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the *authentic*  
New Berlin history

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March 2021

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2021 Annual Spring Meeting  
Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm

— NEW MEETING LOCATION —

New Berlin Historical Museum  
19885 W. National Avenue

Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
Walking Tours—1-4 pm

Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>  
Walking Tours—1-4 pm

## Annual Meeting of 2020

Thank you to those members who attended this meeting last November. There were 15 members in attendance which was sufficient for a quorum. The slate of four members whose terms were expiring was approved. These were Peggy Ament, Vern Bentley, Rip Edmundson and Sue Hemmen. Dave Totten announced that he was stepping down as President; however, he will remain on the Board. After our short business meeting, Dave presented his Annual Review.

## A New President

The retirement of Dave Totten from the position of President necessitated a special election for that office.

Our new President is Anne Marquardt. Anne has been on the board and an active volunteer for a few years, including being one of our teachers in the schoolhouse. She graciously accepted the mantle of responsibility. The other officers are Peggy Ament, VP; Sue Hemmen, Secretary and Lu Ziemer, Treasurer.



Anne Marquardt

## With Our Thanks...

We would like to express our gratitude to Dave Totten for the 14 years he spent as the President of the New Berlin Historical Society. Under his leadership, the Society grew and improved. His most remarkable achievement, on which he spent countless hours, was the history book he

co-authored with Audrey Juds titled, "*New Berlin Wisconsin, From Country to City*". Thank you, Dave, for your dedicated service.

## New Board Members

Please welcome to the Board Ken Derra and Marlyene Pfeiffer. Ken is a retired engineer and has already contributed much to the planning of future museum displays. You will be hard pressed to find someone who works as hard as Marlyene. She is "up" for any job and we truly appreciate her enthusiasm. Both of these people have much to offer to the Society.

## Christmas Decorations

If you drove past the Museum this winter, you would have seen the lights, the wreaths on the light poles, and a very nice Christmas tree in the Gazebo. We would like to thank Joe & Becky Sanfelippo who have so generously donated a tree for the past two years.

## 2021 Spring Membership Meeting

There will be a new location for this year's Spring Meeting. Since the Library room is still unavailable and we now have over 1,000 sq. ft. of open space in the Museum, the Board decided to hold the meeting there. Members with emails were notified of this change in February and there was enough interest to go ahead with this plan. We have invited John Schoenknecht, a local Waukesha writer and historian, to give an "encore" of his very interesting presentation, "*The Great Hygeia Spring War & The Chicago World's Fair*".

If you would like to attend and haven't already told us, **please call Sue at 262-679-3461 to make your reservation.** Masks will be required and social distancing will be practiced. See top of page and flyer on the back for date, time and address of the Museum.

## Museum News

In late Fall, we began bringing back the artifacts to the Museum from storage. Many of our artifacts are heavy and unwieldy farm implements. We would like to give special thanks to the big, strong gentlemen from the City Parks Dept. that pitched in to move those large items and maneuver them into the new space. We couldn't have done it without you.

Reorganizing the Museum is going to be a very long term project. The Swartz display was positioned in the new space by Dave Totten before he left for Arizona for the winter. With much help from the Eisenhower High School National Honor Society students, the Military

Display cases were put back in order. Every week, weather permitting, our work group continues to plan and design new displays. Two of our newest members, Marlyene and Mike, put in many hours packing the artifacts and bringing them back from storage and always show up on work days.

**New Members**

Kaye Hernon  
 Marlyene Pfeiffer  
 Mike Leigh  
 Carl and Mary Klein

**In Memoriam**

Herb Cooper, age 91, passed away Nov. 20, 2020. A number of years ago, Herb donated his wonderful collection of miniature tractors to the Society. These will be back on display in the new Museum space.

Ila Dietscher, age 94, passed away Nov. 14, 2020. She was a long-time member of the Prospect Aid Society.

**THANK YOU!**

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

**ARTIFACTS:**

Stigler/Boyd family - grain binder  
 Madonna Booker - two Navy uniforms  
 Ed Kau - jars, a jack for a Model T, a pipe wrench  
 Ginny Murphy - pitcher and basin  
 Marlyene Pfeiffer - nurse cape (WWII), frying pan, sifter, jar clamp, wooden boxes, trunk, oxen yolk, education books for the 1940s

**MEMORIALS:**

Ila (Stueck) Dietscher, contributions from Elaine Pagano, Sharon Leair, Daniel and Jane Srnec, Matias and Mary Lopez, Nancy and Max Jenkins, John and Cheryl Schober, Sharon Bernicky and daughter Meri Majeskie totaling \$270

Frank Eli Swartz, donations from numerous friends and relatives totaling \$370



John Schoenknecht

Presents

**The Great Hygeia Spring War & The Chicago World's Fair**

**Monday, April 13 at 6:00 pm**

**New Berlin Museum of History \***

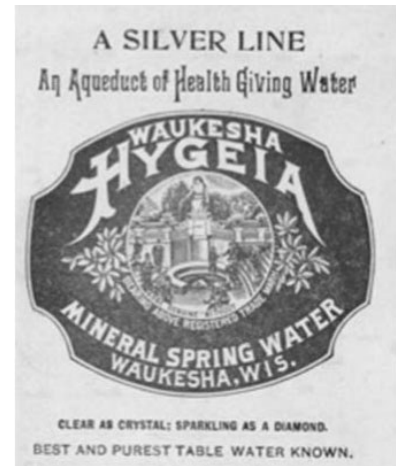
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*A retired teacher, John is editor of the Landmarks magazine published by the Waukesha Co. Historical Society. He has written extensively on Waukesha history, including the famous Waukesha springs. His topic is the "WAR" over sending this water to Chicago.*



Waukesha Frightening Away the Chicago Hog.  
(Pitched by members of the Milwaukee Record.)



**\*Please note: To observe pandemic protocols, space is very limited and reservations are required. Please call Sue Hemmen at 262-679-3461**

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