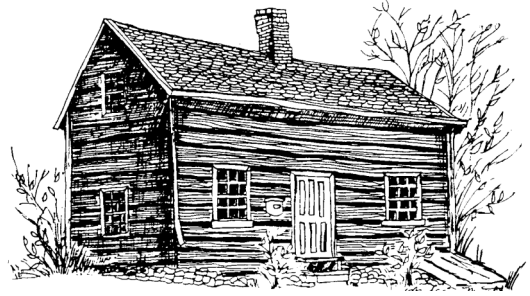


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November 2018

Annual Meeting & Program

Monday, November 12th, 2018

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

"Lessons and Legacies of the Great War"
Presented by Dr. Richard Pifer
(see flyer on back)

Board Member Election

The membership will elect five board members to fill three year terms that expire at the annual meeting. A nominating committee has proposed the following slate of nominees to fill these positions; Joanne Erickson, Rhoda Flagg, Carol Gorichanaz, Jackie Hermann, and Barbara Koeppen. The committee has also nominated Patti Shallow to fill the remaining one-year term held by June Pelkola, who retired. The nominees are all incumbents.

We thank June Pelkola for her many years of contributions to our society.

Historic Day

We were finally blessed with wonderful weather and had close to 600 visitors. We had the addition of a live band on a float in our parade along with all the great tractors our members own. The Log Home was again open for tours and was looking great. The Honey Man, Pop's Popcorn, the Pumpkin Man and the Blacksmith all added to the variety of things happening.

Applefest

The weather was not ideal, but it didn't rain, and we had great crowds (600) again with lots of kids. Many visitors were seen carrying bags of the great apples from the

Weston Antique Apple Orchard and all of the apple desserts were sold out before the end of the day. We want to thank our faithful regular visitors and the many "first timers" who came out for this event. Our visitors are the best!

Traveling Beer Garden

We are excited to announce that our June 2019 Open House event will be held in conjunction with the City of New Berlin Traveling Beer Garden. The plan is to have the Beer Garden at Historic Park from Friday, June 14th through Sunday, June 16th. More details will be provided in next Spring's Newsletter. Expect to have a great time.

Facebook

If you are a Facebook user, we hope that you are following our Society for news and information. Our Facebook page is: *New Berlin, WI Historical Society*

Log House

The extensive repairs to the log house are complete. We hope everyone who visited during Historic Day and Applefest enjoyed being able to tour the building and enjoy all of the wonderful artifacts on display.

Tours

A group of 6 children and their chaperones from the YMCA toured on August 17th.

Poplar Creek School sent 76 students to visit the Park on Oct. 19th.

Tour Director Joanne will visit Elizabeth's Place Memory Unit and share New Berlin history with the residents.

Books on New Berlin History

Our second book of New Berlin history and its growth from 1900 – 2000 is in its final stages of editing. We have tentative plans for a book review at the April 2019 membership meeting.

Available now is a history of New Berlin's fire department. The book *Service Is Our Only Product; A History of the New Berlin Fire Department 1954-2018* was written by Jim Liska, a former member of the NBVFD. The book may be purchased at the Police/Fire Administrative Building or Conway Shields on 141st and Cleveland Ave.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS WHO DONATED THEIR TIME AND TALENTS
TO HELP MAKE OUR SOCIETY SO GREAT!**

City Wide Survey

The Landmarks Commission has obtained a federally funded grant for a Historical & Architectural Survey to review the city for candidates eligible for National Registry. The survey is administered by the State Historic Preservation Office of the Wisc. Historical Society. A consultant from TES Historical Consulting is starting to drive through the entire city surveying properties at least 40 years old and photographing them. If you would like to suggest a property for consideration, please send the **address and history** to bkoeppen@att.net or mail to Barbara Koeppen at 16320 W. National Ave., New Berlin, WI 53151.

New Member

Dianne Mee

In Memoriam

\$20 in memory of
Jeanne Gruber
\$25 Memorial for Ruth Stigler
Stigler Family-\$500 in
memory of Ruth Stigler

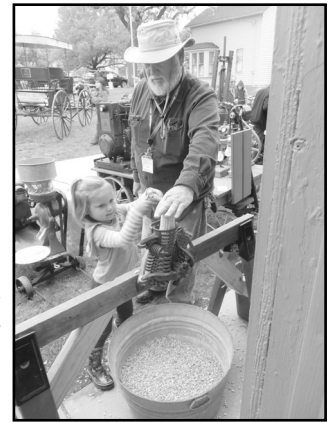
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**...to all of our donors
since our last newsletter:**

Lynn Zwitter – a multitude of artifacts, most from the 1950s to the 1960s
Prospect Lions - \$1,000
Landmark Credit Union - \$300
Kathy & David Knurr - \$50
Judy & Duane Miller - \$35
Sylvia Wilm - \$85



Miss New Berlin brightened all of our Open House events this year. Here she takes advantage of the good food at bargain prices from our food stand.



Shelling corn has always been a popular kids activity at Applefest. Board member Rip Edmundson is assisting a determined young lady.

Dr. Richard Pifer presents

Lessons and Legacies Of the Great War

Marking the 100 Anniversary of the WWI Armistice, Nov. 11, 1918

What was it like to live in Wisconsin during World War I? How would you have felt when the United States declared war on Germany? What would you have done to win the war? Based on his recent book, *The Great War Comes to Wisconsin*, Dr. Pifer will explore the many ways that individuals supported the war effort through volunteer war work, bond drives, food conservation, factory work and farm labor. The home front experience helps to illuminate the meanings of patriotism and the ways in which patriotic fervor bound people together in a common cause and, simultaneously, threatened the liberties for which the war was being fought.

Monday November 12th at 7:00 pm
New Berlin Public Library Community Room
15105 Library Lane in the City Center
Free and open to the public **Light Refreshments**

Rick Pifer has spent most of his life studying and teaching Wisconsin history, particularly the home front experience during World War I and World War II. Dr. Pifer received his doctorate in history from UW-Madison, worked as the Archivist at UW-Eau Claire for ten years and then spent twenty-five years in several positions at the Wisconsin Historical Society. He retired in 2015 as the Director of Public Services for the Library-Archives Division. During his career, he taught Wisconsin history at the college level and presented numerous workshops, classes and presentations on local history and genealogy. In November 2017, the Wisconsin Historical Society Press published his most recent book: *The Great War Comes to Wisconsin: Sacrifice, Patriotism, and Free Speech in a Time of Crisis*, written in cooperation with Marge Hannon Pifer. Dr. Pifer is also the author of *A City at War: Milwaukee Labor During World War II*.

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