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Election

Last December, the BHC Board of Directors conducted its annual meeting and re-elected three directors for three year terms. The officers were re-elected for one year terms.

The board and officers are:

- Joe Alexander, Co-President
- Monica Thiry, Co-President
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- Jerry Reince
- Bill Laatsch, Historian Emeritus

Dear Supporters,

This issue of our newsletter recognizes our 2020 financial supporters. We know that for many, it was a difficult year so we are especially grateful that we had one of our best years ever for financial contributions. We were very excited to have a record number of new donors in 2020.

We also want to thank our many dedicated volunteers. BHC counts on volunteer time for everything we offer including tours, events, merchandise sales, online content, newsletters, maintenance and administration. We sincerely thank all of our volunteers for the countless hours donated to make BHC such a success.

Thank you all and stay safe!

Joe Alexander
Co-Presidents

Monica Thiry

Photo Donors

BHC has received many wonderful historic photos for our collection. Some lack identifying information such as where and when it was taken and names of all people in it. This information is critical for the photo to be meaningful to future generations. If you donated a photo, you may receive a call from a BHC volunteer to get this information. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Sandy at 920-493-2850 and leave a voice message or email contact@belgianheritagecenter.org.



Check Out the Featured Page on the Website

This month we highlight our Belgian ancestors with:

- **Featured Photo Gallery** of logging and shingle making images. We also have an **Unidentified Gallery** with two logging photos. Check them out and let us know if you have any information that could help us identify them.
- **The Featured Video** is Emily (Jeanquart) Dhuey telling how her parents got her and her godparents to her baptism by horse drawn sleigh through heavy snow. She tells the story both in English and Walloon.
- **The Featured Family** profiles the story of Hubert Jauquet. As a young man in 1870, he immigrated to the United States with his family, settling in Namur. Hubert started his own farm in 1876 which is still run by his great-great grandson 144 years later.



HUBERT JAUQUET

Belgian Themed Books

Looking for a good book? Check out the Merchandise page at BelgianHeritageCenter.org for our selection of Belgian themed books. Choose from histories, biographies and even a murder mystery. You can also call 920-743-7319 to ask for a copy of our merchandise catalogue by mail.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers to do some specific jobs to help us further our mission of preserving our Belgian heritage for future generations.

We maintain an extensive digital photo collection. As part of our long term desire to have all of these photographs cataloged accurately, we are looking for people who can help identify people, places, activities and other features in these images. Volunteers will be assigned photos to review the information already provided and attempt to get missing information. In some cases the donor may be deceased so the volunteer may need to explore other sources of information. Computer skills are not required for this volunteer opportunity.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with cleaning and organizing the old convent/schoolhouse in the spring. As part of this process we will be placing period-appropriate artifacts and photos in the first floor rooms to be ready for tours during the summer.

If you are interested in helping with either of the projects, please email our volunteer coordinator, Rebecca Derenne, at rdhealth6@gmail.com. There are many other projects and activities that volunteers can get involved with at the Belgian Heritage Center. Let Rebecca know if you would like to be on a volunteer contact list to be notified when opportunities arise.

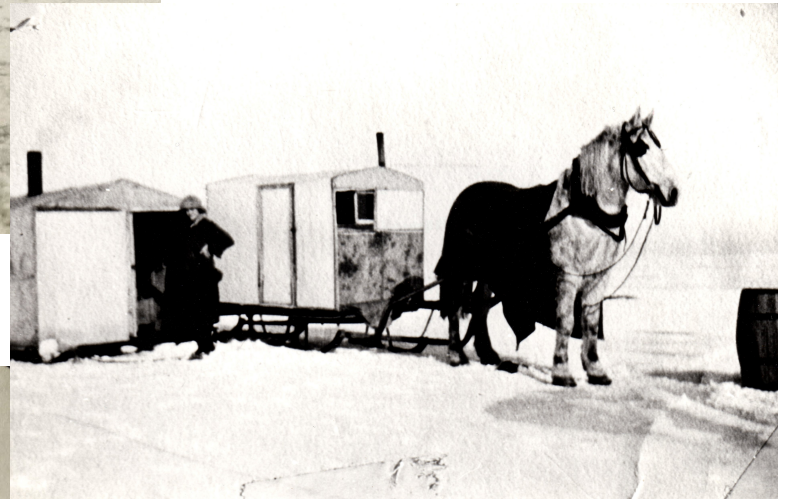
Ice Fishing



Near Chaudoir's Dock
Left to Right Siblings - John Chaudoir,
Harry Chaudoir, Sr
and Palmy (Chaudoir) Jeanquart



Desire Granius Ice Fishing



Palmy (Chaudoir) Jeanquart posing outside of shanty



Fred Bader Ice Fishing. Fred's daughter, Margaret Rueckl, said she would sometimes go with her mom and dad ice fishing. The fish they would catch, over what they needed for their own use, they would put into a large wood slatted box they made and kept in the water. When it was full enough, they would go with the horses and snow sled across the bay to sell the fish.

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