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Next meeting:
WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 12TH 2025

7:00 PM – New Berlin Ale House
16000 West Cleveland Avenue
New Berlin, WI 52151



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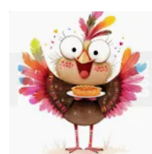
Come enjoy the last meeting of 2025

*Where does the time go? Seems like just yesterday we
 were kicking off the year with January and here we are
 tumbling head over knickers into the end of the year.*

Grab a friend

and

come to the meeting!



NOVEMBER PRESENTATIONS

- **CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS**
By Cathy Dailey
 - Created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a New Deal Program that provided jobs for unemployed single men during the Great Depression.
 - From 1933 to 1942, the CCC enrolled more than three million men ranging in age from 18 to 25 years.
 - It's estimated that during its nine years of operation, there were over 4,500 camps across the country.
 - Join us for a discussion on this work relief program that helped conserve and improve America's public lands, forests and parks while addressing the nation's high unemployment level.
 - Cathy will help us discover the men, their projects and their lasting legacies.
- **WHERE WE ARE-AI & GENEALOGY**
By Randy Ray
 - Where we are and where we're going with AI in Genealogy is what Randy will help us discover.
 - The features, possibilities of, and how to use a few of the formats out there.
 - Including ChatGTP, Google Gemini and the Family Search Labs Experiment.
 - Many similarities between formats, but Randy will be sure to give a confidence

growing introduction to step your toe into the AI pool.



OCTOBER MEETING RECAP

WHAT A TREAT SHOW & TELL TURNED OUT TO BE FOR 2025

- ***The Lady In The Hat***

By Linda Murphy

- Linda's Great Grandparents' wedding picture gave us a glimpse into the life of the pioneering couple.
- The documents that reflect a small knit community when the death certificate has family as the reporter, doctor certifying and town clerk filing.
- The bride is the lady in the hat. Beautiful dome glass frame highlighting a sophisticated couple with colorization and hand painted highlights.

- ***Researching Mystery Photos***

By Bob Miller

- Bob did an immense amount of research to decipher an old family "porch picture".
- When family told him "We'll never know who everyone is because they are all dead", Bob took it as a super challenge and he was determined to figure out as many people as he could.
- Utilizing all his normal tools, he also incorporated sources like plat maps, city directories and newspaper articles to figure out all the relations in the picture.
- Bob never gave up and what a great story of unfolding discoveries. Great job Bob!

- ***Another Murder In The Family***

By Sam Colon

- What an incredible story Sam and his beautiful wife brought to share!

- A relative of Sam's wife was murdered by happenstance, bad timing and a housewife's greed, misplaced pride and lies.
- Years of research went into the massive binder that was brought documenting all the extremely strange twists and turns in this journey. Far more than just the initial tragedy.
- Truly fascinating and should be turned into a movie! Great job Sam presenting your wife's passionate recounting and loads of discovery.

- ***Are Hobbies Hereditary?***

By Debbie Bluett

- Debbie brought several beautiful examples of hobbies that her Grandma and Mom created over the years. She had us pondering over where the creative muscles develop from and artistic juices start flowing.
- Gorgeous treasures showed her talent and that of the women in her life. Beautiful Irish blanket, sweet Irish blessing of needlework.
- Expertly crafted pieces of decoupage including a basket purse, special tray, pictures of a stunning vase and more, all made with care and love. One of the ladies is even a member of the National Guild of Découpeurs (NGD).
- We don't know if it is hereditary, but enjoying the same skills in each other as you admire a loved one's craft process is heartwarming.
- Great job Debbie!

- ***Old Letters From Home***

By Randy Ray

- Sometimes you run across a real gem, and it only gets better. That's what Randy brought in for show & tell.
- Randy had letters from his 4x Great Grandfather that were from 1825 with communication from military field to family back home. So kindly

worded and posted with love and a sincere wish for connection.

- Other letters covered family communication truly missing family connection. Updates are brief and looking to get general catch-up information but bluntly expressed it felt very one-sided.
 - The letters are peeks into the unknown new world of America and pleading to hear if it is better over there and “can we come make a better living over there?”
 - These letters helped set in place many more family members for Randy. Beautiful job Randy!
- ***New Animations Of Old Pictures***
By Bob Heck
 - Bob shared several examples what can be done to bring photos to life – literally.
 - Few years ago, Bob animated his Grandfather with AI, from a still-photo and predicted within a year, words and script would be able to animate even better. He did a story that showed exactly what he had predicted.
 - He had charming examples of his brother and their dog Tiny giggling on top of a dresser when he was little, his brother smiling now on his current mission greeting all the Honor flights.
 - He also had an example of how AI can sometimes not be completely accurate. He took a still of he and his beautiful wife, made them dance then play in the rain. Poor Mrs. Heck’s body spun one way, and her head spun the other. Luckily, she stayed all together.
 - Bob finished up with an AI enhanced video of Thanksgiving with the family and predicts ... smellovision may be next. I could smell the pumpkin pie! Fantastic job Bob!

MUSINGS & MUTTERINGS:

- As the year starts winding down, do the things you put off until now.
- Write the family newsletter to send out with cards.
- Go see your favorite places before the icy glaze covers the areas.
- Eat the cake, call the friend, start the new thing.
- In December’s newsletter here, I will be featuring some info about Steering Committee members so stay tuned.
- Enjoy what 2025 has brought into your life and look forward to great things and what you can do in 2026.

OCTOBER meeting attendance

27

LET’S TALK MPAFUG! 2026



Steering Committee is already busy planning meeting topics for 2026 and would like your help.

This group is your group.

- Are there suggestions on your mind that we should incorporate?
- What research do you want to know more about?
- Would you be interested in:
 - Guest speakers?
 - Demonstrations?
 - Workshops?

- Q&A sessions with Bob and Randy?
- Would you like to be a speaker?

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU! **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Membership in MPAFUG is open to anyone interested in learning more about computer genealogy.

\$12 – the cost per calendar year membership that covers individual and family

Please send a check for \$12.00 made payable to MPAFUG or bring to the next meeting:

Include: name, address, email & phone number.

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The Family Search Center

9600 West Grange Avenue, Hales Corners

The Family Search Center Library hours:

Tuesday: 8:30AM – 3:30PM

Wednesday: 8:30AM – 12 Noon

Thursday: 8:30AM – 3:30PM and
6:30PM – 9:00PM

Saturday: 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Enter at the main doors facing West Grange Avenue and follow the signs to the library.

On Thursday evenings, Bob Heck and Randy Ray are the volunteers on duty who will assist you in your research.

For some extra special help from May through September, Cheryl Heck is there to help you. Cheryl is LDS Mormon and is the expert in the Family Search website and LDS issues.

There are numerous portal systems available for free use at the center.

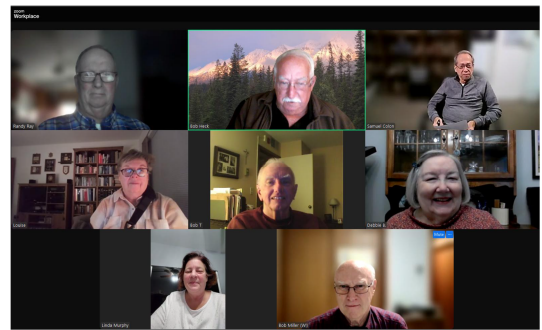
Come enjoy this resource!

MPAFUG KEY INFORMATION

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bob Heck	Jane Orne	Randy Ray
Bob Miller	John Canapa	Sam Colon
Bob		Steve
Tatalovich	Linda Murphy	Gulgowski
	Merilyn	
Debbie Bluett	Romani	

Steering committee meetings are held via Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month except in December. The Steering Committee is an informal group of members who get together to plan topics for future meetings.



If you would like to make a presentation or have a suggestion for a meeting topic

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