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HISTORICAL
SOCIETY



November 2019

ANNUAL MEETING & PROGRAM

Monday, November 18, 2019

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

"The Making of Pioneer Wisconsin"

Presented by author/historian
Michael Stevens
(See flyer on the back)

Board Member Elections

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: Anne Marquardt, Cheryl Schober, Patti Shallow, David Totten and Lu Zierner. All are current board members and have agreed to serve another term.

Historic Day

Our most popular Open House again attracted a great crowd of about 500 visitors. Weather was cool, but sunny, which made for a nice day for a parade. The VFW Honor Guard started it off, followed by antique bicycles, autos, tractors and even a few horses and a live band. Thanks to Jon the Blacksmith, Noel with his flintlock rifles, and the Honey Man for adding to the day.

Applefest

The weather was better than expected and the Packer game didn't start until 3 pm so we again had a crowd of at least 500 with lots of kids. Weston's did a brisk business in apple sales along with the Honey Man and

Pop's Popcorn. All food was sold out by the end of the day. A majority of the people asked said this was the first time they had come to our event, which is a great thing.

Corn Roasts

Our members again helped the Prospect Lions at the July 4th corn stand and the New Berlin Lions corn stand at State Fair Park. We are proud to help out these two great organizations.

Volunteer Opportunities -

Being a volunteer is really a lot of fun!

Well, I am happy to report that we gained four new volunteers this season. Both Brent Keay and Andrew Lutze helped out in the barn with setting up and operating the equipment. Pat Ziino spent Historic Day in the church sharing the history with visitors. New member, Kaye Hernon, started training during our school tour on 10/22. Thank you for your help! Maybe 2020 is the year you would like to join our group of volunteers.

"Around the Corner with John McGivern"

You may not know it but John McGivern spent a number of days taping at businesses here in New Berlin for his very popular program. The show will air this winter on Channel 10. I will send a reminder when we find out when/where the "preview" will be shown and the "air date". It should be fun and we may all learn something we didn't know.

Museum Now Open on Sundays

We have been trying something new – opening the Museum on Sundays from 1-4 pm. Each Sunday, a few people have stopped. We are just hoping to share with people who may not be familiar with our Society. Spread the word. If you want, you can spend a Sunday afternoon at the Museum greeting visitors. Call Sue at 679-3461.

New Book

Sales of our newest book on New Berlin have been brisk and we have sold all of the 150 we started with. Don't worry, if you didn't get yours yet, we are ordering more.

Tours

Tour Director Joanne gave a history presentation to Seniors at Parkridge Apartments.

On Oct. 22nd all the 4th graders from Poplar Creek spent the day at the Park in school and touring the buildings.

New Members

John and Pat Ziino
Kaye Hernon
Angela Kappen

In Memoriam

Elizabeth “Libbie” Faulkner Nolan went to her eternal home on Oct. 20, 2019. Born Jan. 10, 1917 she was 102 years old. Her father purchased the Winton home from Theodora Winton Youmans and Libbie was born there. Libbie was a vital force in the Historical Society for many decades starting in the 1960s as a founding member. She was the originator of our “Almanack”. She was its Editor for many years and her sketches grace the pages of many issues. When the Winton-Martin house was moved to the Park, she helped write the history that you see in the History Room.

Libbie was fun, adventurous, family-oriented and very patriotic. She was a published author, poet, artist, sculptor, local historian, editor and curator. She started the Waukesha County historical marker program. Every year a promising historian is given the “Libbie Faulkner Nolan Award”.

This doesn't even begin to scratch the surface of who Libbie was. She will be greatly missed.

THANK YOU!

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

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Prospect Lions Club - \$1,000
Ken Derra - \$50
Judy Miller - \$35
Calhoun Family - \$50 for player piano repair

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Sylvia Wilm – family photos
Kathy Garbe – Forest Park Presbyterian Church history
Ed Kau – a jack for a Model T
Malone family photos – if you were the donor, please call Sue 679-3461 so we can document this nice donation.

Michael E. Stevens
Presents

The Making of Pioneer Wisconsin

Voices of Early Settlers

From the mid-1830s through the 1850s, more than a half million people settled in Wisconsin. While traveling in ships and wagons, establishing homes, and forming new communities, these men, women, and children recorded their experiences in letters, diaries, and newspaper articles. In their own words, they revealed their fears, joys, frustrations, and hopes in this new place.

Woven together with context provided by historian Michael E. Stevens, these first person accounts form a fascinating narrative that deepens our ability to understand and empathize with Wisconsin's early pioneers.

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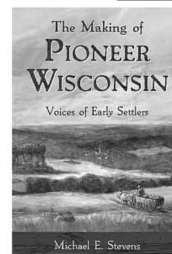
**New Berlin Public Library Community Room
15105 Library Lane in the City Center**

Free and open to the public

Light Refreshments



Michael E. Stevens is the author or editor of nearly thirty articles and thirteen books, including *The Family Letters of Victor and Meta Berger*, *Letters from the Front*, *Remembering the Holocaust*, *Voices from Vietnam*, and *Women Remember the War, 1941-1945*. Stevens earned his PhD in American history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is Wisconsin State Historian Emeritus.



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