

TIMELINES

NEWSLETTER OF THE OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Quarterly Meeting: Mon. Nov. 2, 7pm

PORT WASHINGTON STATE BANK— FIVE GENERATIONS OF SERVING OZAUKEE COUNTY

The late 1800's found Port Washington and most of Ozaukee County without proper banking services and with many previously failed ventures. Two partners, Clarence Hill and Dr. George Henry, both of Manitowoc, got together to purchase a site and organize what was to become Port Washington State Bank, on September 11, 1899. Hill, one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Manitowoc in 1895, and Henry, a local dentist with Port Washington ties, capitalized the bank with \$25,000 in personal and investor monies.

Their venture, however, was not without problems. What became known as the Great Wisconsin Chair Factory Fire, leveled most of the business district--just two days after their land purchase! With determination and the support of the city and its residents, the bank pushed forward, survived World Wars, the Great Depression, dozens of up-and-down economic cycles and now has six, full service locations throughout Ozaukee County.

Today, 116 years later, Port Washington State Bank is still principally owned and actively managed by the third, fourth and fifth generation descendants of Clarence Hill, and also retains its independence and strong community ties. Join us to hear the stories and details of how this bank survived, grew and helped write the history of our county.



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**Thank you to financial donor
Loris Steinbach for underwriting the
November Quarterly Meeting**

Our Quarterly Meeting will be held Monday, November 2nd, at the Cedarburg Cultural Center (W62 N546 Washington Ave. Cedarburg) The business meeting begins at 7 pm, with the presentation starting at 7:30 pm. This event is free and open to the public. Free refreshments provided, on-site parking available.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another year of events at the Village has come to an end... and the OCHS Board would like to thank everyone who helped out in some way or form this past year!

It takes many hands doing a wide variety of tasks to preserve and share our special Ozaukee history and this year was no exception. There are hundreds of people and numerous groups who volunteer their time... and we thank all of you!



Plans are underway for our 2016 events. Mark your calendars—and save the dates. From our WWII Event in May through Autumn at the Village, all of the events are back on the calendar and we have big plans for the upcoming year.

We are still fundraising. Continued work on the Village Hall, a new roof at Stony Hill School and many smaller but always costly repair projects are on the ever and ongoing “to do” list. Your support by way of a yearly membership, attending an event or quarterly meeting or just making a general donation is how we continue to operate. Please join us and get involved.

The upcoming winter season is a great time to start on a new genealogy project or delve into some local history. The archives are a great place to explore. Stop in and visit.

We'd love to share our Ozaukee History with you.

Jean Steinke, President OCHS

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SAVE THE DATE-TENTATIVE 2016 EVENT SCHEDULE

OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENT CALENDAR ~ 2016

Ozaukee County Pioneer Village
4880 County Hwy I - Saukville, WI 53080

Fri, May 20, 2016

“School Days” Pre-Event Educational Program

Sat, May 21, 2016

2nd Annual... World War II Event ~ 2016 Theme: “Breaching the Reich”

Sat, June 11, 2016

National Flag Day Program & Celebration

Note Location: Stony Hill School, 5595 Hwy. I, Fredonia “The Birthplace of National Flag Day”

Sun, June 12, 2016

Free Admission & Heritage Demonstration Day at the Village

Sat & Sun, June 25 and 26, 2016

Strawberry Fest ~ Rummage Sale at the Archives

Note Location: Hazel Wirth Archives/Research Center—On Center St. Near Downtown Cedarburg

Sat & Sun, July 16 and 17, 2016

Antique Tractor and Machinery Show - Wisconsin Antique Tractor Power Reunion

Sun, August 14, 2016

Bluegrass at the Village

Sat, October 1, 2016

Autumn at the Village

QUARTERLY HISTORICAL/EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1st Monday Evening in February, May, August and November

Location: To be Determined

OZAUKEE COUNTY PIONEER VILLAGE
OPEN for TOURS on Saturdays & Sundays
May 21st thru Oct 9th, 2016 ~ Noon–5 pm
Further Information @ 262-377-4510

~ or check our website ~
<http://www.ochs.co.ozaukee.wi.us/>



SAVE THE DATE ~ TENTATIVE 2016 OCHS Event Schedule ~ SAVE THE DATE

NEWS & EVENTS

AUTUMN AT THE VILLAGE

Although the cold wind blew through Pioneer Village for the 2nd Annual Autumn at the Village on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, the village was kept warm by the wood fires, bowls of chili, soup and the happy smiles of everyone having a wonderful time. For the volunteers and the over 500 people who attended, it was great fun to learn new things and share the skill and passion for history exhibited by our demonstrators.

Children, and big kids at heart, enjoyed learning how to make rope, yarn dolls, candles and corn-husk dolls. Two girl-scout troops from Chilton and Grafton brought out the creativity in others while painting mini-pumpkins to take home.

Apples grown by Bill and Joan Grunwald and pumpkins, gourds and squash (compliments of Matt Bell and his business Pumpkins, Squash & More) were available for sale. Hayrides were provided courtesy of the Antique Tractor Club.

There was a wonderful group of volunteers to make this a fun time for all, including over a dozen students from Concordia University. Our OCHS neighbor, Ken Albinger assisted with the set up and provided cornstalks, straw bales and wheat for decorations.

Thank you to those who shared their talent and were demonstrators including: WI Herb Society, Gary Hess, Our Lady of the Rosary Children's Choir-Waubeka, Kristen Olson, Linda Sanderson, Chris Capelle, Julia Karlman, Francis Lenz, Eugene & Bonny Durbin, Zack Immel, the Burmesch Family, Karen Hershenson, Joe McGinty, Don Snetinger, David Milburn and Chris Velnetske.

The proceeds of almost \$3000.00 from the event will benefit the continued progress on the Pioneer Village Hall building project. Please consider getting involved next year for the fun at Autumn at the Village 2016!



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Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Sat. Nov 14, 5:30pm-7pm
Grafton Senior Center—1665 7th Ave

Concordia University Faith-in-Action Day

A huge “thank you” to the 25 Concordia University students and their advisors who came out to Ozaukee Pioneer Village at the end of August for a service orientation project.

They cleaned, dusted, vacuumed, raked and helped out immensely in sprucing up the village for fall. We appreciate their hard work and the time shared with us during their first weekend at college.



Crossroads Presbyterian Church- Faith-in-Action Day

Thank you to the volunteers from Crossroads Presbyterian Church for choosing the Pioneer Village as a recipient for their Faith in Action day on Sunday, October 11. A group of 25 men, women and children assisted in getting the Village ready for the winter season. They planted trees, cut down bushes, painted railings and the children picked apples.

Your effort and hard work is greatly appreciated!



Donations Beautify the Village

Thank you to Heritage Hills Nursery, Leaf Land, and Wayside Nursery for new trees and bushes for the Village.

These plants are authentic to the time and period of the Village and are wonderful additions.



Christmas Through the Ages— Grafton Christmas Parade

Here's our chance to reach thousands of potential volunteers and members -- OCHS will have a float in Grafton's Christmas parade. I'm looking for some volunteers to build a float and/or ride on the float.

The parade will take place the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and begins at 11 a.m. in the St. Paul Lutheran Church parking lot. Construction should be fairly simple. We'll use one of the sleighs from the village, decorated with an appropriate theme.

I'm looking for volunteers. If you can help, please call Kay Dahlke at 414-550-2559 or email akdahke@sbcglobal.net.

OCHS Membership Reminder

OCHS memberships are coming to an end on January 1. Avoid the rush by completing your membership form early or sign up for a lifetime membership.

Also, just a reminder to notify us when you change addresses. The post office will forward mail for 30 days. Timelines comes out quarterly, and after 30 days, The post office has "lost" you and will return your Timelines to us.

We DO NOT want to lose you, so PLEASE let us know of address changes.

Don, The Membership Guy

Max Kolb 1930-2015

Max Kolb spent numerous years sharing his talents with OCHS and was a dedicated member since 2006. From the time he spent as a volunteer, to the years that he dedicated to the Board of Directors, Max had a passion and commitment to OCHS.

Max was joined in his commitment to OCHS by his wife of 60 years, Barbara, and his son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Lucy Kolb.

Max established and fostered a relationship with the Northern Territory Alliance Reenactment Group while he acted in the capacity of chairperson for the Revolutionary War.

After completing his tenure on the Board, Max continued to be a volunteer at Bluegrass at the Village, attended quarterly meetings, and the OCHS holiday gatherings. The contributions that Max made to our organization have been greatly appreciated and he will be dearly missed by all.



Braided Rug Donation Wanted

The Ozaukee County Historical Society is looking for a 1940s or older oval or rectangular shaped braided rug (approximately 5 foot in size) in good condition for the Trading Post at Pioneer Village.

If you have a rug you'd like to donate (or know someone who does), please call Mary Ann (evenings) at (262) 377-4545. Donations are tax deductible. Thank you!



Pioneer Village Hall—Look How Far We've Come

It has been a very busy year for the Pioneer Village Hall project. The restrooms and food service area were completed just in time for the "Final Push to Victory" WWII event this May. It was the venue for all our OCHS annual events, weddings, graduation and anniversary parties.

For OCHS, the Pioneer Village Hall project is so much more than a building. The Pioneer Village Hall will provide a great opportunity for future exhibits, expanded educational programs, more annual events and a wonderful place for people to gather for a common interest.

While the fund-raising committee has been successful in raising money through grants, private donations and benefit events like the annual rummage sale and Autumn at the Village, there is still so much more needed to complete the interior, heating and cooling infrastructure and audio-visual equipment. We are asking that you please consider a year-end tax deductible contribution to the Pioneer Village Hall. All donations can be sent to **OCHS ~ P.O. Box 456 ~ Grafton, WI 53024**. Forms for the Bench and Boulder Programs can be found on our website www.ochs.co.ozaukee.wi.us. Maybe you have seen or sat on the beautiful commemorative benches and seen the boulders that have been donated through our donor's generosity. We are counting on you. Don't delay. Join the list of supporters. Please send in your contribution now!



Plowing Bee, 1950

Rick Thiel shared this interesting photo of a PLOWING BEE held at the Thill Farm, Fredonia -- as an act of community helping spirit! The photo was published in The Sheboygan Press on November 10, 1950. All of the farmers in the photo are named in the photo caption (but apparently not in order). Rick would appreciate help from anyone who may be able to help him identify exactly "who is who" in the photo. The caption reads:

Michael Thill, who operates a farm on-half mile east of Fredonia, was kicked by a horse several weeks ago and ended up in bed with a fractured leg. He hadn't started his fall plowing at the time, and he was a little concerned as to when he would get it done. Last Saturday afternoon the neighbors shown above held a plowing bee on the Thill farm and turned over the 40 acres in two and one-half hours. Those helping in the project were Clarence Ansay, Nicholas Depies, John Pierre, Math Kirst, Dom Heinen, Arnold Karrels, Leo Paulus, William Kultgen, Robert Thill, William Haskey, Joseph Lenz and John P Kertz. Mrs. Thill served a chicken dinner to the neighbors when the work was done.



Plowing Bee At Fredonia

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The Sheboygan Press, November 10, 1950

NEWS FROM THE HAZEL WIRTH ARCHIVE RESEARCH CENTER

Ozaukee County History Research at the Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center

Visit the Center for on-site staff-assisted Ozaukee County research.

We are open Tuesdays from 9:00 until 3:00

The second and fourth Monday night from 5:00 until 8:00

Arrangements for special appointments at other times can be made by calling 262-377-4510 and leaving a detailed message for the Archivist.

If you would like Research Center volunteers to conduct research for you, send an e-mail to Center Archivist at:

ozaukeearchivist@gmail.com or send a letter to:

Archives Research Request, OCHS, P. O. Box 206,
Cedarburg, WI 53012

There is a \$5.00 per hour fee for on-site research that is assisted by Center staff, but **no charge for OCHS members**. The first hour of a staff-conducted request is \$25.00 with a \$10.00 per hour fee for each additional hour.

The Center volunteers look forward to assisting you!

Nina Jo Look, and Jane Butz

Recent Research Conducted at the Center

Recent Research Subjects:

Bay Family and Tavern
Cedarburg – Wauwatosa Road Home
Grafton – Schanen Hotel
Hamilton – Concordia Mill
Rural Schools of Ozaukee County

Recent Surname Research:

Beckmann
Bielefeld
Brenner
Dineen
Frank
Hafemann
Hennessey
Hoffmann
Huiras
Kiekhaefer
Kohler
Koller
Link
Marquardt
Mielke
Mueller
O'Brien
Opitz
Quinn
Raduechel
Rogahn
Roos
Ruck
Sherible
Stuckert
Tews

Check Out Our Shopping List

Would you please help us with our Society shopping list?

We welcome your donated items or contribution toward our purchase of the items.

Please note that donations to OCHS are tax deductible.

Sponsorship of the February Quarterly Meeting Refreshments	\$50
Restroom and cleaning supplies for the Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center	\$50
Office supply gift card for Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center	\$100
Sponsorship of the February Newsletter	\$100
Sponsorship of February Quarterly Meeting speaker	\$100
Hardware store gift card for Pioneer Village winter projects	\$100

Nina Look, Archivist

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

OCHS Generous Donors

We thank the following individuals who have generously donated to the Society. They are the heart of our organization and help us to continue to meet our important mission. Every attempt has been made to ensure the completeness of this list. If your name has been omitted or listed incorrectly, please notify us at (262)377-4510.

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John Jochem
Ken and Renny Rappold
Mequon-Thiensville Rotary for new computers

Financial Donors to Pioneer Village

5 Corners, Dodge/Jeep/Chrysler
John and Ellie Butz
Max Kolb Memorial
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Financial Donor - November Quarterly Meeting

Loris Steinbach

Donors to OCHS School Tours Program

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Kohl's Associates in Action

Artifact Donors

Many wonderful donations have been recently received by the Society. The following is a partial list. We thank our generous donors for their support of our mission to collect and preserve the history of Ozaukee County.

General Items

A&W Glass Mug
Abstract – Mequon - Jonathan Clark House
Abstract – Cedarburg Home
Cedarburg Abstracts
Cedarburg Advertising Pencils
Cedarburg Golden Bulldogs 2015 Program
Crochet-edged Apron
Gathering basket
Miniature Train set
Nieman Fox Farm display board
School Ledgers – Elm Tree, Cedarburg
Skillet
Vintage box
Wagon seat bench
Wicker Baby Buggy
Wicker Doll Buggy
Cedarburg Woolen Mill Commemorative Trivet
Woodworking Tools

Books, Photographs, Newspapers and Magazines

Cedarburg Cookbook by Patti Hepburn
Clausing Family Book
Newspapers and Scrapbooks
Ozaukee County WWII book
Photographs of Cedarburg Indian Mounds
Photo of the Grafton Interurban Station

Genealogies and Family Collections

Bay
Bentz Family Collection
Dineen
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2016 OCHS Membership Application

Membership is from January 1st through December 31st

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

Enclosed please find my: ☐ Renewal ☐ New Membership

☐ Individual \$20 ☐ Husband/Wife/Family \$40 (incl. children)

☐ Individual Lifetime \$225 ☐ Husband/Wife Lifetime \$350

☐ Business/Professional \$75

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Number of Children (under 18) _____

Email: _____

(We will never share your email address)

☐ Yes, please call when you need volunteer help!

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

☐ Ozaukee Pioneer Village

☐ Stony Hill School

☐ Village Restoration Fund

☐ Memorial in memory of: _____

☐ Interurban Depot Preservation Fund

☐ Archives Research Center

☐ Scholarship Fund

☐ Other



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