

# Historical Perspectives

PORT WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

[www.portwashingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.portwashingtonhistoricalsociety.org)

VOLUME 27, ISSUE 3

SUMMER 2016

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF THE PWHS!!

Ask Ardy Ahsmann, Ken and Sue Bruner, Tom Greisch, Shirley Schanen Gruen, Elaine Nulph, or Lloyd Smith... After their leader, Anna Ubbink, left them to carry on with the proposal of an historical society how did it feel to see the progress that was made in the past 25 years?

This anniversary year is especially being celebrated at the July Quarterly Meeting and the Gala Dinner in October. Charter Members and past Officers of the Society will be recognized. Kathie Schaefer, Wayne Chrusciel, and Mary Flierl completed a slideshow with highlights of the organization's years of growth. Mary and Ann Flierl, Jackie Oleson, and Wayne Chrusciel will provide the narration.

There will be a special raffle including a prize of one reservation for the October Gala. A reception at the *Explorem* will follow. The meeting will be at the Lakeview Room in the Wilson House at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 20, 2016.



### *Inside this issue:*

<i>President's Message</i>	2
<i>The Society's Beginning</i>	3
<i>PWHS is Part of the Community</i>	3
<i>The Society Re-Creates a Light Station</i>	4
<i>The 1852 Barnum Blake Building</i>	5
<i>The Henry and Hill Building</i>	6
<i>PWHS Resource Center News</i>	7
<i>Board of Directors Opportunities</i>	7
<i>Donations and Memorials</i>	8
<i>PWHS Recognized for Preservation/Education</i>	8
<i>PWHS 25th Anniversary Celebrations</i>	9
<i>PWHS Program in Maritime Heritage</i>	9
<i>PWHS Historical Marker Efforts</i>	9



One of the early Society planning meetings in December at the home of Ellie and Stephanie Bresette, The Inn at Old Twelve Hundred.

Front row, L-R: Rick Smith, Ardy Ashmann, Kris Hurst Champion, Mitch Blank. Back row, L-R: Loretta Federspiel, Carl Federspiel, Mary Jean DuChant, Tom Greisch, Marie Schanen, Ambrose Mayer.

## Board of Directors

Jeff Morgan, President  
 Bill Schanen III, Vice Pres.  
 Bob Wilke, Treasurer  
 Kathie Schaefer, Secretary  
 Brian Barber  
 Missy Bleichwehl  
 Kurt Blum  
 Allon Bostwick  
 Mike Didier  
 Grace Eernisse  
 Jim Pauly  
 Lee Schlenvogt  
 Daniel Solorzano  
 Jim Vollmar  
 Karen Weber

## PWHS Exec. Director

Wayne Chrusciel

## Resource Center Dir.

Jackie Oleson & Geri Zehren

## Light Station Museum

Rick Smith, Director  
 Kathie Gordon and  
 Linda Nenn, Assist. Directors  
 262-284-7240

## Volunteer Coordinator

Haley Pfeuffer

## Newsletter

Michele Weiland

## Quarterly Programs

Mary Flierl

## Membership and Special Events

Amy Clark

## Contact information

portwashhistsoc@att.net  
 262-268-9150  
 P. O. Box 491  
 205 N. Franklin Street  
 Port Washington, WI 53074

## Website

[portwashingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://portwashingtonhistoricalsociety.org)

## Historical Perspectives

is published four times a year

# President's Message

Dear Members,

2016 continues to be an exciting 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for the Port Washington Historical Society. Who among the organizers of the Society, back in 1991, would have thought we would be at the remarkable place that we are today?

At it's beginning, the Society hoped that the shared passion for preserving and sharing the rich history of Port Washington would be sufficient to enable it to survive and grow. That passion and dedication has not only allowed the Society to continue but has, along with an incredible amount of hard work by members and generous support of donors, enabled the Society to get to an amazing place in terms of size and vitality.

The Society owns two incredible properties, the Resource Center and the *Port Exploreum*, and has virtual ownership, by virtue of it's long term lease and significant investment, of the 1860 Light Station.

We will be celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in many ways throughout the year. The next event is our quarterly meeting on July 20. It will be a wonderful program followed by a reception at the *Port Exploreum*.

The Light Station will be hosting two events in July. On July 23 the Light Station will be holding it's first Art Show and Sale on the Light Station Grounds. It will also have food for sale as well as an Ice Cream Social. This will be a great event to increase exposure and awareness of this signature property. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The *Night at the Light*, a wonderful party and celebration of the 1860 Light Station will be held on July 30. It will feature tours of the Light Station and Museum, food, beverages and live music. Plan to attend and bring friends.

Planning for the 2016 Society Gala is well under way. The Gala will be held this year at the Bog Golf Club on October 29. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. It promises to be a wonderful evening of visiting with fellow members and others while celebrating the amazing accomplishments of the Society in these 25 years and raising funds to continue our work.

If you are interested in being a sponsor for *Night at the Light* or the 2016 Gala please contact me for information at [jmorgan@alliedinsulation.com](mailto:jmorgan@alliedinsulation.com) or 414-491-9815.

The Society has come a long way. However, along with this success and growth we have the challenge to continue our stewardship of the history of Port Washington and these wonderful properties. We also are challenged to look for ways to improve and expand the operation of the Society to keep it meaningful today and into the future. That will include increased partnering with local schools and other organizations on educational initiatives, continuing to make access to our archives for members and the public a priority, and taking advantage of technology to make it easier. It will also include working with other area historical societies and museums to create awareness of all that each have to offer to those with an interest in history and our area.

As we continue to grow we will be faced with increasing space needs. We will look to acquire a permanent storage facility and who knows what other historic properties may be in our future?

Our need for volunteers continues. All three properties need volunteers in various capacities. Volunteering will help the Society fulfill it's mission, give you an opportunity to get to know fellow members better, and meet visitors to our city. You don't have to be a member of the Society to volunteer so encourage family, friends and neighbors to volunteer. Volunteer today!

Jeff Morgan, President

Port Washington Historical Society Board of Directors



# THE SOCIETY'S BEGINNING

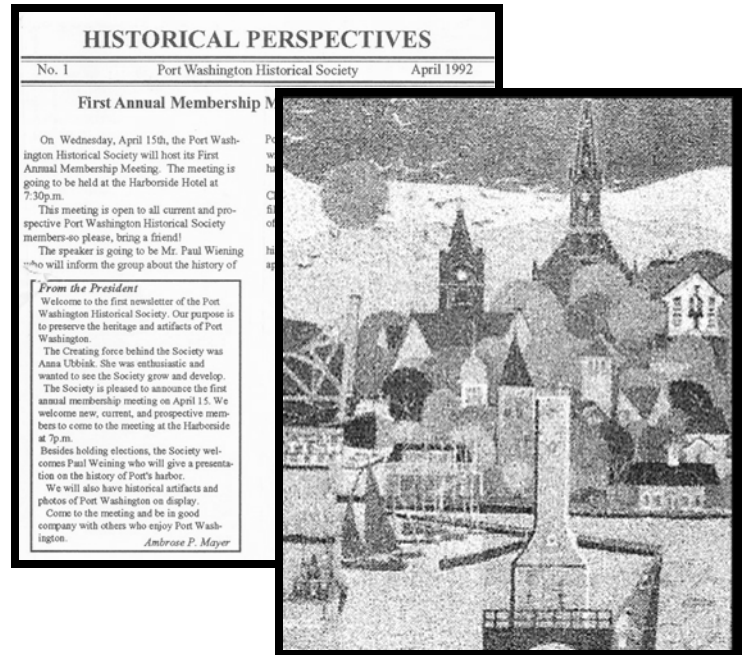
The Port Washington Historical Society was founded in 1991. Twenty-five years later, the Society has 300 members and a history of its own as a volunteer-powered non-profit organization successfully carrying out its mission to preserve significant features of the lakeshore community's past and to educate residents and visitors in the importance and compelling narratives of that history.

The birth of the Historical Society was due in large part to community activist Anna Ubbink, who was one of the original organizers. The first organizational meeting was held at her home on April 10, 1991, and tragically she died ten days later. In honor of Anna, the second meeting was held at the Port Senior Center after Anna's visitation at the Poole Funeral Home.

Those present at the meeting were:

Ed Adams	Shirley Gruen
Ardy Ahsmann	Mid Moser
Anita M. Becker	Pat Muffley
Arnold Becker	Elaine Nulph
Ken Bruner	Lillian Rebstock
Sue Bruner	Marie Schanen
Mary Jean DeChant	Bill Schiller
Tom Greisch	Lloyd Smith

The first Annual membership meeting was held on April 15, 1992, at the Harborside Hotel. Shortly thereafter, the Historical Society's first newsletter was published. At this time the first Society logo was designed by Shirley Schanen Gruen.



## How Port Washington Historical Society has been part of the community

- Developed historic walking tours of Port Washington, including Old Town Port Tour, Franklin Street Historic Walking Tour, and the Historic City Center Tour.
- Worked cooperatively to publish a book on the history of Port Washington.
- Created a walking tour of the Civil War Draft Riots of 1862.
- Helped to organize and participated in a countywide remembrance of the 1862 Civil War Draft Riots.
- Engaged in the preservation and collection of extensive materials and records of significance to Port Washington's history.
- Presented quarterly meetings open to the public, offering programs of historical importance to the area.
- Published quarterly newsletters that offer information about the Society as well as topics of local interest.
- Developed a website for information and accessibility about the Society.
- Contributed to educational programming for Wisconsin's flagship, the tall ship Denis Sullivan.
- Provided guided tours of downtown Port Washington during Wisconsin Historic Preservation Week.
- Coordinated classes in Luxembourg language for summer school students at Thomas Jefferson MS and for adult evening classes.
- Created a Power Point program on the history of Port Washington that is used in local elementary schools and made available to the public through the library.
- Participated in Port Washington Main Street events.
- Sponsored an antiques appraisal night for the public.
- Developed historic picture boards for the Port Washington Harbor Walk.
- Sponsored events for Society members and the public in the historic board room of the Ozaukee County Courthouse..
- Participated in the PW Maritime Heritage Festival, creating a comprehensive maritime museum especially for the event.
- Made presentations on the history of Port Washington, caring for artifacts, and maritime history to other historical societies and local service groups.
- Helped in the development a Port Washington photo gallery at Aurora Hospital for the enjoyment of patients.
- Participated in Main Street Design Committee efforts to guide business owners in the redevelopment of building facades, the redesign of public walkway, marina, and parking areas.
- Supported the efforts of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a National Marine Sanctuary in Lake Michigan coastal waters that include Port Washington.

# THE SOCIETY RE-CREATES A LIGHT STATION

In the late 1990s, the Lighthouse and Light Station built in 1860 atop a bluff overlooking the waterfront were deemed surplus property by the U.S. Coast Guard and deeded to the City of Port Washington. The Port Washington Historical Society negotiated a lease agreement with the city that gave the Society full responsibility for the restoration and care of the buildings, which were in a serious state of disrepair.

Restoration efforts were complicated by the fact that the Coast Guard had reconfigured the interior of the main building to house two Coast Guard families, obliterating the original 1860 design and removing the original tower and its 4<sup>th</sup> order Fresnel lens. The massive restoration project began in 2000 and was completed seven years later.

The Society's fundraising efforts and the work of its corps of dedicated volunteers were augmented by a remarkable gift from the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. In recognition of the numerous immigrants from Luxembourg who settled in the Port Washington area in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the government of Luxembourg commissioned Lux-tower and lantern room that once housed the lighthouse's 4<sup>th</sup> order

The gift was the inspiration of Minister of Culture and Education after a visit to the Light of the restoration. Officials of the recreate the tower and lantern bringing settlers from Luxem-

Built in Luxembourg, the 21-tern room and parapet, is historical-penters from Luxembourg in-that now stands as an icon of the

Additional funds were raised to purchase a replica 4<sup>th</sup> order Fresnel lens that is a virtual duplicate of the one originally installed in the lighthouse lantern room. Except for necessary infrastructure upgrades, the Light Station today, with its interior that portrays a lightkeeper's home in the 1860s, looks as it would have more than a century ago when it was an essential navigational aid to Great Lakes shipping.

The facility, restored with private funds, is maintained and supported by the Society and its volunteers. Private donations generated the nearly \$330,000 toward restoration projects.

The 1860 Lighthouse and Light Station are listed on the Wisconsin and National Registers of Historic Places.



# THE 1852 BARNUM BLAKE BUILDING — PWHS RESOURCE CENTER

In 2000, the Historical Society established a Resource Center in donated quarters to assist researchers, historians, and genealogists. In 2012, the Society purchased and undertook the restoration of the Barnum Blake building at 205 N. Franklin on Port Washington's main business street to house the Resource Center and to provide space for archival work, offices, and a small area for historical displays.

The two-story, 5,000-square-foot building is one of the oldest commercial buildings in the downtown. Nearly 30 volunteers assisted local contractors to restore the building's original appearance and adapt it for its new purpose. Volunteers gutted the building, removed walls, restored stairs and ceilings, removed layers of flooring, ductwork and debris, painted, and installed woodwork and new ceilings.

Work was done in three phases over three years and as funding became available, with a total investment of around \$500,000. The building has all new operating systems, a new roof, new windows, a new front façade, renovated west exterior, and is debt free.

With the restoration of the Blake Building, the Society finally had a location in which to catalogue its collection of donated historical items.

After developing a comprehensive collections policy, more than a dozen Society volunteers, working with Past Perfect museum software, began identifying, researching, stabilizing, preserving, and cataloging several thousand items donated by more than 700 donors. In the past several years, several substantial private collections of photos, objects, and archives pertinent to local history have been donated, adding to the immense task at hand. Over the past

three years, University interns have assisted with collection cataloging, creating exhibits, as well as digitizing nearly 70 VHS tapes.

The building also houses the office and management of the historical society as well as exhibits and a public research area.

Volunteers work with local businesses to provide information and photos for newspaper articles, commemorations, displays in local businesses, and restoration efforts, as well as continuing to assist individuals researching family histories, local lore, properties, and events. Volunteer researchers help compile information for projects, collection work, and research requests. Volunteers allow the Resource Center to be open to the public four days a week during the summer and fall seasons. Nearly thirty volunteers work on a monthly basis to manage the work of the Resource Center.



Exterior, before restoration



Exterior, after restoration



Second floor work area

Several recent projects over the past four years have been the recording of oral histories of older members and residents, capturing their stories, memories, and perspectives on the changing community. More than 30 tapings have been made to date. Another project has been the ongoing designation of historic markers, assisting property owners and Eagle Scout candidates. Another



First floor display area

er recent project has been the creation of the Maritime Heritage Project and the move to a larger storage facility that has the capacity for storage and preservation of larger collection items including shipwreck remnants.

# THE HENRY AND HILL BUILDING — THE PORT EXPLOREUM

In 2012, a generous and visionary anonymous donor offered a gift to the Port Washington Historical Society that, though accompanied by daunting challenges, could not be turned down—\$1 million to be used for a one-of-a-kind museum that celebrated the Port Washington area's past while engaging visitors in the city's present and future.



The donor challenged the Society to create a regional gem that would showcase the history of the area. He wanted it to be interactive, entertaining, and appealing to families. It needed to always be fresh, with changing exhibits that would bring the public back for repeated visits. He wanted it to be professionally staffed, open five to six days a week and financially sustainable. And he specified that the gift be used to purchase and renovate as the museum a blighted but historically significant building at 118 N. Franklin St. in downtown Port Washington.



Originally known as the Henry and Hill Building, it was constructed in 1907 in the Richardsonian Romanesque Revival style known for the use of rough-faced stone and round arches over the windows and doors. The building began its tenure in Port Washington as the Business Men's Club, a place for business owners and operators to socialize and enjoy the use of a billiard room and three bowling alleys. By 1910, the club had ceased operations. In succeeding years, a grocery store operated at the site until the neighboring bank purchased the structure in the 1960s. The architectural details on the façade were covered with white ceramic tile to blend with the bank building.

After the bank moved out in 2005, the building rapidly fell into such disrepair that in 2011 the city and the owners reached an agreement to raze it. With the

Society's purchase in 2012, the building was spared the wrecking ball.

The construction project transformed a local eyesore that had been disfigured and weakened by neglect into a sound, attractive edifice with important historical exterior features preserved. The interior was graced with some of the original wood floors and tin ceilings but was adapted for historical exhibits and interactive features using advanced technology. Expansive windows and a dramatically placed observation deck took advantage of the building's location overlooking Lake.



Combining the Society's collection of historical artifacts and images with interactive technology, the *Port Exploreum* connects the past to the future through storytelling.

The first and second floors are dedicated to revolving major exhibits and showcasing the Society's historic photographs and artifacts. Both floors host technology that turns the *Port Exploreum* into a place where visitors interact with the exhibits instead of passively viewing them. Complementing its interactive fea-



tures, the *Port Exploreum* offers eye-catching nods to the area's heritage. A neon replica of the famous Smith Bros. Fisheries and Restaurant logo—a fisherman carrying a huge sturgeon on his back—hangs over the stairs to the maritime level. The image is one of several icons related to the commercial fishing that is a compelling chapter of Port Washington's maritime history.

On each of the 23 steps leading from the first to the second floors is an important date in Port Washington's history, from the 1600s when the Potawatomi and Sauk tribes inhabited the area to the date when the *Port Exploreum* opened—May 7, 2015.



## PWHS RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

The exhibit focus for the Resource Center this summer is *Celebrating 75 years of the Ozaukee Press*. An addition to the exhibit is information on the other newspapers that served the people of Port Washington. Newspapers like the *Herald*, the *Port Washington Star*, the *Pilot*, and the *Zeitung* serviced the German as well as the English speaking population of the community.

As in many other small communities, small newspapers sprang up and flourished, sometimes for a short period of time. Stop in at the Resource Center and see this latest addition!



The *Zeitung* newspaper office at the corner of Milwaukee and Grand

*Jackie Oleson, Geri Zehren*  
Co-Directors of Resource Center



The *Port Pilot* newspaper office

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPPORTUNITIES

October may seem distant from July and summer, but it is time to think of filling upcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors. The Port Washington Historical Society has been most fortunate to have good leaders, and their time and energy is most appreciated. Each October we have elections for those whose terms have expired and for the vacancies that need to be filled for those who can no longer volunteer their time on the Board.

The present Board of Directors who's term will be expiring are: Kathie Schaefer, James Vollmar, Karen Weber, Bob Wilke, and Grace Eernisse. Kathie Schaefer has indicated that she would like to seek another term. Jim Vollmar, Bob Wilke and Karen Weber have all indicated that they will be unable to seek another term.

Many thanks to Grace Eernisse for the many years she has dedicated to serving as a board member. Due to the by-law change limiting the number of consecutive terms a person may serve on the board, Grace will not

be eligible to seek another term. This leaves four vacancies for which we need candidates.

It is the hope of the Nominating Committee that any individual who has an interest in preserving the history and heritage of the Port Washington area would step forward and become a candidate for the Board of Directors election in October 2016.

The Board meets once a month on the third Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Meetings are generally held at the new Port Washington Historical Society building, 205 N. Franklin Street. Depending on committee involvement, board members may meet at different times.

An application for candidacy to the Board of Directors is available at the Port Washington Historical Society Resource Center and the *Port Exploreum*. Please consider sharing your time and talents with the Port Washington Historical Society.

If you have further questions you may phone Jean Schanen at 262-284-9043 or email her at [jean-schanen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jean-schanen@sbcglobal.net).



# DONATIONS & MEMORIALS



## ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Fortune Brands  
(match requested by Scott Hendrickson)

## SOCIETY DONATIONS

Foster Dunwiddie  
Jane Fredrick  
Carol Heinen  
Thomas Klein  
Mimi Lang Mead  
Bill and Pat Moren  
Michael Niederkorn  
Deb Ryer-Jung  
Dan Smith

## SOCIETY DONATIONS / OPERATIONS

Shirli Flack

## SOCIETY IN KIND DONATIONS

Steve Bennet – Bernie's Fine Meats  
Jodi Dickmann  
Geri Zehren

## LIGHT STATION IN KIND DONATIONS

Kathie and Todd Gordon

## 1860 LIGHT STATION REPAIRS

Mary P. Becker  
Allon Bostwick  
Sue Bruner  
Carl and Pat Charles  
Rita S. Decker  
Mike and Alison Didier  
Shirli Flack  
Joseph L. and Joan E. Groh  
Jerry and Diana Gutzman  
Judy Jones  
Paul and Carol Jushka  
Kathleen Kernan  
Shirley Roller Lee  
Ross Leinweber  
Jan Leone and Ken Schmitz  
Bill and Pat Moren

Dorothy M. Nowicki  
Port Washington State Bank  
William H. Provis, Jr.  
Gladys (Severson) Runkel  
Bill and Jean Schanen  
Steven R. Schowalter  
Ken and Karen Semon  
Gordon and Sally Sharbuno  
Paul Thielke and Monica DeMuth  
Lynde B. Uihlein  
Bob and Holly Wilke

## 2016 EXPLOREUM PLEDGES

Ralph Evinrude Foundation, Inc.  
Ralph Huiras Foundation, Inc.  
Port Washington Tourism Council  
Bert L. & Patricia S. Steigleder  
Charitable Trust

## EXPLOREUM

In honor of Jeff Morgan's Birthday:  
Mary and Steven Baumann  
Mark and Jane Matheny  
Thomas and Debra Morgan  
David and Michele Stricker  
In honor of Bill and Pat Moren's  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:  
Amy and Tim Kenesey  
Jo Ann and Jim Thomas  
Kay Wesson

## LAKE MICHIGAN LEARNING LAB at the PORT EXPLOREUM

Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation  
Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant

## EXPLOREUM IN KIND DONATIONS

Bill and Pat Moren

## EXPLOREUM PAVERS

Timothy Bink  
Samuel E. DeMerit  
Port Washington State Bank

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Richard Thomas – 2016 Gala

## BOOKS/PAPERS/PAMPHLETS/ ABSTRACTS/MAPS

Leroy Bley  
Bill and Pat Moren  
Port Washington State Bank  
James H. Schleg  
Lloyd Smith  
Jo Ann Stade

## FURNITURE/TOYS

Karen Dieringer  
Lloyd, Margaret and David Smith

## MARITIME ITEMS

Michele Weiland

## BUSINESS ARTIFACTS

Port Washington State Bank  
Lloyd Smith

## PHOTOS AND NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS/PRINTS/POSTERS

Nicole Blumenberg  
Ambrose Mayer/Dennis Mayer  
Port Washington State Bank  
James and Beverly Schleg  
Lloyd, Margaret and David Smith  
Jo Ann Stade

## ANTIQUE METAL & WOOD/GLASS/ FABRIC

Grand Avenue United Methodist Church  
Ambrose Mayer/Dennis Mayer  
Vicky McManus  
James and Beverly Schleg  
Lloyd, Margaret and David Smith  
Jo Ann Stade  
Michele Weiland

## The PWHS and its members have been recognized for historic preservation and education

- *The Society, three of its members, and two Eagle Scouts were recognized for their work on a commercial fishermen memorial in Rotary Park.*
- *2002 — received an award for restoration of the 1860 Light House and Light Station*
- *2010 — received the Wisconsin Historical Society Museum Exhibit Award for its Maritime Heritage Festival Museum*
- *2013 — the 1860 Lighthouse and Light Station Museum was voted by WISN radio as Most Liked Historical Spot*
- *2014 — received the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions' Historic Preservation Excellence Award for restoration of the 1852 Barnum Blake building that serves as Society Resource Center*
- *2014 — Society was awarded the City Beautification Award from the Chamber of Commerce for its restoration of the 1852 Barnum Blake building*
- *2015 — Society was recognized by the City of Port Washington for its work on the Port Exploreum and its contributing presence in the community*
- *2016 — received award from Wisconsin Historical Society Museum Exhibit Award for its "Nothin' But Nets" exhibit at the Port Exploreum*

## Planned Events for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Port Washington Historical Society: 1991-2016

Special events are being planned throughout the summer. All are welcome—whether you are a member or not—to participate. Here are some of the highlights for this celebratory year:

**Wednesday, July 20** – Our *Quarterly Meeting* will focus on some of the pivotal events in the past 25 years of our Society. At the Wilson House meeting room, 7:00 pm. Free. Reception at the Exploreum follows.

**Saturday, July 23** – Art Show & Sale at the 1860 Light Station, 311 Johnson Street. 11 am until 4 pm. Free.

**Saturday, July 23** – Ice Cream Sundaes at the 1860 Light Station. Free.

**Saturday, July 30** – 3rd Annual **Summer Night at the Light**. At the 1860 Light Station, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Appetizers, wine, beer, soda, live entertainment and tour the light at night! \$20/members & \$25/non-members.

**Saturday, October 29** – The culmination of our celebration will be the Historical Society Gala. At The Bog. Plated dinner, silent and live auctions, door prizes, musical entertainment. \$75/person.

## PWHS PROGRAM IN MARITIME HERITAGE

The new Program in Maritime Heritage enjoyed a successful first few months. One of the larger, more immediate projects we undertook was the relocation of the beams and planks from the schooner *Challenge*. Portions of the *Challenge* washed up on a private citizen's property in the 1970s, and these sections were donated to the historical society last year. The wood was being stored in the Light Station's generator building, but with the Light Station opening for the season, we needed a large, protected environment in which to keep them.

The society also was in need of protected storage for our ever-growing collection at the Resource Center. To that end, Jackie, Wayne, and I submitted a proposal to the Board to temporarily rent a larger storage condo while we search for a permanent solution. After Board approval, we began planning to move the majority of the Society's collection to the new storage area. This move occurred in several phases, including moving the *Challenge*, objects in the former storage unit, and most of the larger items housed at the Resource Center.

The Program in Maritime Heritage also has its first intern, and I expect we will have 2-3 more this fall. Our intern for this summer began cataloguing and cleaning a variety of artifacts from the *Toledo*, *Niagara*, and *Atlanta* shipwrecks. These items may look familiar to many of our members —

much of the "china" that washes up on the beaches in Port Washington is actually from the *Toledo*, a protected archaeological site, and are artifacts important to understanding life in the 1850s.

If anyone finds china or other objects that may be artifacts on the beaches (the *Toledo* was carrying everything from sleigh bells to dishes to shoes when she sank), I encourage you to bring it to the RC or email a photograph to the Program's new email, [PWHSMaritimeHeritage@gmail.com](mailto:PWHSMaritimeHeritage@gmail.com), to have it identified.

Upcoming projects include the shipwreck *Atlanta* exhibit (coming to the *Port Exploreum* in September 2016), cataloging maritime artifacts in the society's collection, and major conservation work on the *Challenge*. We'll be looking for volunteers, especially for the work on the *Challenge*, so if you are interested, send us an email!

If anyone has objects/archaeological material from shipwrecks, historic sites, or prehistoric terrestrial sites (like arrowheads) in the Port Washington/Saukville area, or is interested in the *Program in Maritime Heritage*, please contact us at [PWHSMaritimeHeritage@gmail.com](mailto:PWHSMaritimeHeritage@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you!

*Sarah Smith, Program Director/Curator  
PWHS Program in Maritime Heritage*

## Port Washington Historical Society Historical Marker Efforts

- Contributed to the establishment of the Wisconsin Chair Company Fire marker.
- Assisted three Society members and two Eagle Scouts in the creation of a Rotary Park memorial to Port Washington fishing families.
- Participated in the establishment of the Franklin Street Historic District in 2000. After restoration of the Society-owned downtown properties and a privately-owned historic building, the Society petitioned successfully to have the three properties added to the Wisconsin and National Registers of Historic Places as contributing buildings.
- Created a historic marker project that works with local business owners to research the history of their buildings and assist in the acquisition of historic status or markers.
- Sponsored and worked with local Eagle Scout candidates on historic projects. Research and the narrative panel was provided for The Lights of Port kiosk which tells the history of the 1849 and 1860 lighthouses and the 1889 and 1935 pierhead navigational lights. A marker on Coal Dock Park marks the shipwreck *Northerner*.
- Sponsored the placement of the 1929 Port Washington Fire Engine House on the Wisconsin and National Registers of Historic Places.
- Sponsored the placement of the 1860 Lighthouse and Light Station on the Wisconsin and National Registers of National Places.
- Assisted in the creation of the Leland Stanford historical marker by doing the required research.
- Collaborated with the PW Fire Department to establish a marker recognizing the location of the 1892 Wisconsin Street School.

# PLEASE PATRONIZE THESE BUSINESS MEMBERS TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT



**PWSB**  
PORT WASHINGTON STATE BANK

*Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow... Since 1899*

## Shirley Gruen Studio & Gallery

303 North Franklin St.  
Port Washington, WI 53074  
262-284-2273

[www.shirleygruen.com](http://www.shirleygruen.com)

THIRD GENERATION JEWELERS

## Sharbuno Jewelers

MASTER JJO JEWELER  
Downtown Port Washington  
BRILLIANCE YOU DESERVE

(262) 284-4001

MEMBER AMERICAN GEM SOCIETY



**The Help Key**


Andy Bretl - owner  
over 20 years of experience  
262-284-0520  
pickup & delivery available  
Showroom & Repair Shop  
477 W. Grand Ave.  
Port Washington, WI 53074

- ✓ Computer sales & service
- ✓ Network installation & repair
- ✓ Video to DVD transfers

TheHelpKey.com email: [andy@thehelpkey.com](mailto:andy@thehelpkey.com)

SCOTT J. SCHWEIZER  
Proprietor

## Anchor Men's Wear



121 N. Franklin Street  
Port Washington, WI 53074  
Business Phone:  
(262) 284-0909  
Fax (262) 284-0902

M - F 9-8  
T - W - Th 9-5  
Sat 9-4



**SCHMIT**  
REALTY, INC.

136 W. Grand Avenue  
Port Washington, WI 53074  
262-284-3401



302 N. Franklin St.  
Downtown Port Washington  
262.284.3300

**Zing** Open Daily!

zingboutique.com  
ZingAccessories

Wardrobe Safari

**BMO**  **Harris Bank**

**BMO Harris Bank**  
623 West Grand Ave.  
Port Washington, WI 53074  
262-284-1000



**EERNISSE FUNERAL HOMES**

1600 W. Grand Ave.  
Port Washington, WI 53074  
262-284-2601

171 N. Royal Ave.  
Belgium, WI 53004  
262-285-4141

1167 Washington Ave.  
Cedarburg, WI 53012  
262-376-9600

Marc A. Eernisse  
[marc@eernissefh.com](mailto:marc@eernissefh.com)  
[www.eernissefuneralhome.com](http://www.eernissefuneralhome.com)

## W. J. NIEDERKORN MUSEUM & ART CENTER, INC.

302 W. Grand Avenue  
P. O. Box 87  
Port Washington, WI 53074  
262-284-2584



**LAKE**  
FINANCIAL GROUP

211 N Franklin St, Suite 200  
Port Washington, WI 53074  
Phone # 262-268-9900  
LakeFG.com  
<http://www.lakefg.com/>



**BEANIES**

**Mexican Restaurant & Cantina**  
"A Little bit of Mexico in Downtown Port"  
102 E. Grand Ave. \*Port Washington, WI\* 262-284-7200  
[www.beaniesmexican.com](http://www.beaniesmexican.com)



**Ewig Bros., INC.**

FRESH, FROZEN and SMOKED FISH  
RETAIL • WHOLESALE

121 S. WISCONSIN  
PORT WASHINGTON, WI 53074  
(262) 284-2236 PHONE  
(262) 284-1848 FAX

JEFF EWIG  
[www.ewigsmokedfish.com](http://www.ewigsmokedfish.com)  
Email: [jewig@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jewig@sbcglobal.net)

**RE/MAX**  
United

110 E. Grand Avenue  
Port Washington, WI 53074  
262-284-2000



**Hands with a Healing Touch**  
MASSAGE THERAPY

Katherine M. Allen, NCBTMB  
Licensed Massage Therapist  
262-284-0621 • 414-412-0671  
[katherinemae@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katherinemae@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.amtmembers.com/handswithahealingtouch](http://www.amtmembers.com/handswithahealingtouch)

Relieve stress, decrease pain, increase flexibility and enhance well-being.

# Ozaukee PRESS

Port Washington's newspaper  
262-284-3494  
www.ozaukeepress.com

  
**Ansay & ASSOCIATES**  
*Insurance & Benefit Solutions*

888-262-6729  
www.ANSAY.com



**NEW PORT**  
  
**SHORES**  
*Restaurant & Cocktails*

407 E. Jackson Street  
Port Washington, WI 53074  
262-284-6838

Port Washington Historical Society

**SAVE THE DATE!**

*Saturday, October 29th*

**Port Washington  
Historical Society  
Gala Fundraiser**

**Celebrating 25 Years**

Please join us in continuation of our celebration of the  
Port Washington Historical Society's 25<sup>th</sup> Year at the

## Summer Night at the Light

  
Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 \* 6 pm - 9 p.m.

Historic 1860 Light Station

311 Johnson Street, Port Washington, WI

Appetizers, Libation, tours, and live entertainment by award-winning  
Bluegrass duo ~ Frogwater

Society Members: \$20/person\* Non-Members: \$25/person\*

\*Payable at the Society Office, Port Exploreum or at the Door.

Please respond by 7/24/16 to Kathie at 262-268-9734 or 262-268-9150

Port Washington Historical Society is a 501(c)(3)

Proceeds from this event help with the continued restoration and preservation projects of the 1860 Light Station

**PORT WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

P. O. Box 491  
Port Washington, WI 53074-0491  
[www.portwashingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.portwashingtonhistoricalsociety.org)

## Upcoming Events

### **QUARTERLY MEETING** **Wednesday, July 20** **7:00 p.m.**

*Wilson House Lakeview Room—Reception at the Exploreum Follows*

#### **Art Show and Sale**

Saturday, July 23, 11 am to 4 pm  
*1860 Light Station*

#### **Ice Cream Social**

Saturday, July 23, Noon to 2 pm  
*1860 Light Station*

#### **Summer Night at the Light**

Saturday, July 30, 6 pm to 9 pm  
*1860 Light Station*

#### **PWHS Annual Gala**

Saturday, October 29  
*The Bog*

For a complete list of PWHS  
events, click here to visit:  
[www.facebook.com/  
PortWashingtonHistoricalSociety](http://www.facebook.com/PortWashingtonHistoricalSociety)  
or  
[www.portexploreum.com/calendar/](http://www.portexploreum.com/calendar/)