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OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING

Monday, February 6th

Membership Update 7:00 - Presentation 7:30

**Location: Port Washington State Bank
Community Building (formerly Dairy Queen)**

218 E. Washington, Port Washington, WI

Free and open to the public.

The Community of Lake Church



Presentation by local historian, Kevin Wester, focusing on his book, "Lake Church, Wisconsin: A Pictorial History".

Kevin Wester was born in Port Washington and raised in Belgium, Wisconsin. Over the years he has published numerous family histories and local histories. He is proud to be 100% Luxembourg American. Kevin was part of a small group of organizers of the Luxembourg American Cultural Society and Center.

He served as the first board chair and was hired as the Society's first full-time staff person, serving as Director of Development and later as Executive Director.

Join us for this enjoyable & entertaining presentation and learn some never-known facts about this small community near Belgium such as: a nun tried to burn down St. Mary's School, a priest was tarred and feathered by the KKK and Lake Church had one of the most state-of-the-art shoe production plants in the USA.



Greetings From the President:

Hello and Happy New Year!

We are busy planning our annual events and projects for the spring. We hope to have the Draeger House Welcome Center finished and open sometime this summer. It will be wonderful to have a central entry with new lighting and exhibits for visitors to see when they arrive!

We are excited to welcome two new board members, Dan Paulus and Tiffany Kindschy. Some of you may know Dan from the 4-H Haunt, Waubeka 4-H corn roast at the Bluegrass Event or from the Tractor Show. He has lots of great experience and will be a huge asset to the organization. Tiffany volunteered for Autumn Farm Days and from our initial meeting, we knew we needed her on the board. She has lots of volunteer experience with schools and churches and a “can do” personality. She will be assisting us in our quarterly programming and with events.

We also would like to welcome two new docents, Chris Schultz and Carol Curtis. Chris is a retired teacher from the Mequon School District and started working with our fall tours. She is a “quick study”! Carol recently moved to Grafton and is a retired teacher from the Waterford area. Her background and enthusiasm make her perfect for the job and she will start getting involved with the school tours this spring.

We are still looking for more volunteers and committee members for this year.

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

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Mary Ann Velnetske - President

BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Ann Velnetske, President
Allen Buchholz, 1st Vice-President
Becky Miller, Secretary/Graphic Design
Don Borgwardt, Treasurer
Keri Eichner, Director
Tiffany Kindschy, Quarterly Program Chair
Dan Paulus, Director
Dick Liersch, Director
Tom Oliver, Director

SUPPORT STAFF

Jane Butz, Archivist
Chris Fricke, Archivist
Don Engelbert, Membership
Jim and Sally Punzel-Pioneer Village Caretakers
Eugene Durben-Resident Blacksmith

TOUR GUIDES/DOCENTS

Dennis Beder Barbara Roob
Donna Smith Carol Stephenson
Ina Wenzler Linda Ziebell
Chris Schultz Carol Curtis

CONTACTS

Village Management-Allen Buchholz
Village Hall Rentals-Allen Buchholz
Website-Mary Ann Velnetske
Marketing-Becky Miller
Videographer-Dick Liersch
Photographer-Laura Bruederle
Newsletter-Mary Ann Velnetske
School Tours-Mary Ann Velnetske
Gift Shoppe-Jean Steinke



Spinning a Yarn, the Story of Emilie Buch:

By Archivist, Jane Butz

We often use the term "spin a yarn" meaning a long far-fetched story, in this case it is not a far-fetched tale:

Observe this spinning wheel that brings us a wonderful story and the adventures of John and Emilie Buch who settled in Cedarburg.

This "Flax Spinning Wheel" is one of our newest accessioned items which was a gift from Nina Look and the Jonathan Clark House.

Johann Friedrich Buch (John Buch) was born in Prussia October 26, 1829, and Karolina Henriette Emilie Quade (Emilie Buch) was born in Prussia April 9, 1834. From the family stories found in the Genealogy Records at the Archives, this is what we learned:

For 3 years, John Buch served as a soldier in the German Army, on duty at the Imperial Palace. Every morning Emilie Quade walked through the Brandenburg Gate to a shop in Berlin where she designed and sewed "für die Herrschaften" (for the rulers). John Buch reported to the guard each morning and passed Emilie on his way each day. He made her acquaintance, fell in love, and was married to her in Langarten, Brandenburg, Prussia before being discharged from duty on November 1, 1855.

The couple immigrated to the United States with their first-born daughter, Augusta, who was born in 1856. They entered through the Port of Baltimore on June 22, 1858. Making their way to Milwaukee, they came up through Hamilton and then to Cedarburg in a lumber wagon with a big chest holding their belongings, including Emilie's beautiful spinning wheel. John located a cousin and began helping him on his farm before taking a job at the Cedarburg Mill.

Spinning a Yarn (story continued)



They initially took living quarters above the Mill where Emilie did the washing and mending for a young bachelor and soon became known as an expert with a sewing needle.

John and Emilie had a second daughter, Theresa, who was born in Cedarburg on May 28, 1859. A year after their arrival, Emilie opened a millinery in her home. She had only a few boxes of trimmings that she brought with her and would make trips to Milwaukee for supplies with a teamster in a tote wagon. By 1862 when their son William was born, the family was living in a home John Buch had bought from Dr. Hartwig.

In 1865 John Buch was drafted into the Civil War, and was later discharged on July 28, 1865. He then purchased a 10-acre farm on the north end of Cedarburg,

just above the Fair Grounds. By 1867 the family had grown to 3 girls & 3 boys.

While raising her family, Emilie continued with the millinery trade from her home and her lovely store on Washington Avenue, bringing her creative beauty to the small rural town of Cedarburg. John would often help, sew hats, dye, shape and clean them. The two of them made a great team. The 1891 tax records indicate the Millinery Shop on Washington Avenue was Lot #38 valued at \$1620.00. The 1893 photo of the Washington Avenue Store was taken just before Miss Kate Savage purchased the Millinery stock, as reported in the Cedarburg News March 29, 1893. Miss Savage had spent two seasons working with Emilie.

The building that was once Emilie's millinery is now occupied by Wyndrose Fine Jewelry.

John and Emilie rest for eternity in the Immanuel Cemetery on Hamilton Road.



EVENT RECAP DECEMBER



Fredonia Village Park

Tree Decorating

Decorated by: Waubeka 4-H Helpers

December 1



Foxtown Winter Market

December 10

Don Borgwardt &

Mary Ann Velnetske



Random Lake

Historical Society Tree

Decorating Contest -

Night of Lights

December 3

Decorated by: Keri Eichner,

Nancy Perez, Sue Duffy &

Mary Ann Velnetske



FONDLY REMEMBERED-BILL GRUNWALD 1935-2022



Bill Grunwald passed on December 8, 2022. Bill devoted many years to the Ozaukee County Historical Society. He was a member, a volunteer, served as a board member and as the Pioneer Village Manager. Bill had a great gift of being mechanically inclined and he could fix just about anything. Bill enjoyed teaching others how to fix things, too. He was a member of the Tractor Club and assisted with planning and running the annual Tractor Show event that was held at Pioneer Village. Bill also enjoyed tending to the heirloom fruit trees on his property. Each fall, he and his wife Joan, would sell their special varieties of apples at Autumn at the Village. Our members and board members all have wonderful memories of working with him. We are honored to have known Bill and he will be dearly missed.

Donations October—December:

Private Donations:

Sierra Club
Briar Patch
Dennis & Sue Duffy
Richard Tollefsen
Mike & Nancy Byers
Metro Model Railroad Club

Memorial Donations:

Eugene Recob-Memorial Donation-Bernice Noster
Margaret Schweda-Memorial Lawrence Smith
Nancy Perez-Memorial Ruth Hatzinger
Phil & Jean Steinke- Memorial Donation(Gift Shop)-Bernice Noster

Artifact Donations:

Nina Look & the Jonathan Clark House
(Buch Spinning Wheel)
Ruth Goeden (Handmade artifacts
from the Farm of Ernst Klotz)

GET READY, GET SET, TO SPRING INTO ACTION!

2023 Event Calendar- Mark Your Calendars

- OCHS Quarterly Meeting ~ February 6
- Volunteer Meet & Greet ~ April 15
- OCHS Quarterly Meeting ~ May 1
- WWII School Day and Encampment ~ May 19-20
- Car Show, Flag Day and Blacksmith Class ~ June 10
- Fire Up the Forge ~ July 9
- Harry Potter ~ July 29
- OCHS Quarterly Meeting ~ August 7
- Bluegrass at the Village ~ August 13
- Train Show ~ September 9
- Autumn Farm Days and Blacksmith Class (9/30) ~ September 30 - October 1
- OCHS Quarterly Meeting ~ November 6



JUST FOR FUN

Submitted by: Keri Eichner

Winter Word Search

S K I I N G S N O W B O O H T
S F I R E P L A C E I N G E O
L I E A R M U F F S C N Y T S
E W S B C O L T R A E S T A C
D I M L R O W S N O U G H E A
D N U I A U L O W P S H T O R
I T F Z E S A D E H A T A O F
N R B Z B A E R O W P L Y I I
G C O A T O T L Y D M W L C R
I T O R H A F R O T A S U I E
P O T D E C E M B E R I L C L
L A S N C R O V I N C L O L R
O A D H J K T C E S H O V E L
W J A N U A R Y O E S A H S T
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| BLIZZARD | FIREPLACE | PLOW |
| BOOTS | FROSTY | SCARF |
| COAT | HAT | SHOVEL |
| COCOA | ICE | SKIING |
| COLD | ICICLES | SLEDDING |
| DECEMBER | JANUARY | SNOW |
| EARMUFFS | MARCH | SWEATER |
| FEBRUARY | MITTENS | WINTER |



ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!!



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!

Wanted:

- 1. Menards Gift Cards**
- 2. Home Depot Gift Cards**
- 3. Blain's Farm & Fleet Gift Cards**
- 4. Costco Gift Cards**
- 5. Office Depot Gift Cards**
- 6. Donations for the Draeger
House Welcome Center Project**
- 7. Donations for the Caboose
Restoration Project**

Harold C. Dobberpuhl Memorial Scholarship Funds Available

Deadline for Applications- April 1st, 2023

The scholarship fund was established in recognition of Harold C. Dobberpuhl's (1931-2002) many years of service to Ozaukee County, local communities and organizations. As a lifetime member, his support of the Ozaukee County Historical Society reached all aspects to include the Ozaukee County Pioneer Village, Stony Hill School, the Ozaukee County Archives Research Center and Interurban Depot, to name just a few. His passion and commitment to preservation of the past, along with his legacy of public service, is remembered through the scholarship fund. (Application information can be found on our website.)

Each year a \$400 scholarship is available to a High School student in good academic standing who will be pursuing a degree in Public Administration, History, Historic Preservation, Graphic Arts or Photography. **Please encourage those who meet this criteria, to apply!**

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Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center
262-377-4510
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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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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

