



Women's Civic League of Portage, Inc.

Preserving our Heritage ~ Fostering Community Welfare

www.WomensCivicLeagueOfPortage.com

February 2018

Wine Making in Wisconsin



Shaun Lapacek is the owner and winemaker at **Rock N Wool Winery**. Shaun's intro into wine was as a wine purchaser for restaurants in Chicago.

Shaun's vision for **Rock N Wool Winery** was to create high quality Wisconsin wines using only grapes grown in Wisconsin. Shaun will speak about the hardships and differences of making wine with winter hardy grapes and about the future of Wisconsin Wineries if more winemakers do not also start using Wisconsin grapes.

He will be bringing a selection of wines for a tasting to follow his talk.

<http://www.rocknwoolwinery.com/>

Go Red for Women



We women sure know a lot of numbers by heart, like phone numbers, birthdays, pin numbers and passwords. But do you know the most critical numbers for your heart health? That knowledge could save your life.

That's why Go Red for Women and the Heart Truth are encouraging all women to schedule a visit with their doctor to learn their personal health numbers including **Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, Blood Sugar** and **Body Mass Index (BMI)** and asses their risk for heart disease and stroke.

It's time to learn the most critical numbers in YOUR life. Your heart depends upon it.

Learn more at: www.GoRedForWomen.org/know-your-numbers/

National Wear Red Day is February 2nd.

**Wednesday, February 14th
@ Dino's Restaurant**

**Social Hour: 11:30
Lunch: Noon**

Program to follow

Menu: Tuna melt, Cup of Soup, Cheesecake with cherries/whipped cream

Cost: \$14.00 (includes entrée, coffee & water, dessert, tax & tip. Ice tea, milk or soda an extra charge.

Reservations: Contact Pat Halasz (742-7233 or halasz53639@gmail.com) by Sunday, Feb. 10th.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Ladies of Civic League:

We thank **Mayor Rick Dodd and Steve Sobiek** for their thoughtful and informative update about the City of Portage. The membership did not disappoint in engaging our speakers with questions and opinions. That is what Civic League is all about. Thank you for your participation. Hope our members caught the great article and pictures of the meeting by Lyn Jerde in the Portage Daily Register. We do love publicity. Next month, bring your wine tasting buds to our February meeting and learn about wine making in our great State.

We were delighted to have many guests attending the January meeting, and welcome to our new members.

Soon we will start planning for Civic League activities for the 2018-2019 year (our new year starts June 2018). The Nominating Committee, consisting of our past Presidents, will be searching for candidates to fill some officer vacancies. We encourage members who wish to be considered to step forward. In addition, we are always encouraging members to become involved in chairing or volunteering to work on our many Committees. The dedication of our members and the contribution of talents are what keep Civic League a vital and engaged organization. Share your ideas for things you might like to see us do, and how you might like to become involved.

A new series will become an occasional part of your Civic League newsletter. It will be entitled **Heritage** and will honor long-standing members and their contributions. Judy Eulberg will highlight members who are no longer living but who played a significant role in our history. Nancy Wehlage will coordinate information on members who are no longer active but whose services to Civic League were considerable over the years. Judy and Nancy would appreciate your help with identifying members to be honored as well as your input on that member's service and contribution. We look forward to this addition.

Thank you for being a part of this great organization,

 Betty Kutzke

Additions and Corrections to the Membership Booklet

Add...

Kristin Considine	W11834 Cty Rd W	Baraboo, WI 53913	608-963-0137
Mary Lyn Hamm	N6848 Bobbi Rd	Pardeeville, WI 53954	608-697-1232
Ruth Owens	2560 Airport Rd Apt 12	Portage, WI 53901	608-345-9345

Change of Address....

Ruth Wolf 215 Northridge Dr, Apt 103 Portage, WI 53901

Valentine Party

Civic League's Valentine Party for Heritage House residents will be held on Tuesday, February 13th at 1:30 p.m. Set up will be at 12:45.

Mike and Holly Powers will provide the entertainment. Gifts provided by the membership of the Civic League will be given to each resident at the party. Some special gifts will be given also. Volunteers from the Civic League will be the hostesses. Cookies and punch will be provided. Gifts should be unwrapped/ the co-chairs of the event will wrap the gifts. Gifts can be brought to the club house by board members on January 31st which is the next board meeting, or dropped off at the house. *If needed Sally Lillie or Linda Wendt will pick up gifts at your home.* We do need the gifts by early February. Cookies can be dropped off at the Heritage House on the 13th after 12:30 p.m. We thank all of you for your contributions that make this party a success.

Gift Ideas

Note cards
Playing cards
Small lotions
Kleenex packs
Gum, Candy

Sally Lillie and Linda Wendt

New Member Moment

Meet Marianne Mueller

I have been married for 31 years to the love of my life, William. We have 3 girls who are working on their life journey. Our cat passed away at 16 years and we have a dog 12 years young. I have worked at Divine Savior Hospital for 21 years and am working on retiring when the husband will let me.

My husband and I have been able to enjoy life. Bowling on Saturdays, dancing on Tuesdays, friend of the Portage Library, woodworking, art, sewing, knitting and hiking. You can find me playing tennis at the Portage tennis courts during the summer and skiing at Cascade Mountain during the winter. I am hoping to get back into playing the violin someday.

I enjoy the Portage community and look forward to being a member of the Woman's Civic League.

Meet Kristin Considine

My family moved to Portage in 1976. I met my husband, Nathan Considine, when we were in 7th grade at Julia Rusch Junior High. In high school we were voted "Most Likely to Get Married" our Senior year. After getting my teaching degree from UW-Whitewater, we were married in 1992 and I moved to Iowa with him where he finished school at Palmer College of Chiropractic. We moved back to Portage in 1993, and currently reside in the Caledonia Bluffs, enjoying the beauty of the hills and country on a small hobby farm. Nathan and I are blessed with four children who we were able to homeschool for nine years. Camping at state and national parks has been a highlight over the years.

I am a member of Walnut Hill Bible Church in Baraboo where I helped with the AWANA program for 10 years and am currently on the women's ministry team. As a family we have hosted youth group hayrides/bonfires at our place for the past 17 years.

I am excited to be joining the Civic League where I hope to be a blessing with my time and look forward to meeting new people.

Welcome Marianne and Kristin!

December Drawings

Fostoria torte plate & Etched glass candy dish, Candy, cookies, wine, cocoa donated by Geraldine Kelly, Andi Rietmann won by Karen Riewe

Christmas door decoration, Black Cardinal apron donated by Judy Longfield, Jean Damm won by Dorothy Rice

Wine, Christmas cheese knife, Ribbon candy, 4 Christmas plates & 3 Stocking holders donated by Carolyn Buller, Nan Reholz, Judy Henrich, Rita Maass won by Helen Lantz

Set of 8 antique sherbet goblets & 8 wine glasses, Gold Christmas tree donated by Sandy Tills, Nan Reholz won by Nancy Wehlage

Christmas Basket donated by Tracy Cooper won by Doug Cibulka

Christmas Basket donated by Tracy Cooper won by Kathryn Crawford

Holiday Basket donated by Vickie Bortz won by Bobbi Goodman

Big Stuffed Snowman, Christmas card holder, Hand made Christmas cards, Snowman Christmas decoration donated by Nan Reholz, Kathy Crawford, Betty Carrington, Linda Wendt won by Clarice Rosing

Christmas quilt, Pewter Christmas candle holder donated by Peggy Nelson, Andi Rietmann won by Melody Taylor

Wooden Swan Sled, Wooden Angel, Willow Tree Angel donated by Nan Reholz, Pat Halasz won by Zelda Morrison

Ceramic cupcake dish, Ghiradelli candy basket, Snowflake dish, white ceramic basket, Crocheted lap afghan donated by Nan Reholz, Judy Henrich, Rita Maass, Andi Rietmann, Rita Ritacca won by Sally Lillie

Total collected \$221

Thank you so much to our wonderful and extremely generous members that donated all the items for the drawings and for purchasing tickets.

January 2018 Drawing

Demi tasse coffee set donated by Shirley Harty won by Vickie Bortz

Purse/hankies/hand cream/shop 'til you drop statue donated by Betty Hinkley/Karen Fisher/Judy Eulberg/Nan Reholz won by Betty Kutzke

Baby afghan/pewter frame/doll donated by Carolyn Buller/Andi Rietmann/Shirley Harty won by Joan Swift

Harpers Bazaar bag/loofah/spa slippers/Naked Bee pkg/Winter Candy Apple cream donated by Andi Rietmann/Judy Eulberg

Candle/mug/cake plate/2 books donated by Shirley Harty won by Dorothy Rice

Mystery- pewter bud vase donated by Ann Lee won by Bobbi Goodman

Total collected \$114

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in donations and buying tickets.