

# HUXLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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First Quarter - 2009

## 2008 Officers

- **President**—Nels Nord
- **V.P.** — Don Duncan
- **Sec.**—Michele Kalsem
- **Treasure**—Scot Petersen
- **Officer**—Ron Krull

## 2009 Calendar:

Meetings are on the 4th  
Monday of the month at  
6:30 Pm in Council  
Chambers.

## Meetings Schedule:

April 27 —6:30pm

May 25—6:30pm

June 22—6:30pm

July 27—6:30pm

August 24—6:30pm

August 28, 29 & 30

Prairie Fest

## 2009 Calendar:

## Nords Notes

a word from our president

### Huxley Locker Plant Kept Stores From Closing March 27, 1947

"The Huxley locker plant saved the town of Huxley from dying as a trading center", said Grant Rullestad, president of the locker company. Mayor Weir Sydnes agrees with him. "Huxley people were going other places for their buying, and we decided to try to do something about it. We are very proud of what the locker plant has done for our town."

In the accompanying picture are Ira Hendricks, manager, front. Standing, left to right: John Olson, Val Racek, Grant Rullestad, Ole Brendeland and Weir Sydnes, officers and directors of the plant.

The picture was taken in the quick freeze compartment of the plant and hanging nearby may be seen some pork and beef which is soon to go into the various lockers.

The company was organized in 1938, when ninety-seven men bought shares at \$10 each and borrowed \$2,775 to

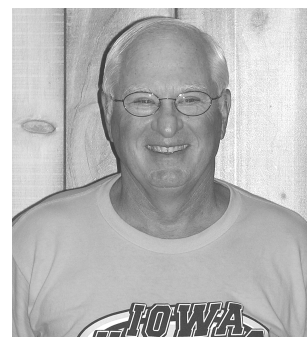
complete the plant cost.

The project has been managed so well that today the company is free of debt and has paid its shareholders \$5,231.09 in dividends.

The annual locker fee is \$10 per year, but the dividends at the current rate cut this figure to in the neighborhood of \$3.50 per person for shareholders in the company. The company paid a 62 per cent dividend the past year on each \$10 share.

There are 207 lockers in all and they are all filled. There is also a waiting list. Manager Hendricks said each locker owner visits the plant an average of two to three times a week. While people are in town they buy groceries, gas and oil and other merchandise.

Nels A. Nord  
President, Huxley Historical Society



**MISSION STATEMENT:** *To engage the Community of Huxley, Iowa in the preservation, education, and celebration of our heritage and ancestry. To preserve for research and education, the artifacts, information, and verbal histories about the lives of the people of Huxley from its pioneer origins to the present day and into our future.*

## January Meeting Minutes

Jan 26, 2008 - Call to order at 6:30Pm in the Council Chambers by President Nord.

Members in Attendees: Michele Kalsem, Nels Nord, Scot Petersen, Ron Krull, Yvonne (Daisy) Fjelland, Laverne Helland, John Hendricks, John Kalsem, Arlene Lande, Arnold and Vivian Larson, Ikey Lee, Delila Roberts, Harriet Sheldahl, Janet Stoll, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Stoll, Jessi Stoll, Naomi Thomlinson, and Dave & Cheryl Kalsem. Special Guest Mr and Mrs. Arlene Twedt.

- Past minutes were read
- Web Report was given by Secretary Kalsem.
- Treasury report was given by Scott Petersen.

All reports were approved as read.

### *Discussions and Actions on old Business*

Sec Kalsem reported on printing and mailing of the quarterly newsletter. It was decided the society would mark the unpaid memberships news letter with a blue label again this year like last year as a renewal reminder.

Secretary Kalsem suggested to ask the Palestine Peppy pushers again in the spring about assistance cleaning up the Ballard Cemetery.

### *New Business*

The society discussed was anyone who knew of members who should receive correspondence (for example a get well card) should bring it to secretary Kalsem attention - other wise she might not know.

Lifetime membership certificates were presented to Dave and Cheryl Kalsem, Dave and Verda Tesdall, Elizabeth and Javerna Maland, and Harriett Sheldahl.

A motion to pay outstanding debt was made and seconded the meeting was

*Adjourn* 6:50 Pm.

### *Leisure Activities*

The members present shared coffee, cookies and reminisced while listening to a story about an early local settler and his family, presented by Arlene Twedt. A good time was had by all.

Sec Kalsem

## February Meeting Minutes

Feb 23, 2009 - Call to order at 6:30Pm in the Council Chambers by President Nord.

Attendees: Michele Kalsem, Nels Nord, Scott Peterson, Don Duncan, Yvonne (Daisy) Fjelland, Arlene Lande, Ikey Lee, Ruth Lee, Harriet Sheldahl, Laverne Helland, Arnold and Vivian Larson, Delila Roberts, and Janet Stoll.

- Past minutes were read by Sec Kalsem.
- Treasurer report was given by Treasurer Petersen

The reports were approved as read.

### *Discussions and Actions on old Business*

#### *Old Business*

**Concerning the Ballard Cemetery upkeep** Secretary Kalsem had given some information to the Palestine Peppy Pushers 4H club and received some offers to help with both book work and labor related to grounds keeping. The membership voted to do give Foley's an honorary membership and add them to our newsletter mailing after Leonard's offer of mowing assistance.

Other information concerning the cemetery was discussed including seeding options and searching the area with a metal detector prior to seeding. It was also noted that we should contact Mr. Larson about our intentions for both input and to be courtesy.

#### *New Business*

Treasure Petersen suggested we try to get a fundraiser and the membership agreed. We tossed around some ideas like piggy backing with the HERO group and selling food at one of their functions or some other similar activity. Scot offered to ask them their thoughts and report back.

Other new business - Requests for correspondence was meet with a get well for John Kalsem

Motion to pay debts was made and passed.

#### *Adjourn* 6:50 PM

Sec Kalsem

## March Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2009 - Call to order at 6:30Pm in the Council Chambers by President Nord.

Attendees: Michele Kalsem, Nels Nord, Scott Peterson, Don Duncan, Yvonne (Daisy) Fjelland, Arlene Lande, Ikey Lee, Ruth Lee, Harriet Sheldahl, Laverne Helland, Arnold and Vivian Larson, John Kalsem and Janet Stoll.

- Past minutes were read by Sec Kalsem.
- Treasurer report was given by Treasurer Petersen

The reports were approved as read.

### *Discussions and Actions on old Business*

#### *Old Business*

It was noted that next year we should have extra copies of the News Letter printed to hand out for the Business fair. We discussed that there was some renewals and DVD sales at the fair.

Palestine Township Trustees gave us \$250 for Cemetery up keep.

Loren Larson emailed information on about Ballard Cemetery and there was general discussion about the plans for 2009 concerning its care and upkeep. VP Duncan added Mark Pote said he would use his metal detector out there for us sometime this spring.

#### *New Business*

John Kalsem presented us with the information he could remember about the Huxley Horse show. It included news paper articles, pictures, show day schedules and John's personal memories. Janette Stoll read the information John had written and then we talked about some of the things that some others remembered. Nels pointed out some of the names of local folks that were reported on in the John encouraged everyone to record their memories too and add them to his. We also talked about putting a permanent copy in the Nord Kalsem shelter house for others to view.

There was no other new business brought to the board we adjourned at 7:30 P.m.

Sec Kalsem



Do you know someone that has  
Huxley Historical memorabilia?  
How about photo's or a great life  
story?

Let us know! Call Don Duncan  
515-597- 2563

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## ***2nd edition DVD is ready!***

*This DVD includes the 1st edition AND more it can be purchased for \$20 or \$22.50 w/S&H if we need to ship it to you.*

*This awesome DVD contains video stream of Huxley Iowa 1939-1955, Ladies at Ovid Louks Farm, 1955 City streets, 125th Anniversary of Fjeldberg Lutheran Church, Huxley Horse Show, and a 1944 Baseball game in addition to some silliness. Get yours today!*

***The Historical Society would love to have copies of any film you may have or photo's from the past in our community. To purchase a video OR contact us about getting copies from you please contact us at 515-597-3142 or email to [hhs@huxcomm.net](mailto:hhs@huxcomm.net)***

## ***2nd edition DVD is ready!***



## Happy EASTER!

Thanks you for "hoping to it" and paying your dues  
we appriciate it very much.

Please consider joining HHS as a LIFETIME member!

Joining as a LIFETIME member is easy (\$500 one time) and it means so much to HHS; we need a safe space to store the heritage we have already acquired  
AND your input about how best to preserve it.

HHS needs a building and archival quality storage to protect our items. Did you know we have a fire truck and a 4 foot x 5 foot painting? Those are just two of the fabulous treasures we store but we have A LOT more much of which are delicate photo's, fabrics, and papers. Much of our papers and photo's are from before 1950's boxes are not appropriate but that is our best right now.

Use the form on the back page of this news letter and be sure and come to a meeting when you can because even as we need financial assistance we also need help making good plans for our future. NOT to mention the great stories we share!

**The following are Lifetime members who agree with our mission.**

John Berhow

Elizabeth Maland

Laverne & Elaine Helland

Nels & Rowena Nord

Darlene & Robert Hermann

Harriett Sheldahl

Dave & Cheryl Kalsem

Janet & Gary Thompson

John & Ann Kalsem

**Prefer to get your newsletter on line?**  
**WE can do that!**

Email to: [hhs@huxcomm.net](mailto:hhs@huxcomm.net)



# Have time and energy?

The Historical Society always has projects we could use assistance with. Simple things like editing to physical things like cleaning of the cemetery.

ANY help is welcome call to volunteer.

Sec Kalsem 515-597-3142

***We have a NEW web address and site.***

**[www.history.huxleyiowa.org](http://www.history.huxleyiowa.org)**

Send me articles to include! The People pages and the Life and Times pages are changing daily so check in and see pictures and stories from the past about YOUR friends and family.

**We want your info call me, or mail it or bring it to City Hall.....just don't let your family get missed in history.**

**THANKS! THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!**  
**THANKS!**

To all those who have purchased memberships.

The HHS also wants to thank members for all donations, project specific and general.

## Membership Form—Clip or Copy and Mail

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Circle those that apply please.

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| Annual '09           | \$20    |
| Family '09           | \$30    |
| Lifetime Membership  | \$500   |
| Gift Amount          | \$_____ |
| 2nd ed. DVD Purchase | \$20    |
| S&H for DVD          | \$2.50  |
| Total                | \$_____ |

Mail To:

***HHS-515 N. Main Ave-Huxley Iowa. 50124***

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE  
CONTACT US AT ONE OF THE  
FOLLOWING:

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515-231-9174

EMAIL: HHS@HUXCOMM.NET

WEB SITE:  
WWW.HISTORY.HUXLEYIOWA.ORG

**LOOK**



If your address label is highlighted BLUE please contact the Society to pay your '09 membership otherwise sadly, this will be your last newsletter.

Thanks! Sec Kalsem

PH: 515-597-3142 or email  
HHS@huxcomm.net

Clip and Mail the membership information to the left.

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