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MEETING OPPORTUNITY TABLE:

- ✓ **Toshiba laptop:** 15” screen, Windows 11, Family Tree Maker software, 240GB SSD, 8GB RAM
- ✓ **HD Webcam**
- ✓ **Wireless keyboard and mouse combo**

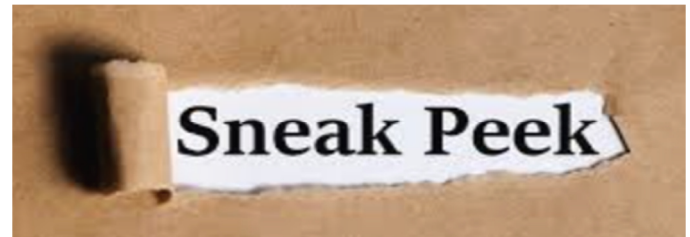
Next meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2024
7:00 PM – New Berlin Ale House
16000 West Cleveland Avenue
New Berlin, WI 52151

OCTOBER PRESENTATIONS
2024

- **Polish Research!**

Bob Tatalovich
- **What’s New on Ancestry & Family Tree Maker**

Randy Ray



SHOW & TELL NIGHT
NOVEMBER 13TH
Starting to shape up:

Sneak peek below...

- Sandie’s Story – Sam Colon
- Willich Baptismal Gown - Debbie Bluett
- Civil War Diary – Randy Ray
- My Grandfather – Carl Miech
- Autbio Great Grandpa – Linda Murphy
- Single PDF searchability – Bob Heck

PLEASE COME ENJOY THE MEETING
HEAR NEW INFORMATION



BRING A BUDDY
Bring a buddy to a meeting!
If they join MPAFUG,
your membership will be free
for 2025!!

SEPTEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

37 – That’s how many attended the September meeting.

56 – That’s how many membership renewals we had as of the Steering Committee Mtg date on 09.18.24

Remember \$12 covers for the year of 2025

Send in your membership or bring it to the meeting. Any duplicates submitted will be considered a donation – thank you!

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.

Thank You...

SPECIAL MENTION OF THANKS!

Elleanor Ryan

As she generously donated to MPAFUG the following items:

- ♥ **HP Pavilion Laptop fx1000 with USB mouse, WIN 10, 16GB HDD, 3GB RAM**
- ♥ **HP Pavilion Desktop PC, WIN 11, 240GB SSD, 6GB RAM**
- ♥ **Lenovo Chromebook Laptop**
- ♥ **40GB External HD**
- ♥ **250GB External HD**
- ♥ **Handheld Magnifying Glass with light**
- ♥ **Various research books for Family History Library**

ORGANIZING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY “STUFF” – Debbie Bluett

Debbie gave us insight into some significant ways to organize all the treasures you have accumulated along your journey for preserving your family treasures and information.

First concept to remember is that your collection is far more than records and notes. It is pictures, artifacts, clothes, furniture, recipes, paintings, artwork, and yes, paperwork, documents and research notes. Things to remember that may help:

- Everyone’s journey is different!
- Ask yourself some questions to start
 - What’s your goal?
 - What kind of stuff do you have?
 - Who will you pass the history treasures along to?
- Have your plan reflect the above considerations
- Put your plan into action!
- Start small and summarize as you go.
- Several websites offer a selection of free forms to help in your organization
- **BACK UP – BACK UP – BACK UP!**
- Many different things to consider
 - File folders or binders?
 - File naming nomenclature
 - Cross reference options
 - Photos – digital or printed-both?
 - Heirlooms – who,where,reference
 - Tapes and videos
 - Research notes – scan and toss
- Options for everything but most importantly – stay consistent with whatever you choose.
- She encouraged to ***Enjoy the journey!***

- Thanks Debbie – nicely done and lots of great information in the handout as well!

UPDATES TO FIND-A-GRAVE – Randy Ray

Randy walked us through some cool updates that Find-A-Grave has recently gone through.

The site rolled their updates out and took many suggestions into account and it showed.

Check out his handout for more details but here are some highlights:

- Changes to Suggested Edit pages to make it easier to process edits to memorials you manage
 - Compacted lists
 - Easier on mobile or tablets
 - Simplified pages (no boxes)
 - One button to accept or decline ALL edits for a given memorial
 - Suggestor gets one email, not multiples now for updates
 - Bulk action capabilities
- Updates to your profile
 - Click to bio, your memorial and photo count, messages and followers
 - If you added cemeteries as a favorite-now appears on bottom right
- You can also volunteer to take photos at cemeteries in your area for other people!
- Search for a cemetery and if using GOOGLE, it will take you right to Fin-A-Grave page.
- Search by name – toolbar click MEMORIALS
 - Narrow by city, state, DOB, DOD
- Additional things to remember:
 - NOT every cemetery nor every grave has been entered into Fin-A-Grave
 - Same holds true for Billion Graves
- Request a photo on memorial page
 - Look underneath primary photo next to person's name
 - Below that photo is tab that says REQUEST PHOTO
 - It may take some time for a Volunteer to get the photo and enter it
 - Help it along by giving plot information if you have it
- Request a transfer or you can also transfer to someone else.
 - Memorial managers are under NO OBLIGATION to transfer a memorial to you.
- Contribute – great way to make the site better!
- Remember NO living people.
- Leave flowers on a memorial – easy to do
- Can merge two memorials
 - Especially helpful if you find duplicates
 - Can also report duplicates.
- TURN ON GPS for photos – can populate into the site
- Site lets you know what percent has been photographed that are in Find-A-Grave
- Sponsor a memorial-\$10 to permanently
- Great resource 😊 Randy uses it daily.

Randy also talked about a Polish Find-A-Grave style site called Mogily. I will give a summary on next newsletter as we will have another Polish tie in.

Thanks Randy! Fantastic updates and walking us through really helps.

MUSINGS & MUTTERINGS:

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

Have ideas you want to share with this vibrant group?

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

Contact bobheckmpafug@gmail.com or Linda Murphy 414.460.2841

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!

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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.

For 2025 NEW memberships:

Please send a check for \$12.00 made payable to MPAFUG to:

Deborah A. Bluett

MPAFUG Treasurer

PO Box 229

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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.