

MCF HAPPENINGS

Serving the Mequon Community to Enhance Our Quality of Life

Jonathan Clark House Museum

On the National Register of Historic Places



For tours of the historic house please visit <http://jonathanclarkhouse.org/>

The Jonathan Clark House is an important historic building in Ozaukee County, and is a key part of Mequon's rich history. Located at the corner of Bonniwell and Cedarburg Roads, the home was built in 1848 as a private residence for early Mequon settler Jonathan Clark and his family.

Clark made many important contributions to the community, including founding our first public school system. The

fascinating history of this family and their home represents the pioneering spirit of Ozaukee County's early settlers.

The goal of MCF, in partnership with the Friends of the Jonathan Clark House Ltd., is to raise the funds that will enable the Friends to purchase this wonderful home, restore and preserve it, and make it available to the entire community.

Board Member Highlight: Steve French

Steve and his wife, Marcia, moved to Mequon from Germantown in 1987. In order to meet people and get the 'flavor' of Mequon Steve joined the Lions and Optimist Clubs. Later he became President of the Optimist Club. It was at an Optimist meeting that Steve learned about the River Barn project and asked how he could help. That inquiry led to an invitation to an MCF meeting in 2002, where Steve was invited to join the group. In 2004, he was appointed

president and served in that role for 7 ½ years. Steve says what he likes most about Mequon is that he's only five minutes away from shopping or beautiful farmland. His favorite thing to do is ride his motorcycle and participate in cross-country trips - he's visited 23 states so far. He continues to donate to MCF to further the mission of enhancing quality of life. Steve's mottos for daily life are: "We're all in this together" and "All of us are better than one of us."

ABOUT MCF

The Mequon Community Foundation (MCF), formed in 2001, provides a resource to undertake projects that enhance the quality of life in the city. Since its founding, MCF has raised and distributed over \$500,000 through the charitable giving of the generous residents and businesses of Mequon.

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Third Annual Pillars of the
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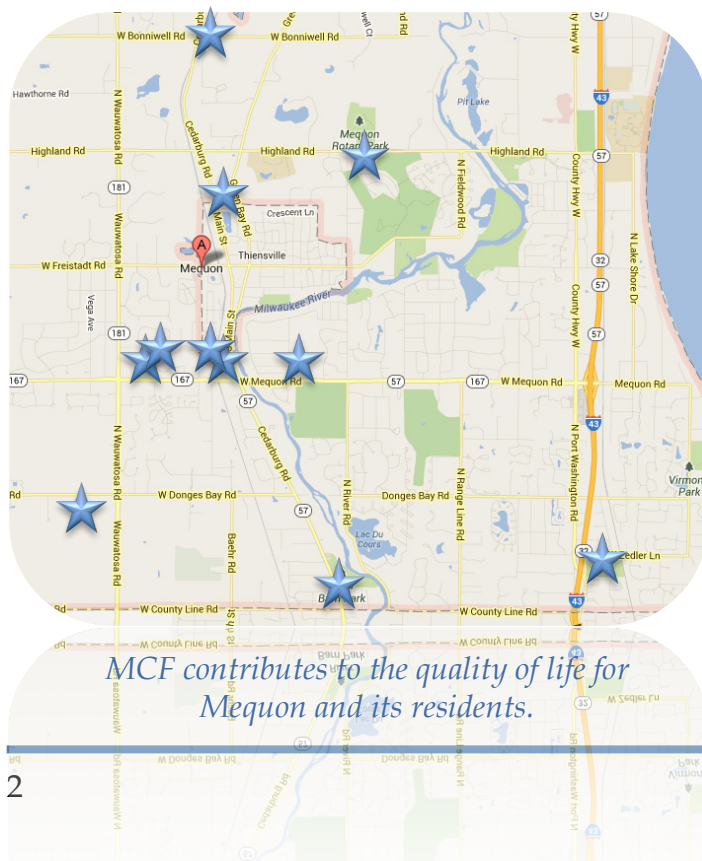
“I feel very honored to be included with the Sommers family in this way because I think very highly of them,” she said. Nuernberg was born in southern California and moved to Wisconsin as a teen. She earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and remained on campus to add master’s degrees in political science and curriculum and instruction. She started teaching in the West Allis/West Milwaukee School District and married Rob Nuernberg, who was a vice president and general counsel for Wisconsin Gas Co. The couple moved to Mequon in 1970 because of the schools and the character of the community.

Their two daughters graduated from Homestead High School. One is now a vice president at Steelcase; the other is a physician and assistant professor on the Yale Medical School faculty. The Nuernbergs have three grandchildren. She also held positions with UW-Milwaukee and ARC Milwaukee and ARC Housing, where she rose to executive director, and decided to get more involved with community service activities. Nuernberg served on the Mequon-Thiensville School Board from 1973 to 1991 and on the Ozaukee County Board from 1980 to 1990. She was encouraged to run for mayor of Mequon,

was successful and served a record 12 years at the city’s helm. During that time, the city enlarged its business park, developed the Mequon Nature Preserve, purchased the water utility, created the Town Center district and moved ahead with a new city computer system that integrates departments. James Jurack, immediate past MCF president, said that while Nuernberg had many accomplishments, she deserves the most credit for the way she has reached her goals. “She has a spirit of what I call ‘constructive discontent,’” he said. “She likes to see things the way they should be, rather than the way they are.”

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Areas of Impact & Contribution



Rotary Park is one of the sites in Mequon where many community events are held. MCF was proud to be sponsors of such events as the City of Mequon Concerts on the Green, as well as many other projects held at the Park.

Katherine Kearney Carpenter Park. This site was donated to the City in 1967 subject only to the conditions that it be used for public park purposes and that children and pets be given unrestricted access. MCF has donated over \$17,000 towards the upkeep of this park.

River Barn Park - Sommer Pavilion. MCF was instrumental in the construction of the Pavilion at River Barn Park.

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To date, this is the largest contribution we have made to our community, donating \$300,000 to the construction of the Pavilion, upkeep and playground equipment.

Mequon Nature Preserve. The Mequon Nature Preserve is an ongoing project to restore its lands to the deciduous forests and wetlands that existed prior to European settlement. MCF has donated over \$34,000 to the Nature Preserve.

Logemann Community Center. LCC is a gathering place for the recreational, social and educational activities of area residents, businesses, and organizations. MCF has donated to support its events and even acted as sponsors for fundraisers, socials, and other events at the center.

Board Member Highlight, Jim Jurack

Jim has been a strong, consistent voice for MCF since joining the organization in 2008. As president from 2010 to 2013, he has instilled confidence in the board for their various skills and contributions. Jim and his wife Sue moved to this area to enjoy the schools, neighborhood atmosphere and proximity to shopping and services. Jim and Sue have two grown children and enjoy the community activities that Mequon offers. Jim is an active swimmer, mountain biker and fitness fanatic who also enjoys skiing in the winter months.

Weyenberg Library. Every year the library has a summer reading program for kids. MCF donated over \$10,000 keeping these kinds of programs going at the Library.

Rotary Riverwalk. A joint project of the two sections of the Mequon Rotary Club, the Riverwalk is an endeavor meant to physically improve the area along the river, as well as draw in visitors. MCF has donated over \$10,000 to this project.

Highland Woods. Tree planting in honor of US Military

Mequon Historic Society

Homestead High School

Jonathan Clark House

As a way of demonstrating gratitude for life's blessings, Jim contributes to community service and his church. Jim actively shows a solid commitment to community improvement, and feels MCF is an effective avenue to help create positive change in Mequon. Pleased to volunteer, Jim feels blessed to be a part of MCF with a great group of people doing good things for our community.

ABOUT MCF

A non-profit organization, MCF provides grants to develop recreation, improve education, support cultural events, fund outdoor beautification projects etc. Thanks to MCF these valuable projects have been undertaken without adding to the tax burden in the city. You too can participate in this essential effort. Please learn more at www.MCFGives.com.



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Pillars Event Honors Christine Nuernberg

Mequon – For 12 years, she was Mayor Nuernberg. While she had numerous accomplishments that left an indelible, positive mark on the city she led, there is so much more to Christine Nuernberg’s contributions to the community, both before and after she took the top job at Mequon City Hall. It was the decades of tireless fundraising, her passion for the school district, her service on the county board and, most recently, her generous gifts of time and energy to the Mequon Nature Preserve that all played a role in

Nuernberg being honored by the Mequon Community Foundation on Tuesday as a Pillar of the Community. It is the second time the Mequon Community Foundation has presented what it expects will be an ongoing annual award. As she stepped to the lectern to accept the award, one of the first things Nuernberg did was to pay tribute to the Sommers family, which won the inaugural award in 2012.

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*Christine Nuernberg and Jim Jurack,
Immediate Past MCF President
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