



# 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 anytime by Appointment

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Winter, 2018

## Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

Dec 1 - Tree Lighting  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Clark House,  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

## 2019 Dates to Remember:

Jan. 30 - Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Pewaukee Library Community Room

Apr. 24 - Spring Mtg. 7:00 p.m.  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

May 21 - Community Night 7:00 p.m.  
(hosted by Pewaukee H.S. History students)

June 9 - Show Us Your Collection

July 7 - Ice Cream Social

Aug. 17 - Boat Show

Sept. 8 - Harvest Fest

Sept. 26-28-Rummage Sale

Oct. 30 - Fall Mtg.

Dec. 7 - Tree Lighting

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

**Dec. 1, 2018 2:00-5:00 pm**

The Pewaukee Kiwanis Club is once again sponsoring the annual Pewaukee Christmas Tree Lighting hosted by the Pewaukee Area Historical Society at the Clark House Museum/Steele Exhibit Building. This years event will be more kid centered than ever before. 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 wrapping.
- Kids can make a craft.
- Win a Poinsettia - plants donated by the Pewaukee Kiwanis Club.
- 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!**  
*Please bring donations of non-perishable food for the food pantry.*

## Attend PAHS Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the Pewaukee Public Library, Community Room, located at 210 Main Street, Pewaukee. Following a brief business meeting including election of our 2019 board members, our program will be presented by Ray Warell, President of Dynex Corporation, a long time Pewaukee business. Our recent meetings have highlighted other Pewaukee businesses and we look forward to learning about Dynex located on Capitol Drive in the Village of Pewaukee. You won't want to miss this interesting evening. See you there!

If you are interesting in running for a board position or want more information about board responsibilities, please leave a voice message at the Clark House.

## Time to Renew Your PAHS Membership

All newsletters are being mailed this time because they include 2019 membership forms for annual members and update information forms for life members. Although we encourage our members to consider marking their membership forms for email delivery, we find that mailing the winter newsletter and membership form is easier for renewals.

If you can, please consider checking the email box on your membership or update form. It cost PAHS more than \$4.00 per member per year to mail our newsletters. Thank you for helping to keep our expenses low!

## Message from the President

by Candy Muehl

After thoughtful consideration, I am resigning as President of the Pewaukee Area Historical Society as I have gone back to work and there is too much of a conflict to continue in my present position. I have greatly enjoyed working at our various events during the year. I will still be volunteering to help as it fits into my new schedule so you will continue to see me at future events.

*The board wishes to thank Candy for her service to PAHS as we are nothing without our volunteers.*

## Windows Repaired!

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Two years ago, we noticed three first-floor windows nearest the driveway in need of repair. The wood was showing signs of rot and was bulging. They didn't look good.

I assembled our best minds and gave it a good stare. Scratching chins we all said, "hmmmm...something should be done". That concluded our initial assessment session.

At the following board meeting, I reported the findings. The first question was "How much is it going to cost?" I didn't have an answer as the cost of everything seems to be a surprise.

In our newsletter, it was suggested we put a "Wish List" of things we know we'll need in the near future. I tried to slip in a new top for my sports car but that got nixed.

Some time later, we received a check from the Woman's Club of Pewaukee for \$1,000 for window repairs!!! Yes Virginia, there IS a Santa Claus!

Now I was tasked to find a reliable carpenter. I asked around and got a good recommendation for Jerry's Select Remodeling. I called Jerry in the middle of the day. He answered but I could tell he was working by the noise in the background or maybe he just had that soundtrack in his phone. . .

In spite of interrupting his work, he was very pleasant and professional on the phone. We decided to meet at the Clark House. We both stood there and Jerry finally said "hmmmm, something should be done". I knew we were on the same page!

If you're any good at anything, you're busy. And he was. Fall was approaching fast and I wanted it done before winter. That didn't happen. We talked and I told him I wanted it done in spring. Spring is so far off, it's easy to agree to that distant deadline.

By the time spring rolled around Jerry had taken a few other jobs and our little job would surely fit in somewhere. Spring passed, summer was passing quickly and I called him again. He must have heard me thinking about him because he said, "I was just thinking about you!"

We met again and slapped a few mosquitos together. I told him I needed an estimate before he started and for once I was pleasantly surprised instead of shocked. I asked him when he was available and he said right after Labor Day. He started the Tuesday after and it took him a day and a half. He discovered all three sills were rotted so he

had to get additional material for them. He matched the construction style of the other windows, keeping all things *historic*.



We'll send Jerry a copy of this newsletter to inform him, there are more windows that will need his skills in the near future. But that's the way it is when you have a building that's 182 years old. Thanks Jerry and a big thanks to the Woman's Club of Pewaukee!

## Think Spring!

It's never too early to think about spring.

Tom Koepp, Mgr. and John Ruf, Board Member from the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District

Will present an update concerning the lake for the past several years at our

Spring Meeting at PAHS Exhibit Bldg.  
April 24, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar!

# “And in this corner ...”

by Karen Merz

And the answer is . . . our fall newsletter highlighted the engraved stone in our garden and we wondered who carved the stone and when. Well, the who is sculptor Gregory (Mac) McDonald and the when was about 11-12 years ago following a request from life member Cindy Jaskolski.



You might recognize Mac because he always has a display of his wonderful sculptures and carvings at Harvest Fest.

He's currently using his talents to create stone sculptures for surrounding police and fire departments and takes pride in donating these pieces in memory of his father who was a fireman in South Milwaukee.



Thanks Mac for answering our question. Say “Hi” to Mac when you see him in the Village.



## Annual School Tours Enjoyed by Students and PAHS Volunteers

Our volunteers always look forward to the week in fall when the third graders from Pewaukee Elementary School tour the Clark House and Steele Exhibit Building. October 8-11 was a busy week when *nine* third grade classes visited to learn the history of Pewaukee and experience some of our hands-on items like the kitchen tools, typewriter, dentist chair and more.

A big *Thank You* to the classes for their donation of \$283. We also enjoy reading all of the letters and pictures they recently gave us telling about what they liked about the tour.



We are glad that the third grade teachers have kept these annual tours in their curriculum. These kids are our future. Hope to see them at some of our future events.

## If a tree falls when four...

by Cliff Muehlenberg  
guys are standing around with hands in their pockets...is there sound? Our maple tree near the flag pole has been sick for some time. Its sister tree just east of it is doing well and doesn't appear to have the disease.

Our Paul Bunyon strategy

was to take it down before it fell down. One September Saturday, Jeff Phillips, Duane Bewer, Dick Rosenberger and I showed up to take on the task.

While I was still tucking in my shirt, Duane who used to fell redwoods with his Swiss Army knife had his chain saw buzzing and branches were falling. Dick was still wiping off his Fiskars and Jeff was trying to remember if his saw was powered by some fossil fuel or was it solar.

Meanwhile, Duane had the tree almost all down! With my shirt nicely tucked in, I decided I should do something. Duane (Volunteer of the Year for good reason) had this all worked out in his head. Duane theorized that if ALL the branches were cut into SMALL ENOUGH pieces, they would fit in his little truck. (Maybe he'd done this with redwoods, not sure).

By this time Jeff had his saw running and was cutting everything in sight. And Dick was organizing the branches by size, color and number of leaves.

All of the tree fit into Duane's truck though there was no room to get behind the steering wheel. In a matter of 3 hours the tree looked like it had grown in the back of Duane's truck. Then Jeff deftly cut the stump tight to the ground.

Recently, the stump was removed by an anonymous Good Samaritan. Whoever you are, we greatly appreciate it! Thanks to all for your efforts. Proving once again, many hands make....a lot of finger prints.

## Welcome New Member

Thank you, *James T. Mason* for your membership. Hope to see you at upcoming events.

**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  
Sandy Volmar*

**Delicate Pastels**

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

3/4 cup butter

1/2 cup sugar

1 – 3 oz. box fruit-flavored jello

2 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla

2-1/2 cups sifted flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon salt

Granulated sugar

Cream butter. Add sugar and jello. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Blend in sifted dry ingredients.

Shape into 3/4" balls. Place 3" apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten to 3/8" thick with glass dipped in granulated sugar.

Bake in 400 degree oven about 5 to 6 minutes.

These are a quick cookie that changes taste with the jello you pick out. They look cute nested in a plate of other cookies. Try lime, raspberry, or orange jello for a more distinctive flavor.



**BRICKS**

**Are always in season.**

**They're even beautiful when the snow is gently shoveled off them.**

**Your brick order form makes a great Christmas gift..(hint, hint).  
And we'll plant it in the walkway  
in Spring – Still only \$50.**

**BUSINESS MEMBERS**

**Anton's Salon & MSpa-(262)646-9888**

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(262)796-6966**

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Pewaukee Lake - (262) 695-0022**

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(262) 695-1600**

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(262) 691-5000**

**WaterStone Bank - (262) 696-5200**

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!  
Thanks for your business membership!



PAHS receives a 1% rebate on your store receipts from the Sentry store in Delafield. 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:**

**info@pewaukeehistory.org**

**Questions? Call Karen at 262-695-0600**

**Deadline for the next newsletter is**

**March 15, 2019**

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## Ice Harvesting

by Penny Williams

Although lake ice was used by original settlers for food preservation, it wasn't until the railroad came through Pewaukee in the late 1850's that the true value of this commodity was fully realized. One could say, in fact, that ice harvesting was Pewaukee's first true industry.

The harvesting process took up many months and was a lengthy process. Beginning in September, lake weeds were cut as low as possible to ensure clean, clear ice as a finished product. Then came a waiting game when it was put on hold until cold and freezing temperatures began the process of making ice. When the ice could bear the weight of a team and plow, it was kept clear of snow to promote deeper freezing. Finally the ice field was laid out and lines were scribed with a hand tool. Next came a plow which crossed the ice both horizontally and vertically, digging deeper with each pass until the field was marked into 22 inch squares, or floats.

The floats were then cut into 8 foot square "rafts". Saws used had a handle at one end and took a strong man to do the sawing. Two men then took over to float an ice raft to shore. It was then cut into 8 foot cake lengths and then again in half by the second man. Great care was taken so that the men were not accidently knocked into the channel. They chanced being struck by pike poles or getting clothing caught in the conveyor which carried the blocks into the ice house.

Layers of clothing provided

their own hazards as they were very heavy when wet and made rescue difficult. Speed was important and hypothermia was an ever present danger. The ice houses themselves were specially built and best described as a "house within a house". Hay or sawdust was spread between the layers of ice for insulation, and a well constructed house could store ice for up to three years. Proper stacking and insulation could limit shrinkage to 10%.

Harvesting became a major industry in the mid 1870's when meat packers and brewers became aware that their products became more easily stored and shipped when refrigerated. At one time over 80 boxcars of ice were shipped from Pewaukee daily, and the products shipped under ice could be sent as far as St. Louis safely. However, artificial ice machines and pasteurization eventually led to the demise of the Pewaukee ice industry.

## Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

The following people have recently made donations of items that will be displayed as space permits.

\*Molly Dascenzo & Fraland Campbell

\*Kathy Huff

\*Maryann Ingretson

\*Joanne Koehler & Dwight Zoehner

\*Lara Rebholtz

Thank you for keeping our history alive!

Correction from fall newsletter: Charles Kosanke donated the frame for the 1952 graduation picture.

## Many Thanks.....

Our fall events wouldn't happen without volunteers:

From:

\**Kathy Sampson* – The 2018 Harvest Fest was a success. The weather cooperated, the Packers played late and we had a wonderful assortment of presenters. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this event a success.

\**Sandy Volmar* – a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated items for the 2018 Harvest Fest bakery booth as well as those that helped sell the items. We hit an all-time high for sales. This is a huge fund raiser for PAHS. We hope you plan on donating again next year.

\**Helen Ackley* – Who Done It? Many people donated things and lots of folks organized and set it up. A great many helped to run it and a bunch of them aided in the clean-up. What was this activity all about? Of course! It was THE CLARK HOUSE MUSEUM ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE. THANK YOU! THANK YOU TO ALL!! We couldn't have added to the coffers of the PAHS without you!

\**Kathy Sampson* – to Ted Stark, a member of the family who founded Stark Candy. Ted presented an extremely interesting description of the evolution of the Stark Candy Company at the PAHS recent Fall Meeting. The program was attended by many former employees of the company who enjoyed the presentation and shared memories of their years working at the Pewaukee location.

**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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