



Pewaukee Area Historical Society

Clark House Museum
206 East Wisconsin Avenue
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

Museum Hours:
May through October
Sundays 1-4 pm
Wednesdays 7-9 pm
or always by Appointment

Email: info@pewaukeehistory.org
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262-691-0233

Winter, 2016

Events

Mark your Calendars

Dec 3 - Community
Tree Lighting
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Clark House,
Steele Building

2017 Dates to Remember:

Jan. 25 - Quarterly
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Pewaukee Library
Community Room

Apr 26-Quarterly Mtg

May - Community
Night hosted by
Pewaukee H.S. History
students (Date TBA)

June 11 - Show Us
Your Collection

July 9 - Ice Cream
Social

July 26-Quarterly Mtg

Aug 19 - Boat Show

Sept 10 - Harvest Fest

Sept 28-30-Rummage
Sale

Oct 25-Quarterly Mtg

Dec 2 - Tree Lighting

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Dec. 3, 2016 2:00-5:00 pm

by Tom Brick



The Pewaukee Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting hosted by the Pewaukee Area Historical Society at the Clark House Museum and the Steele Exhibit Building on Saturday, December 3rd for kids of all ages. Activities include:

2:15 pm: Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive in a Pewaukee Fire Truck with police escort.

- Take pictures with Santa (bring your own camera).
- Santa's gift shop for the little ones to purchase a gift for mom and/or dad at \$2.00 per gift which includes gift wrapping.
- Kids can make an ornament
- 25 poinsettia plant drawing.
- Cookies and hot chocolate provided by the Pewaukee Kiwanis Club.

4:00-5:00 pm: Caroling with the Civic Broadway Singers.

5:00 pm: Christmas Tree to be lit.

Your help is needed: Please bring a nonperishable food item for the Pewaukee Food Pantry to the Community Christmas Tree Lighting and place it in the Pewaukee Ski Club boat in front of the Clark House.

12 Days of Pewaukee

Positively Pewaukee is sponsoring the "12 Days of Pewaukee" with various holiday activities planned from December 3-14 throughout Pewaukee. The Pewaukee Area Historical Society will take part in this fun local event as follows:

- December 3 - Community Christmas Tree Lighting at the Clark House Museum.
- The Clark House Museum will be open for tours as follows:
 - December 4 - 1:00-4:00 pm
 - December 7 - 7:00-9:00 pm
 - December 11 - 1:00-4:00 pm

For more information regarding other events that are planned, visit positivelypewaukee.com/12days.

PAHS Quarterly Meeting

Our next quarterly meeting is scheduled for *Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pewaukee Public Library, Community Room, located at 210 Main Street, Pewaukee.* After a brief business meeting including election of officers, our program will be presented by Bill Schley who will speak on the Lynndale Farms Racetrack in Pewaukee and about his book. Plan to join us, everyone is welcome.

PAHS Financial Picture

by Tom Brick, Treasurer

The Historical Society is a little different than some other local non-profits, in that we have buildings and grounds, which require a good deal of money to maintain. Most of these expenses exist whether or not we are having events at the Clark House and Steele Exhibit Building. Examples of the yearly cost for these expenses include \$2,700 for lawn cutting and snow removal, \$3,500 for electricity and natural gas, \$1,200 for telephone and internet and \$2,400 for insurance. And, of course, there are repair expenses that come up each year.

On the income side, our membership receipts total about \$1,700 and our fundraising events bring in a total of about \$3,000. Most of our receipts come from donations, grants and dividend income. It is always a struggle to make ends meet. Thankfully, our members and the Pewaukee community have always helped us in the past.

Please consider a tax deductible donation to the Pewaukee Area Historical Society.

Glacier Lakes Chapter of The Antique & Classic Boat Society makes donation to PAHS

Commodore Mark Willis presented PAHS President Carole Brinkman with a \$500 donation at a recent Pewaukee Park & Rec meeting.

THANK YOU! We look forward to being part of the 2017 Pewaukee Boat Show.



We are only a few bricks away from our 500th brick sold! Join your friends in our “walk of history” and...

BUY A BRICK
Still only ..
\$50



Order forms are in the box on the flagpole and in the screened porch at the Clark House or on our website.

Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

Some of our recent donations are listed below and some will be displayed in the Clark House this year.

- *Postcard of Comet Club donated by Bill Swanson.
- *DVD of 1948 Pewaukee football donated by Ms. Philomena Suchards.
- *Products made by Product Miniature Co. from Barbara Keen who worked there and donated by Debbie (Gorde) Nickel.
- *Three pictures of Neil Teuteberg when he worked for the Village donated by Virginia Teuteberg.
- *Oxen Yoke donated by Lorraine Olson.
- *Bowl of the Pewaukee Hardware Store with advertising printed inside on the bottom donated by James Kelley.
- *School desk and a chalk board donated by Kay Thomas.
- *World War II memorabilia donated by Gerrie Marincic.

Thanks to everyone for their donations!

2017 Membership Forms and Life Member Update Forms Included

It's that time of year again! Annual membership is due January 31, 2017 – forms are included for those members that pay annually. For life members, an update form is included so that you can keep us updated with your current contact information and indicate your volunteer preferences. If you wish to help save postage for PAHS, please provide your email address and circle “Yes” on the form.

(No emailed newsletters this time only so that forms can be provided.)

If you have questions, please leave a message at the Clark House (262-691-0233).

PAHS “Wish List”

The PAHS board does an excellent job of making sure that the Clark House property is kept in great shape. Following are some items that they know will need attention in the next year or two. Your donations are appreciated.

- Driveway repair - Upper portion – approx. cost \$3,500
- Replace two maple trees that are dying. Does anyone want to donate a “memorial” tree?
- AED (Automated External Defibrillator). This could save a life – our members are aging.

“And in this Corner ...”

by Carole Brinkman

The Clark House was certainly lively the second week of October as nine third grade classes from Pewaukee Elementary School came for their annual visit. As 9:00 a.m. approached, you could feel the anticipation....are we ready for the many questions that the students have for us? Yes, Sharon Strieter and her crew were ready! Once the first class of 25 or so students arrived, they were given an overview of early Pewaukee and the history of the Clark family and Clark House. The class was then divided with one half going into the business/kitchen area and the other half viewing the Civil War room and Dr. Gahan's dentist office. When the first class was finished in the house, a second group that had been in the Steele Exhibit Building changed places and toured the house. The students were so excited to touch many of our exhibits. In the kitchen area, they tried the flour sifters, egg beaters and butter churn. I hope they left with an appreciation of how difficult it was to even prepare meals “back in the day”. In Dr. Gahan's office, there was actually a line to sit in the dental chair! Many students were surprised at how tall Abraham Lincoln was as they compared their height to his. And then there were the telephones! The sound of the phone ringing between the rooms and the lively conversations was fun. “Could other people really lis-

ten in on what you were saying?” “How did you know if the call was for you?” “How could you call without your cell phone?” I understand the questions were just as lively in the Exhibit Building. Everyone wanted to try out the typewriter. “How is it connected to the computer?” “What happens if I make a mistake in spelling?” Ahh, were “the good old days” as good as we remember them?

On the last day of the tours, the students presented us with a wonderful check for \$316.00. Many THANKS for this donation to the following students of third grade teachers:

Eric Austin
Debbie Brodbeck
Anna Duerwachter
Michelle Gospodarek
Teresa Knutson
Lindsay Krueger
Cate Riekkoff
Katherine Adams
Sarah Cohen

We always look forward to the kids coming to visit us. Maybe someday they'll look back on their experience and say “I remember going to the Clark House, let's do it again!”



Thanks also to our many volunteers that provide these tours. It is important that we share our history but . . . Kids are our future!

Step up....

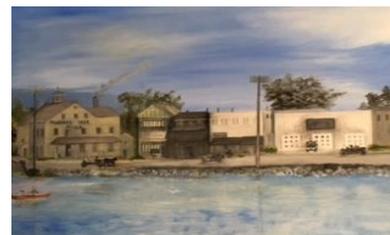
By Cliff Muehlenberg

...to our new Little Free Library. It's been open for business since a very warm day in June. And been busy ever since! Books come and go daily. Sometimes it can barely hold all the books and other times it looks like the cookie jar at grandma's after the kids have gone home.



To make the LFL more accessible in less than “postcard” weather, Richard and Duane, our Wednesday elves, have built a walkway exclusively for Scouts which will be called the “Scout Path” just as soon as our title brick arrives. Any scout who wishes to have a brick in the path is invited to join Lexi and Kristina. You do need to either be a current or past scout. *Read on.*

New Orel Rooney painting at the Clark House



We are so lucky to have life member Orel Rooney who shares her artistic gifts with PAHS. Stop in and check out this new painting of how historic Pewaukee looked many years ago. Thanks Orel!

Note: If you have an old family recipe or just one you want to share, please submit it. It would be interesting if you have some background for the recipe to share also.

*From the Kitchen of
PENNY WILLIAMS*

Pretzel Topped Sweet Potatoes
(Holiday favorite)

- 1 - cup chopped pretzel crumbs
- 1 - cup chopped fresh cranberries
- 1 - cup butter, melted
- 1 - cup chopped pecans
- 1 - cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 - 5 oz. can evaporated milk
- 1 - cup granulated sugar
- 1 - 2-1/2 cup (lg) can sweet potatoes,
Drained

Combine pretzels, nuts, cranberries, brown sugar and 1/2 cup butter. Set aside.

Mash potatoes smooth. (I use an electric mixer). Add milk, granulated sugar and remaining melted butter. Mix well and spoon into buttered shallow 2 quart baking dish. Sprinkle pretzel mixture evenly over top. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes.

Makes 10-12 servings. (This makes a lot so you might want to cut recipe in half if you aren't serving a crowd).

I received this recipe from a good friend about 65 years ago and it has become a favorite of my family over the years.

Here's hoping that you enjoy the upcoming holiday season with family and friends

*Happy Thanksgiving
and
Merry Christmas*

BUSINESS MEMBERS

- Artisan 179 – (262) 691-0200**
- Century Fence Co. – (262) 547-3331**
- Chiropractic & Wellness on
Pewaukee Lake – (262) 695-0022**
- Molly Maids of Lake Country
(262) 691-5000**
- Ken Weber Truck Service
(262) 691-0333**

These businesses are partnering with us to show their support to the Historical Society. Please remember them when you need their services. Let's keep our Pewaukee businesses in Pewaukee and keep growing our business community!

Keep your newsletter and mark your 2017 calendar with our event dates that are listed on page one. Hope to see everyone at our 2017 events!



PAHS receives a 1% rebate on your store receipts from the Sentry store in Delafield. The Meadowbrook store is now closed but we can still accept receipts from Meadowbrook dated prior to November 1st. Receipts must be less than 6 months old and can be left in the dresser drawer marked "Sentry receipts" on the screen porch of the Clark House. Penny Williams will take it from there. Thanks for remembering.

**NEWSLETTER
CONTACT INFORMATION**

Be part of the next PAHS newsletter by submitting an article or other event information to

Karen Merz – email:

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Questions? Call Karen at 262-695-0600

Deadline for the next newsletter is

March 15, 2017

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The “Old Lamplighter” Kept Pewaukee in the Light

by Penny Williams

In these days of modern conveniences such as automatic street lights, have you ever stopped to think of what life was like in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s when good people had to find their way home in the dark without the aid of such improvements? What was it like for pedestrians or the driver of a horse drawn conveyance when they had only their eyesight to keep them safe against obstacles they might encounter?

Not much more than 100 years ago the good citizens of Pewaukee did not have the advantages we take for granted now. In these days as we recently moved to daylight savings time this year, we realize just how quickly darkness can set in. We’re comforted by the glow of automatic street lights controlled by sensors or timers as we return from work or go about our business in the late afternoon.

Just as we do today, citizens then wanted lighted streets in public areas. The use of electricity was not widespread except, possibly, in metropolitan areas, but many places had gas lamps which were lighted each evening and extinguished each morning by a person whose official title was “The Lamplighter”. Most small towns didn’t enjoy the luxury of underground gas lines, but they did have street lights. The alternative was to use kerosene, much as it was used to light the rooms at home. The street lights were glass enclosed and often had a

reflector inside of them to intensify the light they produced.

Joseph A. White was Pewaukee’s lamplighter in 1900. He made his daily rounds with a small horse drawn two-wheeled cart which carried the tools of his trade. He had a can of kerosene to fill the lamps as needed, along with a wick trimmer to keep the lights burning brightly. Trimming was an important function, as improperly trimmed wicks were known to produce smoky, dull light.

Lights were placed fairly high on the pole to discourage tampering or vandalism, so a short ladder was part of the equipment necessary to allow Mr. White to reach them. Although we think of it as quaint now, people of that day, I’m sure, were happy that Joseph White was faithful in carrying out his duties seven days a week!

Fall Happenings:

We have been blessed with wonderful fall weather. Two of our major fund raisers took place in September and the weather cooperated helping the Harvest Fest and our annual Rummage Sale become successful events. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated their time and items to sell to make these events worthwhile!

Please remember to “stash” items that you no longer need but are in good condition for next year’s rummage sale. One man’s trash is another man’s (or woman’s) treasure!! Check out the pictures of the Harvest Fest in the next column.



Thanks!

See you at next years Harvest Fest!!

Pewaukee Area Historical Society

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The Clark House, once a stagecoach inn, is now a museum operated by the Pewaukee Area Historical Society. It is located at the corner of Prospect Avenue and East Wisconsin Avenue in the Village of Pewaukee. There is no admission fee. Donations are accepted.

The Pewaukee Area Historical Society

(PAHS) is a non-profit, charitable, educational organization founded to research, collect and preserve the history of the Pewaukee area. PAHS invites anyone who has an interest in the history of the Pewaukee area, its people and the community, to become a member.

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