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OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FALL QUARTERLY MEETING
Monday, November 7th
Membership Update 7:00 - Presentation 7:30
Location: Grafton Senior Center
1665 7th Avenue, Grafton, WI
Free and open to the public.
All are Welcome!



Get Started on your Family Tree

Our speaker will be Randy Ray, who has done 40 years of ancestry research and is a volunteer for the Ozaukee County Historical Society. Randy works with the archivists and patrons each Tuesday. He teaches at the Milwaukee Personal Ancestral Group in Milwaukee. As a resident of Thiensville, he has volunteered at the Weyenberg Library in Mequon and is in the process of starting a local Genealogy Group at the Cedarburg Library.

Randy will present a brief outline of how to get started on a Family Tree, using various resources from paper trees to computerized trees. Everyone has a diverse family that is waiting to be explored. Who are your grandparents? Randy's ancestors took him back to the country's founding leaders. He will provide easy to use websites that are available for free or through subscription.

Refreshments will be served.

Greetings From the President:

Hello!

OCHS has had an incredibly busy year! We had our regular annual events as well as three new events.

It took a "Village" to conduct all these events.

We would like to applaud all of our awesome volunteers, some that worked at two or more events. We would like thank our historic demonstrators who have shared their craft with OCHS and all of our guests. We are grateful for the planning committees that got every detail right! Finally, we so appreciate our caretakers and grounds keepers that spent many hours throughout the summer mowing the lawn, trimming the weeds, taking care of the plantings and cleaning the public spaces.

Our archives staff has served hundreds of patrons this year, helping them research and learn about the past along with cataloging all of the year's donations.

Our school tour guides put their hearts into all they do in teaching young minds about our rural history, our past and the lives of our ancestors.

Our board members wear many hats and keep all the balls in the air !

Each of you play a critical role in the success of this organization.

Have a blessed holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in 2023!

Please feel free to give me a call (1-262-377-4545)with any ideas or suggestions you may have.

Mary Ann Velnetske - President

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A Hero is Finally Coming Home: The Final Chapter of the Roy Harms Story

On August 1, 1943 the Army Air Corps launched a huge effort to deprive the German war machine of its oil. One hundred and eighty-one B-24 bombers took off from Benghazi, Libya and flew to Ploesti, Romania to bomb five oil refineries.

Piloting one of those aircraft was First Lt. Roy Harms of Grafton. He flew with the 329th Squadron or the 93rd Bomb Group. Harms and all but one of his nine man crew were killed as

their bomber made its run into a refinery. More than three hundred US airmen perished in this attack. Five Medals of Honor were awarded that day. Harms posthumously received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the second highest military award.

Because of the chaos and carnage of the battle, the remains of many of the airmen were not identified. The local Romanians buried them and at the end of the war, the unidentified remains were reburied at the Ardennes American Cemetery near Liege, Belgium. Harms, along with many others who were not identified are memorialized on the Wall of the Missing at the Florence American Cemetery in Italy.

About ten years ago, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) began an effort to identify these remains. Harms's sister, Laura, was asked for a DNA sample. She passed away in 2020 at the age of 99. In August, the remaining Harms family members were notified that the DPAA had positively identified the remains of Lt. Harms. The news came exactly 79 years from the date he gave his life for his country.

The DPAA is scheduled to meet with the Harms family in October to outline details of his remains and their contribution to a ceremony. It is the wish of the Harms family that Roy's remains come home to Grafton. The Ozaukee County Historical Society will play a major role in this homecoming memorial when the details are finalized. Watch for future articles in the newspaper and on social media concerning how you can participate in this event.

EVENT RECAP JULY



Bob Eichner-as Dumbeldor

Harry Potter:

The Magic Returned July 30. Wizards and Muggles attended the annual event which included a variety of characters from the books, vendors, and special features, and our traditional costume contest.

Special Features included: Schlitz Audubon Society live owls, Jeff & Janel Gelhaar selling goodies from chocolate frogs to flavored jelly beans, 4-H Reptile Project, The 'CupCake a Rhee' truck with sorting hat cupcakes and pumpkin juice, an Escape Room requiring the correct Potion recipe, Magician Caleb Hyatt deceiving us with his amazing tricks, Butterscotch Root Beer (from Chester's in Plymouth, WI), puzzles, games, a maze, Quidditch, and more.

Potter fans near and far can't wait what next year will bring when the Magic Returns!



Joe McGinty and Pat Engelbert at 9 3/4

EVENT RECAP AUGUST



Chris Velnetske, Allen Buchholz, Klaus Dreisslein and Nancy Perez

Bluegrass at the Village August 14

A great day of pickin', grinnin' and music. Attendees enjoyed five bands including the featured band, The Henhouse Prowlers from Chicago. The bands take the stage on the platform of the Cedarburg Train Station. There was a live auction, fundraising raffle, food and beverages. The weather was perfect and everyone had a goodtime.



Genesee Ridge



Answers to Trivia Questions:

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| 1) A | 2) D |
| 3) C | 4) D |
| 5) A | 6) C |
| 7) D | 8) C |
| 9) C | 10) D |

EVENT RECAP SEPTEMBER



Lloyd Bunkelman

The First Train Show at Pioneer Village- Sept 10

So much more than bells, horns and whistles. Model train layouts, Legos layout, Skits, Bluegrass and more. Kettle Moraine Ballast Scorchers and Metro Model Railroad Club from Port Washington put on a real show with their train layouts! Kerry Kramer from the Plymouth Art Center put on a play why the OCHS 1940 Milwaukee Road Caboose is Oh So Special. Our friends from Pickin' Up Speed Bluegrass Band sang train songs for their audience and everyone was able to enjoy a roast chicken dinner. A fun time was had by all. All proceeds benefited the Caboose Restoration Project.



Tim Hellman

EVENT RECAP OCTOBER

Autumn Farm Days- Oct 1st & 2nd had something for everyone. Historic demonstrations, activities, crafts, tractors, wagon rides, food and music. Lots to see, lots to do and learn. Thanks to all of our exhibitors!



Donations

Donations July—September:

Event Sponsorships:

Badgerland Bluegrass Music Assoc.

Today's Dentistry

Cedarburg Toy Company

Rachels Roses

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Petersen Products

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Grants:

Milwaukee Road Historical Association

Port Washington State Bank

Port Washington-Saukville Rotary

Antiquarian Society of Wisconsin

Church Mutual Insurance

Hadler Family Donation: Friedrich & Maria, Married 2/19/1864 - 50th Anniversary



Our Distinguished Guests



Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich of Luxembourg visited our Sinnen House at Pioneer Village on Aug. 12.

Pictured above: Karen Jasper, Allen Buchholz and Cheri Buchholz; Second row (L-R) Kevin Wester, Mike Ansay, Cardinal Hollerich and Father de Smet.

Cardinal Hollerich also visited St. Mary's Church in Port Washington, Stony Hill School, St. Nicholas Church and the Luxembourg American Cultural Society.



Greater Cedarburg Foundation Reception Oct 1st at the Interurban Depot

Membership Changes 2023

The last time the OCHS membership rates were reviewed and increased was over a decade ago in 2009. The Board of Directors recently reviewed the current membership structure as compared with other local historical societies and similar organizations. As with everything, operating costs, wages and maintenance costs have increased. The Board has decided that the membership structure should be simplified and adjusted as of January 1, 2023.

The Board believes your OCHS membership is still a tremendous bargain and provides many benefits. Below is a comparison to outline the changes:

Current Membership Structure	New Membership Structure
Individual Membership \$ 20.00	Individual Standard Membership \$ 25.00
Family Membership \$ 40.00	Family Standard Membership \$ 50.00
Business Membership \$ 75.00	No Longer Offered
Individual Lifetime \$ 225.00	No Longer Offered
Family Lifetime \$ 350.00	No Longer Offered
	Individual Sustaining Membership \$ 50.00
	Family Sustaining Membership \$100.00

The membership year begins January 1st and ends December 31st. If renewal is paid on or after September 1st, the membership will be for the remaining months of the current year and the entire next year.

New Standard Membership benefits include free admission to Pioneer Village on open weekends during the summer and free admission to scheduled events, with the exception of Bluegrass at the Village and the Harry Potter Festival. The cost for OCHS members to attend Bluegrass at the Village and Harry Potter will be \$5.00 per person. Members will also receive 10% off all Pioneer Village Gift Shop items and Archives merchandise.

New Sustaining Membership benefits include free admission to Pioneer Village for all open weekends and event weekends, including Bluegrass at the Village and the Harry Potter Festival. Sustaining Members will also receive 10% off all Pioneer Village Gift Shop items and Archives merchandise. Sustaining Membership will also include a complimentary guided tour of either Pioneer Village or Stony Hill School (must be scheduled in advance). Plus, Sustaining Membership includes up to one (1) free hour of Genealogy/Research at the Archives with one of the archivists (must be scheduled in advance).

All existing Lifetime members (Individual or Family) will retain their current status and Sustaining Member- level benefits.

Just for Fun Ozaukee County Trivia

From the “**Ozaukee County Wisconsin: A Photographic Journey into the Past**”
Then check your answers on bottom of Page 5:

<p>1. In the early days, milking cows by hand was not a speedy venture. How many cows could a farmer milk by hand in an hour?</p> <p>a. 3-5 b. 7-10 c. 12-15 d. 16-18</p>	
<p>2. Building a barn required many strong hands. What did women do to contribute to the process?</p> <p>a. hoisted the timbers b. carved wooden pegs c. laid the foundation d. prepared meals</p>	
<p>3. What was the purpose of a tool known as a flail?</p> <p>a. harvesting corn b. harvesting peas c. separating grain from straw d. cooling milk</p>	
<p>4. Which item was not used as early farm power?</p> <p>a. mules b. steam engines c. draft horses d. diesel engines</p>	
<p>5. Where was the Hubbard Cheese factory located?</p> <p>a. Saukville b. Cedarburg c. Lake Church d. Belgium</p>	
<p>6. Workers at Fromm Brothers harvested and sacked what type of seed?</p> <p>a. corn b. poppy c. ginseng d. bean</p>	
<p>7. In the fall, crops were harvested and food had to be preserved to last the whole winter. Some of the common methods of food preservation were:</p> <p>a. canning b. pickling c. smoking d. all of the above</p>	
<p>8. Families bought recipes from the “old country” from where they came to make their own sausage. The most common meat used in sausages was:</p> <p>a. lamb b. beef c. pork d. veal</p>	
<p>9. The flail in question #3, was replaced by what machine in the 1860’s:</p> <p>a. corn sheller b. pea picker c. thresher d. ice box</p>	
<p>10. The old phrase “Making Hay While the Sunshines” referred to what:</p> <p>a. getting up at the crack of dawn b. working hard and fast c. cutting the hay d. use the heat and sun to dry the hay so it won’t mold/spoil</p>	

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~2023 Membership Application ~

Membership ~ January 1 thru December 31, 2023

Sign me up! I'm ready to be a part of history!

Enclosed please find my: Renewal New Membership

Individual \$25 Husband/Wife/Family \$50 (incl children under 18)
 Sustaining Individual \$50 Sustaining Family \$100

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ (Your Email & Phone Number will never be shared!)

Phone: _____ Number of Children (under 18): _____

Yes! Please contact me when you need volunteer help!

I want to make a contribution to history. Enclosed please find my additional tax-deductible contribution specified for:

Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center
 Acquisitions & Collections Maintenance
 Stony Hill School Upkeep
 Ozaukee County Pioneer Village Upkeep
 General: Where Needed Most

Interurban Depot Preservation Fund
 Memorial: In Memory of: _____
 Celebration: In Honor of: _____
 Sponsorship of an Event: _____
 Other: _____

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Do you have a passion for local history?
Are you interested in attending events for FREE in 2023?

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

*It's not a secret... our volunteers help make our events a success.
Whether you're in school, working, retired, or just looking to make some new
friends, we have opportunities for everyone!*

We are currently seeking individuals to fill the following volunteer positions:

**Board Members, Newsletter Editor, School Tour
Coordinator, Kitchen Coordinator, Volunteer
Coordinator, Event Volunteers.**

Interested in getting more involved?

**Email us at: ochsvolunteers@gmail.com
or call the historical society at (262) 377-4510.**

We'd love to have you join us!