

NEW BERLIN

NEW BERLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Dedicated to the four Rs... Rescuing ... Recording ... Restoring ... Re-creating ... the authentic New Berlin history

March 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

— 2019 SEASON —

April 15th—Spring Membership Meeting

6:30 pm—New Berlin Public Library
Book Review: New Berlin, Wisconsin, From Country to City, A 20th Century History (see flyer on back)

June 16th—Open House in conjunction with New Berlin Beer Garden being held June 14-16th

Buildings Open Sunday—1 to 4 pm

July 14th—Open House & Ice Cream Social

1 to 4 pm

September 8th—Historic Day

Noon to 4 pm—Parade at 2 pm

October 6th—Open House & Applefest

1 to 4 pm

Nov. 18th—Annual Meeting & Program

6:30 pm—"The Making of Pioneer Wisconsin" New Berlin Public Library

Annual Meeting of 2018

About 50 people attended our Annual Meeting in November. The membership elected five members whose terms were expiring. These were Joanne Erickson, Rhoda Flagg, Carol Gorichanaz, Jackie Hermann and Barbara Koeppen. Patti Shallow was then elected to replace long-time board member, June Pelkola, who retired. Following the meeting, Dr. Richard Pifer gave an excellent presentation on his book on WWI entitled "When the Great War Came to Wisconsin". He helped us understand the feelings of people in Wisconsin – many of whom were of German descent – when we went to war with Germany. We learned how factory and farm work changed and all the ways that citizens supported the war effort.

Volunteer Party

Kat's Diner was again the site of our Volunteer Party. The buffet was excellent and friends enjoyed mixing and mingling. We take this opportunity to thank all of those who give so generously of their time and talents to the Society.

Christmas at the Park

If you drove past the Park this winter, we hope you enjoyed the candles in all the windows and the sparkling tree in our Gazebo. With all the snow, it presented a beautiful "old fashioned" scene.

Winter Work Projects

There are different teams tackling a variety of on-going organizational projects at the Museum.

Facebook/Website

If you are a Facebook follower, we hope that you are following our Society for news and information. www.facebook.com/New-Berlin-Wi-Historical-Society.org. Our website is full of information. You can find that at: newberlinhistoricalsociety.org

Discover New Berlin

The 6th Annual Discover New Berlin was held at New Berlin West High School Fieldhouse on March 16th. We were again among the many local groups in attendance. There were business displays, police, fire, city, and school displays, along with entertainment. We enjoy sharing with visitors all the fun they can find at the Historic Park.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Jr. Women's Club, is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th, at the New Berlin Community Center, starting at 9:30 am. Come join the fun and look for our display there.

2019 Quilt Series

The New Berlin Library sponsored a month of quilting programs and had an Open House on March 5th. There were many beautiful hand-made quilts and our Society displayed a number of the antique quilts from our collection.

Tours

Cub Scout Pack 26 from Big Bend toured the Park on Dec. 6th. They especially seemed to like the fire engine.

Spring Meeting

Our President Dave Totten and coauthor Audrey Juds have completed an enormous undertaking by completing the book New Berlin, Wisconsin, From Country to City: A 20th Century History. The book covers the transition of this community from a totally rural, horse and buggy environment to the current status of "City with a Touch of Country." At our Spring Meeting on April 15th, Dave will present an overview of the book.

**Traveling Beer Garden**

Be ready for a very different type of Open House in June. We are excited to be hosting the City of New Berlin Traveling Beer Garden, Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. More details will be emailed to you as they become available. We do plan to have all buildings open from 1-4 pm on Sunday. Expect to have a great time.

**Dues**

This is a last reminder to the handful of members that let their membership lapse. Sending in your dues of \$15 will keep emails and The New Berlin Almanack, our publication of historical anecdotes, coming to you. Contact Sue Hemmen – slhemmen@gmail.com.

**In Memoriam**

Dale Ziemer, long time Historical Society board member, recently passed away. Dale spent his last days sharing stories with his family in the home he designed and built.

Dale gave his time and remarkable talents to innumerable projects, not only volunteering to answer a call, but proactively making improvements where needed. Major contributions include the east bay display organization (and engineering and installing the drives for the reaper and hayloader), reorganizing the upper barn display, building and refurbishing the barrel train, and many more. He approached all these tasks with a positive can-do attitude, often worked independently, and always completed the job.

With Lu's help, Dale also served faithfully (if perhaps reluctantly) as treasurer for many years.

The Historical Society is fortunate that Dale chose to support our mission during his retirement years. The Society is so grateful for his valuable contributions.



**New Members**

Anna Wahl  
Jane and Daniel Srnec

**THANK YOU!**

*...to all of our donors since our last newsletter:*

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\$2000 New Berlin Lions Club

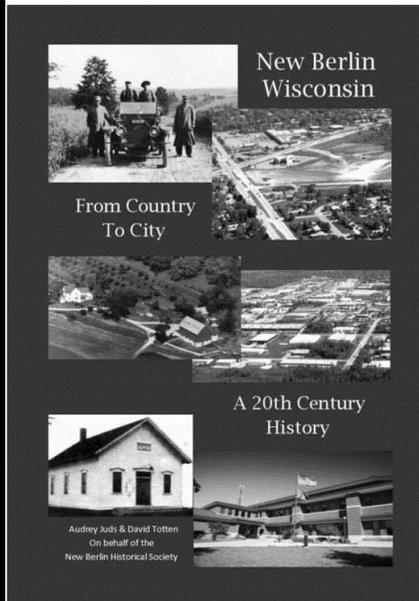
MEMORIALS:

\$250 in memory of Dale Ziemer from:

Joan & Dave Totten; Agnes, Dale, Cindy (McIntosh) Zeisberger; Ann & Robert Wardecke; Carol & Gary Dwyer.

**New Berlin: From Country to City  
A 20th Century History**

Book Review: Presented by co-author David Totten  
New Berlin Historical Society



- A Sunday drive through our rural town
- Why a city? Really?
- Was the city pretty?
- From direct Democracy to Bureaucracy
- Growing pains
- Sewer Wars
- Proudly we point to.....
- The Unexpected

**Monday April 15 at 6:30 pm**

**New Berlin Public Library Community Room  
15105 Library Lane in the City Center**

Light Refreshments

Free and open to the public

**Sponsored by the New Berlin Historical Society**

Visit us on New Berlin, WI Historical Society or [www.newberlinhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.newberlinhistoricalsociety.org)  
Or call Sue at 262-679-3461 for more information

First Open House at New Berlin Historical Park will be held Sunday, June 16, 1-4 PM

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