



Menomonee Falls Historical Society Newsletter

February 2015

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from Arizona! We have been here a month. It hardly seems possible. Time really flies! There is such a rich western history when you get out of the Phoenix area and into the hinterlands. I love it! A hearty "thank you" to Katrina and Chris for taking care of things back home. I appreciate it a lot. Also, THANK YOU to Bob Cowan and Gene Schneider for their service on the board, and for all they have done at Old Falls Village. Your services are appreciated! Welcome to our new board members: Pat, Jordan and Debbie. We look forward to working with them! Stay healthy, and see you all in Spring!

- Warren Granke

SILVER TEA AND BAKE SALE

Many thanks to all who contributed their time in decorating the Miller Davidson House, provided baked goods to sell, and represented the Historical Society by guiding our visitors through our last event of the year. Also, thanks to all the "behind the scenes" volunteers, who really make this event so successful! Total sales topped \$ 930. A new record! Lastly, a big round of applause to those who made the time and took the effort to find pictures of holidays with their grandparents and wrote about their memories of those holidays.

MILK CANS

Ken Pruess is looking for 4 milk cans that would have been used on a farm, for a display that he is working on. If you have cans or know where we can get some, please call Warren at 262-251-7621.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Nancy Griefenhagen for receiving the volunteer of the year award! Nancy has been a member for about 5 years. She has served on the board, assisted Katrina with the Past Perfect program and continues digitizing our collection of photographs. Nancy has brought the Artist Ride to Old Falls Village and is the chair of the Civil War Encampment for the 3rd year. We are so happy to have Nancy with us!

TUESDAY WORKDAYS

We will begin our Tuesday morning workdays on Tuesday, May 5 at 9:00 a.m. We will work until the work for the morning is done, or until noon. Some projects we will consider are the Steichen House, Brogan Cabin, Carriage House, Miller Davidson House updates, painting, bell tower etc.

STEICHEN HOUSE OPENING

We have a committee making plans to get the exhibits in the Steichen up and ready for the opening of the house. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 31 at 1:00 p.m. when we will be dedicating the Steichen house. If you would like to help with any of the preparations such as painting, cleaning or assisting with getting exhibits ready, please contact Katrina at 262-250-3901.

We would like to decrease our paper usage and printing costs. If you are a member and would like to receive our newsletter and board minutes by email, please send your email address to: mfhistory@yahoo.com and note if you wish to receive one or both by e-mail.

2015 EVENTS

Quarterly Meeting
April – Date TBD

Memorial Day Parade
May 25

In Touch with History
May 29

Old Falls Village Days
May 30 - 31

**Civil War
Encampment**
July 18 – 19

Artist Ride
September 18 – 20

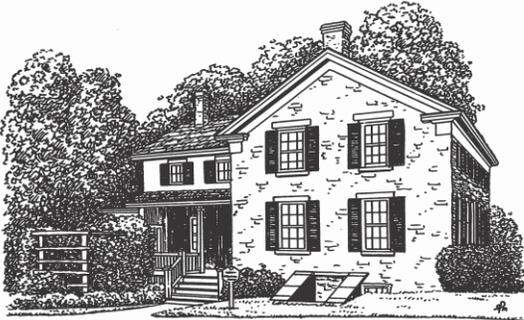
**Halloween Family
Fun Nights**
October 23 – 24

Christmas Parade
November 29

**Silver Tea and
Bake Sale**
December 6



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Diane Harley) - Vice President
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Chris and Katrina Ludin

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MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

PAT LYNCH has been a resident of Menomonee Falls since 1986 and has been a member of our Historical Society for quite a while. He has been married to his wife Sue for 32 years. His hobby is photography and he enjoys learning about history. Now that he has retired from Quad/Graphics, where he was a systems analyst designer for computers, Pat has more time and he is looking forward to being active in our group.

JORDAN OELTJEN moved to Menomonee Falls from Minnesota two years ago with her parents and younger sister when her dad's job was transferred here. She is employed at the "All About Learning" Day Care on Silver Spring Drive. She loves to knit, and enjoys reading about history. Jordan is looking forward to bringing a new perspective to the Board, and would like to get younger people involved in our group.

DEBBIE SCHULTZ, her husband David, and 16-year-old triplet sons live right across the street from Old Falls Village! When they moved into their home five years ago, they knew nothing about our Historical Society. They came to a Civil War Encampment with David's mother Chris (MFHS Secretary), and that was the beginning of the entire family's interest and involvement with our group. Debbie has been a mail carrier for 22 years, and has learned a lot about the homes in Menomonee Falls. Her hobbies include arts and crafts, raising and releasing monarch butterflies, and cheering her sons on in their many activities. Debbie is looking forward to contributing new ideas to our group.

– Diane Harley

REMINDER: Membership cards will be mailed the first week of March, so please renew your MFHS membership before then.



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