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***Next meeting:  
WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> 2025***

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



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

**BRING SOME BUNNY WITH YOU 😊**

## APRIL PRESENTATIONS

- **GENEALOGY 101 – BACK TO BASICS** by Randy Ray
  - Think of when you first started your journey and how so many tools, resources, online enhancements have been developed since then.
  - Is there someone you know that needs help in the early steps of their research?
  - Are there basics now that you may have overlooked or never knew of?
  - Perfect time to bring someone new into the family tree preservation process.
  - Randy will walk us through everything to get your basics solidly covered.
- **BOOK RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET** by Bob Heck
  - Bob will share this research information source that is frequently overlooked.
  - Books have a searchable option in many cases.
  - Bob will cover examples in his presentation to open options for new family info you have not known.

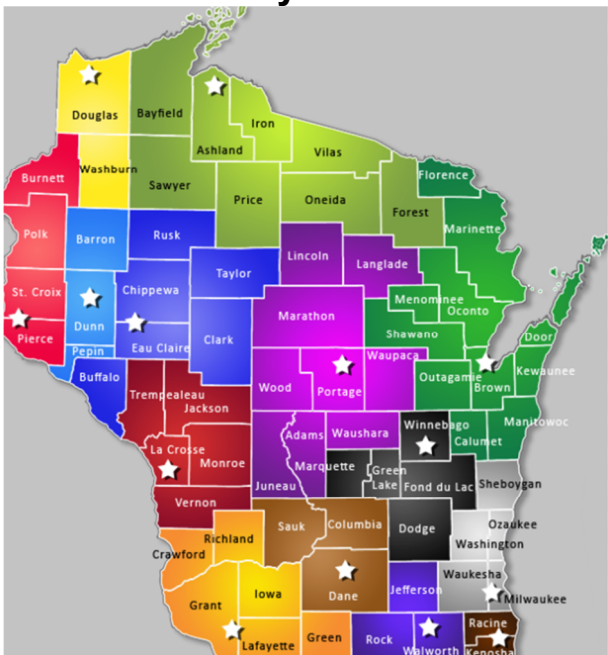
## **MARCH MEETING RECAP:**



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

- Randy walked us through the many screen/tab options available through the WHS
- It was nice to see pictures of the Society and the general library and research stacks.
- Lots of new enhancements – well worth going back to watch the presentation again.
- Thank you Randy – great information

### **Bob Heck – Area Research Centers – ARC information available for your research needs, see map for breakout courtesy of WHS.**



- Bob covered how the state has different centers and that it breaks out and covers several counties per site.
- Much can be learned from the County records, journals, diaries and other local depository records.
- Also worth reviewing the presentation again as there is much to be covered that you won't find online. Visit in person!
- Thank you Bob – well done

## **MUSINGS & MUTTERINGS:**

We had attendance at March meeting of 38. Weather is getting easier to get out in – come to the meeting and bring someone along!

We'd love to see you.



Currently opening the floor for our Member show & tell.

- This year it will be in OCTOBER
- Looking to have 6 spots filled
- 10-15 minute presentation
- Bob can work with you to put together a PowerPoint presentation of your topic
- What information do you have that holds special meaning that you would like to share with the group?
- Contact Bob to sign up for a slot
- Take this great opportunity to inspire others in their journey with your treasures you may have come across.
- All are welcome!

## 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.

**Come enjoy this resource!**

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of the Steering Committee meeting in March, there are 201 families that are currently enrolled in memberships.

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.

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### **OUR WEB PAGE**

<http://mpafug.org>

We invite you to visit our web page and even print a copy of this and the previous month's newsletter. We also have a surname section where you can see who else is working on your family line. **Members** of MPAFUG have access to a members-only web page which contains past newsletters and handouts from our meetings.

**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.**