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National Historic Cheesemaking Center

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REMINDER DATES

It was decided to cancel the September member meeting due to Cheese Days and board member travel.

Voting on proposed bylaws changes (see page 6) and the election of Officers & Directors will take place at the October 21st meeting.

Off season meeting dates:

**January 20, 2027
April 21, 2027**

All members are invited to attend these monthly meetings and exercise their voting privileges. Meetings are held at NHCC.

V&V Supremo Foods
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Zeitler Auto Body
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Board of Directors

Steve Stettler, president
Jim Glessner, past president
Henry Tschanz, vice-president
Anita Huffman, secretary
Fayth Block, treasurer
Dave Buholzer, director-at-large
Gary Grossen, director
Mike Hutchinson, director
Ken Klassey, director



Admin Staff

Deborah Briggs, Director
Deborah Myers, Asst. Director

LIFETIME PARTNERS

Colony Brands Inc
Jean Tullett
Greg Knoke
Deppeler Wood Shop LLC
Donna Douglas
Mary Ann Hanna

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Anita Huffman
Benjamin Johnson
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Shirley Knox & Paul Peterson
Mike & Kathy Moran
Jim & Donna Mueller
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Bill & Marilyn Ross
William & Christine Viney
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Business & Supporting Memberships \$50-\$150

Greg & Susan Anderson
James & Joan Andresen
Paul & Carolyn Beach
Harry & Diana Bowen
Bart & Deb Briggs
Chalet Cheese Co-op
Michael & Shirley Connors

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Bob & Nancy Faith
James Glessner
Virginia Goetz
Gary & Corie Grossen
Deb & Mike Hutchinson
Jackie Kido
Gregory E. Knoke
Harvey Kubly
Virgil & Carol Leopold
Jerry & Lynn Lokken
John Marean
Douglas S. Mayer Transport
Mark & Lynn Mayer
Lauren & Lois Meinert
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Carol & Jon Rufenacht
Bill & Joan Schmid
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Jeanne & Greg Schwartzlow
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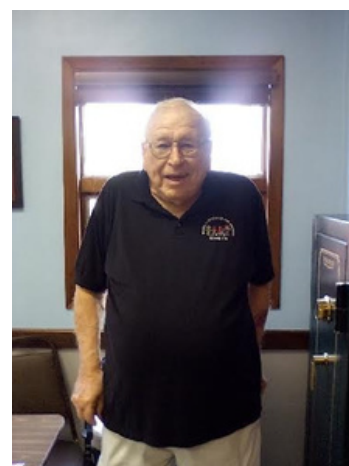
CHEESY NOTES FROM the DEBs

National Swiss Heritage Day, celebrated on August 1st, commemorates the founding of the Swiss Confederacy. This day is marked by various festivities that highlight Swiss culture, traditions, and national pride. The President of the Swiss Confederation often addresses the nation, emphasizing the importance of Swiss heritage. In lieu of the President of the Swiss Confederation, Steve Stettler, president of the National Historic Cheesemaking Center was the main speaker at an event held at the Hawks Mill winery in Browntown, Wisconsin.



Director Deb B. attended the dinner. Steve shared his “history” of cheesemaking and stories of his cheesy world travels.

Jim Glessner, past president of the National Historic Cheesemaking Center, celebrated his 90th birthday, Sunday, August 2nd. He was kind enough to have a donation box at the party and raised \$40.00 for the Center. Thank you Jim for always thinking of us. And, a very happy 90th birthday.



CHEESE DAYS UPDATES

Cheese Days will be here soon. The dates are Thursday through Sunday, September 17-20. The museum will be open, however we will not be giving tours. We need docents available in each of the three areas: Heritage Room, Museum, and Imobersteg Factory; to answer questions as people walk through. There will be no charge for visitors to the museum during Cheese Days. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED DURING CHEESE DAYS!!** If you are able to help, please call Deb B at 608-293-2396. Thank you.

On another note, many people have asked if the 2024 Cheese Days Celebration was awarded the record from the Guinness Book of World Records World’s Largest Polka Dance. They were, with 4000 dancers participating. It was a very hot and humid day. Assistant Director, Deb M. was there.

Our Green County cheesemakers were well represented at the Wisconsin State Fair. They took five 1st Place awards. Congratulations!

September 2026



Traditional Feta in Brine: Ron Buholzer; Klondike Cheese Co.



Havarti: Matt Henzi; Decatur Dairy Inc.



Buholzer Brothers Brick: Ron Buholzer; Klondike Cheese Co.



Queso Blanco: Andy Rufener; V&V Supremo Foods



Buholzer Brothers Dill Havarti: Steve Bechtolt; Klondike Cheese Co.

A Letter from Our President

Greetings Cheese History Buffs;

Man, September is knocking on the door. The weather is still warm and we are getting some moisture in Wisconsin! A good rain isn't bad, unless you are on a motorcycle.

Took a little jaunt on the motorcycles in August; got wet. It is amazing the responses you get when you bring a little cheese into a bar. Cheese does bring a smile, opens conversation and it seems everyone likes curd, Havarti, Aged Cheddar, Swiss, maybe any cheese you bring into a bar? Maybe not so much on the soft smeared side of things, but I like those cheeses and love watching people make some unusual faces! Cheese seems to be the ambassador.

Cheese Days in Monroe, Wisconsin is fast approaching. For us, seems like a lot of work, but it is kind of crazy, the people that come back and say hello and want to catch up, when going through the cheese tent. You get asked, "Do you sell more than you give out in samples?" Sometimes you wonder! That is part of the deal with being in the tent, you must sample and the people DO come for the samples. Sometimes the same people, every day. I am sure they just want to make sure they are getting the right cheese?

It is a good time for the local cheese companies to do some PR, get out new products and let people know what they have been up to.

The Cheese Days Grand Champion Cheesemaker is named during the weekend and that is an award that has been going on for years! Now the award is the highest average in a class by a cheesemaker with the same cheese each of the last two years of the Green County Fair Cheese Contest.

The Big Cheese Award is being given and that is the person or persons, that have contributed to and left their mark on the industry.

The bad thing about Cheese Days is we used to be the Swiss Cheese Capital in the country and now very little is made in the area. When I was a kid, Swiss Cheese played a big part in Cheese Days. People came to Green County for the Swiss Cheese.

Everyone seems to be busy in the cheese industry right now! You are damned either way, not enough orders, just getting by on orders, or you are swamped.

Then there is milk. Not enough, just getting by, or you are swimming in milk.

Did the Old Timers have this? maybe the wine eased the issues!!

With all the people coming into Monroe for Cheese Days. I am sure some will get Swiss-ified!!! Use your own judgement on the definition!!!

Cheese On! Steve

NATIONAL HISTORIC CHEESEMAKING CENTER

August 19, 2026

Proposed Amendments to By-Laws

Article VI Board of Directors

Change first sentence to read: The Board of Directors will consist of five officers and three to five staggered three-year terms all of which are elected from the general membership.

Article XIII Nominations and Elections

Change: current paragraph B will become paragraph E

Change: current paragraph C will now be paragraph F

Current Paragraph B shall read:

B. Both President and VP president will be nominated and elected to serve a one-year term with option to be nominated and elected to serve a second one-year term. The president and VP must be nominated and elected each of their terms at annual meeting in September.

1. The president and VP candidates can notify board or nominations committee if they are not able to fulfil their option to serve a second one-year term.

2. In the event the president is unable to fulfill their full term, the VP will assume the responsibilities of president until the next annual election. The VP slot would then remain vacant until the next annual election.

3. Should president and/or VP wish to step down from their position, but have not served a total of 6 years on board, per Article VI of by-laws, they can be appointed as Director At Large to serve what would remain of their 6-year term on board.

C. The immediate past president will serve one year as an honorary member of the board. They are to serve as an advisory capacity only.

a. They can vote in general meetings in their capacity.

b. They will not have executive voting privilege

D. Secretary and Treasurer will be nominated and elected to serve a one-year term. They can be nominated and re-elected to their position each successive year. Both secretary and treasurer can accept or decline the nomination each year. In this case the nominations committee can bring forward a new candidate to either position with the approval of general membership each September.

E. (former paragraph B) . The next sentence after the sentence ending with ...for a one-year term. Terms served need to be offset in order that only one board member is up for election at one time. The roster of board members shall reflect start date and end date for each term for each board member with a note of what term(s) they have served with terms they could be nominated and elected to next.

F. (is what used to be letter C) Leave as is

September 2026

Date		Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
9/3-6	GREETER	Carol R. ³	⁴ am & pm	⁵ __am & __pm	⁶ Diane K.	
	DOCENT	Jon R. Josie pm	Josie pm	John M.	Francisco O.	National Historic Cheesemaking Center Museum Hours 10-3 Thu-Sun
9/7-9	CLOSED					
9/10-13	GREETER	¹⁰ __am. __pm.	¹¹ __am. __pm.	¹² Matt F.	¹³ Charlotte H.	
	DOCENT	Pat S. Josie 1-3	Jim G. 11-3 Josie 1-3 pm	__am & __pm	Francisco O.	
9/14-16	CLOSED	PLEASE NOTE VOLUNTEERS FOR CHEESE DAYS Cheese Days 17-20				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?
9/17-20	GREETER	¹⁷ Lisa C.	¹⁸ __am & __pm	¹⁹ __am & __pm	²⁰ a.m. Lisa C. p.m.	
	DOCENT	Ernie G. Josie pm	Josie pm Pat S.	Ken Heritage Jim G. pm museum	Silvan B. factory Jo S. museum	
9/21-23	CLOSED					
9/24-27	GREETER	²⁴ Jeanne S. __	²⁵ Jeanne S.	²⁶ __am & __pm	²⁷ __am & __pm	Phone: Deb B 608.293.2396 Deb M 773.620.6475 NHCC 608.325.4636
	DOCENT	Kelly H. Josie pm	Josie pm	Jim G. 11-3	Francisco O.	
9/28-30	CLOSED					
10/1-4	GREETER	¹ __am & __pm	² __am & __pm	³ __am & __pm	⁴ __am & __pm	
	DOCENT	__am & __pm	__am & __pm	__am & __pm	Francisco O.	Email: nhccmuseum@ gmail.com

October 2026

Date		Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
10/1-4	GREETER	Carol R ¹	am & pm ²	am & pm ³	am & pm ⁴	
	DOCENT	Jon R	am & pm	am & pm	Francisco O.	National Historic Cheesemaking Center Museum Hours 10-3 Thu-Sun
10/5-7	CLOSED					
10/8-11	GREETER	Jeanne S. ⁸	Matt F. ⁹	am & pm ¹⁰	am & pm ¹¹	
	DOCENT	Mike & Deb H.	am & pm	am & pm	Franciso O.	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?
10/12-14	CLOSED					
10/15-18	GREETER	am & pm ¹⁵	am & pm ¹⁶	am & pm ¹⁷	am & pm ¹⁸	
	DOCENT	Ernie G. ¹⁵	Bob B. ¹⁶	am & pm ¹⁷	Francisco O. ¹⁸	Phone: Deb B 608.293.2396 Deb M 773.620.6475 NHCC 608.325.4636
10/19-21	CLOSED					
10/22-25	GREETER	Jeanne S. ²²	am & pm ²³	am & pm ²⁴	am & pm ²⁵	
	DOCENT	am & pm	am & pm	am & pm	Francisco O.	Email: nhccmuseum@ gmail.com
10/26-28	CLOSED					
10/29-31	GREETER	am & pm ²⁹	am & pm ³⁰	am & pm ³¹		
	DOCENT	am & pm	am & pm	am & pm		



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

NATIONAL HISTORIC CHEESEMAKING CENTER, INC.

2027

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.

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Monroe, WI 53566

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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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