

NEWS from the Paranormal Investigators of Milwaukee

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Special points of interest:

Looking for an Opportunity to learn more about the paranormal?

Noah will be teaching continuing education Classes at UW-Waukesha in April 2014. Check out UW-Waukesha's continuing education website and click on the A La Carte courses to find out more information. These classes will be held on Wednesday nights.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Noah at noah@paranormalmilwaukee.com

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Hi, My name is Missy and each month I am fortunate enough to write this newsletter on behalf of the PIM Team. Last month, while I was writing the December newsletter I began to think about how much I enjoy writing this newsletter and all the wonderful opportunities I have while being involved in this group. Just this last year I was able to face one of my biggest fears, public speaking. I was always good at talking to people one on one. I am a hair dresser so I spend a good amount of my job conversing with people and I love it. But, when it would come to standing up in front of a bunch of people and trying to speak I would lose my train of thought and get stage fright. As some of my fellow PIM members would say I get the "deer in the headlights" look. Back in September our lead investigator, Noah, told me that he would like me to do a presentation at one of our public library events in October. I think the room started to spin a little and before I knew it I had agreed to do it. I came home and practically burst into tears when I told my husband what I had agreed to. My husband, being the great supporter he is, told me he would help me practice. So after weeks of standing up in front of my husband and practicing the presentation, the night finally came. So off to the West Allis library event I went. I was nervous but it all ended very well. This was one of those moments in my life that I realized that if I set my mind to something I can do it. That is one of my favorite things about this past year and what I love most about PIM. I have been able to branch out and do things that I never dreamed of doing. I get to help people along the way, which makes it even better!

This got me wondering what my fellow PIM members liked the most about 2014.

So, I asked them and here is what a few of them had to say.....

My favorite moment of 2013 was the week long expedition. It wasn't necessarily the amazing once-in-a-lifetime locations we investigated but, more so, who I was with when we investigated them. The week's worth of driving, staying in hotel/motels, dining, and investigating together was a true test of the group's compatibility. Not only did we learn a lot about each other, we learned something about ourselves. This was an amazing experience to be able to share with some of the greatest paranormal investigators in this field which whom I have a great deal of respect for despite the bodily gases, the ridicule, strange tendencies, and teasing from each member of the Paranormal Investigators of Milwaukee. Gravy

My favorite PIM memory of 2013 was the summer Expedition. The sheer amount of planning and effort that trip took was amazing and I was really proud how we were able to pull it off as well as we did. It gives me confidence in what else this group can do.
Noah

The most fun I had in 2013 was the Brumder Mansion event. I love the public events, and they are particularly great when we are lucky to have such enthusiastic and fun people attend. The Pembine event was great too. It was especially cool to see some people attend for the second time. It shows that they really have a great time at our events! Jann

I honestly cant pin down a single favorite moment. I thoroughly enjoy each investigation. I enjoy working with a group of people who each bring a particular skill and/or knowledge to the table. I enjoy the close camaraderie we have in our group. We share experiences that you can't get anywhere else. I enjoy the potential of each investigation that this may be "The One" where indisputable evidence of the paranormal may be obtained. I am grateful to God beyond words, that I found my way to this group of good people who share my interest in searching for the truth. John



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A Reflection on 2013

This past year has been very busy!! PIM was fortunate enough to do 30 investigations, 6 library events through the month of October, were involved in the Chicago Ghost Conference and the Illinois Paranormal Conference, had two public investigations, had two Expeditions, were invited to speak on several radio shows, and even made the news! Whew, it's been amazing!!! Every year just keeps getting better for the Paranormal Investigators of Milwaukee. We look forward to the many adventures and opportunities that 2014 will bring!!

Debunking Spotlight:

This month I wanted to put together a little session on debunking, which is the most important thing that an investigator can do. For this session I want to talk about the so-called flashlight test. In this test, you unscrew a flashlight to where it is barely not on and then ask anything present to turn it on or off in response to questions. The issue with this method is that you are purposefully causing the flashlight to malfunction, and you don't know how that will effect it. It turns out, that the heating up of the reflector in the flashlight causes expansion which actually will turn the flashlight off. Someone actually did a detailed testing of this and the video can be found on our Facebook page. If you have any questions please email Noah at noahl@paranormalmilwaukee.com

Where Does A PIM Case Come From?

Have you ever wondered how PIM gets these great investigation opportunities? Most of the investigations we at PIM do are residential or private investigations of homes or businesses. How does someone contact PIM you may ask. Well here is how...

Located on PIM's website is a tab that says "Contact for Investigation". Simply click on this tab and a form will pop up. Once the form is filled out it is sent directly to PIM's Lead Investigator Noah. He then contacts that person and assigns another PIM member who will personally contact the client to give a questionnaire and gather more information. It is very important to gather as much information as possible ahead of time for each case to do the best job we can. At this point a walkthrough is scheduled of the location so that the location can be physically seen. This is important for many reasons. It makes it easier to determine what is going on in the home, what equipment would be needed, and if there is any other factors that may be causing the client to believe they are experiencing something paranormal. This also will help in determining whether an investigation will need to be done. If an investigation is needed it is then scheduled, investigators are assigned and research is done to try and gather more information on the location.

Sometimes PIM will seek out certain locations. For example, this past summer PIM visited many places that are rumored to be haunted like Ohio State Reformatory, Waverly Hills Sanatorium, Eastern State Penitentiary, and several others. These places were visited for PIM's own personal research and curiosity.

Two things PIM will never do is charge for an investigation or enter a location without the permission of the owners. This is bad practice, illegal and could be dangerous.

PIM is always looking for new places to investigate so if you or someone you know thinks they may be experiencing something paranormal please feel free to contact us. We are always here to help!

Recent Investigation News/Highlights

- On Friday December 6th PIM members Missy, Tony and Chris headed to Fredonia, WI for a private investigation. This was an interesting case involving claims of voices, apparitions, and unexplainable noises. Although some of the claims were debunked some remain unexplained. Please check out the Cases Tab on our website to read more about this investigation.
- On Saturday December 7th PIM members Gravy, Jann, Chris, and John and guests Tea Krulos and Marc Eaton investigated a Public Library in Milwaukee, WI. This was PIM's second time at this location. The evidence review is still ongoing for this investigation. Please watch the PIM website for more information on this investigation.

PIM offers scientific investigations of suspected paranormal activity in homes, businesses, and historic sites. We pride ourselves on providing confidential, professional services free of charge.

To have PIM conduct an investigation for you, contact Noah Leigh (Lead Investigator) through our website or by the phone number listed above.

We look forward to meeting you at a public event, investigating with you, or just hearing from you on Facebook or Twitter!