



# NEWSLETTER

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***Next meeting  
Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2025***

***7:00 PM – New Berlin Ale House  
16000 West Cleveland Avenue  
New Berlin, WI 52151***

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***PLEASE COME ENJOY THE NEXT MEETING!***

***Bring your best shenanigans partner!***

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## FOR SALE ITEMS:

- ✓ The area at the meetings previously run as the Opportunity Table is changing.
- ✓ Bob Heck had sent out a notice that had all available items up for sale.
- ✓ All the computers have sold
- ✓ There are a few miscellaneous items left for sale that will be at the March meeting.
- ✓ All will be marked at a bargain price and will be first come first serve.
- ✓ Be sure to check them out before they are gone at the back of the meeting room when you come in.

## **MARCH MEETING:**



Wisconsin surely holds many special memories for all of us. From courageous pioneering ancestors forming new towns and farming cooperatives that brought new life to rural country sides. To being raised in four-seasons, walking up hill both ways to school, swimming at the local spot, jumping in leaf piles, playing in snow forts and sledding down the biggest hills. Before you know it, you are raising your own children, starting new traditions and sharing the family stories that are the glue between the past and the future.

### **Two presentations that will be in March's meeting:**

**Randy Ray – online research options that are available through Wisconsin Historical Society WHS.**

**Bob Heck – Area Research Centers – ARC information available for your research needs, also available through the WHS. These resources are only available in-person only.**

## **FEBRUARY WAS SNOWED OUT – NO MEETING RECAP**

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

As of the Steering Committee meeting in February, there are 199 families that are currently enrolled memberships.

We would welcome anyone who missed the renewal window to come back and complete the process. It is quick, only \$12.00 to cover your household for the year.

Membership in MPAFUG is open to anyone interested in learning more about computer genealogy. Membership is \$12 per calendar year for an individual or family.

For 2025 NEW memberships or renewals:  
Please send a check for \$12.00 made payable to MPAFUG to:

Deborah A. Bluett  
MPAFUG Treasurer  
PO Box 229  
Delavan, WI 53115-0229

Please include with your check, your Name,  
Mailing Address, email Address and Phone Number.

### **MUSINGS & MUTTERINGS:**

Let's look at some Cultural happenings around the world for March:

- ✿ World recognized - St. Patrick's –
  - Humbly being a Murphy my entire existence, I've seen it get celebrated many different ways. Food to go with the imbibing. It's morphed out of a folk lore version that was not totally accurate, as many times is the case. To a merriment occasion with pints-a-flowin with fun to be had for celebration.
- ✿ Japan – Cherry Blossom Festivals –

- Beautiful spring blossoms cover the countryside for all to admire the rebirth of Spring. You can celebrate it in Washington DC as well. Balloons, floats, parades are part of various celebrations of these beautiful trees.
- ✿ India - Holi, 'Festival of Colors' –
  - Celebrated with parades, music, dance and powder paint to welcome the season of spring and end of winter.
- ✿ New Zealand - Hokitika Wild Food Festival –
  - Music concerts, vendors, and food. Week long activity where wild foods are in the spotlight. New wild foods are introduced every year such as huhu grubs, fish eyes and venison tongue. Enjoy!
- ✿ Africa – Kenya – Cape Town International Jazz Festival –
  - Celebration of incredible history of Jazz and all the influences that came with that spirited, moving music. As most festivals have, there is always music here, great food, people watching and vendors selling hand crafted specialty items to commemorate your time here.
- ✿ Italy – Carnival of Venice –
  - Masks, gowns, costumes, mischief for the making. Food and merriment permeates the air while celebrating this time in Spring. Parades and floats carried over to the Mardi Gras traditions we have here in the Creole region in New Orleans Quarter. ***laisse les bons moments rouler –***
  - **LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL**

No matter what traditions you know – it is wonderful to step into a totally different experience. Embrace what other cultures have developed. Happy Spring!

## RESOURCES

### The Family Search Center

**9600 West Grange Avenue, Hales Corners**

The Family Search Center Library has updated their hours. See below:

Tuesday hours: 8:30AM – 3:30PM

Wednesday hours: 8:30AM – 12 Noon

Thursday hours: 8:30AM – 3:30PM and  
6:30PM – 9:00PM

Saturday hours: 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Enter at the main doors facing West Grange Avenue and follow the signs to the library.

On Thursday evenings, Bob Heck and Randy Ray are the volunteers on duty who will assist you in your research.

For some extra special help from May through September, Cheryl Heck is there to help you. Cheryl is LDS Mormon and is the expert in the Family Search website and LDS issues.

There are numerous portal systems available for free use at the center.

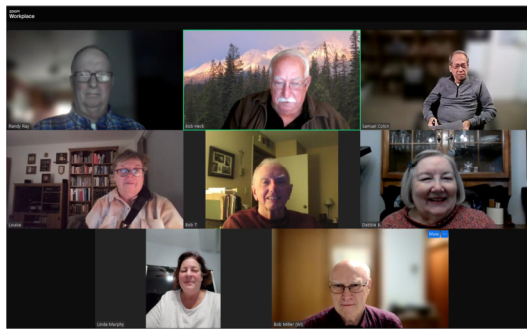
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*If you would like to make a presentation or have a suggestion for a meeting topic, please contact Bob Heck at: [bobheckmpafug@gmail.com](mailto:bobheckmpafug@gmail.com)*

## MPAFUG KEY INFORMATION

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bob Miller	Debbie Bluett
Jane Orne	John Canapa
Louise Stack	Linda Murphy
Sam Colon	Steve Gulgowski
Randy Ray	Bob Tatalovich
Bob Heck	

Steering committee meetings are held via Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month except in December. The Steering Committee is an informal group of members who get together to plan topics for future meetings.

**All MPAFUG members are welcome to attend.**

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