



# CULTURE, CURDS, AND CHEESY CHATTER

## National Historic Cheesemaking Center

### 2026 SUSTAINING PARTNERS \$500

- Alp & Dell Cheese Store
- Alpine Slicing & Cheese Conversion
- Baumgartner's Cheese Store
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- Decatur Swiss Co-Op
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- Eugene Hotel LLC
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- Terry Goetz, Paul Zimmerman
- Grassland Dairy Products, Inc.
- Richard & Ann Guggisberg Family
- Ken Klassey
- Barb Kopp
- Maple Leaf Cheesemakers, Inc.
- Maple Leaf Cheese Store



### REMINDER DATES

**The June membership meeting is on Wednesday, June 17th at 5 PM at NHCC. The July meeting is Wednesday, July 15th. All Members are invited to attend these monthly meetings and exercise their voting privileges.**

- Nelson-Jameson, Inc.
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Millie Stauffer  
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Mark Steinmann  
Bill & Barb Stuart  
Henry Tschanz  
Paul Vassalotti  
John & Sherry Waelti  
Janet Zee & Ron Purintun



## CHEESY NOTES FROM DEBS

The Center opened May 1<sup>st</sup>, and we are off to a great start. We have had guests from Bangladesh, Ontario, South Africa and Switzerland. We have also had guests from 26 states including New Hampshire and Delaware, two of our hardest states to get each year. We are looking forward to a great season.

Monroe is giving historical tours of the Square on Saturdays this summer. Participants will receive a cheese necklace for taking the tour. Any family coming to the Center with their cheese necklace will be given a tour for the entire family for just \$5.00.

The *Our Wisconsin* magazine's "Where's the W" contest winner for the Center was Carol Graf from Kenosha, Wisconsin. We sent her a gift box from Alp & Dell. Carol wrote back after receiving the gift box to inform us of receipt and to let us know that she and her husband will be visiting the Center this summer and that she is planning a cheese tasting party for her family over the Memorial Day holiday.

If you travel the Mid-West this summer and stay in a hotel, you may see the Center advertized in the *USA Today* outside your door in the morning. We were excited to be asked to participate in this publication, which is a special insert for Mid-West editions.



### **Board of Directors**

Fayth Block, treasurer  
Dave Buholzer, director-at-large  
Jim Glessner, past president  
Gary Grossen, director  
Mike Hutchinson, director  
Anita Huffman, secretary  
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Steve Stettler, president  
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### **Admin Staff**

Deborah Briggs, Director  
Deborah Myers, Asst. Director

## MORE CHEESY NOTES FROM DEBS

Another way we are reaching out to local people is by participating with Main Street Monroe this summer. You may have noticed Street Stamps. These are placed around the square and have a riddle or ask a question. Our question is, how many factories were there in Green County in 1950? To get the answer you must come to the Center.



# NATIONAL HISTORIC CHEESEMAKING CENTER

Minutes of May 20, 2026

**Members present:** Jim Glessner, Henry Tschanz, Ken Klassey, Fayth Block, Dave Buholzer, Gary Grossen, Steve Stettler, Bob Blankenhorn, Mary Ann Hanna, Millie Stauffer, Lynn Lokken, JoAnn Schwitz, Terry Goetz, Donna Douglas, Deb Briggs, Deb Myers, Anita Huffman  
**Call to Order:** President Steve called the meeting to order at 5:05PM.

He requested a moment of silence for departed members.

**Secretary's Report:** The report was printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept by Henry, second by Ken. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The January-December profit/loss comparison was shared. Motion to accept by Dave, second by Ken. Carried.

**Directors Report:** The directors shared a verbal report. They attended an AI seminar at Highland Community College. There will be a tour group coming from the Behring Senior Center on Tuesday, June 9, at 10:30AM.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Advertising:** NHCC is included in four publications and will receive Visitor and Promotion funding to cover costs. NHCC will participate in Monroe Main Street's sidewalk sticker program this summer and is included in the Historic Monroe walking tour brochures. NHCC brochures have been ordered. Lynn Lokken is on FarmTalk on 93.7 monthly.

**Building & Grounds:** Tree Wise Men LLC was contacted to inspect some of our trees. They recommended treatment this year with revisiting tree health next year. Motion to do treatment by Henry, second by Ken. Carried. The "sinkhole" returned and was dealt with. The new Open "feather flag" is eye-catching. MHS students completed a list of 24 items for the Center on their Day of Service on May 8. The milk wagon has been returned and is in place.

**Archival/Displays:** A curd breaker used as the MHS "spirit stick" will be donated to them.

**Membership:** Reminder letters were sent to sustaining members in March. We are now at 122. Mary Ann Hanna volunteered to work with membership, and Jo Schwitz volunteered to work with the volunteer schedule.

**Newsletter:** Deb Myers needs newsletter info by the 15th of the month.

**Sunshine/Sympathy:** Millie sends cards when she knows of the need for them.

**Unfinished Business:** Discussion of business income and expense coverage was tabled to a future meeting.

**New Business:** The Cheese Days committee does not want floats at the fairgrounds until the day of the parade.

There are currently seven tours scheduled for this summer and fall.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM. Motion by Dave, second by Ken. Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Anita Huffman, Secretary

## A Letter from the President

June Dairy Month is here! I try and do my part promoting dairy and cheese, and I know all of you do the same. Let's get cheesy!

At our last meeting, it was noted that we have increased in membership. Thank you for supporting and promoting the Center. The Center has had a vast array of people from around the country and world that have graced our doors already this season, chasing and honoring our history.

What was once a dream, seems to finally be claiming a little stake in the cheese industry history. What we all hoped for, and the quest of John Bussman, has developed a following. The belief and dedication of our volunteers is outstanding.

Speaking of that, we do need volunteers and anytime one can give is very appreciated. Until you try it, you do not know how appreciated you will be. Just talking to people in my store, they are inquisitive about cheese and cheesemaking.

I do not really know if I am an old dog, but the old dogs in the membership are going to try and attract some younger members, but like all groups, it is hard. We have been fortunate to have some high school students volunteer to help with clean up and do odds and ends. They are great young people and find our museum amazing.

At the Cheese Expo, I met Lucas Limacher, cheesemaker from Switzerland. He is dating Julia Tschumper, who, along with her father, won a gold in the World Contest. They both came to receive their Awards.



Lucas is from a little village in France, Le Crozet, near the Swiss border. He met Julia at a cheese seminar and class, if I remember right, and decided to follow her back to Switzerland. Cheese yields Love??? Lucas just messaged me and he got hired to spend the summer in the Swiss Mountains, above the village of Gruyere, to make cheese. He will be up in the mountains, as they say, until the cows come home! (September). Julia says he is about four hours away! FOR THE SUMMER. Now you all know what I am thinking! Never really had to choose Cheese, Love, Cheese or Love!! HMMMM. Truly a mountain cheesy romance. Great people, with a passion for cheese.

Julia says they make cheese the traditional way. I am sure hand dipping, hand turning and hand washing in the cellar. Great looking factory and they are just cool. I have been fortunate to spend some time in these plants in the mountains. One of the questions that usually comes up, "Did you happen to bring some beer?"

Found some time to get the motorcycle out for a ride and took a few runs in the old Hot Rods. Have a great dairy month, maybe catch a dairy breakfast. An event where all the people share the same interest and support the dairy farmer!! Who doesn't like a good-looking cow!!!

Steve

Thoughts

Why did the Cheesemaker and the butcher want their son and daughter to get together? A Little Charcuterie!

June 2026

Date		Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	 <p><b>National Historic Cheesemaking Center Museum Hours 10-3 Thu-Sun</b></p>
6/4-7	GREETER	Carol R <sup>4</sup>	Jane P <sup>5</sup>	<sup>6</sup>	Deb H <sup>7</sup>	
	DOCENT	Jon R	Mary Ann	Ken	Francisco Ken PM	
6/8-10	CLOSED					
6/11-14	GREETER	<sup>11</sup> Lynn M am. _____pm	<sup>12</sup> Matt F., Josie pm	<sup>13</sup> Charlotte	<sup>14</sup> Diane K	
	DOCENT	Mark am. Peggy K., pm	Paul B., am Peggy K., pm	Lynn L., am Jim G., pm	Franciso, John M.,am	
6/15-17	CLOSED					
6/18-21	GREETER	Lisa C. <sup>18</sup>	<sup>19</sup> Pat S., am Linda G., pm	<sup>20</sup> Pat S., am Mary Ann S., pm	<sup>21</sup> _____am & pm_____	
	DOCENT	Ernie G.	Lynn L., am Pat S., pm	Pam W., am Jim G., pm	Francisco O., Ken K., pm	
6/22-24	CLOSED					
6/25-28	GREETER	<sup>25</sup> Charlotte	<sup>26</sup> Margo I., am Jim G., pm	<sup>27</sup> Carol L., am. De P., pm.	<sup>28</sup> _____am & pm_____	
	DOCENT	Bob B. Kelly H.	_____am & pm_____	Virgil L., am. _____pm_	Pam W., Francisco O.	
6/29-7/1	CLOSED					
	GREETER					
	DOCENT					


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12:30-3  
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July 2026

Date		Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
7/2-5	GREETER	Carol R. <sup>2</sup>	Jane P. <sup>3</sup>	Mary F <sup>4</sup>	<sup>5</sup> ___am & pm	
	DOCENT	Jon R.	Mary Ann H.	Ken K.	Silvan B.	
7/6-8	CLOSED					
7/9-12	GREETER	Jeanne S <sup>9</sup>	Matt F. <sup>10</sup>	Nancy B <sup>11</sup>	Christi M. <sup>12</sup>	
	DOCENT	___am & ___pm	Paul B	___am & ___pm	___am & ___pm	
7/13-15	CLOSED					<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>
7/16-19	GREETER	<sup>16</sup> Charlotte	<sup>17</sup> ___am & ___pm	<sup>18</sup> ___am & ___pm	<sup>19</sup> ___am & ___pm	
	DOCENT	Bob B., Kelly H.	___am & ___pm	___am & ___pm	___am & ___pm	
7/20-22	CLOSED					
7/23-26	GREETER	<sup>23</sup> Lynn M., am _____pm	<sup>24</sup> Charlotte	<sup>25</sup> ___am & ___pm	<sup>26</sup> Charlotte	<b>Phone: Deb B 608.293.2396 Deb M 773.620.6475 NHCC 608.325.4636</b>
	DOCENT	Mark M., am _____pm	___am & ___pm	___am & ___pm	___am & ___pm	
7/27-29	CLOSED					
7/30-8/2	GREETER	<sup>30</sup> Jeanne S	<sup>31</sup> Charlotte	<sup>1</sup> ___am & ___pm	<sup>2</sup> ___am & ___pm	
	DOCENT	___am & ___pm	___am & ___pm	___am & ___pm	___am & ___pm	<b>Email: nhccmuseum@ gmail.com</b>



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**NATIONAL HISTORIC CHEESEMAKING CENTER, INC.**

**2026**

**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, 2026 through December 31, 2026*

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*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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