assembled by Historical Society photo archivist Dick Haight for easy on-line access through the Society's web site: www.sdhistoricalociety.org. Focusing on the Blog's collection of Simmons' photos, Sheridan and Kontio will invite audience comment as to when and where they were shot, who or what is visible in them, and what special significance might have prompted Simmons to capture them on film.

Anyone wanting to explore the photos in advance of the meeting can review them on-line by clicking on "Collections", then "Photo Blog", then "Browse", which opens the Blog's Image List page. Scrolling down that page will lead to two "folders" labeled "SimmonsCollection" and "SimmonsSCAPhotos". Clicking on these folders will display icon views of the photos they contain, which can be individually enlarged by clicking on the icon. Each enlarged view is accompanied by an input panel inviting viewers to type in any information they can provide about the photo.

Those interested in volunteering to help with Blog photo detective work may contact Jim Schmiechen via James.Schmiechen@gmail.com. For more information about the Historical Society, its Museum and Old School House History Center, or its activities planned for 2014, visit www.sdhistoricalociety.org.

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One sample of the Bill Simmons photos selected for discussion at the Feb. 12 SDHS presentation: anyone having any information about it is invited to share their knowledge at the meeting.