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- Wisconsin Bank & Trust
- Wisconsin Cheesemaker's Assn.
- Wis. Swiss & Limburger Producers
- Woodford State Bank
- Bruce G & Kathy Workman
- Gail and Chuck Zeitler



"Cheese Is Our Culture" tm

Culture, Curds, and Cheesey Chatter



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2020 is loaded with Cheese events!

*Stirring the kettle,
With President Jim*



With the new year comes all kinds of cheese related opportunities and events.

This year is the big Cheese Days celebration in Monroe this September. So I ask all our volunteers to put the dates on their calendars now as we will need lots of assistance at the Center those days.

And also two big events in the industry are just months away: First is the World Champion Cheese Contest which will be held in Madison at Monona Terrace Convention Center on March 3 to 5. This is always an exciting event and many of our cheesemaker members and many internationally will be competing. In 2018 3,402 entries from 26 countries were featured.

Then WCMA (Wisconsin Cheesemakers Association) holds its annual Cheese Expo, this year in Milwaukee April 14-16. This gathering of more than 4,000 cheese industry leaders, suppliers, and marketers is not to be missed.

This issue features photos from our annual Christmas party, a unbelievable gingerbread construction from Colony Brands, and director Donna's review of the 2019 year (Pages 6,7). Enjoy them.

And lastly, a personal note: your president suffered a mild stroke on New Year's Day, which is the reason this missive is a bit late. All is well, just some lingering weakness in the right leg.

Jim

REMINDER DATES

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| Feb. 12 | Executive Board, Turner Hall, 4:15 p.m. |
| Feb. 12 | NHCC Monthly meeting, Turner Hall, 5 p.m. |



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Thanks to Colony Brands Inc. for the printing of Culture



Below: National Historic Cheesemaking Center Museum Directors, Donna Douglas and Deborah Briggs, are shown accepting a \$2,329.20 check from Colony Brands Executives, John Bauman and Bob Erb.

ABOVE: Representatives from 29 area non-profit organizations were presented checks as part of Colony Brands 2019 Associate Donation Program. Permanent employees contribute to this fund throughout the year, donating a portion of their check to the Associate Donation Program. A total of \$144,539.94 was distributed on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019 at the Colony Brands Exploration Center, Monroe. John Bauman, retiring CEO of Colony Brands, and incoming CEO Bob Erb presented checks to the recipients.



Thank you to Colony Brands Associates and Colony Brands for your generous donation to our organization!

A HUGE thank you to our valued business members, who are listed here:

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Ace Chemical
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 Deborah and Bart Briggs
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To be listed here, donate a business membership!

Colony Brands Gingerbread Creation 2019



Merry Christmas

This beautiful holiday gingerbread barn
has been created by
Sharon Bari
From our Research and Development Department



NHCC Christmas 2019



NHCC Christmas Party 2019



GLANCING BACK 2019

- Ø **NHCC continues to grow each year with the financial support of our Sustaining Partners, Business Members and individual memberships.**
- Ø **A tribute to President Jim Glessner, the NHCC Board and committees for their leadership and guidance to our organization, supporting the many projects that have been completed this year.**
- Ø **Through the continuing support of our Master Cheesemakers and the entire cheese industry, NHCC has built a firm foundation on our rich cheesemaking heritage, passed down from the late 1800's to the present time.**
- Ø **Dairy Farmer of Wisconsin organization supplies NHCC with promotional materials throughout the year and we love to distribute the printed brochures in our "thank you" gift bags presented to visitors touring the cheesemaking museum.**
- Ø **We cherish the loyalty and friendships of 70 plus experienced and knowledgeable volunteers, that return year after year. We recognize that each volunteer is a valuable asset to our organization.**
- Ø **NHCC took "Our Show on the Road" again this year, that included the WCMA Cheese Industry Conference, Madison; Governor's Conference on Tourism; NHCC Educational display at "Breakfast on the Farm." Presentations to local civic groups and assisted living homes, provided NHCC with opportunities to tell the legacy of cheesemaking and the impact that it has on the county, state, and nation in today's world of cheese.**
- Ø **We now have the capability to view over 270 video interviews on YouTube, of cheesemakers and industry related business members filmed, that are now in our NHCC video library and preserved in our archives room.**
- Ø **Thank you to our NHCC video team, Don Sorn, Kevin Thome, Kevin Monahan, and Virgil Leopold for capturing our Master Cheesemakers and their factories on film for future generations to enjoy.**
- Ø **We are thankful for the support of Colony Brands and the Colony Brands Associates Employee Foundation designating NHCC as one of the recipients of a generous donation again this year, as they have donated the past several years to community non-profit organizations. We are most grateful for their continuing support to NHCC and the entire community.**
- Ø **We are also blessed to have Colony Brands print our monthly newsletter at no charge. This is a savings of approximately \$200 per month in black/white, or if it was printed in color the estimated cost would be \$300-400 per month!**

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- Ø Thrivent Financial accepted NHCC's grant application, that now allows Thrivent associates to designate "Choice Dollars" to our non-profit organization. Your generosity and financial support to NHCC is sincerely appreciated.
- Ø NHCC is grateful for the support of the Monroe Fund grant in the amount of \$1,500 toward the cost of installing an ADA approved railing and walkway on the west side of the Depot building. Several individual donations were also designated to assist in the construction of the new "handicap" ramp, providing safe exiting for our tour groups and visitors.
- Ø We have been the recipients of many donations, memorials, and financial support in 2019 that allows us to continue our mission at NHCC. Donations not earmarked for special projects are deposited in the National Historic Cheesemaking Center endowment fund.
- Ø A unique fundraising partnership with local Boy Scout Troop 180 and NHCC, creates a "win-win" partnership that allows financial successes for both organizations. Thank you to the many volunteers that dedicate their time and talents at our fundraising events.
- Ø Deborah Briggs, assistant director, brings skills and inspiration to NHCC and your executive director, Donna. She has assumed the management of the NHCC concession/fundraising trailer, and NHCC financial reports via Quick Books.
- Ø NHCC hosted international visitors from 20 countries in 2019! We did not achieve our goal of having all 50 states represented, but we are happy to say that visitors came from 45 states.
- Ø We are excited to announce that this year (2020) we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary at the National Historic Cheesemaking Center.
- Ø Thank you for contributing to the success and growth of the National Historic Cheesemaking Center.

Wishing You a Happy and Healthy 2020
Donna Douglas, Executive Director

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NATIONAL HISTORIC CHEESEMAKING CENTER, INC.

2020

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

The National Historic Cheesemaking Center, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of information and artifacts about the history of cheesemaking in America, extending back to the "old world."

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**NATIONAL HISTORIC CHEESEMAKING CENTER
MEETING MINUTES 1/8/2020**

Members Present: Donna Douglas, Deb Briggs, Henry Tschanz, Fritz Kopp, Jim Curran, Jim Huffman, Ken Klassey, Millie Stauffer, Dave Buholzer, Helen Locher, Steve Stettler, Anita Huffman

Call to Order: Past President Dave Buholzer called the meeting to order at 5:00PM in the absence of President Glessner and due to several of the agenda items.

Secretary's Report: Approved as printed in the newsletter. Motion: Fritz, Second, Ken. C.

Treasurer's Report: Deb presented a positive report. Noted was the Direct Public Support donation received from Colony Brands of \$2,329.20. Motion to approve: Henry, Second, Ken. C.

Director's Report: Donna will include her report in the January newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Archival/Displays: Fritz reported they did not meet in December, but are now meeting every two weeks.

Bldg & Grounds: Fritz has fumigated for spiders. He also recommended that new motion detector lights be installed above the doors. Motion by Jim H., Second by Ken, for Fritz to get two bids for new lights and report at the February meeting. C.

Fundraising: Deb had nothing new to report.

Membership: Fritz thanked members who have paid and encouraged others to do so. **Sunshine:** Millie sent three cards in November and one on December, and asks that members keep her informed of anyone she should be remembering.

Video Interviews: Still looking for a videographer. Steve will talk to Kevin Thome who has been working on interviews.

Website: Deb said the sustaining partners have been updated on the site.

Unfinished Business:

25th Anniversary Committee: Millie said they will meet this month and have some ideas.

Website Contract Approval: Dave mentioned a number of update features that would be desirable. Ken also had questions and suggestions. Kacey Kaderly had presented to the board in November, and quoted \$2,500 for update work on the site. Motion by Jim H., second by Steve to go ahead and work on a contract with him. C.

Website Changes & Updates: Members discussed ideas of what needs to change. Steve suggested that a committee be formed to work with Kasey.

New Business:

Coca Cola Stock: Donna requested selling the four shares held. Motion by Fritz, Second by Jim H. to sell the shares. C.

Volunteer Coordinator Replacement: There was lengthy discussion of possible changes such as pre-set tour times, self-guided tours, etc. It was noted that a coordinator would still be needed .

Cheesemaking Day 2021 & Beyond: Dates need to be checked for conflicting events and the cheesemakers need to be consulted about changes.

Needs & Wants: Donna said most have been covered and a new list will be made.

Mission Statement: Fritz shared suggestions for "tweaking" the Mission Statement.

Stirring the Kettle: Nothing in Jim's absence

Members Concerns: None

Round Robin: No additions

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, Henry, Second, Millie. C. Meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

Respectfully submitted: Anita M. Huffman

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



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