

# THE NEWSEUM

GOOD NEWS FROM THE JAKE MENGHINI MUSEUM

## Photo Display

While participating in the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame 56th Induction Event August 16, 2012 at the GEM Theater in Detroit, Barbara was approached by notable sports artist, Doug West. Early this past fall, Jake's Museum received a signed and beautifully framed lithograph, the results of West's and Barbara's meeting, now on display at City Hall.

### WOMEN SPEED SKATE AT OLYMPICS

Barbara Marchetti was THE tour de force in women's speed skating in the mid 1950s. However, women's speed skating did not become an olympic event until 1960 and Barbara never got to be a participant.

We, of Barbara's era, have memories of her doing "laps" around the perimeter of the skating rink and striving to keep up with her—in vain. In the summer she turned into a runner and would drag heavy loads to build her strength—much like the horse-pulling competition at the fair. To us of that time, whenever we watch the the Olympics, we wonder, "What would have happened if Barbara had been there in 1960?"



## SKATING ON THE EDGE

The current generation knows next to nothing about one of Norway's "favorite daughter's" exploits.

### The Facts

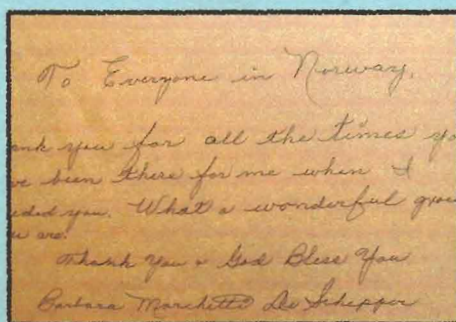
Barbara Marchetti DeSchepper, born in 1930, by 1955 had distinguished herself as the 12 times National and North American Outdoor and Indoor Women's

Speedskating Champion in the Senior Class. She set 5 National Indoor records. She was elected May 15, 1976 to the National Speed Skating Museum & Hall of Fame.

Over 50 years after her retirement from the sport in 1955, Michigan finally recognized her feats by naming her to the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in March of 2012.



Barbara's Love Letter to Norway on back of lithograph next frame. (More about Barbara in 'Norway Skates.')



"To Everyone in Norway, Thank you for all the times you have been there for me when I needed you. What a wonderful group you are. Thank you & God Bless You."

Barbara Marchetti DeSchepper

**Barbara Marchetti  
DeSchepper  
Photos Now on Display  
at  
Norway City Hall  
Open for Public Viewing  
during regular hours**



## Passing of the Torch

Our Museum Board president, Ed Jasonowicz, presided at his very last meeting on January 16. Ed served for 17 years as chairman, but at a cake and soda reception following the meeting, he praised Marvin Pollard and Curt and Joan Oberthaler as the major moving forces behind Jake's museum.

At this same meeting the board members nominated and elected Bill Trombley as the new chairman of the museum board. Jim Stanek remains as vice-chairman, Carol Sundstrom as recording secretary, and Bill Van Wolvelaere as treasurer. Two new board members were also welcomed: Doug Lindsley and Jackie Moser.

Fund raising for museum operations is high on the board's "to do" list. Recently a new program entitled the Patriots Program was implemented and letters were sent out to potential donors. As of this writing, a number of positive responses have been received. We are grateful for our core of faithful Jake Menghini Museum financial supporters.

## BIG CHANGES



\* Pictured at left are: Jim Stanek, vice-chairman, and the newly-elected chairman of the board, Bill Trombley.

The museum board presented outgoing chairman, Ed Jasonowicz, with a framed commendation and cake for his 17 years of service to the Jake Menghini Museum.



Going hand-in-hand with financial support goes volunteer support. Always at the head of the year we think about our volunteers who are, after all, the "bodies" who make it all happen. Soon plans will be in the works for our annual Volunteer's Recognition Party. Stay tuned for day, time and place.

Times—they are a-changing, it's true. We are grateful beyond words and thank you, Ed, for your many years of wise, humble, and devoted service to Jake's AND to the Norway area. You leave BIG shoes to be filled.

Let's hope that the lessons you have demonstrated by your life guide all who follow in your footsteps.

## SWEET SUCCESS!



It's hard to imagine November at Jake's without our Taste of Chocolate event on the opener of deer season. Rumor has it that some of the hunters leave their stands to return to civilization for their chocolate "fix."



Donna Hayes, Carol Sundstrom, and Karen Salling await the first customers. Members of the Partners Group arrive early to prepare the chocolate treats. Bite-size samples entice visitors to buy extra boxes of their favorites to take home.



Just call him Mr. Christmas! John Guiliani shares his famous Santa Claus collection as this year's special feature. Every Christmas John decorates his house to the hilt. Each room has a Christmas tree and his beloved Santas fill every nook and cranny.



# Looking To The Future

## RECRUITING PATRIOTS

by Bill Van Wolvelaere

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WITHIN THE PAST TWO WEEKS CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE JAKE MENGHINI MUSEUM RECEIVED MAILING DETAILING A MUCH-NEEDED FUNDRAISER.

To bolster our General Fund the museum's Board of Directors has authorized the "Patriots Program." Funds raised will supplement revenues from memberships, admissions, and donations which currently do not generate sufficient income to meet day-to-day expenses, namely: utilities, promotions, advertising, office expenses, insurance, and director's compensation.

The Museum Board hopes you will seriously consider becoming a PATRIOT. You can do this individually, as a family group, or in memory of a loved one. The program requires a \$100 commitment each spring for a three-year period. The first payment is due by March 31, 2014.

Those enrolled will be given recognition. A three-month subscription to the **Norway Current** is a bonus to be used personally or for someone you designate. For additional information, contact Gayle Nicholson at (906) 563-5358 or Bill Van Wolvelaere at (906) 563-8979. You may also leave your contact information at the Jake Menghini phone: (906) 563-5586.

Thank you. As Patriots you will be helping to preserve our history for the future generations of the Norway-Vulcan-Loretto area.

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## THE HEART OF THE MATTER

THE PARTNERS ARE A GROUP OF FAITHFUL WOMEN - THE UNSUNG HEROES, THE VERY HEARTBEAT OF THE JAKE MENGHINI MUSEUM.

These are the women who hosted community dinners, style shows, every kind of fund raiser possible - you name it - to fulfill their far off dream of one day raising up our very own community museum.

Now, many years later, they are still volunteering and supporting Jake's. They will take active roles in carrying out the events of the upcoming Spring and Summer seasons as follows:

**Thursday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. at Jake Menghini Museum: Steve Smith, Dickinson County Mine Inspector - a Power Point Presentation**

**Style Show - Through the Decades - Time, place TBA\***

**May 30, 31 & June 1 - Museum Opens for Summer Season**

**Summer Display - Military Models by the Northwoods Scale Model Phanatics of Eagle River, Wisconsin**

**June & July - Band Concerts at Museum - Times TBA\***

**Leif Erikson Weekend - Art Display at Museum/Museum closes for season**

**Taste of Chocolate - Nov. 22\***

**\*TBA = To Be Announced**



## A STARTLING SIGHT

A week ago due to a new snowfall I was unable to enter the museum parking lot and needed to park out on the main road. After I got my bags out of the back seat, turned around, and proceeded to walk through the shin-deep snow, an eagle glided overhead, banked sharply, and landed in the tree closest to the porch of the museum.

Seeing eagles is commonplace here. Having one land on a branch and sit there for a full half hour is something else. I felt as though he was "sent" to me with an encouraging message. He seemed to say, "I will lift you up on my wings and take you to your next place." I was comforted.

With unspeakable regret I need to tell you, my readers, that I have resigned as the Director of Jake's Museum to be effective March 31. This is a difficult time for the Board as well as for me for it is hard to face the unknown future. I think the same message the eagle brought me can be applied to Jake's: "I will take you to your next place..."

Thank you all for the wonderful years.

Sincerely, Carol Brisson Zechlin

# VIDEOGRAPHY TEAM HONOR



*by Carol Brisson Zechlin*

It has been three plus years since we commenced our videography program centered mainly on getting the stories of both our WWII veterans and those remaining at home. Since its inception, this project has presented challenges we never could have anticipated.

Any person involved in videography could have told us that we were beginning this undertaking at a time when everything to do with photography, computers, DVDs—you name it—was undergoing a major transformation. In our blissful enthusiasm, all we knew was that we wanted to record the precious stories before it was too late.

The learning curve precluding this venture should have warned our motley team of three oldish women and three very young people: beware all who enter here! However, that remarkable band of women mentioned earlier, the Partners group, provided the finances needed to purchase a good camera and other basics, so we were off and running.

Last fall our team, with the help of John Guiliani and Bill Van Wolvelaere, applied for a grant to the Dickinson Area Community Foundation to upgrade some of our equipment and to help defray production costs. In mid-January we learned that we received a \$2000 grant. Our team of Kay Palmcook, Anna and Natasha Maule, Carol Kimichik, Rory Sade, and Carol Zechlin give thanks to the Foundation for their generous grant. It is our sincerest wish to live up to the great trust they have placed in us.

Pictured from left to right receiving the check are: Kay Palmcook, Carol Kimichik, Grant Carlson, Duane Manier, Carol Zechlin, Pat Peterson, and Tamara Juul.

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