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## SPRING DINNER

Please join us at the Stone Lake Fire Department on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM for the annual Spring Dinner. This year we are having the “first picnic” of the summer with delicious pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, and, of course, the scrumptious dessert bar! This is a great time to come out of hibernation and visit with old friends! This event is an important fund raiser for the museum.

## MANY VISITORS SEEKING INFORMATION VISITED MUSEUM IN 2017

These visitors were seeking information on their families: Paul Winter, whose great uncle Charles Winter was the subject of the 82 glass negatives donated to the museum; Helen Peter’s daughter, Sarah Gilbert, who was seeking information on the Brownlee House, her childhood home; George Pilacek, who grew up vacationing at Elsie’s Resort on Sand Lake; Walter and Suzanne Gregory, who gave us the address of another family member who might have history to share; Tom and Joyce Levake, who offered us more genealogical information on their family; Greg Lampman, who came from Eleva and brought us an extensive family history; Denise Rodino of North Brookfield, Massachusetts and Richard and Heidi Sambucetti from Granite City, California, who were searching for information on their

ancestors, the Dickinson families; Ed Crandell, nephew of Ted Crandell, who brought the museum interesting logging equipment, and David Dow with his children and grandchildren, whose family once owned Dow Island on Little Sissabagama. These are just a few of our nearly 1,000 2017 visitors. We hope you and your family will visit us in 2018!

### A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

All Greeters and potential Greeters are invited to attend our second annual “Night at the Museum” on Thursday, June 7, 2018, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Please bring the Greeters Guide which was given to you last year. We will enjoy wine and appetizers while we review the Greeter’s Guide, new exhibits, and emergency procedures for the museum. Please bring friends who are interested in becoming Greeters and we will have a new Guide for them. Chris Maestri will bring her calendar and will be glad to assign you specific dates for the summer season. A big thanks to all our current Greeters!

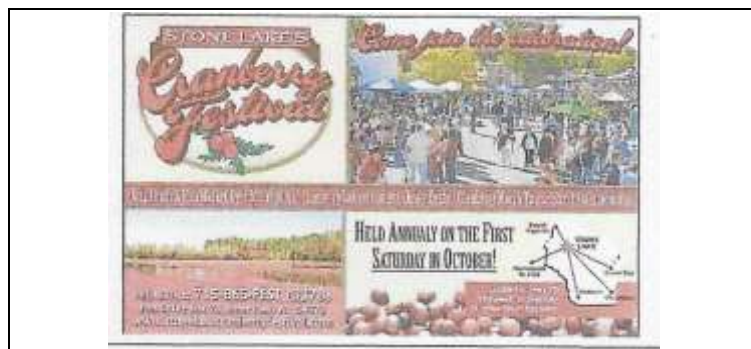


Greeters enjoying the museum and each other’s company during “Night at the Museum” 2017



### XCEL ENERGY EMPLOYEES FIND B52 DEBRIS WHILE WORKING DEEP IN THE WOODS

In October, 2017, Rob Basten of Xcel Energy and a USAF veteran, along with two other employees, were working in the area of the pipeline when they discovered some unusual metal objects protruding out of the ground. Rob, the Air Force veteran, remembered hearing of a B52 crash near Stone Lake many years ago and recognized the objects as airplane parts. The men took them back to Xcel Energy and because they felt the objects should be given to the Stone Lake Museum, a meeting was set up to accept the items. These items are now part of the B52 crash items on display in the museum. This thoughtful act is much appreciated by the Stone Lake Area Historical Society.



## THE B-52 CRASH REVISITED

Back by popular demand, Tom Sybert will return to Lions Hall, July 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM! He will review what he discussed last year and add more information from his research during the winter. He has been searching for family members of the crew to get photos of their loved ones who were part of the crew which crashed in Stone Lake. This has been a difficult task but he has learned just how talented the crew was who flew that mission. For example, Lt. Col. Jack Atherton, the instructor pilot received many decorations during his career in the Air Force and was a POW in Germany during WWII when the B-17 he was piloting was shot down during a mission in 1944. He also flew B-29 bombers during the Korean War.

Tom will have a booklet on the Stone Lake B-52 crash available for purchase. This will contain memories of the crash from local residents, information on the crew members and the flight, pictures, and maps. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the museum.

In addition, Russ Voigt, a retired member of the Air Force SAC, will present and discuss the scaled down model of the B-52 which he has made and generously donated to the Stone Lake Area Museum Complex.

Tom Sybert has made a replica of the memorial which he and his son placed at the crash site last year. He has generously donated this replica which will be placed in the Memorial Garden in front of the museum. This beautiful garden was planted by and is carefully maintained by the Stone Lake Garden Club.

**Please put Thursday, July 12, 2018, on your calendar!** Many people forgot about it last year and were disappointed they missed it.

## FAMILY HISTORY

The following is a great example of what we hope our citizens will provide to expand our "Family History" files! Thank you to Richard and Margaret Houden!

**HOUDEN FAMILY MEMORIES** as provided by Richard and Margaret Houden:

Richard (RA) and Dorothy Houden have been on Little Siss since 1972. The Houden family consists of seven siblings: Linda, Richard, Debbie, Chris, Jeff, Tim, and Paul. The Houden family has been enjoying the Stone Lake area ever since, using it mostly in the summer, with occasional fall and winter trips. In 1977, they built a new log cabin on the very north end of the lake. They had 40 family members up for Dorothy and RA's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Fond memories of family and friends for decades are there. The 1983 10K run and party that followed for 60 family members and friends. The fishing, skiing, canoeing, biking with bears, and the times they would have 40 people around the boathouse and rafts...with a lot of beer and rotisserie chicken from the Stone Lake grocery.

Their father, RA Houden, passed away in 2012. He had served in WWII in the Pacific for four years on the Colahan Navy ship USS 658. It was a "Tin Can" that would circle the battleships to intercept torpedo fire to the larger battleships. Of the fleet of four Tin Cans, the Colahan was the only one that was not sunk. 350 men per Tin Can lost their lives. After the war, RA came back to finish his electrical degree at the UW. He was inducted in the UW Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 with Barry Alvarez and six other athletes. He was a standout sprinter who went on to run on the US track team and set records

all over the world in track. Just before he passed away, he made a trip on the Honor Flight to Washington, DC to be honored as a WWII veteran. Here are two YouTube videos on RA Houden:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esp0kcGaicA> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUlpBm0UD7E>.



Richard A Houden

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### FIFTH EVERGREEN CEMETERY WALK

Please join us for the fifth annual Evergreen Cemetery Walk on Saturday, September 8, 2018, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. We will highlight a number of local families and have wonderful music, refreshments, and gravestone rubbing instruction. This is a nice way to spend a fall afternoon!



A previous Cemetery Walk event



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## **AUGUSTUS BUEHL'S GREAT GRANDSON HAPPY TO FIND FAMILY ARTIFACT**

Doug Buehl contacted the Stone Lake Area Historical Society recently after learning that a precious family artifact, the family Bible, is on display at our museum. We had a page from this Bible on display on the internet and one of the entries in that Bible, Clara Wilhemina Teuscher, is his grandmother. Doug has extensively engaged in genealogy and attached a vignette from his Buehl family history which has pertinence to Stone Lake. His grandparents, Ed and Clara Buehl, ran Buehl's Resort on Big Sissabagama from 1955 to 1968. We feel very fortunate to have such an interesting four-page family history in our family history file. Doug will be visiting when the museum opens in May.

## **KAMPH FAMILY VISIT MUSEUM**

Scott and Bruce Kamph who are the sons of Edward Kamph, the pilot of the B-52, attended the B-52 presentation by Tom Sybert last summer. Everyone was happy to welcome them to Stone Lake! They had some important factual information about the flight and the crash which they shared with the group. They greatly appreciated the comments and compassion from local residents who shared their memories of that day. It was an emotional event for everyone who attended.

Scott and Bruce returned to visit the Stone Lake Museum on October 30, 2017, with their younger brother, Darrell, and Scott's son, Neil. They took lots of pictures of the crash debris and exhibit at the crash site. They hope to attend the event this summer.



Kamph brothers visit the museum and view the exhibit of the B-52 bomber

## **HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMPLEX IN GREAT CONDITION**

Considering that museum and caboose are over 100 years old and of wood construction, we are really happy to report that no repairs or serious maintenance is needed this season! Thanks to Bob Gillette, Tony Lyne, Woody Glass, and Tom McDonnell, everything seems to be in fine condition. Thanks, fellows!

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Within the past year, the Stone Lake Area Museum Complex has received almost \$100 from purchases made on smile.amazon.com. If you do your shopping on smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate to the Stone Lake Area Historical Society. Bookmark: <http://smile.amazon.com/31-1501095>. What an easy way to support a worthy charitable organization. Thank you!

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR EVENTS.  
PROCEEDS PAY THE YEARLY OPERATING  
EXPENSES OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

## 2018 STONE LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD ELECTION

One of the benefits of being a member of the Stone Lake Area Historical Society is being able to vote for the Board Members each spring. If you are currently a member, you will have a ballot inserted into this newsletter. Please complete it and return to the address on the sheet by April 20, 2018. If you are not a member now, please complete the Membership Form in this newsletter and return with your dues to the printed address. You will be a voting member in 2019. We currently have around 175 members and always welcome more! Your membership dues are needed to keep the museum operating. Please consider becoming a new member!

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2018

**Sunday, May 6, 2018:** Spring Dinner to be held at the Stone Lake Fire Hall from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

**Friday, May 25, 2018:** Stone Lake Museum Complex opens at 12:00 PM for the season. Hours are 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, through Saturday, October 6, 2018, when the museum complex closes for the season.

**Thursday, June 7, 2018:** “A Night at the Museum” greeters wine social will take place from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the museum complex.

**Sunday, July 8, 2018:** Pie and Ice Cream Social at the Stone Lake Lions Park from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Live music and a good time for all ages!

**Thursday, July 12, 2018:** B-52 Bomber crash presentation by Tom Sybert at the Stone Lake Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Free and open to the public.

**Saturday, August 4, 2018:** Stone Lake Area Historical Society Open House at the museum; 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Refreshments to be served and everyone is welcome.

**Saturday, September 8, 2018:** The Fifth Cemetery Walk will take place at the Stone Lake Evergreen Cemetery from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Music, refreshments, and activities for all ages.

**Saturday, October 6, 2017:** Visit the historical society’s “Wine by the Glass” booth during the exciting Stone Lake Cranberry Festival. The booth is located at the top of the hill on Main Street, near the Lions Hall.



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**MUSEUM TO HOST CHILDREN'S DAY**  
**AND ELDER DAYS AGAIN**

Last year the children from the Stone Lake Bible School visited the museum for a morning. They enjoyed seeing pictures of some of their relatives and thoroughly enjoyed getting into the caboose. Pastor Ed and Pastor Tim seemed to enjoy the visit as much as the children. This event will be scheduled again to correspond with the Bible School schedule.

The nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the area have been invited to our two scheduled Elder Days. Last year we had several groups visit the museum during these dates and everyone enjoyed themselves. Members of the museum board rearranged the exhibits to make the museum wheel chair accessible and they also helped get the visitors into the museum using the ramp.