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NEWSLETTER OF THE OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Quarterly Meeting: Monday, February 1, at 7:00 PM**

## INDIAN PATHS LEAD TO OZAUKEE STREETS

Learn about Native American culture and history and the Indians of Wisconsin from a widely recognized expert on the subject, **Richard J. Gonzalez M.A.**, at our Quarterly Meeting, Monday, February 1, at the Cedarburg Cultural Center. Discover answers to such questions as: Who are the Sauk Indians? What are the origins of Green Bay, Dekorah Roads and the Village of Saukville? How old is that arrowhead you brought along? And, hear about the direct genealogical link of our speaker to President George Washington.

Mr. Gonzalez, from Grafton, is a member of the Iroquois Confederation, Oneida Nation and Turtle Clan. Professionally, he has served as a member of the Board of Trustees, Cardinal Stritch University, Consultant at Marquette and an administrator at several Milwaukee initiatives. He also taught about Native Americans at MATC and is a board member of "Three Oaks", a federal housing entity serving Native American residents. A highlight of his career was serving on a committee for peace after 9/11 at the United Nations building; the session was chaired by Nabuyasu Abe, Under-secretary for Global Disarmament.



The program will take place at the Cedarburg Cultural Center in downtown Cedarburg, with the OCHS business meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the presentation at 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public; refreshments will be served.

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### Letter from the President

Happy New Year and a happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Year!

Despite the cold and snow, committees of OCHS  
have been busy preparing for 2010. The Hazel Wirth  
Center is busy with researchers and volunteers on  
Tuesdays and other days by appointment.

Thanks to the many volunteers who keep OCHS  
moving ahead as we face the next 50 years of  
growth, preservation, and education.

A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is a special benchmark in any  
organization or relationship. The OCHS Board of  
Directors is asking for your help in planning a special  
day of recognition of this anniversary. Please direct  
your ideas to me for consideration by the board.

Our events remain the same as 2009 but we are look-  
ing at ways to garner more visitors to these events.  
In 2009 the Free Open House weekend at Ozaukee  
County Pioneer Village was a great success. Invite  
your families and friends to this event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun-  
day in June. Spread the word about the other events,  
too.

County residents stepped forward with donations of  
materials and money to further the goals of OCHS in  
2009. The Board and volunteers work hard to earn  
the trust you place in OCHS. You are asked to con-  
tinue your generous support in 2010. The County  
Board continued its support with grant money for  
general operation and restoration.

As you visit the sites of OCHS in 2010, look forward  
to continued restoration, additions to exhibits, and  
many new items for researchers.

Working together the next 50 years will continue to  
see a vigorous and stimulating OCHS preserving the  
history of Ozaukee County and making it available  
for today and future generations.

*Mary Sayner*

## Ozaukee County History Trivia

How well do you know historical facts about Ozaukee County agriculture? Test your skill on the following questions. The answers are listed in another section of this newsletter.

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?  
a. 3-5   b. 7-10   c. 12-15   d. 16-18
2. Building a barn required many strong hands. What did women do to contribute to the process?  
a. hoisted the timbers   b. carved wooden pegs   c. laid the foundation  
d. prepared meals
3. What was the purpose of a tool known as a flail?  
a. harvesting corn   b. harvesting peas   c. separating grain from straw  
d. cooling milk
4. Which item was not used as early farm power?  
a. mules   b. steam engines   c. draft horses   d. diesel engines
5. Where was the Hubbard Cheese factory located?  
a. Saukville   b. Cedarburg   c. Lake Church   d. Belgium
6. Workers at Fromm Brothers harvested and sacked what type of seed?  
a. corn   b. poppy   c. ginseng   d. bean

Source: Ozaukee County Wisconsin - A Photographic Journey into the Past  
Available for \$20.00 at the Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center and area bookstores.

*(Answers on Page 6)*

Greetings fellow OCHS Members,

On December 5, 2009, we held our annual Holiday Gathering at the Alpine Village in Mequon. Thirty-six members and volunteers attended. As usual, the food and service were great and the weather cooperated. Door prizes were won by 13 people. December 4, 2010 has been reserved for our Gathering this year. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

It's that time of year again when I must remind you to renew your membership if you haven't yet done so. Check the address label on this issue. If it says 2009, your membership expired on December 31, 2009. Before the next issue comes out, your name will be removed from our mailing list. Please don't let that happen to you.

Remember that your membership gives you FREE admission to ALL our events at Pioneer Village and Free use of the Hazel Wirth Research Center in the Interurban Depot in Cedarburg. Check the 2010 event schedule and plan to attend our events. Use the handy application form on the back of this issue. I hope to hear from you soon.

**Don, the membership guy**

## *History of Ozaukee County Historical Society - part seven Building and Growth Continues...*

The board of directors are busy beavers. The Huiras School was offered to us and contracts were signed and work of moving it was to begin in spring of 1973. There were many delays, mainly weather and funds. Actually it would have cost us about \$20,000 and money was needed for other projects. We began receiving more things, such as the paymaster's window from the Wittenberg Mill. The Joseph L. Grossel family of Port Washington donated the furnishing of an old barbershop. The Cedarburg Garden Club with the help of the Girl Scouts planted trees and flowers at the Village.

In April work was begun on the Race House which would be known in the future as the Draeger House. This was dedicated Aug. 19, 1973. Plans for its use would be as a gift shop and display and demonstration area. At first goods sold were on consignment, but after the first season that was discontinued. The barbershop things were displayed in the house for a time.

It seems there were those that wanted to borrow our possessions for a time, and that didn't work out too well, so the board moved that no organization or individuals would be allowed to 'borrow' our things. Jan. of 1974 it was reported there had been several break-ins and vandalism. As a result at this time it was decided to have a full time caretaker. A committee was formed to begin looking at tourist cottages that might serve, but they were in poor shape and didn't meet local zoning. Rather than move an old building it was decided to build a house. Mr. Ralph Schaefer drew up plans. The County board voted to add a piece of land south of Pioneer Village driveway for the proposed caretakers house. Bids were in and went to Mr. Fred Gaetner from Fredonia. His bid was \$27,627, but he would reduce it by \$1000 due to lumber costs being down! This was December, 1974.

On July 4th a picnic was held at PV for members and families. After a good time all agreed that more of these things should be planned in the future. Also in July an original Ahner sofa was received. The bedroom at the Halpin House was furnished, but a railing must be put on the left side of the stairs. This was installed by Mr. Voeks.

As the new year began a special request came in that on Oct. 4th of 1975 the Girl Scouts of Fond du Lac wanted to come and would like to have craftspeople on the premises. Each group would be about 375 Scouts for two hour sessions. There could be a possible 3000 youth and chaperones! The charge would be 50 cents per girl, adults free for that day. All directors are requested to be there.

By March the caretakers cottage was underway. Also 3 girls applied to work at the archives office. They were paid by Federally funded Youth Employment Fund. They were to catalog the artifacts at the Village and at the Archives Office.

It was in April that we learned that the Working House of Port Washington would be available to us for the cost of moving it (\$6,500). All these projects require much attention and footings have to be poured. It was ready to be moved and set on its foundation by July

We're busy with tours and learned that 14 buses from Northwestern Life Insurance were coming for tours and craftsmen were needed for this.

By August it was decided that we also needed a 2-1/2 car garage for the caretaker. Throughout all these additions and improvements the Insurance on the buildings and contents had to be kept up to date.

We had many interesting guest speakers. We had Mr. Joseph Hames who spoke on the History of Waubeka, life in a small rural village. Eileen Kreuter and husband Karl and her brother Morris McCarthy spoke on St. Finbars - a little bit of Ireland in Ozaukee County. Judge Charles Larson told about early lawyers and interesting trials of Ozaukee County at a meeting at the Court House.

An interesting note in 1975: 6,499 people toured the Village on weekends and 9,778 on special tours for a total of 16,277. This was a record high! *How exciting it must have been to be a part of the Society that was so active. As you can see it also meant each board member and society member was needed to help make this all come about.*

*Ruth J. Renz, archivist*

**NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES.....** One day a lady called. She had seen the Interurban Depot and thought it was so pretty. Where did we move it from? Many people that just bought a house in the area want to know all about it. Not every house built has a recorded history! A man from Michigan wanted to know who his great Aunt married. She was a housekeeper for the Weyenbergs. He decided she must have married some cattle rancher. Some of them are not able to be traced. But then when someone came in looking for his ancestors who were in the Bonniwell Family that was an easy one to track for him. Then a biker on the trail stopped and wanted to know all about Cedarburg. I thought that would take more than a few sentences, so I told him to sit down and start reading. He did for a while, but it was far more than he really wanted to know. Activity before Christmas varies. Some are in a rush and need a book or two, or some photos copied. But usually research takes a back seat until after the holidays. Then the New Year resolutions kick in and some vow to get going again. Our new Scan Pro Microfilm reader and printer is installed and up and running. We are still learning how to use it. It is such an improvement over our former equipment. We feel like we have brought things up to technical date. Our computers have been upgraded and now all we need are more hours in a day. We received several presidential campaign signs. Up to now we have very little in our collection. But as you know this too is history. That includes newspaper headlines and anything else related. We received many interesting new items that we will show off to the public as time goes on. It is wonderful that we are now familiar enough in the county that people think of us. There was the Sorweid collection of many photo albums, and other photos and a wonderful collection of Doerr Electric papers. This was followed by box after box of Milwaukee Road memorabilia belonging to Mr. Raymond Duman. A fantastic collection of his awards and artifacts. Right after this came an outstanding transfer of 556 abstracts pertaining to southern Ozaukee County. This also included a cataloged index of them from the Port Washington Historical Society. What a start to our new year! **Recent acquisitions.....** *Larry & Lauri Evers* -The Sorweid Collection of photo albums, Doerr Electric papers and other photos; *Ruth McVay* - Assorted old books for use at the Village; *Sister Mildred Rieber* -150th Anniv. booklet from Holy Trinity Parish, Newburg, a newspaper article featuring Vern Arendt, an award from State Cultural Arts Contest; *Margaret Radke* - Old time Cedarburg Post Cards; *Audrey Erdmann/Holly Prochnow* - Two framed photos, Ray Schultz Tavern and Kafehl's Tavern in Cedarburg; *Nina Look* -Plat book & Farmers directory of Oz Co. about 1955; *Ken and Rennie Rappold* - A collection of nine Avon Bottles; *Florence Panning* -Cabinet style wind up Victrola (Retrola) and a collection of 13 78rpm records; *Mr. & Mrs. Velnetski* - Obama Campaign & Inauguration items, and various photos of the campaign; *Sonia Buhrow* - The Raymond J. Duman Milwaukee Road Memorabilia collection of awards, photos, video tapes, books, clocks and watches, belt buckles, paper weights, rails and spikes and numerous figurines and desk pieces and a spectacular calculator in its oak box; *Port Washington Historical Society* - 556 abstracts catalogued and arranged in townships of Southern Ozaukee County. *We are extremely grateful and thankful for each and every one of these donations to our Society. Thank you for thinking of us once again.* **Ruth J. Renz, archivist**

**Fancy Avon bottles were popular in the '60's and '70's. There were many figurines, horses, autos etc. Does anyone have any of these they are ready to part with? Contact Ruth at the Archives.**

**We are seeking bankers' boxes (for storage) and any artifacts concerning the one-room schools in Ozaukee County such as class pictures, class rosters, budgets, report cards. Please contact the Archives if you have any such items.**

**Port Washington State Bank donates to Ozaukee County Historical Society  
in honor of 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

*Port Washington, Wisconsin-January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010-*

Port Washington State Bank, a locally owned and operated Ozaukee County based financial services organization has announced a \$6,000.00 donation to benefit the Ozaukee County Historical Society. The donation is in honor of the bank's 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary which was celebrated in late 2009. The bank which was started in 1899 by Clarence Hill is still principally owned and operated by the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> generation descendents of Mr. Hill. "The bank wanted to give something back, specifically to an organization that not only preserves our history as a business, but the history of all things Ozaukee County," said James S. Schowalter, VP and Director of Retail Banking. "My Great-Great Grandfather started something special here in Port Washington in 1899 and we are thrilled to be here 110 years later operating with the same vision he set forth, mainly to make a difference in our community and to serve the residents of Ozaukee County." We are pleased to make this contribution on behalf of our family and our extended family of Officers and Directors and Staffs of our banks," said Schowalter.

Port Washington State Bank is a locally owned and operated financial institution with locations in Port Washington, Belgium, Fredonia, Saukville, Grafton and Cedarburg. With assets in excess of \$365 million it ranks in the top 20% of banks in the State of Wisconsin as to size.

The OCHS is truly grateful to the Port Washington State Bank for this generous gift.

**Donations:**

(November through December 2009)

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**Memorial** for Herb and Adele Matthews

**Answers to quiz on Page 3.**

1. a    2. d    3. c    4. d    5. a    6. c

## **2010 Calendar of Events Ozaukee County Historical Society**

**(Weeks of April 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>: Clean-up at the Village & Stony Hill School)**

**\*\*Possible Scout Camporee in early May**

**Saturday and Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> , Opening weekend for the season. Hours: noon to 5 p.m.**

**Flag Day Celebration: Stony Hill School, Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Open House Free Weekend: Ozaukee County Pioneer Village, June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Antique Power Reunion Tractor Show: Ozaukee County Pioneer Village**

**July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Old Time Fiddlers' Contest: Ozaukee County Pioneer Village, Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Bluegrass at the Village: Ozaukee County Pioneer Village, Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Rev. War Encampment/Reenactment: Ozaukee County Pioneer Village, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Season closes at the Ozaukee County Pioneer Village for weekend tours: October 10<sup>th</sup>**

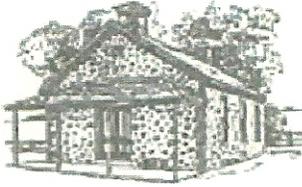
**School tours begin in May for spring and September in fall with closing date of October 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*\*\*Scout Jamboree at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village: 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October**

### **Vintage Toys, anyone?**

Brennick Christiansen is an aspiring Eagle Scout planning a project at the Ozaukee County Historical Society this spring of 2010. Brennick will be upgrading a room in the lower level of the Working House known as the Professional Building. This project will consist of major cleaning, painting, building shelves and display areas, improving the lighting, and organizing. The hope is to fill the room with toys dating from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century through the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Your donation of a toy/toys should be brought to the Hazel Wirth Center for cataloging and then movement to the Village. This should be an exciting addition to exhibits at the Village.



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Membership is from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>

2010 O.C.H.S. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

- Enclosed please find:  Renewal  New Membership  
 Individual \$20  Husband/Wife/Family \$40. (Includes Children)  
 Individual Lifetime \$225.  Husband/Wife Lifetime \$350.  
 Business / Professional \$75.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children Under 18 Years Old \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Your e-mail address will not be shared with anyone!)

**Here's my additional tax-deductible contribution specified for:**

- Ozaukee Pioneer Village  Interurban Depot Preservation Fund  Stony Hill School  
 Archives Research Center  Village Restoration Fund  Scholarship Fund  
 Memorial in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes! ... Please call when you need volunteer help!**

Please send to: Ozaukee County Historical Society P.O. Box 206 Cedarburg, WI 53012