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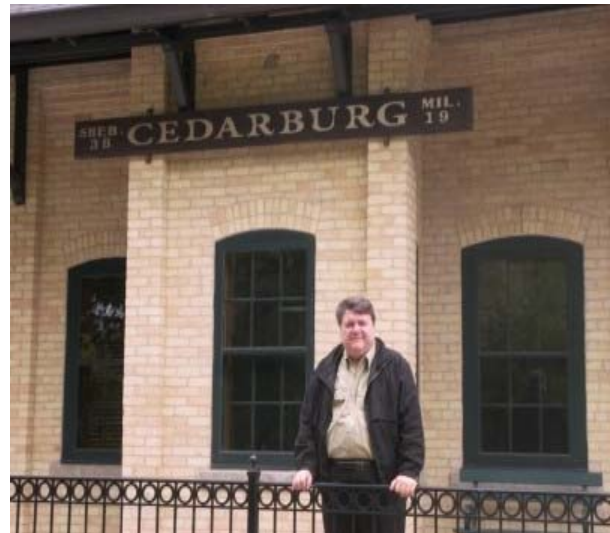
NEWSLETTER OF THE OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Quarterly Meeting: Monday, November 3 at 7:00 PM**

## All Aboard For Our Quarterly Program

Be sure to reserve Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, for a ride down memory lane when well known historian, author and expert on The Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Co. (TMER&L Co.), Charles Damaske, creates a visual experience of what it was like to travel from the Milwaukee-Northern station through the streets of Milwaukee to its own private right-of-way through many small towns and cities, ending in Sheboygan. You'll also see scenes from the Mequon Stone Quarry where cars were disposed of; construction of the Port Washington Power plant; plus other interesting photos and stories.

Charles has published six books that cover all the lines of the Interurban. He has also accumulated one of the largest private photo collections on the TMER&L Co. and is an active member of the East Troy Electric Railroad. Charles and his wife, Pat, are the innkeepers of "The Jesse Stone House" Bed & Breakfast located at 300 S. Washington St., in Watertown, just two blocks from the Watertown Interurban Station.



The program will be held 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.

**Bring a friend!**

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November 1, 2008

### **Letter from the President**

How quickly one season moves on to the next!  
May this autumn season with all its changing  
colors and cool breezes find you well and  
happy.

One has to look back as the Season of Tourism  
ends at Ozaukee Pioneer Village and Stony Hill  
School with a thankful heart for the many volun-  
teers, staff, and guests who made 2008 great  
and filled with memories. Old friendships were  
rekindled and new friendships made.

Mother nature smiled on all of our Event Week-  
ends except for The Flag Day Celebration so  
good crowds including many families enjoyed  
the hospitality, wonderful setting, and historic  
venue of the Village.

I continue to be amazed when some Ozaukee  
County residents exclaim that they never knew  
Ozaukee County Historical Society existed or  
that Ozaukee Pioneer Village was a location in  
the county.

Please talk to your friends and family about our  
mission to preserve the history of the county  
and to educate the public about the important  
role that the county played in the development  
of southeastern Wisconsin.

As autumn wends its way to winter the Board  
and volunteers will be planning for the 2009  
season. Volunteer to give a hand. Stop in at  
the Hazel Wirth Center to visit with the archi-  
vists, do serious research on your family, or to  
become familiar with some aspect of the  
county's history. Also mark your calendar for  
the Quarterly Meetings each November, Febru-  
ary, May, and August. Following the meeting  
that begins at 7 p.m., an interesting program is  
always planned. Bring a friend---it's free.

Best wishes. I hope to see you during the year.

*Mary Sayner*

## Relax with a Good Book

Local history books are so intriguing. Have you read an Ozaukee County history book at your local library or perused through one of ours at the Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center? Our county is rich with history and we are fortunate that so many historians have contributed to preserving that history through written word and photographs.

I find that it is always fun to go back to look at features I have read in these books, but on what page did I read about the Mequon Brewery, the Buchholz Family or Sauk Creek?

To begin to solve this dilemma I have indexed the following local history books on the shelves of the Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center.

- . Bright with Silver
- . Early Ozaukee County Historical Sketches
- . History of Thiensville - Bicentennial Edition
- . History of the Town of Mequon
- . Ozaukee County Wisconsin: A Photographic Journey Into the Past

If you would like a copy of one of the above indexes please contact me at the Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center, 262-377-4510 or at [derrlook@gmail.com](mailto:derrlook@gmail.com).

Would you like to help the Ozaukee County Historical Society index other books?

Here are a few options:

- . You may have a book at home that you would like to index and then donate the index and book to the Research Center.
- . You could check a book out of your local library, index it and then return the book to your library and donate the index to the Research Center.
- . You may have some time to do indexing at the Research Center during open hours on Tuesdays from 9:00 until 3:00.

*By-the-way, the reference to the Mequon Brewery can be found in History of the Town of Mequon on page 12. Reference to the Buchholz Family can be found in Ozaukee County Wisconsin: A Photographic Journey Into the Past on pages 6, 10, 65, 68, 72 and 85. Reference to Sauk Creek can be found in Early Ozaukee County Historical Sketches on pages 27, 31, and 32.*

Nina Jo Look, Volunteer

Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center

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## GIFT MEMBERSHIPS

If your membership is paid up for the year 2009, you can give a gift membership to a friend or relative who is NOT currently a member (2008) for HALF of the regular price. You can renew YOUR membership using the renewal form on the back of this issue. On a separate piece of paper, include the name(s) and addresses of the recipient with the total payment and send to OCHS PO Box 206, Cedarburg, WI 53012. A letter acknowledging your gift will be sent along with membership cards for 2009.

## **NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES.....**

The Golden Bulldog 3rd annual reunion was another success. We had two groups, about 40 people, come through to tour our Interurban Depot. They were all interested. Many of them remembered riding the Interurban years ago. We had many visitors and special appointments. Seems like they were all coming from Minnesota for a while! There were the Luxembourg festivities and that brought more people to do some searching while they were here. One of our prominent visitors was from the University of Potsdam who was doing research on Pomeranian families in this area.

Terri Haas of Ozaukee Bank came by to deliver their remaining supply of pewter ornaments of Stony Hill School. What a nice donation.

From time to time there are Regional Conventions of the State Historical Society. I was again able to attend and always come away with many valuable thoughts and ideas. It is helpful to learn from other societies as to what works and what does not work.

The rumble of the Harleys was barely gone and we swung into political speeches. A reporter wanted to know if any other Presidential candidates ever visited the county. And another person was sure that the beer caves at Fischer Park must have been plundered!

### **Recent acquisitions.....**

**Anne Mixdorf** - A Hamilton Man's Railroad watch belonging to Harry Mixdorf when he worked for the Interurban in the mid 1920's mounted in a beautiful protective dome.

**George Bonniwell** - His book "The Bonniwells - 1000 years" the genealogy of the family

**Rita Bert** - A book "History of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church from 1844-1994"

**Pat Raab** - Snapshots of the inside of the Kuehfuss House.

**Ozaukee Bank** - Stony Hill Pewter ornaments

**Clyde & Joan Wirth** - A beautiful photo of Hazel Wirth and the crib of hers used by many of the descendents including a lovely afghan she made. Also a collection of stuffed bunnies belonging to Joan.

**Ann Schultz** -Collection of WW2 papers, reference manuals, etc. from Africa to Japan.

**Armand Goeden** - 1948 Town of Cedarburg Plat Maps, also papers regarding the Pershing hobnail boots he had donated earlier, Leather hand sewn vest, bonnet & apron, cotton print dress, white cotton apron.

**Colin Sandell** - Two plat maps of Cedarburg and newspaper clippings relating to the Chimes Theatre.

**Sandy Wirth** - A copy of the Roebken Family Genealogy.

**Eileen Landmann** - A box full of old portraits of the Hoffmann Family.

**John & Jeanne Jochem** -Boxes of diaries of Johanna Wittenberg Jochem from 1888 to 1934, a "funeral" photo of Mr. Jochem (1917).

**Lynn Didier** - A baby buggy.

**Village of Grafton** -Numerous Grafton maps and papers from Village of Grafton.

**Colleen Higgons** - Many photos & clippings of the Cedarburg Mill belonging to Tom & Sally Vassey.

**Barbara Karimi** - A photo of the old Kasten House on Western Avenue.

**Renny Rappold** - 3 stone crocks, an iridescent fruit bowl, and a potato ricer.

**Nina Look** - An assortment of postcards, books.

**Herbert Timmerman** - Advertising mementos.

**Norine Helmlinger** - 2 photos (Cedarburg).

**Dr. Jon Stock** - His book "Our Wisconsin Ancestors - The Early German Settlers 1837-1850" genealogy of Burow, Dumstrey, Hackbarth, Hilgen, Johann Families.

**Sincere thanks to all who chose to contribute these prize possessions to our Society.**

**Ruth J. Renz, archivist**

- *The series continues....Part two*

## **OUR FOUNDATION.....**

At the Feb. 5, 1961 meeting, Mrs. Arnold Barr, VP gave historical sketches of early Port Washington. She reported that the first white persons were priests who converted the Menomonee Indians who lived in the area. Chief Waubeka had a summer camp at Port Washington along the lake shore. Sauk Creek was named such because the Sauk Indians won a battle over the Chippewa at the site of the present football field at Port Washington High School. She told that the first land acquired in Port was by "General" Wooster Harrison and was purchased at the land office in Green Bay. The original settlers were town site promoters who seemed to come in purely for the purpose of speculating in real estate. In 1837 there was an economic depression and they all left. Among early settlers there were 6 prominent families, Wooster Harrison, Solon Johnson, O.A. Watrous, the first postmaster, Col. William Teall, the pioneer who moved the county seat to Pt. Washington from Grafton, Mr. Coe who established the first telephone company and Lafayette Towsley who was an early attorney. A Mr. Foster who later became a lawyer taught the first school in 1845. School term was 3 months and the teacher's salary was \$9 per month. He was succeeded by Lafayette Towsley in 1846 who was also a lawyer.

The State recommended the Society put up a Civil War Centennial exhibit for the Ozaukee County Fair in August of 1961. Three events were scheduled. 1) an open house and exhibit of Civil War relics (190 people in attendance); 2) a Parade through Cedarburg featuring Co. I, 1st Wis. Volunteer Infantry (re-activated), 3 Boy Scout Troops, 2 Civil Defense Units and a Band. 3) a Battle demonstration held at the fair grounds was attended by an estimated 1000 people.

At this time our membership stands at 283. Our records show that on Dec. 1, 1961 our President was Mr. Adlai Horn and John Hurth Secretary.

Feb. 5, 1962 a letter from Mr. Homer Lynn regarding the log structure donated by the O.W. Gravel Co. through Mr. John Bittner was read. The State Historical Soc. will furnish supervision and actual help in the restoration of this log structure. Mr. Ralph Schaefer showed drawings of the log house and stated that a cement slab was needed. At a special meeting of the Parks Commission it was decided this house, "The Ahner House" will be reconstructed at the new County Park. Mr. Horn reported that all members of the commission were in favor of the restoration and would aid us.

Preparations are made to erect a Historic Marker at Stony Hill School. The dedication of such is scheduled for June 14th, 1962. The State Society advised us as to the type of program and the content and length.

September 1962 it was reported that the Jahn School in Mequon was offered to the Society, but due to cost of moving it to the park and the log cabin restoration just starting, this gift was turned down.

There is so much community interest in the Society that meetings are always well attended. The programs are interesting and there are many people willing to contribute both knowledge and help.

*Future articles will focus on the growth of Pioneer Village and Society activities.*

**Ruth J. Renz, archivist**

## VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who have helped us by volunteering this year. We cannot do it without you! In recap of the 2008 season, we want to send a thank you to all who not only worked at the events, but also those who did the “behind the scenes” volunteering, along with committee members. And, we did really well selling bakery this year that was donated at the events. A special thank you goes out for the young lady who baked many items for the Revolutionary War event. The problem is that we don’t know who you were since your name was not with the pies, cookies, breads and all the goodies you baked for us, and your parents dropped it all off. It was all very wonderfully organized and labeled. So a **BIG** thank you goes out to you from all of us at the OCHS.

We had a few miscommunications this year, and again a turnover for the Volunteer Coordinator position. Due to this, there will not be a volunteer party this fall, but we hope to have one next year. If you can, please come to our holiday party—it’s always a great time and a chance to get waited on for a change. The good news I leave you with is that in the midst of some chaos, one of our great volunteers, Robin Paradis-Kent from Cedarburg, has taken the Volunteer Coordinator position for 2009! So next year, you can expect a call from her. Thank you Robin and thank you all! May you stay healthy and happy and have a wonderful holiday season! A special thanks to Mary Sayner for stepping in and making calls when we needed help.

*Lucy Kolb*

## 2008 RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

The drawing was held on Sunday, August 31, 2008 at 3PM at the Ozaukee Pioneer Village in Saukville. Mary Sayner was assisted by Bonny Durbin and Karen Morris

### WINNERS AND THEIR

**PRIZES:** *Tom Silver:* wooden bowl

*Bob Sass:* pair of quilted pillows

*Phil Drajeske:* glass bowl, Sr. print

*Roy Wetzel:* Cathy Stern framed print

*Virginia Henkle:* Baby Afghan made by Ruth Renz

*Moreen Holt:* Green Afghan made by Ruth Renz

*Mary Flierl:* Crystal Vase

*Audrey Broeckaert:* Red wool Comforter with pillows

*Beverly Tesker:* Hand stitched blue quilt

*Bonny Durbin:* Henry A Klapproth Sr. print

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## MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS

Check the mailing address on the front page of this issue. If the year 2008 appears it means your membership will expire on December 31st of this year. It would be appreciated if you would renew before the New Year begins. I will be sending our 2009 event calendars out with your new membership cards. If you have an e mail address and would care to share it with us, we are compiling a list for the purpose of rapid notification of information of value to our members. These addresses will be kept confidential and NOT shared outside the OCHS board members. Thank you for your continued support of YOUR Ozaukee County Historical Society.

*Don Engelbert*  
Membership Chair

**Ozaukee County Historical Society**  
**2009 EVENT SCHEDULE**

Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>,  
National Flag Day Program & Celebration  
**Stony Hill School, 5595 Hwy. I, Fredonia, WI**  
Free Parking & Shuttle from Oz. Pioneer Village  
Grounds open at 11 a.m. Program: 3:30 p.m.

**OZ. CO. PIONEER VILLAGE EVENTS**  
**4880 HWY. I**  
**Saukville, We 53080**

Sat. & Sun., June 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
OPEN HOUSE  
Free Admission Days  
Noon to 5 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
Milwaukee Radio Amateur Field Days  
Noon to 5 p.m.

Sat. &., July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
Antique Power Reunion  
Tractor & Machinery Show  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun., July 26<sup>th</sup>  
Old Time Fiddlers' Contest  
Grounds open at noon  
Contest at 1 p.m.

Sun., August 16<sup>th</sup>  
3rd Annual Bluegrass at the Village  
Music: Noon to 5 p.m.

Sat & Sun., Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
Rev. War Encampment & Re-enactment  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Open weekends from May 30<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 11  
Non event weekends: Open noon to 5 p.m.  
Last tour at 4 p.m.  
For info call 262-377-4510  
For tours: 262-377-8432

**DONATIONS**

**2008 Donations: April 10<sup>th</sup> into October**  
Ozaukee County Historical Society is grateful to the people who have donated funds to assist in the mission of OCHS to preserve the history of the Ozaukee County and educate the public about that history.

**VILLAGE:**

Floyd G. & Elizabeth Miller  
Kenneth & Renata Rappold  
Evelyn Kohlwey  
Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.

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Wisconsin Energy Foundation Matching Fund  
Eric Sunstrom  
John & Catherine Bailey  
Ozaukee Bank, Community Checking

**ARCHIVE:**

Kenneth & Renata Rappold  
Dale & Mary Erickson  
Marc Bachus

**Memorials for Muriel C. Covert:**

Frank and Mary Kneisel  
Alan & Nancy Forster  
Keith & Nancy Kleckner

**Memorial for Doris Keehn:**

**Don't Forget!**  
**Quarterly Meeting**

**Monday, November 3**

**7:00 PM at the**

**Cedarburg Cultural Center**



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To History!**

*Membership is from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>*  
**2008 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  
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***Yes! ... Please call when you need volunteer help!***

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