



# CULTURE, CURDS, AND CHEESY CHATTER

## National Historic Cheesemaking Center



### 2025 SUSTAINING PARTNERS \$500

- Alp & Dell Cheese Store
- Alpine Slicing & Cheese Conversion
- Bank of New Glarus
- Baumgartner's Cheese Store, Inc.
- Dave & Glenda Buholzer
- Ron & Sue Buholzer
- Steve & Thea Buholzer
- Cheese Louise, Inc.
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- Darlington Dairy Supply
- Decatur Dairy, Inc.
- Decatur Swiss Co-Op
- Foreign Type Cheesemaker's Assn.
- Gibbsville Cheese Co
- Terry Goetz, Paul Zimmerman
- Guggisberg Cheese
- Ken Klassey
- Klondike Cheese Co.
- Fritz & Barbara Kopp
- Maple Leaf Cheese Store
- Maple Leaf Cheesemakers, Inc.
- Michael Muranyi & Shelley
- Kubly Muranyi
- Jane Paradowski
- Plier Family Fund
- Regez Supply Co., Inc.
- Bill & Carolyn Robichaux
- Sargento Foods Inc.

### REMINDER DATES

A Membership meeting reminder on Wednesday, September 17th, 5 PM at NHCC. ALL Members are invited to attend these monthly meetings and exercise their voting privileges.

### ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

The day is fast approaching for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NHCC and the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Imobersteg cheese factory. We hope you have all marked your calendars. We will need some volunteers to help manage the day. Please let us know if you will be available that day, September 20<sup>th</sup> during the hours of 10-3.

- Silver-Lewis Cheese Co-Op
- Steve & Glennette Stettler
- Super 8 of Monroe
- Henry Tschanz
- V&V Supremo Foods, Inc.
- Valley Queen Charitable Foundation
- Vilutis and Co., Inc.
- Wengers Springbrook Cheese, Inc.
- Wisconsin Cheese Makers Assn.
- WI Swiss & Limburger Producers Assn
- Woodford State Bank
- Chuck & Gail Zeitler
- Bonnie Zumkehr Sauey



## **LIFETIME PARTNERS**

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Deppeler Wood Shop LLC  
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**\$200-\$250**

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Mark & Lynn Mayer  
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Jim & Donna Mueller  
Bill & Marilyn Ross  
Zwygart Family Partnership  
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Shirley Knox & Paul Peterson

## **Business & Supporting Memberships**

**\$50-\$150**

Greg & Susan Anderson  
James & Joan Andresen  
Paul & Carolyn Beach  
Bart & Deborah Briggs  
Chalet Cheese Co-op  
Douglas S Mayer Transport Inc.  
Edelweiss Creamery LLC  
Steve & Jo Ann Esser  
Dennis & Janice Everson

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**\$50-\$150**

Bob & Nancy Faith  
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James Glessner  
Virginia Goetz  
Gary & Corie Grossen  
Terry & Mary Ann Hanna  
Anita Huffman  
Mike & Deb Hutchinson  
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Harvey Kubly  
Virgil & Carol Leopold  
Jerry & Lynn Lokken  
John Marean  
Myron & Geri Olson  
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Bob & Kathy Reffue  
Richard Rote  
Jon & Carol Rufenacht  
David & Holly Schmid  
Jo Schwitz  
Mary Ann Stauffacher  
Millie Stauffer  
Dan & Ann Stearns  
William & Christine Viney  
Mark Steinmann  
Paul Vassalotti  
John & Sherry Waelti



**A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Greetings Members and Industry

Crap, fall is approaching! For us, it is marking our 30th anniversary at the Center, wow. Who would have thought! The Imobersteg cheese factory is marking its 15th year anniversary after being moved from the original farmstead to the Center. A cool idea and donation from the Arnold Imobersteg family that Arnold was very proud of.

Arnold was quite the guy and I am glad I got to know him!!

Please take the time to come to our 30th Anniversary celebration on September 20th. It will be a day of cheesemaking in the Imobersteg factory and lots of entertainment. Our Anniversary Committee has put their best into this event. Thank You!!

On a sober note, a fellow cheesemaking brother passed, James (Jimmy) Meives. Jimmy always greeted ya with a smile. Had a laugh you will not forget. My Dad and his father-in-law Willie Lehner horse traded once in a while; I went over to Valley View to pick up boxes and that was the first time I met Jimmy. He came out, shook my hand with a smile, we traded histories and have been friends ever since.

I served with him on committees, and he was a main stay at the Cheese Days Cheese tent, along with his wife Mary. Watched him go on his own, at Chula Vista Cheese, with the support of Willie. He made Chula Vista a success! We may also have had a few beverages over the years, and our gatherings were full of laughter.

One of his big nights, in the industry, was when he got his Master Cheesemaker Certification and joined us as a master.

A true Master Cheesemaker, truly deserving, enjoying his retirement. The industry will remember and I personally, along with all cheesemakers, will give our best to Mary and his whole family.

God Bless!



**James "Jimmy" Meives**  
**July 30, 1958 – August 7, 2025**

## CHEESY NOTES FROM DEB

It is hard to believe that September is here, our season is almost over. BUT not before our anniversary celebration September 20<sup>th</sup>. We are so excited for this event and really hope you tell your friends and family to attend. The days' events will include cheesemaking, the "old fashioned" way in the Imobersteg cheese factory. Music from the Swiss Singers, Alp Horns and accordions. We will also have food trucks, and don't forget Princess Margaret, the beautiful Brown Swiss cow who is attending courtesy of Dan Wegmueller.

So put on your best Swiss attire, or come as you are, and enjoy the day at the National Historic Cheesemaking Center. See you there!!


## Monroe High School Football Players Help out at the Center

Deb B, always on the lookout for volunteers, snagged a football player who came to her door with an MHS football fundraiser. She handed him her business card and asked him if he would like to come to the Center with a friend to provide some manual labor. He agreed and showed up with two friends.

They moved some items for Archives, cleaned inside and did a little sweeping outside, as well as completing a display in the Milk House Gift Shop.

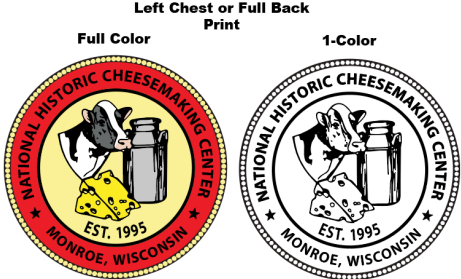


SEPTEMBER 2025

Date		Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
9/4-7	<b>DOCENT</b>	4 Donna B. 10-12 Jon R. 10-3	5	6	7	
	<b>GREETER</b>	Carol R.	Ann H.	Jane P	No Briggs	
9/8-10	<b>CLOSED</b>					<p><b>National Historic Cheesemaking Center Museum Hours 10-3 Thu-Sun</b></p>
9/11-14	<b>DOCENT</b>	11 Deb & Mike H.	12	13	14	
	<b>GREETER</b>	Jeanne S.	Matt Figi		No Myers	
9/15-17	<b>CLOSED</b>					
9/18-21	<b>DOCENT</b>	18 Lynn L 1-3 Ernie G.	19	20 ANNIVERSARY	21 CLOSED	<p><b>We are grateful for any hours you are available to volunteer. Choose from 10-3, 11-2, 10-12:30, 12:30-3 What works for you?</b></p>
	<b>GREETER</b>		Ann H.	EVENT	No Briggs	
9/22-24	<b>CLOSED</b>					
9/25-28	<b>DOCENT</b>	25	26	27 10:30 45 tour	28	
	<b>GREETER</b>	Jeanne S.	Ann H.		No Myers	<p><b>Phone: Deb B 608.293.2396 Deb M 773.620.6475 NHCC 608.325.4636</b></p>
9/29-10/1	<b>CLOSED</b>					
10/2-5	<b>DOCENT</b>	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	
	<b>GREETER</b>				No Briggs	<p><b>Email: nhccmuseum@ gmail.com</b></p>

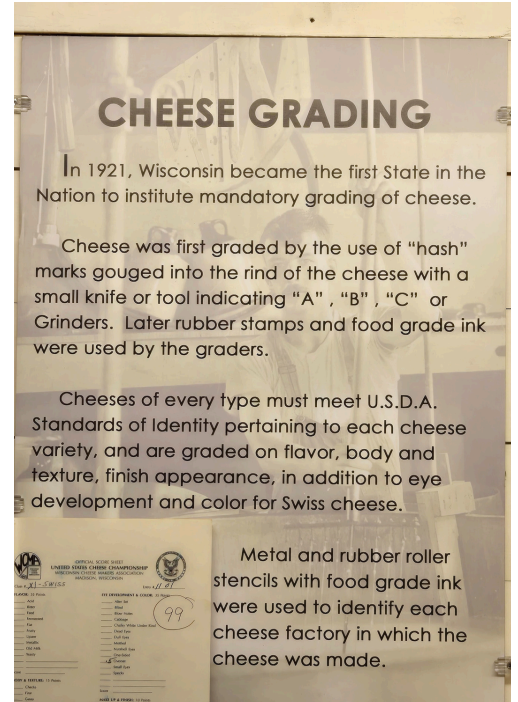
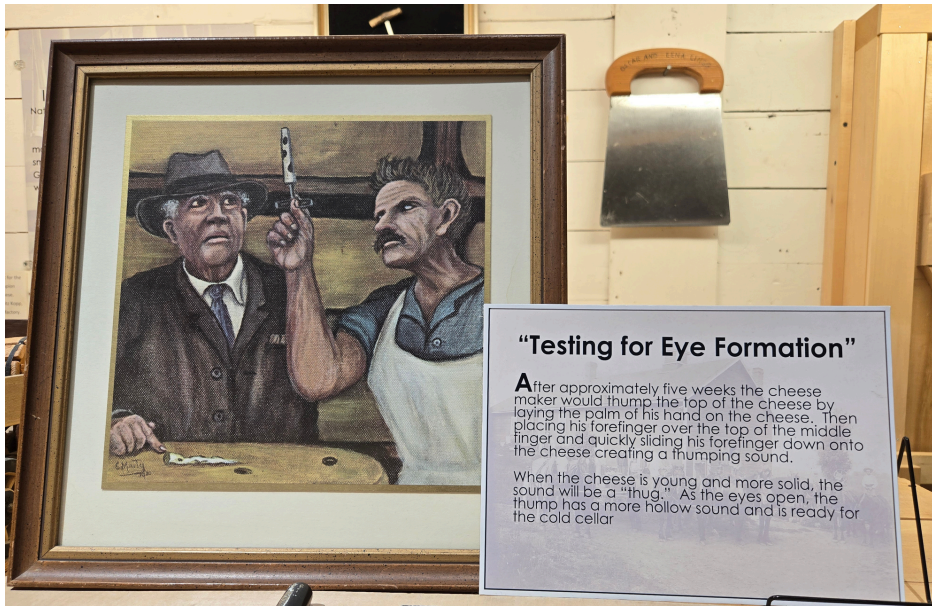
# ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Heartland Graphics has logos from the NHCC that they will embroider or transfer on t-shirts, hats, bags, etc. You can bring your own shirt to them, and the embroidery cost is \$12, or \$12 plus the cost of the shirt. As for the transfers, it all depends on what you want (i.e. left chest and/or full front or back). Transfers are priced based on size. Left chest size is \$8 and full front or back is \$15 plus the cost of the shirt.



# Highlights from the Museum

The museum covers every aspect of cheesemaking history. Below is information on testing for eye formation in Swiss Cheese and grading for Swiss Cheese. These two very important functions are necessary to get the best Swiss Cheese to market.



## Cheese Industry Pioneers



Swiss immigrants were instrumental in establishing the cheese and dairy industry in Green County and the adjoining counties.

The glass case contains memorabilia from Cheese Days. With buttons going back to 1915. It is an impressive look to the past.

**National Historic Cheesemaking Center  
Minutes of the July 16, 2025 Membership Meeting**

**Members present: Millie Stauffer, Gary Grossen, Fritz Kopp, Ken Klassey, Henry Tschanz, Dave Buholzer, Deb Myers, Deb Briggs, Anita Huffman**

**Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM by Vice President Henry in the absence of President Steve.**

**Secretary's Report: The report was e-mailed out as well as shared at the meeting.**

**Motion to approve by Fritz, second by Ken. C.**

**Treasurer's Report: The January-June Profit/Loss comparison was shared.**

**Motion to approve by Gary, second by Dave. C.**

**Director's Report: The written report of June 19-July 17 was shared.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Advertising: A cheese box from Alp & Dell was sent to "Our Wisconsin" winner from the May/June issue.**

**Anniversary Committee: A request for anniversary funding was included in the Visitor & Promotion request for \$4000. The V&P committee meets July 22.**

**Finance: Nothing new to report.**

**Building & Grounds: Fritz will work on getting an evaluation of lighting in the Archives Room as well as more outlets as requested by Mary Ann.**

**Archival/Displays: There has been some rearranging of artifacts.**

**Membership: Nothing new to report.**

**Sunshine/Sympathy: Millie has been sending cards as needed. She sent a get-well card last week.**

**New Business: The yellow gift bag count was down to 60, so an order of 5000 new bags has been made. NHCC CD's and VHS videos have been given to Synqronus for transfer to flash drive. New equipment for the Heritage Room TV will need to be ordered. Deb has ordered new bricks, and they should be in before the anniversary. There have been requests for Imobersteg T-shirts, and volunteers have asked about anniversary T-shirts. Heartland Graphics has the template for the factory t-shirt and will have a logo available for the anniversary. It was decided that interested persons should contact Heartland Graphics regarding design of their own t-shirt.**

**Unfinished Business: Gary reported that he saw Alice in Dairyland at the fair and gave her all the information for the anniversary on September 20.**

**Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 5:33PM by Fritz, second by Dave. C.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Anita Huffman, Secretary**



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

**NATIONAL HISTORIC CHEESEMAKING CENTER, INC.  
2025  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM**

The National Historic Cheesemaking Center, is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about the heritage and art of cheesemaking.

*Memberships valid from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025*

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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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