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Photo items that tie in beautifully with Debbie's organization presentation!

**Next meeting Wednesday, September 11, 2024
7:00 PM – New Berlin Ale House
16000 West Cleveland Avenue
New Berlin, WI 52151**

**SEPTEMBER PRESENTATIONS
2024**

- **UPDATES on Find a Grave**
Randy Ray
- **Organizing: Finds-Photos-Docs**
Debbie Bluett

PLEASE COME ENJOY THE MEETING

HEAR NEW INFORMATION

& BRING FRIENDS 😊



- ✓ **Photo stick:** USB device that fits on PC or iPhone, or Android. It searches for and transfers all your photos to the device for safe backup storage or you can take it to Walgreens to have prints made.
- ✓ **Wolverine Digital Converter:** Scans and converts 35mm slides or negatives into digital images which are saved onto the included SD card.
- ✓ **Digital Photo Frame:** Display your favorite images on a 7" screen

**SHOW & TELL NIGHT-
NOVEMBER 13TH**

Do you have something ...

- ? that's a family treasure
- ? cool, unique, heirloom
- ? part of history
- ? antique you still use today
- ? we could learn more about

We are looking for a few more members to present their objects for the annual November show and tell to round out the year.

SIGN UP by sending an email to Bob Heck bobheckmpafug@gmail.com

Some items already scheduled are below but we need several more.

- Sandie's Story – Sam Colon
- Civil War Diary – Randy Ray
- Baptismal Gowns – Debbie Bluett



Ancestor Appreciation Day is observed on September 27th every year to spend a day tracing your family's ancestors back to their original ethnic groups. Many individuals are completely oblivious to their ancestors and the lives they led in past decades and centuries. Bring a friend!

AUGUST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

37 – That's how many attended the August meeting.

We would certainly love to see more of your faces here at the meetings. We have great topics each month and it is a super time to ask

questions. Fantastic opportunity to be in a room of experts all at different places in their genealogical journey.

MEMORIES – Bob Tatalovich walked us through the Memories section of Family Search.

- There were a number of reasons to add this tool, many of which help organize and be able to expand the story of your ancestors, far beyond DOB,DOD.
- The add criteria – will be screened.
- Add audios – “how I remember Grandpa...”
- Add stories – written tales to accompany docs or stand alone
- Add files – numerous ways to tie in to people.
- You can tag people and add details along with enriching content like year, location and captions.
- Add up to 15MGB each.
- Especially helpful when adding photos to tree information!
- Add multiple photos and documents to create a timeline effect of someone's life.
- Find all added items in YOUR GALLERY section in 3 divisions
 - MY MEMORIES
 - MY ARCHIVES
 - MY ALBUMS
- In the Family History Guide - go to
 - LEARNING PATH then it can go to Family Search, then MEMORIES
 - There is full tutoring on how to do all functions that Bob addressed in this presentation
- Thanks Bob – nicely done and lots of great information!

MATRICULA - Bob Heck introduced us to a German site which is a collection of primarily Catholic vitals. Parent site is ICARUS <https://www.icar-us.eu/en/>

ICARUS

- In this strong up and growing fast site, it has several breakout avenues to investigate.
- MONASTERIUM
 - Primarily filled with Monks noting land documentation
- MATRICULA
 - Church docs in Europe, majority Catholic
 - Bob covered in depth – definitely worth watching the presentation again to get all the options
 - The quality is great! He had several comparisons to other microfiche copies and the difference is outstanding. In one example you could not read the name from the copied doc but the Matricula version was a clear read.
- TOPOTHEQUE
 - The regional-history work of reference. The online-archive where you can contribute personally and directly to the material.
- ARCHIVNET
 - This is another source however it is currently being renovated for this entire year. Might be a good one to review next year once it's back up and refreshed.
- Discussed FONDS – which are archival places
 - Contains many parish records and you can search by City, then parishes.
 - (right click to translate)
 - Birth and Christening
 - Marriages
 - Deaths
- Thank you Bob – lots of great over the pond options. Extremely insightful and another presentation well worth seeing more than once!

MUSINGS & MUTTERINGS:

Do you have something you would like to see in the newsletter?

What would you like revisited from prior tools that you may see has significant updates and enhancements? (Randy has Find-A-Grave coming this month)

Is there someone you have researched that we could highlight in a meeting or the newsletter?



The Family Search Center
9600 West Grange Avenue, Hales Corners
 The Family Search Center Library has updated their hours. The library is open on Thursdays, and Saturdays.

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!

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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.

Questions about MPAFUG?

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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.

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

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.

