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New Berlin history

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November 2016

ANNUAL MEETING & PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 14, 2016

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

6:30 pm Annual Business Meeting

Yearly review
Election of board members*

7:00 pm Program

Ben Franklin as portrayed by
Terry Kutz

Public Invited (see flyer on back)

* Nominees to fill expiring terms are Ann
Marquardt and incumbents Al Mueller and
Dale Ziemer

Pig Roast

Ken Weston of the Orchard put on his 2nd Annual Pig Roast to benefit the Antique Apple Orchard Foundation and we again offered our people to open the buildings for those who wanted to go through. They had a good turnout and even ran out of pig roast.

Historic Day

We had a good turnout. There was good publicity in the Waukesha Freeman along with a colored flyer. We even ran out of food. The Plein Air Painters along with a Blue Grass band were set up at the orchard and the kids enjoyed the Barrel Train rides. The Time Keepers, Blacksmith, and the Parade entertained visitors. Thanks to Paul Steif for again turning out a large crowd for the storytelling in the school and furnishing all the books for prizes.

WOW...what is all the activity at the Park?

Thanks to the City of New Berlin they are taking care of all their buildings in the parks and putting them on a regular maintenance program. The carpenters have replaced all the deteriorated wood and the painters have followed up with two coats of paint. At the Museum building they are replacing some brick work in the front and reinforcing the back wall and closing in a large

window. Thank you, City of New Berlin. We will be the best looking historical park in the county.

West Bay Mural

Artist Cal Kothrade has completed the mural on the West Bay door. The theme is “Honoring Those Who Served” - the Fire Dept., Police Dept., and Servicemen from New Berlin. Earl Sprengel, who lived in the Winton/Sprengel House, is shown representing the Servicemen. While Cal was painting, Earl’s daughter Lee Sprengel stopped by and was so thrilled to meet the artist and he was touched to meet someone related to the man he was painting. She thanked all of us for doing this. Be sure to stop by for a look.

Tours & School

9/20 – 20 members of SPARKS toured buildings;
9/28 – 20 people on a family picnic toured;
10/21 – 65 2nd graders, parents, and teachers toured our buildings and went to a half day class in our one room school;
10/2 - 10 Red Hat Ladies toured on a very cold day;
11/5 - Mukwonago Girl Scouts will be visiting;

THANK YOU to tour director Joanne Erikson for taking around all these groups with volunteers. Along with our Open Houses, over 1000 people have enjoyed our park this year.

Corn Roasts

Eleven of our members helped the New Berlin Lion’s Club at The Wisconsin State Fair.

Stained Glass Window

The window in the Winton/Martin house History Room has been repaired by Conrad Schmidt Studios and they are waiting until the painting is done to install it. Mary Winton Green, a descendent of Theodora Winton, has paid the \$750 to repair it.

Applefest

The weather was misty in the morning but by noon it stopped and we had our best crowd this year. The children enjoyed cranking the corn sheller, grinding apples to make cider, and the model trains were a big hit. The little ones liked the ride to the orchard in the barrel train. Many people visited the Museum, Gift Shoppe, and

the Apple Bakery. A big Thank You to the three ladies from the Junior Women’s Club for helping out with the food in the Gazebo on Historic Day and Applefest. They help every year and we really appreciate them.

WCLH

Our President David Totten attended the meetings at the Council for Local History Conference in Lake Delton. One seminar on *How to Get High School Kids Interested in History* had some good ideas. Also the map showing the location of the Societies in the state can now be accessed from a link on the state society’s web site as well as directly from www.newberlinhistoricalsociety.org/ locations.

In Memoriam

SHIRLEY SCHROEDER passed away September 18, 2016 at the age of 90 years. Shirley grew up on the farm with the Round Barn (gone now). This is where the first air filled rubber tires were successfully tested on a tractor. Her father Albert worked on the experiment with Allis Chalmers and Firestone Rubber Co. His tractor is now on display in a farm museum in Cassville, Wisconsin.

Welcome New Members

John Schoenknecht

Dues Reminder

Just a reminder that there are some members who have not paid their 2016-17 dues. Dues are \$15 per family unit and can be mailed to: Sue Hemmen, 21765 W Edinborough Dr., New Berlin 53146.

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

GENERAL DONORS

New Berlin Lions Club—\$129 for 11 members work at State Fair;
Duane & Julie Miller—\$10 along with dues;

Ken & Judy Derra—\$50 along with dues.

MEMORIAL

Shirley Schroeder—\$10 from Jackie Hermann

Terry Kutz presents

Ben Franklin


“Yes, we must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately”

Benjamin Franklin is considered a founding father of the United States. A major figure in early colonial life, he contributed to the Declaration of Independence, and served as ambassador to France during the revolutionary war where he secured critical support for the war effort. Portraying Franklin, Terry Kutz seeks to “entertain, educate, and improve understanding of what went on at that time”.

Monday November 14th 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



Terry Kutz portrays Ben Franklin

Terry has been a life-long resident of Southeast Wisconsin, attending school in Kenosha & Salem, Wisconsin. He also graduated from UW-Milwaukee with a degree in Economics and History in 1973. His professional career includes financial consultation. He has been presenting programs portraying Benjamin Franklin since 2005.

Sponsored by the **New Berlin Historical Society**
(In conjunction with its 2016 Annual Meeting, which begins at 6:30 PM)

Call 262-679-3461 or visit www.newberlinhistoricalsociety.org for more information

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