

# Reunion Highlights

## Annual Reunion Cakes



Long Beach, CA - 2003



Wisconsin - 2004





Wisconsin – 2005



Jackson, MN - 2005



Wisconsin - 2006





Colorado – 2006

## Family Exhibits



*Coon Rapids, MN Piotraschke Family Acquaintance Lunch - 2004*





*Dinner With June, Toledo, OH- 2005*







*Saturday Evening Exhibit  
- Jackson, MN 2005*

*"Leba Sea Video"  
with Bill Hamm*

*Many photos, gifts and Great  
memories!*







*Colorado Evening Exhibit - 2006*



*Colorado Dinner - "Eat Steak!" - 2006*

## Reunion Tours





*Queen Mary, Hollywood & Ocean Tours - Long Beach, CA- 2003*



*Maumee River Tour, "Dinner With June" - Toledo, OH- 2005*





*"Echoes of the Past" Cemetery & Homestead Tour, Windom, MN - 2005*



*"Following The Western Trail" Colorado Cemetery & Homestead Tour - 2006*



# Wisconsin's Annual Reunion Events

**August 1<sup>st</sup> -Friday 6PM at Ferg's Bavarian**

Smoked Pork Chop Dinner - \$13.00 (tax & tip included)

**RSVP** – 1 week in advance **715-823-2031**



*Authentic German Cuisine at Ferg's Bavarian Village*



*- Offering Bed & Breakfast, Gift Shop and much more!*



*...And enjoy some fine German Getranke (drinks)!*

920-596-2946



**THE FERG HAUS INN, BED AND BREAKFAST**, a former eight bedroom, 1912 farmhouse, was built by Great Uncle August and Great Aunt Amelia Ferg, who with a small family had immigrated from Germany in the late 1800's. They purchased this farmstead in 1898. From our century farm grew this Bavarian Village.

Each room, named after German settlers in the area, is furnished with hand made and hand finished furniture. The guest rooms, sitting and dining areas with a fireplace, are all located on the second floor. The entire guest area is air conditioned.



*Your hosts: Lloyd and Shirley Ferg*

Daily rates include a country breakfast and lots of *gemutlichkeit*. Rates are subject to state and county sales tax.. VISA, Master Card, Discover, cash and checks are accepted.



**SCHWANKE ROOM**



**ZANDER ROOM**

**THE SCHWANKE ROOM (The Himmel Room)**, has a double bed with matching ruffled curtains, dust ruffle, and canopy surrounded by sheer curtains. A private bath is attached... Double... \$85.00

**THE ZANDER ROOM** has a queen bed. White lace curtains adorn the windows. A matching white lace canopy is over the bed. There is a private attached bath... Double... \$85.00



**ZANTOW ROOM**



**FERG ROOM**



# The Old Ranch House Comedian



Visit Bob Hull, comedian and owner of the *Old Ranch House* in Leopolis, WI, only a few miles from the Piotraschke Homestead.

The Town of Leopolis, is in itself, a historical marker for the Piotraschke heritage as three of Albert & Alvina's granddaughters married young men of prominence in this once thriving community.

- Val married Milton Pavonka, owner of Pavonka's Saloon, Boarding House and Town Hall. (No longer standing)
- Margie married Jack Schmidt, owner of Schmidt's Grocery Store. (Still standing – is now the Whistles Restaurant.)
- Janet married Jack Thiel, brother to Paul Thiel of the Milwaukee Brewers and owner of Thiel's Bar. (Still in business today)



# Saturday's Open Venue on the Farm



*Spend the day relaxing on the Family Farm, enjoy a walk through the marsh, taste "Fresh" cheese curds, camp out or take one of the many family by-gone tours!*



*If hiking the marsh, be prepared to swat a few mosquitoes.*



*"Eat Fresh Cheese Curds!"*

**The Wisconsin Piotraschke Heritage Grand Tour**

The Original Wisconsin Piotraschke Homestead is in its fourth generation.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Generation - Albert Johann  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation - Albert August  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation - Arnold  
 4<sup>th</sup> Generation - Matt Houson

Paul's Farmstead

Martha's Farmstead

Mary's Farmstead

Otto's Farmstead

Drive by the farms where Carl lived & worked as a farmhand.

Including Cemetery Visits

Grand Tour by appointment only (1 1/2 hours)  
 Please schedule your tour with Pat Piotraschke 715-823-2031

**The Buckbee Ghost Town Tour** - Approximately a 20 minute tour.

Stare northwest when standing on the hill where Albert & Alvina built their farm and you will see the old ghost town. Along the gully overflowing with sumac and maple trees lays the foundation of the saw mill. The field north of the Vollmer residence is where the general store stood before the city was engulfed by flames. It was once a 10 minute walk to get groceries and mail.

**The Belle Plaine Ghost Town Tour** - Approximately a 1 hour tour.

Behind Tif's Tap, a Mafia hang out years ago, the foundation of the old Road House where Herman Piotraschke once worked & lived lays buried beneath a tall pine forest.

Along the main drag in down town Shawano stands the Wisconsin House Inn. During his later years, Herman lived, worked and eventually died at this once prestigious lodge.

In the early 1900's, tourists would get off the train in Belle Plaine and then receive a boat ride to the Rustic Resort. A strikingly beautiful young city that provided sensational hospitality.

Wisconsin House Inn & Statues of Shawano



# Sunday's Reunion Dinner

Have You Ever Seen so many  
Piotraschkies in one place at one  
time?



*Wisconsin Reunion - 2005*

Entertainment by Eugene Piotrowski





## WI Family Exhibit









# Hay Mow Museum



# Hay Wagon Rides





## Ghost Town Tours



*Tours run upon request all ay Saturday & Sunday*

## Fun On The Farm all Weekend





# Eat More Jack Link Jerky



Center: Troy Link, President of Jack Link Jerky & Katie

Troy Link, President of *Jack Link Jerky*, lands his corporate helicopter at the WI Reunion site and begins to unload boxes and boxes of the finest jerky on the market into a van to be display on tables for the family reunion.

Eighty-one-year old Grandma Val hops out of the helicopter and begins to hoof it across the field with a purse in one hand and a cane in the other ready to make merry with her family as they gather to recall childhood memories of growing up on the farm.