



CULTURE, CURDS, AND CHEESY CHATTER

National Historic Cheesemaking Center



REMINDER DATES

A Membership meeting reminder on Wednesday, May 21, 5 PM at NHCC

CHEESY NOTES FROM DEB

The 2025 season has begun and we are looking forward to greeting guests from the United States and the world.

Thank you to all volunteers who have helped fill-in May's calendar. The Center could not run without your help. Please let us know which days and times would work for you this summer.

We look forward to seeing you and having another wonderful summer at the National Historic Cheesemaking Center Museum.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

President Jim Glessner resigned effective April 14, 2025, after 27 years. Jim not only served as President of the National Historic Cheesemaking Center, but also as the editor of this newsletter. Plans for a gathering to thank Jim for his many years of service are being made. Information will be forthcoming.

Henry Tschanz, acting president, has appointed a nominating committee of Ken Klassey, Gary Grossen, Jo Schwitz and Deb Briggs to fill the position of interim president of the NHCC until the election of officers at the September Membership Meeting, when a full-term president will be elected.

May/June 2025

OUR 2025 SUSTAINING PARTNERS



Alp & Dell Cheese Store
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Wisconsin Cheese Makers Assn.
Dave & Glenda Buholzer
Ron & Sue Buholzer
Ken Klassey
Fritz & Barbara Kopp
Jane Paradowski
Terry Goetz, Paul Zimmerman
Bonnie Zumkehr Sauey
Henry Tschanz

FLAT STANLEY VISITS

Flat Stanley visited the Center on May 1st. Stanley was the first guest of the 2025 season.

Docent, Ken Klassey, gave Flat Stanley a tour and took photos that were then forwarded to Makenna C of Evansville, Indiana.



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THE TRAVELING DEBS

May/June 2025



The Debs traveled to LaCrosse in March for the Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism (WIGCOT). It was a very informative three days with many interesting break-out sessions and good conversations with others in the tourism business in Wisconsin.



Also in March, the Debs went to Green Bay to a conference held by Wisconsin Agricultural Tourism Association (WATA) regarding the NFL Draft and how it might affect tourism in Wisconsin. The day-long event included an update on the extensive NFL draft preparations and the "Legendary" tour of Lambeau Field as well as the Packers' Hall of Fame Museum. It was a great day.

Klondike Cheese Company celebrates 100 years! 1925-2025

In 1925 Ernest and Marie Buholzer, immigrants from Switzerland, settled in Green County, Wisconsin, where Ernest started making Swiss cheese for the local farmers' cooperative.

Reaching 100 years and being the home of five Wisconsin Master Cheesemakers, is an incredible milestone. Congratulations to all involved with Klondike Cheese Company. Here's to another 100 years!!



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Notes from Anne Sayers, Cabinet Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Tourism:

- *Tourism powers the Wisconsin economy—to the tune of \$25 billion economic impact in 2023
- *For every \$1 spent to promote tourism, the state receives \$22 as a return on investment
- *Wisconsin ranks 22nd in the country for tourism marketing dollars
- *Wisconsin ranks 49th in the country for spending money on promoting Arts Tourism



Some interesting news from Decatur Dairy:
 CNNs John King wanted to make cheese curd and see what it is all about in Wisconsin!!
 Wanted to see a family farm and understand one's reason for their career! He was impressed

Date		Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	June
June 5-8	DOCENT	Jon R				National Historic Cheesemaking Center
	GREETER	Carol R				
Jun 9-11	CLOSED					Museum Hours 10-3 Thu-Sun
Jun 12-15	DOCENT					
	GREETER	Jeanne S	Matt F			l for any hours you are available Choose from 10-3, 11-2, 10-12:30, 12:30-3 What works for you?
Jun 16-18	CLOSED					
Jun 19-22	DOCENT	Ernie G	Deb H Mike H			
	GREETER					
Jun 23-25	CLOSED					Phone: Deb B 608.293.2396 Deb M 773.620.6475 NHCC 608.325.4636 Email: nhccmuseum@ gmail.com
Jun 26-29	DOCENT	Bob B Kelly H				
	GREETER	Jeanne S				
Jun 30- Jul 2	CLOSED					
Jul 3-6	DOCENT					
	GREETER					

NATIONAL HISTORIC CHEESEMAKING CENTER
Minutes of March 19, 2025

Members present: Jim Glessner, Ken Klassey, Fritz Kopp, Henry Tschanz, Gary Grossen, Millie Stauffer, John Marean, Donna Douglas, Deb Briggs, Anita Huffman

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:59PM by President Jim.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the 1/15 meeting which were published in the newsletter were approved. Motion: Henry, second: Fritz, Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Deb presented the January-February profit loss comparison for year to date. Report approved on motion by Henry, second by Millie. Carried.

Director's Report: Deb shared her written report covering 1/16 through 3/19. She also reported on the tourism conference in LaCrosse, noting that every dollar spent on tourism in the state generates \$22 in return. She and President Jim also shared the arrangements being made for the 30th anniversary in September. In-season salaries for the director and assistant will resume on 4/16. A new computer has been ordered for Director Deb.

Committee Reports:

Archival/Display: Millie noted that they have not met. Several items have been donated and need to be accepted and accessioned.

Building & Grounds: Indoor (4/14) and outdoor (4/22) clean-up days were scheduled, starting at 1:00PM. Fritz reported he has contacted three different contractors about a ramp to the Imobersteg factory, but has had no responses.

Membership: Fritz has sent letters to sustaining members. Total numbers are down, but there are 11 new members.

Sunshine/Sympathy: Millie has sent five get-well cards and three sympathy cards.

Unfinished Business:

Website Update: The website is now live, up to date and everything is working.

AED Training: Directors have been trained to use the AED.

New brochures status: design being edited should have by mid-May.

New Business:

Donna asked about some kind of history piece to share for the 30th anniversary. A newspaper insert has been proposed. There was discussion about working with some of the original members to produce something.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:50PM. Motion by Fritz, second by Millie. Carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Secretary Anita Huffman



Preserving "An era that was, that will never be again."

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2025

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

The National Historic Cheesemaking Center, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

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The National Historic Cheesemaking Center is a tribute to those who have gone before...and is dedicated to the hard work and sacrifices of all those in the dairy industry who have made this area of southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois internationally famous.

The unique center recalls the rich heritage of the area and is illustrative of the lively cheese industry which still flourishes today.

*.....Recalling an era that was,
And will never be again!*



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