



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, 2019

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

Dec 7 - Tree Lighting
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Clark House,
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

2020 Dates to Remember:

Jan. 29 - Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Pewaukee Library Community Room

Apr. 29 - Spring Mtg.
7:00 p.m.
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

May 19 - Community Night 7:00 p.m.
(hosted by Pewaukee H.S. History students)

June 14 - Show Us Your Collection

July 12 - Ice Cream Social

Aug. 15 - Boat Show

Sept. 13 - Harvest Fest
Sept. 24-26-Rummage Sale

Oct. 28 - Fall Mtg.

Dec. 5 - Tree Lighting

TREE LIGHTING Dec. 7, 2019 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. There will be lots of fun 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 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.

PAHS Annual Meeting
Wednesday, January 29th, 7:00 pm
at the Pewaukee Public Library, Community Room, located at 210 Main Street, Pewaukee. Program plans are still being finalized and will follow a brief business meeting including election of our 2020 board members. 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. This is a good time to see friends and maybe meet new people. Plan on attending, we'd love to have all the chairs filled!

2020 PAHS Membership Form Enclosed

All newsletters are being mailed this time because they include 2020 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 costs PAHS more than \$4.00 per member per year to mail our newsletters. Thank you for helping to keep our expenses low!

Do you have a hobby or interest that you would like to share? Please let us know on your form.

Your membership and financial support is important and appreciated!

Building and Grounds Update

#1. The flagpole was re-roped. It required a high-reach truck to install the main pulley at the top which was broken. New rope, top main pulley, and missing gold ball replaced (probably stolen by a seagull). Total cost: \$299

#2. The kitchen door on the summer kitchen had rotted jambs on both sides and a rotted threshold. Carpenters/painters Duane B. and Cliff M. sawed, nailed and brushed into action. All parts were replaced and caulked with Kryptonite #3 which is estimated to last a hundred years. So, I saved my receipts. This was all volunteer work other than the cost of lumber and caulk, it was completed for about \$50.

#3. The rear inside corner of the CH plus the front of the house just above the main entry both have ice damming yearly. The rear caused water to leak in between the wall and drip through the casing next to the Waukesha Beach mural. A&D Roofing, who we've used previously, will be putting heat tape in the gutters and downspouts to make us leak-proof once again. Cost estimate: \$880.

#4. The top of the driveway will be repaired in May of 2020 by PLM Paving who originally installed the driveway when the Exhibit Building was completed. Only the portion at the top, about 825 sq. ft. where the driveway flattens out will be repaired. The entire drive will then be sealcoated and restriped. It'll look like a brand new pair of shoes by next summer. Cost: \$5,450.

#5. The Exhibit Bldg. gutters on the back were meticulously cleaned and polished by our ex-chimney sweep, Jim Tredwell. His hair is still black as a result. This Building and Grounds

update has been respectfully submitted by:

Cliff Muehlenbeg, in charge of Buildings, Grounds, Gutters, Rotting wood and Flag Pole Balls.

VOLUNTEER

“Paint-a-thon” coming to a chipped Historical Society near you!

by Cliff Muehlenberg

The board agreed on the idea of a *Volunteer Paint Day* In Spring 2020. Spring alone brings a smile to chipped lips...ouch! No experience is necessary but the less experience you have the larger the drop cloth you'll get.

There are many “low” areas that need to be freshened. All areas will be below the first rain gutter in height. We are aware that no one has gotten taller or even younger since the last newsletter.

There are railings, steps, even a rusty gas meter. The person who has only painted with water on the pages impregnated with a color, (I was best at those) might be assigned the gas meter.

There's time between now and next Spring. You can call and leave a message of your interest. I'll also put a sign-up sheet on the porch dresser.

A date will be determined when good weather is imminent (is it ever?) or at least predicted. We want to feel the warmth of the sun. See you then.

Oh, and mom says, “Wear your old shoes”.

Welcome New Members

Sharon Akin

April Fox

See you at the next event!

Hope you didn't miss our Fall Meeting. . .

Our program was presented by Ray Warell, Jr., president of Dynex Corporation.



Mr. Warell gave an interesting history of his company from 1884-2019 as well as answering questions about the company that he loves. Thank you to Mr. Warell for educating us on your local (but also international) company.

Our Volunteers Love the 3rd Grade Tours

by Karen Merz

October 7–10 was a busy week at the Clark House as our volunteers hosted the nine 3rd grade classes from Pewaukee Lake Elementary School for their annual tour. The classes walk from the school to the museum and love sitting in the dentist chair, using the kitchen tools, typewriter and wall phones and learning about Pewaukee's history.



Thank you to the classes for their generous donation of \$288 that they presented to PAHS treasurer Tom Brick.

“And in this corner ...”

by Cliff Muehlenberg

As you're most likely aware, October is “*Fire Prevention Month*”. Also known as, “Take a Dalmatian to Lunch” month. There's been a Pewaukee Fire Department display in the Exhibit Building for some time with some interesting artifacts from days gone by.

The largest piece in the exhibit is a hand pumper (approx. 1880-1900). It was delivered to the fire by manpower as there is no apparatus for attaching a horse. Some larger models had to be horse drawn. Attaching a horse is time consuming and buildings of the day were wood. Wood burns quickly so time was of the essence.

The pumper carried no water but relied on a water source at the site. That might be a pond or maybe an animal water trough, whatever was available. But you've already realized the water source may not be endless.

The draw hose was put in the water source and several firemen pumped the pumper to draw water. Another fireman directed water on the fire.

When discussing this display with Richard Rosenberger, he said it would be nice to also have a Fall display with *Fire Prevention*. Duane Bewer jumped into action buying pumpkins, mums, the scarecrow and a hay bale.

It was fun to do and have a place to do it. Thanks to all who contributed ideas and the legwork to make it happen. (PS: Not a gourd or pumpkin had been touched!



What a difference a day makes!!



Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

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

- *Sharon Akin - CD of St. Mary's Christmas Service mid 1960's.
- *Tom Burdick - Drill Press.
- *Cheri Enters - Vintage New Home Sewing Machine in wood cabinet.
- *Gail Klatt - 1927 Wicker Twin Buggy used by life member Ione Schmidt and her twin sister Iris.
- *Judy Roberts - Class pictures of Unionville School 1949-1959 & plate from 1958 graduation class.

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”
John Steinbeck

Thank you for Baking!

By Sandy Volmar

A very *BIG THANK YOU* to all those who donated items to our 2019 Bakery Booth at Harvest Fest. We did reach a good total for the items sold. An extra thank you to Penny Williams who manned the register all afternoon. Another big thank you goes to Ted Volmar who not only manned the tables all afternoon, but baked 10 dozen peanut butter cookies for our booth. Pretty good for an old guy!

I do hope that members who did not donate this year consider donating next year, as we had fewer people donating to our booth this year. This is a great fund raiser for our museum. Your help is needed!

Congratulations Cliff!



Cliff Muehlenberg works behind the scenes every year to get things ready for the Antique & Classic Boat Show at Pewaukee's Lakefront.

At this year's show on August 17th he received the honor of being awarded the “Best of Fiberglass Outboards” for his entry. Congratulations Cliff!!

Next year's show is scheduled for August 15th. Word has it that there will be a class for “best shade hat”. Cliff, better make room for another plaque!

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
Karen Merz*

**Slow Cooker Spaghetti Squash
with Turkey Meat Sauce**

- 1 lb lean ground turkey
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 (23.5 oz.) jar marinara sauce
- 1 diced portobello mushroom
(or I use 1 small can of mushrooms)
- 1 white onion, diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
(or I use 1/4 tsp garlic salt)
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/2 tsp oregano
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 1 (3 lb) spaghetti squash

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high. Brown ground turkey. Transfer to slow cooker. Add marinara sauce, mushrooms, onion, garlic, pepper, oregano, and basil to meat and stir to combine. Cut spaghetti squash in half lengthwise and remove seeds with a spoon. Nestle squash cut-side down into slow cooker. Cover and cook on HIGH for 4 hours. Do not open the lid during the cooking time. Remove squash, spoon meat sauce over squash and enjoy!
(Cut squash crosswise instead of lengthwise if using a small slow cooker)

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has the names of
Pewaukee's
most important
people.
Are you there?

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(262)796-6966**
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These businesses are partnering with us to show their support to the PAHS. 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. 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, 2020

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Holdup in Pewaukee!

by Penny Williams

If you read the daily paper back in 1930, you would have thought that Pewaukee never got out of the wildwest days. The headline read “Pewaukee Hotel Proprietor Shot in Holdup”.

The proprietor, Max Kraemer was in Waukesha Memorial Hospital with two gunshot wounds and was not expected to recover. The hotel was on the corner of Park Avenue and Main Street, now an apartment building. According to Mrs. Kraemer, she was sitting on the front porch at about 10:30 p.m. Four men drove up and three got out and entered the bar to order a drink. One stayed in the car. Two men ordered a drink and the third went to the restroom. One of the customers ordered Kraemer to hold up his hands and open the register. The other rushed behind the bar to the open register and took the money. He was disgusted when he found only a \$1 bill.

The third man left the restroom, grabbed a slot machine, and tried to leave the premises. When Mr. Kraemer told him to drop the machine, shots rang out. Two men struck him, but he didn't fall although wounded. All three left the premises with Kraemer in pursuit, however, being wounded, the injured man fell and the robbers made their getaway. The sheriff's dept. was called slightly past 10:35.

Patrons of the drugstore reported that earlier in the evening three strangers had been in the store, apparently “casing it”, but having too many people to be witnesses, they decided to find another

location...hence, the bar.

The men had headed to Waukesha, but were not apprehended at the time, however, two days later deputies noticed a man walking on Bluemound Road in Elm Grove. Upon questioning, he identified his accomplices and they were arrested. Mr. Kraemer died of his wounds shortly after the shooting and never knew that the criminals had been caught.

“Lionel Lines”

by Cliff Muehlenberg, once a young railroad engineer

In my childhood memory, I was always 10. What better age? I was finally big enough to do so many things, *on my own*. The perfect age? It was for me.

The hands of time move slowly when you're young. The opposite is true now.

Each childhood is different. Seen from a different set of bright eyes, curious minds and freckled or un-freckled faces – all hopeful, all beautiful faces.

My brother was older than I and still is. One Christmas, my dad got us a Lionel electric train. It wasn't new but it was a BIG gift. It was explained that it belonged to both of us, a shared gift. We played with it together. My dad fastened the track to a big sheet of plywood to keep the track from separating and the train running.

Our Lionel train had constant foibles that needed continuous attention. It was one problem-solving situation after another. We didn't know it, but we were learning an important lesson. Dad wasn't always around to fix

it, so we had to figure it out ourselves.

The train set for many years always went under the Christmas tree. But the tree had to be completely decorated *before* the first piece of the train came out of the big carton filled with bright orange boxes. They always made my heart jump with excitement when I first saw them again each year.

A few years ago, I decided a train set might be a nice addition to our **Tree Lighting** event. And kids seeing it might get the same thrill I did long ago. In my day, there was a train under most Christmas trees. Today that's no longer the case.



Much of the train now is still my childhood set. However, I've added some things I always wanted. The first was a locomotive that smoked. I found an affordable one online. I've replaced all the Plasticville (Lionel) buildings with lighted Christmas Village pieces that are a better scale for the train. But the track, transformer and rolling stock are nearly as old as I.

But adding something new each year, is still as exciting as when I was ten!

PAHS New Website Look

www.pewaukeehistory.org

Change is good!

New website = improved security, check it out.

**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.

Museum Hours: May 31 – October 25
 Wednesdays 7:00–9:00 pm
 Sundays 1:00–4:00 pm
 Or anytime by appointment

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