

# Mistorical Mights

NEWSLETTER OF THE SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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1983 JANUARY - APRIL

ANNUAL DINNER, ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THE 8TH ANNUAL DINNER, ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 10TH AT THE SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON SHAVER ROAD IN WEST SAND LAKE.

6:15 PM - COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVRES AT MARION AND WOODY HACKER'S (6TH House on Right on Orchard Lane which is off the West Sand Lake END OF THE OLD BEST ROAD).

7:30 PM - FAMILY STYLE ROAST BEEF DINNER WITH HOME MADE PIES, AT THE SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL FOLLOW THE DINNER.

THE NOMINEES FOR 1983-1984 OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT - L. ROSS FRENCH RECORDING SECY. - ELINOR ZAKI
VICE PRES. - ARTHUR HANDLEY CORRES. SECY. - ARTHEA B. GIBBS
TREASURER - MARION HACKER CUSTODIAN - DOROTHY LEITGEB
TRUSTEES FOR 3 YEARS - ADA MILLER AND DONALD T. EDMANS

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WAS COMPOSED OF CHAIRMAN PETER B. SPRAGUE AND MEMBERS MADOLYN CARPENTER AND MARY MARGARET CIPPERLEY.

ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY DAVID LANCE OF AVERILL PARK AND HIS MUSICAL GROUP. THEY WILL PLAY TUNES OF YESTERYEAR FROM SHEET MUSIC LOANED BY SOCIETY MEMBERS FROM THEIR COLLECTIONS.

THE COST IS \$7.00 EACH. PLEASE SEND RESERVATIONS AND CHECKS TO MARION HACKER. RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE. RESERVATIONS CLOSE FRI., MAY 6TH. INQUIRIES- MARION AFTER 4 PM, 674-3191.

# HISTORIC BUILDINGS TOUR '83

KENNETH BROCK HAS BEEN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS Tour '63 WHICH WE PLAN TO HOLD IN THE EARLY FALL. THE EXACT DATE AND LOCATION ARE YET TO BE DETERMINED AS THE TOUR IS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGE.

KEN WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SHOW THEIR HISTORIC PROPERTY ON THE TOUR, OR WHO WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH THE TOUR IN SOME WAY. PLEASE CALL KEN AT 674-3165.

# THE PONY EXPRESS RIDES AGAIN!

POLLOCK PINES, CALIF. (A.P.) ON FRIDAY, APRIL 15, MALCOLM "MAC" MCFARLAND, THE FIRST PONY EXPRESS RIDER IN 122 YEARS, LEFT TINY POLLOCK PINES POST OFFICE AND GALLOPED INTO THE MOUNTAINS. HIS SADDLEBAGS STUFFED WITH MAIL FOR COMMUNITIES ISOLATED BY AN APRIL 9 LANDSLIDE.

MCFARLAND WAS THE FIRST OF NINE RIDERS IN RELAY WHO WILL CARRY THE MAIL ON THE 40-MILE PATH TO SNOWBOUND LITTLE NORWAY NEAR THE SIERRA SUMMIT.

HISTORY BUFFS, MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL PONY EXPRESS ASSOCIATION, OFFERED TO CARRY THE MAIL AFTER U. S. HIGHWAY 50 WAS SEVERED BY A 1000-FOOT-LONG LANDSLIDE ON APRIL 9, 1983.

THE ORIGINAL PONY EXPRESS LASTED ONLY 18 MONTHS -- FROM APRIL 1860 TO OCTOBER 1861 -- AND WAS DISCONTINUED UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE LINE OF THE PACIFIC TELEGRAPH CO. IN OCTOBER 1861.

# BROOKLYN BRIDGE CENTENNIAL 1883 - 1983

THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE, SPANNING THE EAST RIVER AND LINKING THE BOROUGHS OF BROOKLYN AND MANHATTAN IN NEW YORK CITY, WAS CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN 1869 AND 1883, AND OPENED TO TRAFFIC ON MAY 24, 1883. AT THAT TIME, THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE WITH A DENTRAL COLUMN CO. 45

## DUES ARE DUE JUNE 1ST

FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS COUPON TO SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

P. O. Box 492, West Sand Lake, N. Your 1983-84 Membership (IF You have Membership Year is June 1, 1983 to	VE NOT ALREADY RENEWED). THE
NAME(S)	PHONE
ADDRESS	EHECK ENC. \$
PLEASE NOTE BELOW, YOUR SPECIAL INTERESTS, HOBBIES, COLLECTIONS:	
MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$3.00 PER PERSON, \$5.00 PER FAMILY. JUNIORS TO AGE 16, AND SENIORS (65 AND OVER) HALF PRICE. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU.	

## PROGRAMS AND TRIPS

WE ARE PLANNING SOME INTERESTING PROGRAMS AS WELL AS TRIPS TO SITES OF HISTORIC INTEREST DURING THE COMING YEAR. TRIPS WILL BE PLANNED FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOONS. THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING IN JULY. WATCH NEWSPAPERS FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF TRIPS AND MEETINGS.

ROSS FRENCH TO GIVE ANTIQUE CARPENTERY TOOLS PROGRAM AT STEPHENTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING SEPT. 12th at 7:30 PM in the Stephentown Town Hall. If you missed Ross's program at our own March Meeting, HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO SEE IT!

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## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

ONCE AGAIN, A GIRL AND A BOY OF THE JUNE 1983 GRADUATING CLASS AT AVERILL PARK HIGH SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE A SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. THE AWARDS HAVE BEEN INCREASED THIS YEAR TO \$75.00 EACH, AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS AT COMMENCEMENT.

DONATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. SIMPLY MAIL YOUR CHECK TO SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SCHOLARSHIP FUND, PO Box 492, West Sand Lake, N.Y. 12196.

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