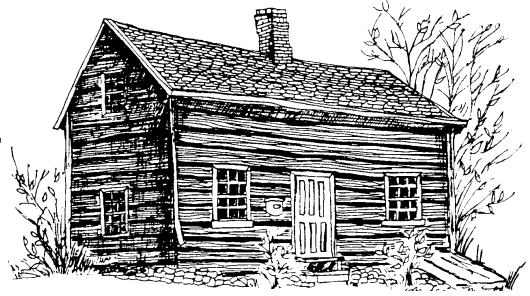


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November 2017

Annual Meeting & Program

Monday, November 13th, 2017

New Berlin Public Library Community Room
15105 Library Lane – Civic Center

6:30 pm

Annual Business Meeting
“The Year in Review”
Election of Board Members

7:00 pm

Program: “A Christmas Miracle”
presented by

Board Member Elections

In 2017 the three year terms of five board members expire at the annual meeting. A nominating committee consisting of board members Rhoda Flagg, Joanne Erickson, and Dale Ziemer will present the following slate of nominees to fill these five positions: **Peggy Ament, Vern Bentley, Sue Hemmen, June Pelkola, and Rip Edmundson.**

Peggy, Vern, Sue and June have been loyal and active board members for many years and have agreed to serve for another three-year term if elected by the membership. Rip Edmundson has agreed to run for an open position created by Roy Meidenbauer’s decision to not seek another term. Rip has been helping at Tuesday work sessions, tours, and Open House events.

The committee also will nominate **Cheryl Schober** to fill the remaining two-year term of Al Mueller who resigned from his board position earlier in the year. Cheryl, helpful in so many ways but particularly as the chief organizer of Historic Day, was elected by the board to fill the vacancy until the annual meeting.

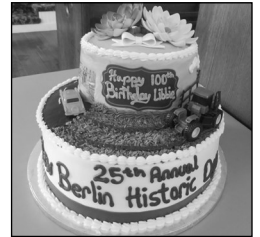
Special Thanks to Al and Roy

Life events have prompted both Al Mueller and Roy Meidenbauer to remove themselves from positions on the Board of Directors, but each will remain active as they are able. Al has been our windmill and small engine expert, and has made significant artifact donations. Roy has taken many leadership roles and championed many major projects. The band organ that has provided “happy”

music at many an open house is Roy’s creation. We hope to see them often during their “retirement”.

Historic Day

The weather truly cooperated and we drew a large crowd. At the church, there was a celebration of Libbie Nolan’s 100th birthday in January. Libbie was extremely active in the Prospect Aid Society of the church and was a charter member of the Historical Society. Visitors saw photos and some of the things she had written over the years. She was unable to attend, but her niece was there in her stead. The pin for sale this year had her picture on it.



The Lionel train set was a big hit with the kids as well as the blacksmith, who always draws a crowd. All the buildings were open other than the log home which was closed for repairs. At the barn, the Plein Aire competition paintings were on display while the little ones rode the barrel train through the orchard. After the parade and the storytelling in the school, the Blue Grass Allstars entertained the adults. There was enough to keep everyone happy and we even ran out of food.

Applefest

Following hard on the heels of Historic Day was a picture-perfect day for Applefest. Cars were strung out along National Avenue because our parking lot was under construction. Next spring we will have parking spots for 20 cars. At Weston’s barn,

heirloom apples were available to buy and kids again rode the barrel train. They could also decorate a pumpkin, which was a new event this year, crank the corn sheller, grind apples for cider, or pump the player piano. Many visitors enjoyed watching another new item – a revolving doll house in the Winton-Martin house.



Tours and School Dates

- 42 members of the Model A Club braved the weather to tour the grounds on Oct. 15th
- The last tour of the season was for 60 students from

Poplar Creek School.

Welcome New Member
Farrah Frievalt

THANK YOU to all of our donors since our last newsletter...

GENERAL:

- Roy & JoEllen Meidenbauer—\$200
- Prospect Lion’s Club—Park Bench (\$535)
- Sylvia Wilm—\$100
- Ken & Julie Derra—\$50
- Glenn & Karen Cooper—\$50

ARTIFACTS:

A new artifact on display is a doll house donated by Tom & Sue Osteen. Members Rip Edmundson, Roy Meidenbauer, and Dale Ziemer collaborated to mount the doll house on a turntable and install lighting to provide a suitable display for this well-crafted doll house. See it in the Martin house.

The artifact database reveals 14 items have been recorded in 2017 but many donations remain in the queue. We hope to address this backlog over the winter months.

Rochelle Pennington presents

A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

Peace Prevails Over War, Christmas 1914

Join author Rochelle Pennington as she discusses the factual account of the 1914 battlefield Christmas truce, featured in her book *Ten of the Greatest Christmas Gifts Ever Given*. The truce is remembered today as "the most extraordinary event in military history" and "the grand human moment."

Pennington's program will detail the amazing circumstances surrounding 100,000 enemy combatants who "met in the middle" on Christmas and halted a war. The author will draw directly from the written memories of soldiers who were there, as recorded in diaries, letters home, and published in newspaper articles. Vintage photographs will be presented by power-point, including photos of soldiers exchanging gifts beside Christmas trees lit with candles on the battlefield.

Authentic World War I artifacts from the author's personal collection will be on display.

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Free and open to the public

Light Refreshments



ROCHELLE PENNINGTON is an award-winning newspaper columnist and author of ten books including *Highlighted in Yellow* (available in four languages), *The Christmas Tree Ship*, *The Historic Christmas Tree Ship* (as featured on national television), *An Old-Fashioned Christmas* (2009 Midwest Booksellers Choice Award nomination for outstanding non-fiction), and more. Her work has been included in several bestselling series including *Chicken Soup for the Soul* and *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff*.

Pennington resides in Wisconsin with her husband of thirty years.

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