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## BRAT SALE A SUCCESS!

Our 2nd Annual Brat Sale raised more than \$600 which will be used to make necessary repairs on the Ben Hunt Cabin. Thanks so much to our hard-working volunteers:

**Jim Bain, Mary Bennett, Dan Besson, Katy Galewski, Mary Javorek, Mike Jedrzejewski, Celine Kashishian, Randy Sannes, Sandy Sannes, Chris Schachtlie, Tom Sobocinski, Al Strekow, and Ruth Strekow.**



## Don't miss our next program on August 1, 7 p.m! HISTORIC CEMETERIES OF HALES CORNERS

Cemeteries are places that link the past to the present. Learn about the two cemeteries of Hales Corners and some of the Village's earliest residents who now rest in these quiet spaces.

St. Mary's Cemetery began in 1842 with a gravesite behind its first church, a log cabin. Emanuel's cemetery was platted in 1888, using the sale of gravesites to fund the building of its first church.

This program will feature presentations by **Nancy Zaborowski**, Elder, Emanuel United Church of Christ, and **Sybil Grandeck**, Archivist, St. Mary Catholic Faith Community.

*An ice cream social will follow the program.*

**FREE for all HCHS members!**  
**For non-members, a donation of \$5 is suggested.**



*Otto Neussel gravesite:  
Founder of the Neussel Hotel,  
in Emanuel Church's Cemetery*



*Patrick McGowan gravesite:  
Earliest gravesite in  
St. Mary's Cemetery*

## OUR COLLECTIONS CONTINUE TO GROW

Our Society has received these three past issues of the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) publications from **Roger Brinkmeier**. Thanks, Roger! Many people are not aware that the EAA was founded in 1953 by Paul Poberezny in the basement of his home in Hales Corners.

EAA's first museum was located just outside of Hales Corners on Forest Home Avenue from the 1960s through 1984, when it was relocated to Oshkosh, WI.

The 2018 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh runs this month from July 23 - 29.



*Paul Poberezny's  
EAA Bi Plane  
as it appeared  
in the first museum  
in 1972*

## HCHS REPRESENTED AT COUNCIL FOR LOCAL HISTORY CONVENTION - by Kathy O'Brien

This meeting of the Council for Local History of the Wisconsin Historical Society was held in St. Francis on Saturday, July 7th. My husband, **Dave**, and I attended on behalf of the Hales Corners Historical Society.

The event was held in the St. Francis Civic Center, which was built in 2014, and is also where the St. Francis Historical Society meets. It has a rotunda, which displays photos and artifacts of historical St. Francis. These are beautifully done.



I was expecting coffee and donuts at registration, but no—we had delicious and plentiful homemade goodies. While we ate, we got acquainted with St. Francis and South Milwaukee members. There were 13 societies there. As expected, the first item on the program was a welcome from the Wisconsin Historical Society and a power point update by **Rick Bernstein**, who also told

about the new storage facility, saying they now have room for the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile.

**Mark Maurice** of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation gave a presentation on Historical Societies and Community Foundations. It was called *Working Together!* and was informative and interesting.

After a break, **Anna Passante** and **Randy Borland** gave a presentation on Finding Lost Graves—Ground-Penetrating Radar at a Pioneer Cemetery. There were pictures of people using the radar, which looked as if they were mowing the lawn.

This was followed by lunch, which included the business meeting with President **John Decker** of the Council for Local History presiding. There were no reports from historical societies, but we managed to distribute a few of our newsletters to the people near us.

Then there was a choice of tours. We were already familiar with Seminary Woods and St. Francis of Assisi Convent Chapel, so we looked over the 1957 fire engine, and went to the Lake Protestant Cemetery, where we could see the work done by the radar. Anybody can visit this, I think, and the research is on-going.

It was an interesting day, and we got acquainted with historical societies we don't often see.

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## HALES CORNERS WOMAN'S CLUB DISBANDS AND GIVES ARTIFACTS TO HCHS

After 62 years of service to the Village, the members of the Hales Corners Woman's Club held their final Spring Luncheon this year, and decided it was time to cease operation.

Their accomplishments are too many to list, so here are just a few highlights: Club members produced the first Village area telephone directory and continued to do so for 25 years. In 1969, they provided the funds

to furnish the Village Hall community room, including a piano, and to remodel and furnish its kitchen. In 1975-76, members were instrumental in establishing the first Village Library.

Probably the Woman's Club's greatest contribution to our community has been its scholarship program, set up in 1962. Many high school students benefited from this worthy program for so many years.



Recently, the Woman's Club donated the Club's scrapbooks, banners, and gavel to our Society for safe-keeping. Thank you!

## NEW DONATIONS CONTRIBUTE TO BEN HUNT'S LEGACY

Examples of Native American costumes inspired by the teachings of Ben Hunt continue to be donated to our Society. Among the latest items of clothing we received, these two Indian aprons stood out.

The floral designs in beadwork were donated by **Bob Schlytter**, who was once a Good Medicine Dancer in Hales Cor-

ners. He also provided newsletters and news clippings from that group and others, various books on Native American subjects, and several other examples of clothing.

The wolf's head and bird designs were donated by **Ken Stollenwerk**, along with books and various costume items. Thanks, Bob and Ken!



## COMING UP...WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS

Remembering Bob...A long overdue tribute to **Bob Zeit** will take place this summer when a tree is planted in his honor near the Ben Hunt Cabin, followed by light refreshments.

Website redesign underway... At the recommendation of the **Milwaukee County Historical Society**, we've hired web designer **Stephanie Piechowski** to provide HCHS with a new

look and domain name, along with web hosting by GoDaddy, one of the largest servers in the country.

Bakers needed...Our November 14 program will be *Billie the Brownie*, and we need volunteers to make brownies or Christmas cookies for that event. Dig out your favorite recipes!

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH... HALES CORNERS!

When historians look back on the current era in Village history and see this photo, they may think that tourists arrived by the hundreds to drive along Highway 100 and admire our newly created mountain range. Some geologists will probably claim that this rocky attraction was an extension of the Niagara Escarpment... and not just a temporary (we trust) "gift" of the Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation!



## TALES OF THE CORNERS

From the files of the *Tri-Town News and Hub*

### 80 YEARS AGO (1938)

Carland Strandt is elected the first president of the newly chartered Hales Corners Lions Club.

### 70 YEARS AGO (1948)

Hales Corners area schools will delay opening this fall, due to the polio epidemic.

### 60 YEARS AGO (1958)

For the first time in 75 years there is no Labor Day Fair in Hales Corners. Previous fairs drew crowds of over 50,000 people. The fair will now be held in St. Martins.

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