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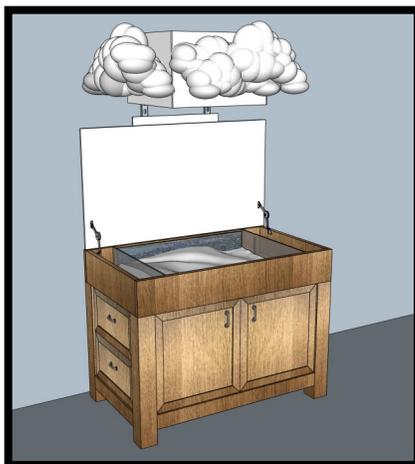
NEW TECH AT THE PORT EXPLOREUM

With the *Port Exploreum* closed until late spring comes the opportunity to enhance the experience of visitors and school groups once it reopens. We're taking this quiet time to move in new interactive exhibits, replace worn-out technology and repair what is broken. Here's what you will discover when you visit this June.

When the Lake Michigan Table was introduced six years ago, visitors marveled at its use of technology. Watching live feeds from NOAA showing Lake Michigan wave heights, wind currents, cloud cover and water temperature projected from above onto an eight-foot three-dimensional table was very cool. And even better was learning that the touch of one's finger on the table surface could reveal the real-time position and speed of freighters sailing on the lake. Another touch would open up a video showing a shipwreck resting on the bottom. In all, there were over 50 windows that, when opened, told the story of the lake's history and maritime environment. When the sensors, projector and computer worked in harmony, it was fabulous.

However, when they didn't, it became a source of frustration for visitors. The sensors could be distracted by one leaning too far over the table, by reflective jewelry or by many rapid taps of a finger. If the table was moved slightly off its mark, it went out of alignment, requiring recalibration. Lastly, the sensors have deteriorated over the last six years.

So, it is time to replace the current projector-based table with a 65" touch table; think of it as a giant iPhone. It will be more responsive, stable and easier to interact with. The



Virtual water table

video content will be dynamic and easier to see, plus audio can easily be incorporated. Also, we will be updating some of the current content and adding another video.

Two more interactive exhibits are being added. First is the Virtual Water Table, which will play an important role with school-class visits. It is a captivating hands-on resource for learning about topography, erosion and watersheds.

For those of you who saw the *Murmurs from the Deep* exhibit in 2019, you may have explored the shipwreck exhibit on loan from the Wisconsin Historical Society. Now, through the generosity of one of our vendors, Digital Design Services, a duplicate exhibit has been installed at the *Port Exploreum*.

Lastly, on the Maritime Level, we plan to update the videos in the four dive helmets and add a new video to the Porthole Exhibit.

Bill Moren

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President's Message

Dear Members,

Thank you all for assisting the *Port Washington Historical Society* through this difficult pandemic. Your assistance truly has been amazing and appreciated. With vaccinations offered to everyone who is eligible and becoming more available and prevalent, I am glad that this coming spring and summer we are able to reopen our *Port Exploreum, Resource Center* and the *1860 Light Station* to the public. In the mean-

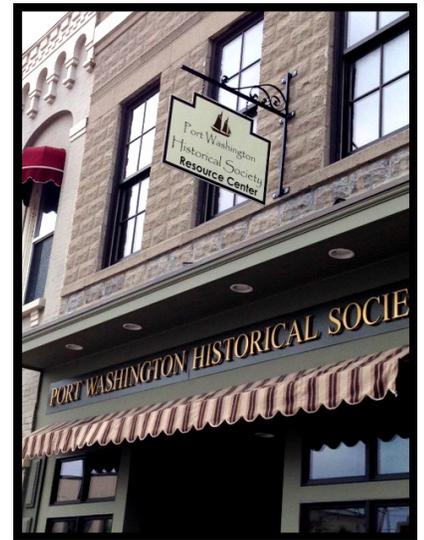


time, please check out our new website with the same link as before, pwhistory.org, and surf it to see what is going on in the coming months.

The Society is also looking for volunteers to help out at all three locations. If you are interested in volunteering and learning more about how to accomplish it, please do not hesitate to contact Dawn St. George at edporthist@gmail.com or call 262-284-2406.

Best regards to everyone.

James J. Pauly, President
 Port Washington Historical Society



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The *Society* is looking for volunteers to help at the *Port Exploreum*, the *Research Center* (especially during the Saturday open hours) and the *1860 Light Station*. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dawn St. George at edporthist@gmail.com or 262-284-2406.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AS WE MARK 30 YEARS

The *Port Washington Historical Society* cordially invites you to join in the festivities to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Your 2021 GALA experience will include an online auction opening Thursday, June 17.

We're planning a Virtual Celebration and Paddle Raise/Reverse Auction Event for the evening of June 24. But we're hoping, (fingers crossed) as that date approaches, that we can ask you to join us in person at the *Port Exploreum* as we raise our glasses and toast the successes of 30 years!

The funds raised through our 2021 GALA are vitally important as we reopen the doors after the challenges of the pandemic. We so look forward to the possibility of seeing you in June! We thank the Port Washington State Bank for their generosity in returning as the Presenting Sponsor.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Over the past few months, we've been working towards reopening. We're excited to say our doors will be open Memorial Day weekend at the *Port Exploream*; June 3 at the *Resource Center*, and June 18 for private tours at the *1860 Light Station*. You can read more on the reopenings throughout this newsletter.

Since we are marking our 30th anniversary this year, we have themed our 2021 Gala to that milestone. Our fingers are crossed that if in the next few months the outlook for larger gatherings continues to improve, we will be able to celebrate with you on the evening of Thursday, June 24, at the *Port Exploream*. The silent auction will still be held online beginning the week before. The Gala Committee is out and about actively seeking auction items. Please contact us if you have a donation for the auction. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

We launched a new website in early April. If you haven't done so already, you can check it out at pwhistory.org. Once there, you can see our new program of-

ferings and be able to register for them online. The new website makes it easier to renew your membership too! Be sure to renew before you register as all the upcoming programs are free to members.

We are saddened that we are unable to display our restored lifeboat at the *1860 Light Station* this summer. But conducting a Phase I archaeological survey before we disturb the ground for the installation of a concrete pad that the boat will rest upon, will put us in compliance with Historic Place regulations. We'll let you know more about that in our emails as it happens in the upcoming months.

Finally, we are also saddened by the loss of our dear friend and colleague, Ann Flierl, and community banker, Frank Metz. Thank you to all who miss them and made a donation to the *Port Washington Historical Society* in their memory.

Dawn St. George
Executive Director

PORT EXPLOREUM REPORT

The summer of 2021 marks the return of the PWH Speaker Series. Our guest speakers are all authors and will be bringing their publications to life at the *Port Exploream*.

On Thursday evening, August 12, Doug Hoverson will recount the stories of Wisconsin's rich brewing history. Going beyond the giants like Miller, Schlitz and Pabst that loom large in the state's brewing renown, Hoverson delves into the stories of the hundreds of small breweries started by immigrants and entrepreneurs including the brewing industry of Port Washington.

Did you miss the wonderful Paul Timm presentation and book signing of *The Lost Lady; The Lady Elgin Tragedy* in January? On Thursday evening, September 16, Paul Timm (pen name Paul Hollander) will make a return engagement to share the true story of a disaster that led to the greatest loss of life on the waters of the Great Lakes. His book is a tribute to the heroes and all those who perished on that fateful night.

On Saturday, September 25, join award-winning author Barb Joosse as she reads from her new children's book, *The Fishermen, the Horse, and the Sea* illustrated by Renée Graef. The book is based on a true story of a dramatic rescue on Lake Michigan.

On Thursday evening, October 7, Jim Draeger, author of *Bottoms Up: A Toast to Wisconsin's Historic Bars and Breweries*, will close the Port Washington State Bank sponsored exhibit *Port Washington's Brew-*

ing History: A Long Tradition with stories of Wisconsin's tavern culture.

Free admission to the Speaker Series is a member benefit, but registration is required. Memberships are available online. Admission for nonmembers is \$5.00. Join, register or purchase tickets at www.pwhistory.org. Tickets are limited due to space. Book signings will follow all presentations.

Dawn St. George
Executive Director

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

Mary Buser and Christopher Arendt
Lynn Cosentine
Carol Jarosz
Bonnie Knaub
Ken and Pat Kozak
Ronald Paradeis
Barbara and Gene Wengert

1860 LIGHT STATION REPORT

Plans for the spring/summer season at the *1860 Light Station* have been finalized.

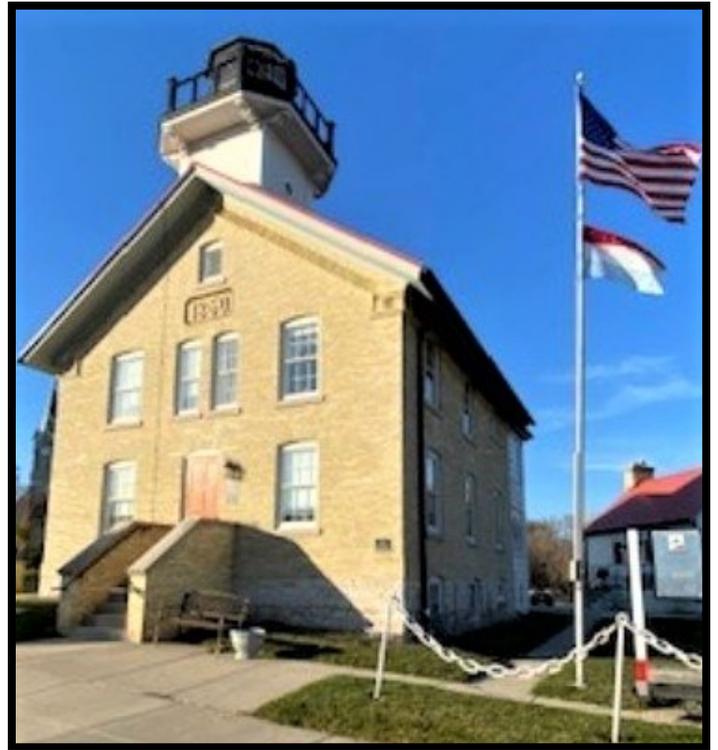
We will be offering private tours on Fridays from June 18 to August 13. These private tours, as are all tours, will be limited to six people at a time. To arrange a private tour, the interested party must call the *Port Exploreum* at 262-284-2406 to finalize the date and time. We will try to accommodate all interested parties to make it a pleasant experience.

Previously, we announced that we were trying to schedule the opening around the construction of the new shelter for the *SS Milwaukee* lifeboat. Unfortunately, due to some previously-unknown government regulations, the project had to be postponed and the Board of Directors is currently looking at all options regarding the building of the lifeboat shelter.

We have a great group of volunteers on board this year, and we are looking forward to a successful season of showing our visitors one of Port Washington's greatest tourist attractions.

Opening date: Saturday, July 10, 2021
 Days open: Saturdays and Sundays
 Hours open: 12:00pm – 3:00pm
 Closing date: Sunday, August 15, 2021

Pat Curtiss, 1860 Light Station



1860 Light Station

LIFEBOAT FROM THE S.S. MILWAUKEE

In 2002 the Port Washington Historical Society acquired a lifeboat from the ill-fated car ferry *S.S. Milwaukee*, which sank on October 22, 1929. The lifeboat, recovered along the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, was donated by Robert Manglitz, President of Lake Michigan Car Ferry Company and former owner of the Lake Michigan car ferry *S.S. Badger*.

There were no survivors among the 52 crew members of the *S.S. Milwaukee*. Two lifeboats were recovered across the lake, one in Grand Haven and the other near St. Joseph, MI. One of the lifeboats contained the bodies of four crew members who had escaped the sinking but succumbed to hypothermia. The final resting spot of



S.S. Milwaukee lifeboat before restoration

the *S.S. Milwaukee* remained a mystery until 1972 when she was located in 120 feet of water, three miles offshore, directly east of Capitol Drive in Shorewood, WI. The *S.S. Milwaukee* had a cargo of 25 loaded freight cars and was bound for New Haven, MI. In spite of bad weather warnings, the captain chose to head out of Milwaukee, WI, in the mid-afternoon, straight into the gale.

It has been the general consensus that some of the freight cars broke free and smashed into the hull, damaging the sea gate, which allowed water to pour in, sending the vessel to the bottom of Lake Michigan. Several bodies, including that of Captain McKay, as

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WHAT'S UP AT THE RESOURCE CENTER?

This past year has been a difficult one with exhibits and for volunteers. Recognizing that the numbers of visitors have been limited and the building closed for months, it has been determined that exhibits from 2020 will be carried forward to the spring of 2022. The *Resource Center* will open to the public on June 3 with the exhibits *Celebrating the Port Washington Woman's Club* and *Sailing Vessels and Their Lights*. The latter is an exhibit that features many of the extraordinary navi-

gational lights from the Bienlein/Burke Collection. Volunteers are being sought to greet visitors on Saturdays so that the *Resource Center* and its exhibits can be open to the public after June 3. Please contact the office at 262-268-9150 or portwashhistsoc@att.net if you can help.

*Jackie Oleson and Geri Zehren
Resource Center Managers*

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well as debris from the wreck, were found as far south as Kenosha, WI.

Since its acquisition by the *Port Washington Historical Society* in 2002, efforts have been made to try to protect and maintain the lifeboat. In 2018, a decision was made to mount a restoration of the lifeboat and provide a permanent structure to protect the vessel. In 2019, a most generous donation was given in the name of Marshall and Edith Moeser to cover the restoration and construction costs. In the spring of 2019, the lifeboat was moved to Sturgeon Bay for repair and restoration by Calibre Boat Repair. The aluminum davits, which help display the lifeboat, were constructed by Doug's Custom Welding, also in Sturgeon Bay. The lifeboat returned in the fall of 2019 and went into storage until a shelter can be constructed.

Through deliberations with the City of Port Washington and various architects, a shelter plan was decided upon in 2020. Architect Mike Ehrlich created an open design shelter to be built on the east side of the *1860 Light Station* grounds where visitors will be able to walk around to view the lifeboat from all sides. New signage will detail not only the lifeboat but the other parts of the *1860 Light Station* story.



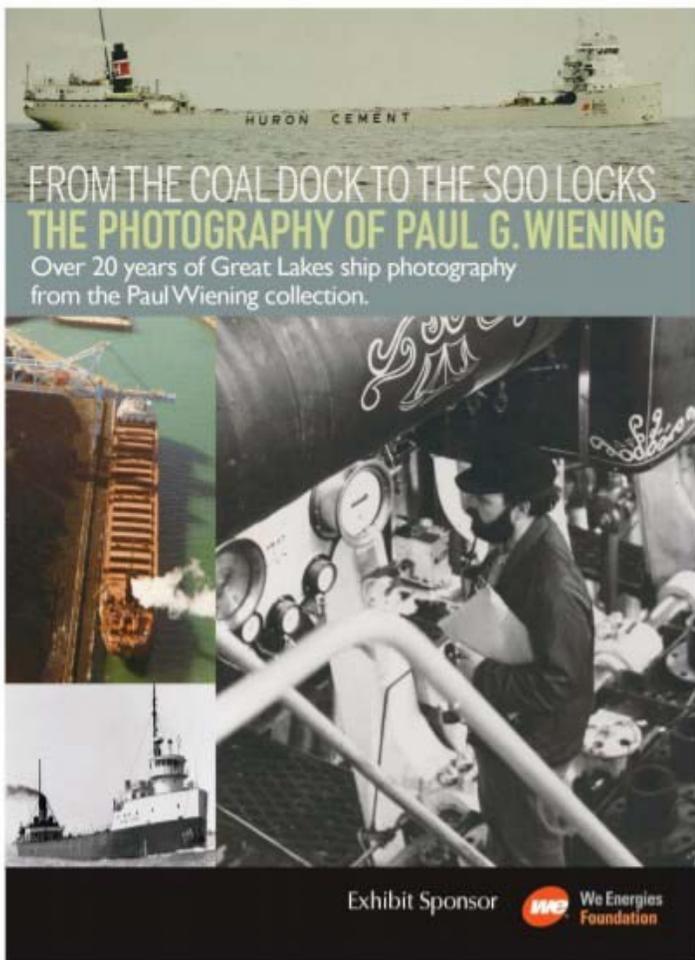
Lifeboat bow after restoration



After restoration

It was hoped that construction would begin in May and be completed for the opening of the Light Station in July. That construction has now been put on hold as questions have been raised in regard to ascertaining what effect changes will have on the property. The Light Station property is on the State of Wisconsin and the National Registers of Historic Places, so therefore there is an obligation to comply with federal and state standards. What this means is that the Society will need to conduct a Phase 1 archaeological survey to determine the presence or absence of archaeological resources within the project area. Efforts will go forward to find a suitable solution to bring this marvelous piece of lake history to where the public can enjoy the story behind the lifeboat of the *S.S. Milwaukee*.

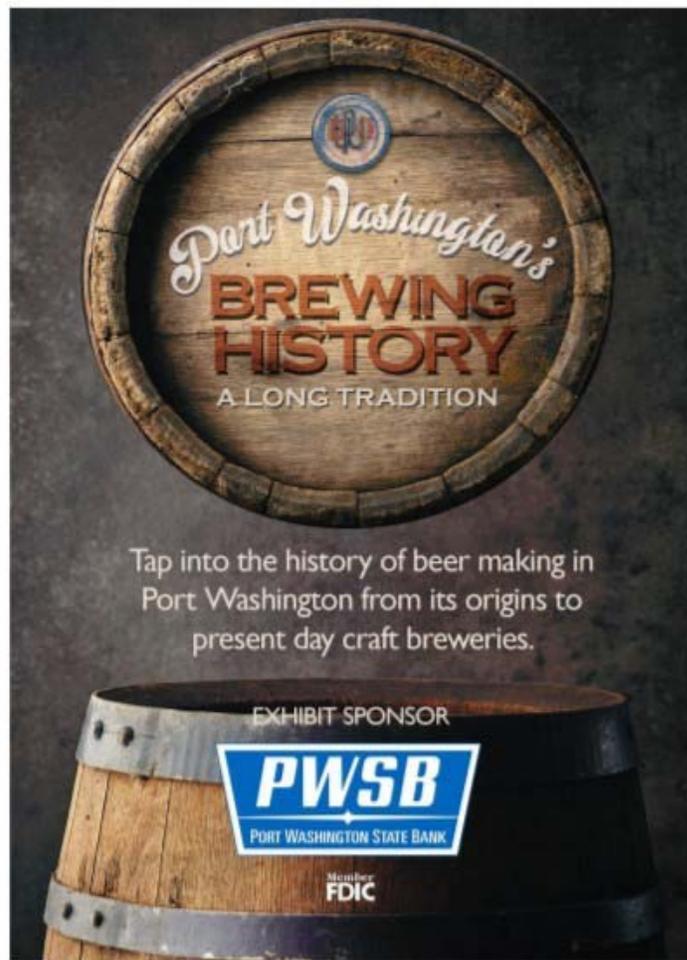
*Jackie Oleson
Resource Center Manager*



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ARE YOU SPRING CLEANING OR REORGANIZING?

With spring upon us, you may be going through closets, basements or maybe changing residences and find yourself with items of Port Washington's history. Business items, pamphlets, diaries, scrapbooks, letters and photographs are just some of the items that would help to tell of the many stories of Port Washington and its residents. Items that are suitable to be photocopied with the original remaining with the donor can be accommodated.

Maritime items reflecting the history of the Lake Michigan area are also of interest.

If your item is of value as local history, and falls within the collection policies of the *Port Washington Historical Society*, we will be delighted to add your item to our *Society* collections. Please contact PWHS at 262-268-9150 or portwashhistsoc@att.net.

IN MEMORIAM

Ann Flierl

In the months since the passing of Ann Flierl on February 5, the *Historical Society* has received an outpouring of tributes in respect and admiration of the life she lived. Ann was so much more than a volunteer to the *Society*. She was someone who was always there to



Ann Flierl

serve in many capacities. Ann served as President of the *Historical Society* three separate times and later served as Secretary. In 1996, Ann helped negotiate the lease with the City for the *1860 Light Station*. She became deeply involved with the restoration of the building and seeing that it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. During one of her Presidencies, Ann facilitated the Luxembourg Society's offer to rebuild the tower of the *1860 Light Station*, subsequently entertaining dignitaries from Luxembourg who attended the tower's dedication.

Throughout her many years of service, Ann was an inspiration to all volunteers. Ann, you are dearly missed and continue to remain in our hearts.

Frank Metz

Frank Metz passed away on Wednesday, March 31, 2021. He started his career with Price Waterhouse before joining Simplicity Manufacturing as controller, at the request of his mentor Bill Niederkorn. In 1971, he joined Port Washington State Bank serving as Executive Vice President, CFO and Trust Officer before retiring in 2000.

We recognize Frank Metz for his generous spirit, kind mannerisms, family and service to many area organizations, including the *Port Washington Historical Society*.

SEASONAL HOURS

Port Explorem

118 North Franklin Street

May 28—August 29

Friday—Monday: 11am to 4pm

September 4—October 17

Saturday and Sunday: 11am to 4pm

Phone: 262-284-2406

Resource Center

205 North Franklin Street

Monday and Thursday Year Round

1pm to 4pm

June—September Additional hours

Friday: 1pm to 4pm

Saturday: 10am to 2pm

Phone: 262-268-9150

1860 Light Station

311 Johnson Street

July 10—August 15

Saturday and Sunday: 12pm to 3pm

June 18—August 13 Private Tours

Friday only (notice needed a week in advance)

IN MEMORIAM

*Ann Flierl
Frank Metz*

Port Washington Historical Society's Mission Statement

To create opportunities for inspirational discovery through preservation, education and exploration of the Port Washington area's history and its maritime environment.

FROM THE DEPTHS OF LAKE MICHIGAN

In March, the *Resource Center* received a package and letter from Douglas Smith, son of Daniel H. Smith. In the carefully packed box, we found a strange looking beige object that Smith described in the accompanying letter as a Lake Michigan reef stone found by fishermen off Port Washington.

Online research for Lake Michigan reef stone revealed some sites that described Petoskey Stone and others, but the images did not look like the one in the box. The following is an excerpt from the letter that Smith sent with the box.



Reef stone found by fishermen in Lake Michigan

“I don’t know at what depth or when it was brought up in a net but Fishermen (according to Dan) were a bit surprised that the reef was made of limestone.

Back in 1978, Smith Bros provides the UW-Madison Limnology and Fish experts with reef spawning data & locations (approx) depths & # of fish caught. The scientists were searching for reef to plant salmon & trout minnows ... to restore their natural breeding ground. At first, they made the huge mistake of planting Pacific Coast King (or Coho as we know them there). King Salmon spawn in shallow waters so they chose Sauk Creek, whose mouth was near the Wisconsin Electric water discharge. However, Salmon prefer colder water. They returned back to the creek and would try swimming upstream to the area around the Athletic Field where they wound up stranded in shallow pools. While that gave us boys lots of fun catching huge Salmon & trout during and after Track Practice, it was spectacularly unsuccessful.

The idea of planting the seedling fish on a formerly productive reef southeast of PW was floated by Bert Smith who was working with Fishery Historians at that time. I was involved too, at least in doing legwork getting the spawning records data back to the early 20th Century (1920’s or so). Fishermen kept those logs secret from each other, but locations on the lake were guesstimated & based on landmarks on the shore. They had no radios or GPS of course so they often shared information after they had a big catch. They would record the number of females full of eggs and the exact dates and location of each species.

I’d love to share more info with, but at least this story is one you can tell kids who are staring at an old piece of Limestone Reef from the bottom of Lake Michigan (probably at 200ft est or so depth?).

This is a gift from my father Dan S’s storage locker in FL. Please accept it as a donation & future exhibit.”

Dawn St. George, the *Society’s* Executive Director, upon seeing and learning about this donation indicated that the reef stone will be on exhibit in a glass case on the first floor of the *Port Exploreum* after it is opened Memorial Day.

Needing to learn more about this interesting object

we consulted Rick Schlereth, retired Math Science teacher from Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 1974-2005. After investigating the reef stone he among other things thought it to be of the Silurian or Ordovician Period—before dinosaurs. That aroused my interest in

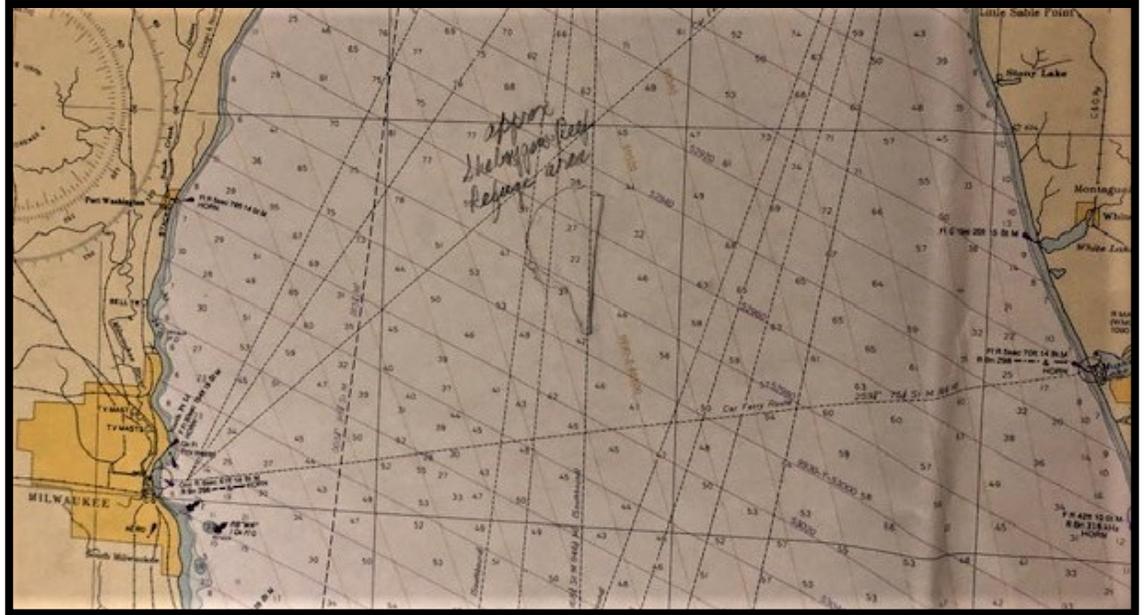
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finding out more.

To make a long story short, 443-495 million years ago tropical seas covered much of the state depositing carbonate mud, sand, silt and mud. This became limestone containing various fossils. Milwaukee is built on such a reef. The Milwaukee Public Museum has much information and an exhibit about it.

The first ancient reef described in North America and in the world in 1804 was the Wauwatosa Reef found by John Shoonmaker (Shoonmaker Rock), claimed to be 425 million years old. There is a perfect example of reef stone in Grafton, Wisconsin, at Lime Kiln Park.



Reef location in Lake Michigan

Mary Flierl

Give From Your IRA (No Matter Your Age)

An IRA is an appealing way to save for retirement. Make a contribution and enjoy tax savings. But eventually that tax bill comes due - when you take your annual distributions and again when you leave your assets to heirs.

If you want to avoid the tax bite and make a positive impact on our mission, please consider a gift to the Port Washington Historical Society from your IRA. There are two easy ways to do this.

Magnify Your Impact Long-Term

Regardless of your age, you can give from your IRA by naming the Historical Society as a beneficiary of your account. This is a great option for extending support from your IRA beyond your lifetime.

Here's how:

- Decide what percentage (1-100) you would like the Port Washington Historical Society to receive.
- Contact your IRA administrator for a change-of-beneficiary form, or simply download a form from your provider's website.
- Name the Historical Society and the gift percentage on the form.
- Return the form to your IRA administrator.
- Let us know about your plans so we can thank you.

Make Your Impact Today

If you are age 70-1/2 or older, you can use the IRA charitable rollover to make a tax-free gift to the Historical Society. The law allows you to transfer any amount up to \$100,000 annually directly to a qualified organization without paying income tax on the distribution. Additional benefits include:

- You will see the difference you're making today.
- Your direct transfer doesn't generate taxable income or a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you don't itemize your tax deductions.
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WWII EXHIBIT

Do you have letters, photographs, documents, or personal items that you could lend the *Port Washington Historical Society* for a WWII exhibit we are planning for 2022? Eighty years later we wish to recognize that period of time that touched the families of Port Washington in all aspects of life. An exhibit at the *Port Exploreum* is being planned for the spring of 2022. Please contact us at 262-268-9150 or portwashistsoc@att.net if you have items that we might borrow or photocopy.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LIBRARY

The W.J. Niederkorn Library is launching a summer reading program. The *Port Page Turners* will be reflective of traditional summer reading programs with opportunities to earn prizes and coupons. The *Port Washington Historical Society* is offering free admission to the *Port Exploreum* or the *1860 Light Station* for readers who reach certain reading goals. We are excited to partner with the Niederkorn Library.



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Upcoming Events

REOPENING SOON!

Reopening of the *Port Exploreum*

Friday, May 28: 11am to 4pm

Reopening of the *Resource Center*

Thursday, June 3: 1pm to 4pm

Online Silent Auction Opens for 2021 Gala

Thursday, June 17

1860 Light Station Private Tours Begin

Friday, June 18
 Fridays only—By appointment only

2021 Gala: Marking Our 30th Anniversary

Thursday, June 24: Online and In-Person
Port Explorerum

Resumption of *1860 Light Station* Tours

Saturday, July 10: 12pm to 3pm

Speaker Series: Douglas Hoverson

Thursday, August 12: 7pm
Port Explorerum

Night at the Light

Sunday, August 15: 5:30pm until sunset
1860 Light Station

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 events, click here to visit:

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