

News Letter September 2024

We have exciting news Peter Wendinger has been inducted into the The International Polka Association Hall of Fame, Pioneer Award Division. in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania over Labor Day weekend.

A motor couch left New Ulm full of family and friends who went to cheer for Peter and watch him receive this award. Congratulations Peter!!!!

Our summer has been busy at the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame. Visitors, young and old are enjoying our new look! We have received a a generous grant from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation. With that money we have purchased ten new display cabinets. Jerry Ubl has put them all together and moved displays to their new home. Your membership admits you free into the museum. Come and enjoy!

About a year ago all of the front glass and door were starting to crack. The City of New Ulm takes care of all outside maintenance. We were able to have all the glass and door replaced. Some of the metal was corroding It was a good time to replace all that also. Looks nice with a light tint.

John Kass is a board member and also the Museum Executive. John works the front end, greeting guests, selling merchandise, and documenting artifacts that are being donated or loaned to us. Thank you John for all you do for us. Our visitors love to talk with you!

Our Board meets again the end of September. At that time we will begin the process of choosing our inductees for 2025. It is quite the process. Once someone is nominated their name is never discarded, always looked at each year. We will be inducting 5 for 2025.

We will close the Museum November 1 and open April 15th

The winter project we will be doing is the New Ulm Room. That room is for musicians from the New Ulm area who are not in the MMHF. This would include Dain Molden, Adam Munstermen, Bockfest Boys, etc. We are in the process of collecting pictures and framing them. Any pictures you have would be appreciated.

One comment, this does not mean they will never be inducted.

The room needs some life and what better then our New Ulm area musicians.

We want and need photos!

Thank You to all of our volunteers The Cash Wise Brat Stand was a huge success! The weather was perfect, and Dodie's sauerkraut is always good. Of course, non was left to take home.

Thanks for the Saurkrut Dodie!

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Joleen Wendinger	Lester Schuft
Nancy Buckenteen	Marville Schmidt
Jack and Joyce Schultz	Axelson
Dodie & Peter Wendinger	Smiley Wilscheck
Don and Diane Schaefer	Smiley Wilscheck
Dodie & Peter Wendinger	Dodie Moldan
Ken and Judy Braulick	Dodie Moldan
Jerry and Bonnie Ubl	Dodie Moldan
Nancy Buckenteen	Lester Schuft
Peter and Dodie Wendinger	Lester Schuft
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Nancy Bucketing	Jim Busta
Peter and Dodie Wendinger	Jim Busta
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