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OZAUKEE COUNTY AND THE CIVIL WAR

Mary Flierl

The Quarterly Meeting of the Port Washington Historical Society will be at the Port Washington Senior Center, 403 West Foster Street, Port Washington, on Wednesday, July 16. Besides street parking there is limited parking in the lot to the west of the building arrived at via the alley between Foster and Michigan Streets.

There will be a short business meeting at 6:45 pm followed with the program, OZAUKEE COUNTY AND THE CIVIL WAR, presented by Allen Buchholz at 7:00 pm. Refreshments

will be served. The public is invited.

Port Washington was made infamous as the site of the Civil War Draft Riot on November 10, 1862, however Ozaukee County's young men played an important role in fighting for the Union 150 years ago. Allen Buchholz, First Vice-president of the Ozaukee County Historical Society and board member of the Luxembourg American Cultural Society, has



Edward Blake with the 24th regimental flag

acquired much information about the hundreds of Ozaukee county men who fought for the Union in the Civil War. Some of you may have seen the artifacts that were on display at the Commemoration of the Draft Riot at the Ozaukee County Courthouse in 2012.

Through a slide presentation Buchholz will give insights into the experiences of some of the brave men who represented Ozaukee County. You may be familiar with some of the names that he will mention: Blake, Towsley, Bichler, and Taylor from

Port Washington; McGinley and Gouge from Saukville; and Antoine, Kiefer, and Johann from Belgium.

Buchholz will highlight Edward Blake whose father Barnum Blake, in 1852, constructed the



Ludwig Beck

building which is now the home of the Port Washington Historical Society. A photo of Edward Blake, the flag bearer, is exhibited at the Resource Center as a gift from the Howard Bostwick Family, descendants of Blake.



Allen Buchholz

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 \$30 Household
 \$10 Student
 \$50 Business
 \$50-\$500 Enhanced

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

Several years back there were some that wondered why we needed to be downtown and why we needed a building. If you spend any time at the Resource Center you will find visitors coming in to check out the restored building that intrigues them or to acquire information about a building, family, or business. You will find a hum of activity from the first floor to the second: volunteers handling office matters, looking into research inquiries, archiving artifacts, and meeting in the Jack and Shirli Flack Board Room. It should make all of us feel very satisfied with the result of the hard work done to accomplish the task of acquiring a permanent location.

I have come to realize that the Port Washington Historical Society has not been one to walk away from a task that needed to be done. We have a wonderful history of accomplishment beginning with the 1860 Light Station. One only had to be there on Saturday to hear how much the Light Station is treasured. We needed a home for the Society in 2012, and that was accomplished in a fabulous manner with the Resource Center restoration. Both buildings have been restored with funds provided when needed.

We now have the next task ahead of us, accomplishing what we began with a third building. A wonderful gift that saved a piece of our history was offered in 2012—a building slated for demolition and a monetary gift to get the restoration started. The 1907 Henry & Hill building will make a stunning museum, the Port Exploreum, that will engage visitors of all ages. Just like our other restorations, it will take gifts of all sizes to accomplish the task of creating a museum to tell the stories of our community.

Jackie Oleson, President

PW Historical Society Board of Directors

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPENING

It is that time of the year when we need to start planning for our Annual Meeting which includes the election of the Board of Directors. This year we are fortunate to have Sue Bruner, Grace Eernisse, and Lee Schlenvogt each agree to serve another three year term. Mark Dybdahl has chosen to step off the Board but will remain active in committee work. All of them have been actively involved with the transition from the Grand Avenue location to our new and permanent home on Franklin Street and with the acquisition of the building at 118 N. Franklin Street (The Port Exploreum).

Now is an opportunity for a member of the Society to step forward and join the Board in its ongoing efforts in preserving the history and heritage of the Port Washington area as a candidate for the Board of Directors election in October. The Board meets once a month on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Meetings are generally held at the new Port Washington Historical Society Building at 205 N. Franklin Street. Depending on committee involvement, Board members may meet at different times. An application for the Board can be obtained by calling the Society office (262-268-9150). Copies are available at the Port Washington Historical Society Resource Center. Please consider sharing your time and talents with the Port Washington Historical Society during this exciting time of growth and renewal.

If you have further concerns you may phone the office, and we will be happy to answer your questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Light Station: Greeters and Tour Guides Needed

The need continues to find more volunteers to fill these positions at the Light Station. The more greeters and guides we sign on, the fewer hours each of our volunteers will have to work each month. If necessary, we are happy to split shifts so no one needs to work a full 4- or 5-hour shift. We are happy to accommodate volunteers who do not want to give tours to the tower/lantern room—some of our guides give tours of the first floor and then another guide takes over for the tower tour.

The Light Station is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons Memorial Day through October. Two to four guides are needed on a given day. Guides are requested to be available two or more days a month. Information and training are provided. Please contact Kathie Gordon at 262-268-9734 if you are interested. It's a great opportunity to meet visitors to the community.

Resource Center:

The building is open Monday, Thursday, and Friday 1-4 and Saturdays 10-2, Spring through Fall. Greeters

are needed in the exhibit areas to answer questions and supervise the first floor areas and gift shop. Training is provided. Archive work can be done when there are no guests in the building.

Cleaning the building once a week is needed: vacuum carpet and wood floors, dust exhibit areas, clean the bathroom, and occasionally clean windows. You can pick a task.

Archive work: photocopy articles and photos, file photocopied pieces, catalog information on collections, and fulfill research requests.

Database work: maintain databases for filing cabinets, shelves, and collections.

Special Event Planning: help create, organize, and stage a summer or fall event.

Video recording: assist in recording oral history interviews.

Please contact the Historical Society office at 262-268-9150 for more information about volunteering. We'd love to welcome you to the team!

AN EVENING AT THE LIGHT STATION

Nearly fifty members turned out on Saturday, June 28 for an evening at the 1860 Light Station to enjoy beverages, food, music, and a tour of the historic buildings. Many hearty souls climbed the tower to view Port Washington from one of the highest points in the city. It was a pleasant evening and a chance to appreciate a gem of the community. Thanks to Kathie Gordon for coordinating the evening and Howard for providing the music.



INVEST IN THE FUTURE TO SAVE OUR PAST

Imagine a history museum that will be as much about the future as it is about the past.

Imagine a history museum that creates opportunities for inspirational discovery and joyful learning through hands-on exploration of our community and its stories.

Imagine a history museum that is visionary and mysterious.

Imagine a history museum that brings together families - parents, children, grandparents, friends, and visitors to navigate the present and chart the future.

Imagine a history museum that saves the stories of those who came before us so all may experience them in the future.



The Port Washington State Bank imagined such a museum. They have just invested in the future—the future of the Port Exploreum—\$1,000 for each of their of 115 years as a community bank.

We all know how generous PWSB has been in supporting so many worthwhile causes throughout Ozaukee County—year after year after year. This investment of \$115,000 in the future of the Port Exploreum, in all of our futures, is incredibly generous and important. When you see Ron, Steve, Mark, or James Schowalter, or any of the bank's employees, stop to shake a hand and say "thanks."

Another couple, Brad and Heidi Bertler, is concerned about the future, the long-term sustainability of the Port Exploreum. So they did something about it. They pledged \$10,000 a year for 2014 thru 2023—a most generous pledge of \$100,000.

PWSB's gift has increased the total dollars raised to \$1,770,000—more than 75% of our goal of \$2,300,000. That leaves us just \$530,000 to raise. Yes, it's hard for many to think "just 530,000." But many thought it would not be possible to receive \$1,770,000 in donations and pledges.

How do we reach our goal? Significant gifts are always important. And that is true for every gift. Gifts

come in different forms and different amounts. They all help.

Last week we received a \$100 check from a young single mother who is a newer member of the Port Exploreum Advisory Board. She said that she was part of the planning; she needed to be part of the financial solution.

A few weeks ago I met with an individual who neither lives in Port nor is he a member of the Historical Society. His imagination was captured by the vision of the Exploreum, so he offered a donation of \$1,000. As we talked more about the future, he decided increase his gift to \$3,000 over three years.

Several months ago, Mary Flierl and I made a presentation to the Ozaukee Historical Society. Afterwards we were handed \$20 dollar bills from two in the audience. They said they couldn't believe this was happening in Port Washington, and although it was not in Cedarburg, they wanted to support it.

Every one of these gifts is special—each helps us to reach our goals. And most importantly, each donor, just like PWSB, invested in the future.

A recent Ozaukee Press editorial stated, "The society is also counting on – and deserves – the support of the people of the Port Washington area, contributions of any amount from families that want to be part of this bold initiative to elevate the appreciation of the community's history to a new level."

Each of you reading this newsletter cares about Port's past and its future. Each of you belongs in the Port Exploreum.

Please invest in our future by making a donation or pledge to the Society and the Port Exploreum.

*Thank you,
Bill Moren, Advisory Board Chair*





Wish List

Office Max gift cards

Stamps

Step Stool

Long Arm Stapler



CONSTRUCTION AT THE PORT EXPLOREUM

The Port Exploreum is taking shape with the addition of trim work, installation of the tin ceiling tiles that were salvaged from the building, installation of wood ceiling and cabinets, and application of paint. Exterior masonry work is proceeding.



WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WAY

Would you like to know a way to make a very significant difference in the future of the Port Washington Historical Society? A powerful way is to make a bequest to the Port Washington Historical Society in your will.

The Port Washington Historical Society is a thriving organization that is dedicated to preserving the historical significance of the community and the stories of its people. You can help assure a strong future for the Society by remembering it in your will.

You can bequeath to the Port Washington Historical Society a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or all or part of what remains after other bequests are

distributed.

Your attorney or other qualified estate planner can help ensure that your promise to the Port Washington Historical Society is fulfilled by appropriate instructions in your will.

If you already have a will, it can be updated with a simple amendment called a codicil.

A bequest of any amount is important to the Society's future. Indeed, where there is a will, there is a very significant way to remember the Port Washington Historical Society.

For further information, please call Board President Jackie Oleson at 262-268-9150.

Extended Hours at Resource Center

Hours for the Resource Center are extended through the spring, summer and fall months:

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 1:00-4:00

Saturday: 10:00-2:00

For an appointment at another time, call the office at 262-268-9150.

Volunteers are needed to be in the building at these times.

If interested, contact Jackie 262-268-9150.



DONATIONS & MEMORIALS



PORT EXPLOREUM CAPITAL FUND DRIVE (DONATIONS AND PLEDGES SINCE SPRING NEWSLETTER)

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**GOAL: \$2.3 MILLION
RAISED TO DATE:
\$1.77 MILLION**

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\$500,000 TO \$999,999

\$250,000 TO \$499,999

\$100,000 TO \$249,999

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Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation
Port Washington State Bank
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\$20,000 TO \$49,000

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Charitable Trust

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Astor Street Foundation

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Bob Fuller

\$250 TO \$999

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Mark Dybdahl
James and Angie Fowler
Don and Barb Gilmore
6 Darlings of Ralph and Eleanor
Holt
Patty and Babe Ruth
A. Lu Steinert
Roy and Geri Zehren
(additional gift)

UP TO \$250

Louise Mollinger and David
Franks

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Marlene M. Richart
Jo Ann R. Stade
Dr. Michael and Karen Weber

EXPLOREUM SPECIAL EVENTS

Bill and Pat Moren

EXPLOREUM IN KIND DONATIONS

John Lemkuil

SOCIETY IN KIND DONATIONS

Nancy Haacke
Bill and Pat Moren
Linda Nenn
Jackie Oleson
Bob Wilke
Geri Zehren

1860 LIGHT STATION

Linda Nenn
James Schuetter (memorial brick
for Virginia and George Kenny)

RESOURCE CENTER

Loretta Federspiel and Beverly
Schleg
Manitou Girl Scout Council
Troop 8709

MEMORIALS

For the Light Station in memory of
Barney and Helen Nenn
Linda Nenn

BOOKS/PAPERS/PAMPHLETS/ ABSTRACTS/MAPS

Carol Conrad
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Jim Fowler
Paul and Carol Jushka
Rose Marie Klein
Dan McGuire
Elsa Molitor
Jackie Oleson
Debbie Penkwitz
Susi Schaefer
Michele Weiland
Geri Zehren

FURNITURE/TOYS

Dan McGuire

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Jerry Hurysz

CD/DVD/VIDEO

Jim Fowler
Michele Weiland

PHOTOS AND NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

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Carol Heinen
Paul and Jolee Hoffmann
Wayne and Marge Hoffmann
Paul and Carol Jushka
Rose Marie Klein
Kent Kohn
Elsa Molitor
Linda Nenn
Judith Harrer Reinke
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Hans Werner
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Gary and Trudie Kelly
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Elsa Molitor
Pat Norman
Bob Rasmussen
Michele Weiland
Holly Wilke

RESOURCE CENTER EXHIBITS

Opening in July, new exhibits on the first floor will feature the maritime history of Port Washington with displays and information on the development of the harbor, the lights of Port Washington, commercial fishing, and shipwrecks of the area. The Resource Center is open to the public Monday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons and Saturday from 10-2.

MEMBERSHIP

The Society welcomes the following new members...

ANNUAL

Steven & Debbie Barbee
David Franks & Louise Mollinger
Ken Schmitz & Janice Leone
Ken & Karen Semon
Terry & Mary Wozny

ENHANCED MEMBERSHIPS

Member Plus

George & Mary Jo Bichler
Don & Barb Gilmore

Premium

Mary Flierl
Patricia Steinert Otto
Paul Steinert

BUSINESSES

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PORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GALA

Join us in an historic venue for a grand evening of sumptuous *hors d'oeuvres*, delectable desserts, delicious wine, amazing raffles, and beautiful piano music. Members and friends of the Port Washington Historical Society are invited to attend a fabulous fund raising event at the Ozaukee County Court House Historic Boardroom. The date for the gala is October 24, 2014.

Guests will be welcomed and registered on the first floor foyer. The elevator or grand staircase may be used to access the Board Room on the second floor.

The Port Hotel is catering the event, which includes:

- An extensive *hors d'oeuvres* buffet table containing jumbo shrimp, a carving table for small sandwiches, a variety of hot and cold appetizers, and platters of an assortment of full-flavored cheese
- An exquisite dessert table which will lure you into consuming a delectable sweet
- A complete coffee bar

Throughout the evening guests are encouraged to view and bid on silent auction items located on tables in the Boardroom. PWHS volunteer bartenders will serve a variety of wine, soda, and water in the Gala barroom.

Gary Haseley will entertain guests with a selection of piano music. A PWHS PowerPoint will be shown in the Boardroom on the west wall. It will showcase the three properties that are maintained by the PWHS. Views of the interior of the Port Exploreum will be a highlight. At 8:00 pm the silent raffle will close and the voice auction begins.

The Court House venue can accommodate up to two hundred guests. Hopefully, there will be a full house. The cost of the event is \$50. It is money well spent to enjoy a lovely social event and support the Port Washington Historical Society.

You are invited to
The Port Washington
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Annual
Gala*



Friday, October 24th
5:00 PM

HISTORIC OZAUKEE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE BOARDROOM
121 East Main Street

Individual tickets
\$50 per person
Hors d'oeuvres, Wine, Desserts
Please RSVP by October 10
Business Attire Please

Registration - 5:00 PM
Silent Auction & Raffles
5:00 - 8:00 PM
Welcome & Live Auction 8:00 PM
Piano Music by Gary Haseley
5:00 - 8:00 PM

MODEL OF BRIG NIAGARA DONATED

The brig Niagara was the second flagship of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry in the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812. In this battle on September 10, 1813, Commodore Perry's first flagship was destroyed by British cannon fire and he was rowed by crew to the Niagara, which became his second flagship of this battle.

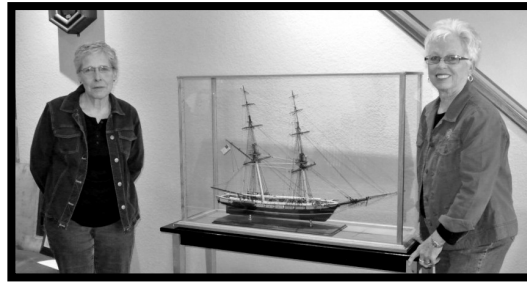
The battle of Lake Erie is the battle after which Hazard declared, after capturing the entire British squadron, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." This decisive battle prevented the British from entering the Northwest Territories via the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes.



Shelby J. Schait, the donor of the USS Niagara ship model, is an Ozaukee County resident with deep roots in Port Washington. Her great-great grandfather, Hilger Altendorf, along with his parents and siblings, immigrated from Germany in 1845. Hilger purchased 37.66 acres in the vicinity of Dixie Road north of the present City of Port

Washington in 1848 and farmed there until sometime in 1870. The rest of the family also settled in Ozaukee County.

Shelby's late husband, Arthur E. Schait, built the Niagara model ship. Arthur was born in Greendale, Wisconsin, but his family moved to Ozaukee County when Arthur was a young boy. After Arthur retired from the Kenosha County Health Department, he spent many hours volunteering his time with many organizations. Arthur passed away in 2011.



It took Arthur eight years to build the model of the brig Niagara. A brig is a two-masted sailing ship, square rigged on both masts. Although Arthur chose not to include sails on the model, his detail on the standing rigging is exceptional. His attention to detail is evidenced by the inclusion of deck hands on the deck of the ship.

Included with the donation of the model are the transparent case, the table, the model kit instructions, plans for the model construction, and a photograph of the replica of the USS Niagara taken in Port Washington in 2008.

WHAT IF STANFORD STAYED IN PORT?

Mary Flierl

After being admitted to the bar in 1848, Leland Stanford arrived in Port Washington to begin his career as a lawyer in the new state of Wisconsin. Twenty-four years old and fresh out of law school, he was prepared to set up his practice in Port Washington in Washington County (not yet Ozaukee County) with Wesley Pierce. His father presented him with a fine law library. After his arrival in the village of Port Washington, Leland made several purchases of properties in the South Addition, the North East Addition, and the Original Plat where his law office and home were located. In those first years, like many entrepreneurs, he bought properties and sold them for profit.



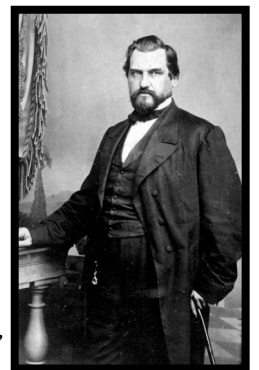
On September 30, 1850, Stanford married Jane Elizabeth Lathrop in Albany, New York.

Popular thought is that Stanford's law office and home were located at what was 113 Main Street, Port Washington, in 1850. However, there is no recognized evidence to substantiate this. Property transfers from the Ozaukee County Register of Deeds office indicate the purchase of this property in 1850 and the sale of the property in 1852 when the Stanfords left the area for California.

There are conflicting documents and related stories as to the actual location of Stanford's law office. At the time of the fire in 1852 it appears that his office was on the second floor of the building on lot 2 in the middle of what is now the 100 block on the west side of Franklin Street. Regardless, Stanford left an impression on the city with one of the streets named in his honor.

An excerpt from "Parental Stories" by Cigrand in the 1916 issue of the *Port Washington Star* explains how Leland Stanford made a name for himself in California:

A young lawyer who became known as one of the aggressive "County Fight" men from Port Washington, was Leland Stanford. When he was yet in his twenties he took up the study of law. It was his ambition to become district attorney of old Washington county, but was overwhelmingly defeated by the brilliant Eugene Turner. There were three reasons why Stanford soon left Port Washington, he was defeated for district attorney, he lost his library in a fire, and failed in winning most of his cases. The last case he tried before Judge Hopewell Coxe the judge said: "Stanford, that was a good speech, but contained no law." When court had adjourned Stanford brought his hand down on a law book and said he "Would not plead another case in this neck of the woods. He was utterly disappointed, either with himself or the county,



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PORT WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 2014 MEMBERSHIP FORM

REGULAR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Individual \$20

Household \$30

Student \$10

- Voting privileges at PWHS membership meetings
- Quarterly *Historical Perspectives* newsletters
- Free admission to Research Center at the Luxemburg American Cultural Center in Belgium
- Use of Resource Center at 205 N. Franklin St., PW
- Free admission to 1860 Light Station Museum
- 10% discount on PWHS gifts, excluding publications

Business \$50

- Advertising in quarterly *Historical Perspectives* newsletters
- Designated person voting privileges at PWHS membership meetings
- (All benefits of Regular Membership for designated person)

Note: Business memberships run from April 1st to March 31st

ENHANCED ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member Plus

- Individual \$50 or Family of two \$100
- All benefits of Regular Membership
- Complimentary invitation event

Premium Membership

- Household \$200
- All benefits of Regular Membership
- Complimentary admission to Annual Dinner

Supporting Membership

- Household \$500
- All benefits of Regular, Member Plus and Premium Member
- Special Recognition in newsletter
- Private tour of Light Station for 8 guests

Please cut and return completed form

PWHS MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Type of Membership:

- ☐ Regular (\$20/\$30/\$10)
- ☐ Business (\$50)
- ☐ Member Plus (\$50/\$100)
- ☐ Premium Member Household (\$200)
- ☐ Supporting Member Household (\$500)

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- ☐ Regular (\$20/\$30/\$10)
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MARITIME HERITAGE FESTIVAL

August 15th – August 17th, 2014

This year's event, to be held in the new Coal Dock Park, features the tall ship *Peacemaker* offering deck tours, a Coast Guard vessel, and "Coastie" the Coast Guard robot, as well as restored and handcrafted wooden boats and all the other activities of past years. A new feature is the Land Regatta Run/Walk on Saturday morning, sponsored by the Jaycees. The Card-board Boat Regatta, entertaining and thrilling as always, is sponsored by the Yacht Club, and scheduled for Saturday afternoon. And speaking of thrilling, a Ferris Wheel will offer some new views of the shoreline and the city.

PWHS will present storyboards along the route of the Land Regatta with pictures and stories of the past at various locations. And it will be exciting to have the

Resource Center open during the three day event so we can feature maritime pieces from a superb donation of maritime artifacts received last month.

So as we say, "Chart your course for Maritime Heritage Festival." The festival is very proud to showcase the city's wonderful lakefront during this award-winning event.

Thanks to all the volunteers who are helping out once again at this fun weekend event, and to everyone who supports this lakefront occasion. I will be touch with more details for locations and schedules. For more maritime updates check out the website: www.portmaritimefestival.com.

*Geri Zehren,
PWHS Maritime Chair*

INTERN HELP IN THE RESOURCE CENTER

Since early in June those of us who work in the Archives in the Resource Center have been fortunate to have the assistance of Sigrid Degner, a history major at UWM. Sigrid spends Thursdays working on the collections, and in the future will be getting experience working with photographs and oral histories.

Sigrid joins nine of us who are working to catalog the objects that comprise that part of the collections. In addition, there are two other individuals working with

photographs, books, and videos as well as other volunteers who work on the first floor copying newspaper articles and answering research requests.

All in all, some seventeen volunteers work at different times to organize, preserve, and catalog the Society collections. We give them a hearty thank you for their time and efforts.

Jackie Oleson

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and prepared to leave Port Washington to its fate. He was very poor, even at the time when his marriage took place, and his ambition to go to California was only realized by borrowing money for the venture. Out on the Pacific coast he soon leaped into political prominence, and became very wealthy. In 1860, he came to Chicago as a delegate to nominate Abe Lincoln for president. Later he became personal advisor to Lincoln in regard to the building of the

central Pacific railroad, and was chosen its president in 1861, the same year he was elected governor of California. He superintended the construction of the transcontinental railroad over the mountains and drove the last spike at Promontory Point, Utah, in 1869. In 1885, he was elected United States Senator from California. In honor of his son he founded Leland Stanford University.

At least Port Washington can claim four years of Stanford fame.



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Upcoming Events

QUARTERLY MEETING **Wednesday, July 16** **7:00 p.m.**

Port Washington Senior Center

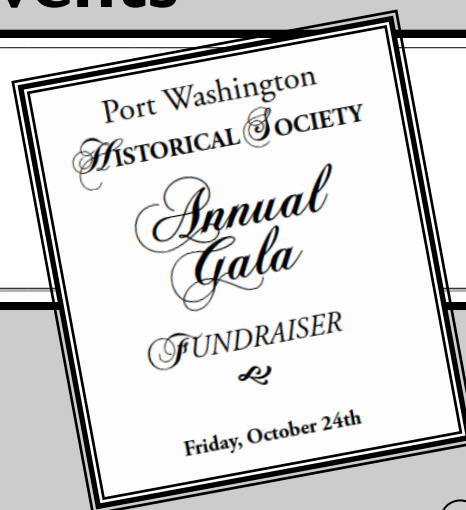
Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 15, 7:00 pm
6:45 Business Meeting
Wilson House

Annual Fall Gala Event

Friday, October 24, 5:00-9:00 pm
Ozaukee County Courthouse Board Room

Port Exploreum Opening
Spring 2015



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