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Spring 2023

2023 annual meeting attendees will hear from former NK resident, Randy Haberkamp

He came back to New Knoxville from Los Angeles, California in 1985 to make a film he called *Small Town, American*. It chronicled life in New Knoxville from residents who had lived it.

Now Haberkamp is coming back to New Knoxville to talk about the journey that took him from a small town in Ohio to work with filmmaking in Hollywood and show attendees at the annual meeting of the historical society some of the films he has from as early as 1950. The evening, scheduled for April 20, begins with a buffet dinner at 6:00. A short business meeting and program begins at 7:00. Anyone who wishes to attend the program but not the meal is welcome to come at 7:00. The dinner and meeting is open to anyone.

MEAL

The meal, catered by Main Street Station, begins at 6:00 P.M. On the menu is beef, chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, roll and cookies. Water, lemonade and coffee are available.

COST AND TICKETS

Tickets cost \$20.00 and can be purchased at the First National Bank in New Knoxville or Main Street Station by April 15. Anyone from out of town who would like to come for the dinner may contact Janean Oberlander by phone at 419-753-2077 or by e-mail at joberlander@nktelco.net.



HABERKAMP INFORMATION

Haberkamp, a 1974 graduate of New Knoxville Schools, went on to Bowling Green where he got his degree in communications. His true passion was film, so he headed to Los Angeles for a masters at UCLA in motion picture and TV production.

After working for CBS Randy worked for the Academy Award, eventually becoming director of educational program and special project for the Academy Awards.

His love of movies began in his hometown of New Knoxville, however. Haberkamp and his friend Bruce Elsass started having little

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theater productions in the Elsass house.

According to Bruce in the summertime “they would make kool-aid ice cubes with sugar on and popcorn and showed movies for kids that didn’t have anything to do.” They then ran movies of Laurel and Hardy in the Elsass basement.

The boys were joined by Bruce’s younger brother Rusty as they had haunted houses at the Elssases during Halloween. Bruce was good at haunted houses, Haberkamp was good with movies and Rusty was the electrician.

Haberkamp met Kevin Settlege when they worked on the yearbook together,

Their first movie was after Kevin and Randy saw the movie *Earthquake*. During a Halloween party someone brought a board game with houses on it, and Haberkamp filmed the shaking buildings.

The idea for *Small Town, American* came when Haberkamp was in grad school at UCLA. Bruce did the narrating and was the tour guide. Haberkamp said it was totally tongue-in-cheek and was done in one day. He took the film back to UCLA to show his classmates that he did go to a school that had only 33 students in his class. From there the production grew.

Habersasslage Productions is responsible for the film, and Haberkamp will show some video outtakes featuring some of New Knoxville historic citizens as he presents footage from the 1986 documentary.

(Information taken from an article by Pam Karbowiak in *The Merchandiser* and thegoldknight.com)



Left, the barbershop is in place just east of the alley between the doctor’s office and the log cabin. It is also decorated for Christmas and especially Christmas in the Village, which was celebrated Dec. 3. Above, three children who participated in Christmas in the Village,

accompanied by their mother, pose with tree decorations that they made by attaching stickers to small plates that the society had. Attendees could also buy puzzle-like reindeer made by Paul Bambauer. Bambauer donated any money made to the historical society.

Lloyd Kuck Estate helps to move Kattman barbershop to historical society grounds

Thanks to the generous donation from the estate of Lloyd “Red” Kuck, one of the New Knoxville Historical Society founders, the barbershop, built by George Kattman in 1915, now sits at the historical society complex.

Located on East Bremen Street, it is believed that Kattman, who authored the 1936 centennial book, wrote most of the contents be-

tween customers at the shop. The old barber shop was turned into a beauty shop and was run by Peg Kitzmiller until it became Selah’s, another beauty shop, that was abandoned until the town bought it. It was then moved to its current site.

Dingey Movers from Zanesville did the moving down Main Street and through the parking lot of Katterheinrich Motor Sales in June. (see

photo below)

The building needed repair and renovation, however. Thanks to leftover money from generous donations a couple of years ago and since then, the historical society board was able to make the barbershop ready for visitors in September.

It was the only building open during Christmas in the Village.

The barber shop will house an old barber

chair and other items that were part of barbering as well as a remake of the Haberkamp Jewelry Store that will include a glass jewelry case with Adrian’s watch repair desk. You will also find a new area covering the 1936 centennial and 1986 sesquicentennial. There will be a display of Kuck’s IGA items and years of photos, materials, and history covering the Kattman Barbershop.



Memories of Adolph's Restaurant

I was hired to teach at NK in 1992. On my first trip to get my room ready for the upcoming year, I stopped at Adolph's to grab a cup of coffee. Of course, the pastries on the counter also caught my eye. When I went to pay the bill, I had only 63 cents on me. I was so embarrassed and thought maybe I could check my car for loose change (and pass on the pastry), but the young man behind the counter just asked if I passed by there very often. I told him yes as I was a new teacher. He told me not to worry and just drop off the money on one of my trips by. No hurry. He didn't ask my name or anything, just wished me a good day and slid the coffee and pastry back to me. I was SO impressed at the kind hospitality. What a wonderful ambassador for the community!
Linda Tebbe

My earliest memory of Adolph's was going there after the Sunday school Christmas program, which was then held in the evening. I guess we kids got hamburgers. Our dad would order a tenderloin. I didn't know what that was and didn't think it sounded very good. Now I love them with dill pickles.
Carol Hoelscher Herbst

I remember on a cold December evening when I turned "of age" Jenny Eisenschmidt and Joy Niemeyer bought my birthday beer. I remember going there to pick out "Christmas gifts" for my sibs when I was young. I remember going there to buy nuts for making caramel corn, which was a Sunday afternoon treat. And at Adolph's is where I first met Kathy Henschen Manbeck, their granddaughter.
Sharon Eversman Colson

I remember going there on a cold, icy night, slipping and hurting my knee, but went out anyway.
Jenny Karch Eisenschmidt

In the '60s we would stop there for a beer and to cash a check. Adolph had money in his store for your work check. His wife was in a wheelchair and she made hamburgers, as I recall. It was a fun stop to somewhere else.
Patty Kohler

Round table...after games...Stephanie.
Cheri Schroer Oechsle

Adolph's homemade brownies, taking Wilson

his coffee and hamburger, a quarter for the candy counter after Saturday morning catechism, post ball game gatherings, working there in the summer with Ned and Ted cooking and Carol Schrolucke washing dishes...such fun times!

JoAnn Bambauer

I would go to Adolph's after a date and wake him in his rocking chair and have him make ham and swiss.

Paul Bambauer

Going after boys' home basketball games and everyone cheering for the team when they came in after a win.

Melissa Bambauer Knapke

Going there on Saturday mornings after catechism and having maple nut brownies.

Penny Pfenning

Mom and Dad taking us there after ball games for fries and shakes. That was a big treat. Worked there a few summers; that's where I met Freddie.

Cindy Wierwille

They had fried pickles before fried pickles were cool.

Laurie Merges

When Barrel (Larry) Howe had Jim Prenger and his wife come in and sing country music.

Marcia Wierwille

When Barrel did a cartwheel in the back room after we beat New Bremen and was serving Cardinal wings. Also when he used to hang up a chicken when we played Bremen.

Amy Leffel Weadock

My best memories: laughter, so much laughter. bologna platters; the fact that it seemed so huge as a young kid; hanging with kids in the back room; losing a tooth. . .and my grandparents.

Jessica Hegemier Bernhardt

The fried tenderloin sandwich, which was 2 1/2 times the bun.

Annette Lageman Siegler

I decided to color my hair. Went to Adolph's and, yes, he had some. Didn't turn out very well. Can't imagine how old it had to be.

Beverly Reineke

Glazed donuts with my great grandma Norie.

Ashley Arnett Hegemier

Candy down the center of the room. All kinds of candy! Yellow tablets and ink in a bottle,

Becky Longworth

Willy Poppe's standard order: "A pickled tongue sandwich and a Wiedeman."

Lori Schrolucke-Foster

I fondly remember buying my Archie and Veronica comic books there.

Patty Settlage Isbell

The candy counters were great with waxed lips, jaw breakers, taffy, Sweet Tarts. Liddy would follow you everywhere in her wheelchair wanting to make a sale. Dorothy Egan was the best help and order taker for a hamburger and cola. Remember the back room pool hall, too, where Mack Elshoff was the pool table king.

Bruce Elsass

My mom always told the story of sending my dad up to Adolph's to get her some "sanitary napkins." My dad told Adolph what he wanted, and Adolph headed off to get them in the back room. He got to the west end of the bar and yelled back to my dad, "Super or regular?" You can imagine that our family was likely the talk of the round table on that day.

Melinda Settlage

So many nights after basketball games we would play as many songs as possible on the jukebox and drink Clearly Canadians and as much candy as we could con our parents into.

Amy Thobe Spriggs

My dad had great stories about that place. I even had the privilege many years ago of sitting at the bar and having a beer. Probably on a stool that my father had sat on many times.

Lisa Bambauer

Being from Indiana and a bigger community, the first time I went there and saw somebody go behind the counter to wait on themselves, my mouth dropped. I think they maybe even put their money in the cash register.

Anna Kay Nuesmeyer

The basketball bus left from Adolph's rather than from school.

Janean Oberlander

Taken from historical society's and JoAnn Bambauer's Facebook pages.



The photo **above** shows Adolph's Restaurant as it appeared when it operated as a restaurant. The photo **below** shows Adolph's as it was torn down following two rains that caused major damage to the roof and then the interior of the building. At the time it was the site of Miltner Law Firm and housed tenants on the second floor.



Annual meeting finally celebrates military

After two years of no annual meetings because of COVID, the historical society held its annual meeting, paying tribute to the military and the 102nd anniversary of the American Legion.

On hand to speak and show slides from the Legion was U.S. Army LTC Bob Bayham, career serviceman, now retired.

Bayham stated that an act of Congress in 1919, authorized the forming of the American Legion. Bayham reminded attendees that the Legion's main purpose is to serve the community.

At the meeting Spieles also recognized former treasurer Teresa Bambauer, long-time board member Myron Fledderjohann, and the only surviving member of the three founders, Lloyd Kuck, who died since the last annual meeting.



Todd Spieles, president of the New Knoxville Historical Society, poses with retired U.S. Army Lt. Colonel Bob Bayham at the annual meeting held last April.

Membership prices to increase

Since its founding in 1984, the price of membership has been \$50. At the February meeting of the New Knoxville Historical Society, the board decided to raise the price of a lifetime membership to \$100. Couples can obtain a membership for \$150.

Yearly memberships are still available. They have risen from \$10 to \$25, and a student membership is no longer available for \$1. A child, however, can now be a member through high school for just \$25.

That means a family of four can be members of the New Knoxville Historical Society for \$200.

The rate increase is an effort to align with other historical societies in the area and the need for additional cash to operate the society.

Society to get new website

The executive board also voted at the February meeting to purchase a new website.

Our current website operator, Larry Niemeyer, can no longer get access to the website on NKTELCO, so he investigated possibilities during the past several months. The board decided to go with a website produced by Jack Gilberg of New Bremen. He also does a website for the New Bremen Historical Association.

Gilberg was at the executive meetings in November and January to show the board the program he organized for the New Knoxville Historical Society. Users will be able to access stories, photos, newsletters, items to buy, and new memberships.

The new website's address is nkhistory.org.

Memorial Plaque honors members who died during the past year

The following names will appear on our Memorial Plaque in our Heritage Museum.

Betty Van Atta Koenig	June 22, 2020
Richard Carl Reis	October 13, 2021
Thomas R. Opperman	February 15, 2022
Arlene Phillips Warner	March 9, 2022
Jean Theibert Meckstroth	April 17, 2022
Dr. James William Koenig	July 14, 2022
Virginia Gruebmeier Heidt	August 23, 2022
David Feldwisch	September 11, 2022
Lee D. Katterheinrich	November 2, 2022

New Lifetime Members

Susan Ireton Harrod, New Bremen, Ohio
 Jann Hoge, Southfield, Michigan
 Lynne Ray, Celina, Ohio
 Amy Heidt Sayers, Sunbury, Ohio
 Shawn Sayers, Sunbury, Ohio
 Steve Stolte, Marysville, Ohio

Please consider a membership

The New Knoxville Historical Society is looking for new members. This newsletter is mailed to all members, but maybe you know someone who would be interested in becoming a member, or you are receiving a complimentary copy.

A membership helps to support an organization that strives to preserve our community's heritage. Your membership also allows you to have a say in how this organization spends its money and how we celebrate our heritage.

Because we have an aging membership, we have raised our prices to \$100 for a single lifetime membership. Couples can join for \$150. Yearly memberships are \$25. One of the best ways to promote interest in our heritage is with a student membership—just \$25 for a child of any age. That membership is good until the child graduates from high school.

Joining is simple. A request for membership and a check to Janean Oberlander is all that's required or you may go to the website at nkhhistory.org.

Checks may be mailed to

Janean Oberlander
P.O. Box 314, New Knoxville, OH 45871

Visit us during our open houses in 2023. They will be the fourth Sunday of the month, May through October from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 28	Sunday, June 25
Sunday, July 23	Sunday, August 27
Sunday, September 24	Sunday, October 22

*Your Valuable Donations
 Make Our Historical Society
 an Active Museum*

2022-2023 Partial List of Acquisitions

- * Bielefeld store sign
- * 1956 cheerleading outfit
- * school pennant, sports letters, photos, yearbooks
- * 1954 & 1958 school newsletters, 2008 state champ t-shirts
- * Local advertising
 - People's Bank, Landmark, Brookside Dairy, Warner's Garage, NK Cement & Tile Co., NK Supply, Henkener Garage, Katterheinrich Hardware Store, Eversman Meat Market, Bielefeld Store.
- * Baptismal gowns
- * 1923 and 1925 certificates
- * 1907 confirmation certificate and church pictures
- * Local photos of homes and businesses
- * Fall Festival parade photos, posters and badges
- * Old Meckstroth and Wellman farm photos
- * Early town hall folding chairs
- * NK Telephone Company photos
- * Old farm feed sack
- * Children's reading books
- * Early baby buggy
- * Reinhart-Piepmeyer Street sign
- * Adolph's Restaurant tin and neon signs
- * Large wooden Ladbergen plaque carved by Howard Kuck
- * Early wheelbarrow from Molasses Kuck farm
- * Photo and articles from NK Park
- * Early 1940's street light
- * Two-seater buggy
- * Meckstroth genealogy books
- * 1897 German Bible
- * 1937 mileage ration coupons
- * Early wooden pulpit from the E & R Church
- * Old eye glasses, crock bowls

Recommended Slate of Officers

President	Todd Spieles
Vice president	Allen Schroer
Secretary	Diane Fledderjohann
Treasurer	Janean Oberlander
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, April 20, 2023 First Church Ministry Center

Dinner: 6:00 P.M. Business meeting & Program: 7:00 P.M.

Remembering New Knoxville with Randy Haberkamp

AVAILABLE FROM THE NEW KNOXVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

COMMEMORATIVE AND MEMORIAL BRICKS

Bricks are available for \$50 each and provide financial and visual support from families and friends who desire to preserve our heritage.

Contact Janean Oberlander at 419-753-2077 or
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BOOKS AND GIFTS

Books and gift items are available from our society and also at the community library. Visit the museum or see our new web site for all available items.

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Notify Janean Oberlander of a change of address in one of the following ways:

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