



# Historical Highlights

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## Upcoming programs

The Annual Meeting of the Sand Lake Historical society will be held on *Tuesday, May 12*. Ron and Barbara Neu-Berti are once again graciously sharing their magnificent home on 42 Schumann Rd. in Sand Lake. The Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. Members are asked to bring an entrée, casserole, salad or vegetable dish to share. The trustees are asked to bring dessert items. Please also bring some nonperishable food items for *Doors of Hope*.

We are pleased that Kathy Sheehan from the Rensselaer County Historical Society will be our guest speaker (*rescheduled from December 2014*), speaking on "Murder and Mayhem in Rensselaer County!"

The Nominating Committee (Joan Fuess, Chair; Robert Loesch; and Mary Weber) is pleased to announce the following nominations: *Joseph Ferrannini* (second term, 2018); *Kathryn (Katie) Kombat* (second term, 2018); *Sue Powers* (first term, 2018) Averill Park Foundation; and *Brian Morini* (first term, 2018) Branch Manager, Trustco Bank, WSL. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Annual Meeting.

Also upcoming: On **Tuesday, June 9th**, Dr. Janny Venema, Author and Researcher of the New Netherland Research Center, will present *Kiliaen van Rensselaer, Beverwijck and the New Netherland Research Center*. Her talk will include information from her books, *Kiliaen Van Rensselaer (1586-1643): Designing a New World* and *Beverwijck: A Dutch Village on the American Frontier, 1652-1664*. She will also cover charity in Beverwijck and the work they are doing at the New Netherland Institute in Albany. The period covered will not go beyond 1664. (*Rescheduled from February 2015*) Please join us for this program at the Sand Lake Town Hall in Sand Lake at 7:30 p.m.

## News from Historic Eastfield Foundation

A message from HEF President Peter Schaaphok: "Dear Supporters of Eastfield Village: As most of you undoubtedly know Don Carpentier, the "Squire" of Eastfield, passed away last August after a long and spirited fight with ALS. Many have voiced concern about what would happen with the Village and the annual workshop program that helped make Eastfield renowned in the historic preservation community.

Fortunately, back in 1990 Don anticipated the day he would no longer be holding the reins, and thus established the Historic Eastfield Foundation. Over the years the Foundation supported Don in his work and now has stepped into the breach to continue the "Eastfield Experience."

Our first major endeavor will be the continuation of the Annual Series of Workshops in Early American Trades and Historic Preservation. This year's schedule of classes has been set and we invite you to visit the Foundation's website to view our current offerings and to register for the classes.

Don's unique skills and passion can never be replaced, but the Foundation is determined to continue his legacy. We hope the transition will be smooth, and we appreciate your patience and support as we embark on the next phase in the life of Historic Eastfield Village. — *With Best Regards, Peter Schaaphok, President, Historic Eastfield Foundation*

p.s. Save the date! Our First Annual Founder's Day will be held September 19th, 2015."

NOTE: Courses include Traditional Period Stone Masonry; Everyday Textiles of the 18th and 19th Century, A Hands-On Workshop; British and American Historical Ceramics "Dish Camp"; Blacksmithing; Historic Timber Framing; Window Restoration; Tin 1: Beginning Tinsmithing; Tin 2: Advanced Tinsmithing; Historic Cemetery Preservation; and Dinner With Mrs. Glasse (Fireplace Cooking).

(More information at <http://historiceastfield.org/index.php?content=workshops>)

## Gifts of history

Have you found someone to give a copy of *Sand Lake Revisited*? The Society realizes a 50% profit from their sales and receives a 10% royalty for sales in other venues. The cost of *Sand Lake Revisited* is **now only \$12.00** (including tax). *Sand Lake*, our first book, is also available for **only \$12.00** (including tax); add \$3.00 shipping, for each copy. Both together may be had for only **\$20.00!** Copies of both books are for sale at the Town Clerk's Office for the Society. Robert J. Lilly's book *The Wynants Kill: a small stream, but mighty* is now sold out, but Marvin Bubie's book *On the Trail of Henry Hudson and Our Dutch Heritage Through the Municipal Seals of New York State* is available for \$27.00 (including tax).

A set of 6 note cards for \$7.00 (tax included) is available, including: Carousel at Crystal Lake Park; Parade at Younghan's Race Track and Fairgrounds; Summer campers "roughing it" c. 1915 at Methodist Farm at Crooked Lake; Hikers dressed 1928 style at Camp VanSchoonhoven; Victorian lady rowing her dog on area lake; and Family relaxing on their porch at lakeside cottage. The note cards are available from the Town Clerk's office.

Order information is also available on our web site. You may send an order to Sand Lake Historical Society, Box 492, West Sand Lake, NY 12196 for any of the above items.

## Dues are due!

This is a gentle reminder that the Society's membership year runs from June 1 to May 31, so chances are your membership is coming up for renewal! You will find a membership form elsewhere in this issue of *Historical Highlights!*

## Sand Lake: Then and Now!

Last time we talked about the free Smart Phone app, *Sand Lake: Then and Now*. The app is available to users of i-phones as well as droid devices. Simply go to the app store and search *Sand Lake: Then and Now*. The app gives you the chance to see what Sand Lake, West Sand Lake and Averill Park looked like in the 1800s.

Again, if you'd like to share photos or if you have any questions about the app, call Town Historian Bob Moore 674-2026 x20 or [bmoores@sand-lake.us](mailto:bmoores@sand-lake.us)

## Teddy Roosevelt "Revisits" Crooked Lake

Our Thursday, April 23, event was *very* successful! Teddy (a.k.a. Joe Wiegand) gave a masterful and unforgettable performance for a full house of over 250 at the Old Daley Inn on Crooked Lake. He graciously signed many autographs, and posed for many, MANY photos. Local people and those from out of town attended. Old Daley staff were most gracious and accommodating, and there was a wonderful assortment of raffle prizes (a small sample here)!



"Colonel" Roosevelt (*he emphasized that he prefers that title to all others – Ed.*) also spoke to Averill Park students on Friday, April 24.

We will have more photos on our web site soon.

The talk was over an hour of fascinating anecdotes about Roosevelt's childhood, his time as a member of the New York State Assembly and as 33<sup>rd</sup> Governor of New York, his service with the Rough Riders during the Spanish-American War, and (of course) his terms as the 25<sup>th</sup> Vice President of the United States and as the 26<sup>th</sup> President of the United States!

*(One of my favorite anecdotes revolved around his Presidency, in a White House filled with his children and their "menagerie of somewhat inappropriately named pets." Mention was made of a time one of the children burst into a meeting to announce that "Bishop Doane [a hamster] had twins"! I commented to "The Colonel" about that after the talk, noting that William Croswell Doane was, in fact, the first Bishop of the Albany Episcopal Diocese! – Ed.)*

There are so many to thank for making this event possible. Special thanks go to Joe Wiegand portraying Teddy Roosevelt, Averill Park Education Foundation, Averill Park Central Schools, Joe Farrannini – Gravestone Matters, Sand Lake Kiwanis Club, Spectra



become almost more legend than fact. Witness this short article found in Troy's *The Times Record* newspaper, August 12, 1958:



**“Teddy’ Roosevelt Reported Once Sand Lake Visitor** — Tradition says that President Theodore Roosevelt once came to Sand Lake and stayed for several days at what is now the Crooked Lake Hotel. He is said to have climbed to the high spot called Bears Head which overlooks the lake and

there tied his shirt to a tree. For years youngsters who have gone hiking to Bears Head claim they have seen fragments of Teddy Roosevelt's shirt still tied to a tree.” The article was part of a special feature; more about that feature elsewhere in this issue of *Historical Highlights!*



Environmental Group, The Old Daley on Crooked Lake, West Field Production Company, and the Sand Lake Center for the Arts. Also, the TR Dinner Committee: Barbara Neu Berti, John “Mac” McEvelly, Bob Moore, Dee Erickson, Mary Weber, Anna Church, Joe Farrannini, and Sue Powers!

The image below is found in *Images of America: Sand Lake Revisited* and bears repeating here:

Crooked Lake House.				
W. A. BROWN, Proprietor.		SAND LAKE, N. Y.		
THE PROPRIETOR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONEY OR VALUABLES DEPOSITED IN THE SAFE OF THE OFFICE				
NAME	RESIDENCE	Room	Time of Arrival	Remarks
C. Saterday	April 22, 1898			
Geo. A. Sullivan	Albany N.Y.	15		
Dr. J. J. Gunnery, wife		15		
Ed. Tolmoff	Troy N.Y.	4		
E. P. McMillan	"	5		
Theodore Roosevelt	Nassau	12, 11, 10		
his family		5		
Miss M. J. ...	Troy N.Y.	10		

GOV. THEODORE ROOSEVELT and his family took they arrived in time for supper. The hotel register sheet GOV. THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S SIGNATURE. An article in the Troy Record publicized the Crooked Lake House register sheet with Gov. Theodore Roosevelt's signature, with the six rooms the family would occupy, and that they arrived for supper. (TSLC.)

*The* **TEDDY ROOSEVELT** Show

Sand Lake Historical Society Presents:  
**TEDDY ROOSEVELT REVISITS SAND LAKE**  
 Crooked Lake House  
 April 23rd Thursday 6:30 - 9:30  
**DINNER AND SHOW**  
 Reservations:  
 Sandlakehistory.org 674-5143  
 www.teddyrooseveltshow.com

Oddly, not all that long ago, Roosevelt's visits to the area and specifically to Crooked Lake had

Again, we will have more photos on our web site soon.

# "Fulton History," 1958 memories and more

If you're not familiar with Fulton History, you're missing out on lots of fun and a great resource. <http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html> is a web link to, among other things, over 30 million US and Canadian newspaper pages scanned and searchable. It's where I found the "*Teddy Roosevelt Reported Once Sand Lake Visitor*"



article and so much more. That article was just a small part of a full page feature of that *The Times Record*

newspaper for August 12, 1958, devoted to "Sand Lake Is Town Of Many Beautiful Homes, Popular Beach Resorts." There are several other articles of interest, and the page is also full of advertisements for local businesses, and it is the ads in particular we'll feature here. Sadly, most are gone 57 years later, but I'll wager most are remembered fondly! We'll have these and the rest of the ads on the web site soon!

**ZANE'S**  
**AVERILL PARK FOOD CENTER**  
**WED., AUG. 13th - SUN., AUG. 17th**

INSTANT NESCAFE <b>COFFEE</b> 99¢ 6 oz. Jar	PILLSBURY <b>FLOUR</b> \$1.79 25 Lb. Bag
CHUCK <b>ROAST BEEF</b> 43¢ Lb.	RATH BLACKHAWK <b>Smoked HAM</b> 65¢ Lb.

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**Wine & Liquor Store**  
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 Phone OR 4-3388  
**AVERILL PARK, N. Y.**  
 The Center of Vacation Land

Planning a wedding . . . a dinner . . . a luncheon or breakfast? Whatever the festive occasion . . . let us do the work. You select the menu and we do all the rest. **GOOD FOOD - GENEROUS PORTIONS - REASONABLE PRICES - PLEASANT ATMOSPHERE.** You'll find them all here! Phone ORegon 4-8936  
**The GLASS LAKE HOTEL**  
 . . . On Glass Lake - Route 66 - Averill Park

Complete selection of **BUILDING SUPPLIES**  
 For contractors and the do-it-yourselfers. Come see our Lu-Re-Co Homes which can be erected on your own lot at prices within your reach.  
**BOYCE LUMBER CO., Inc.**  
 Averill Park ORegon 4-3831

**24-HOUR EMERGENCY PRESCRIPTION SERVICE!**  
  
**PARK PHARMACY**  
 AVERILL PARK, N. Y.  
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**HOME-MADE ICE CREAM**  
 "FAMOUS FOR OVER 50 YEARS" 1/2 Gals. 89¢

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 ADMISSION Adults \$1.00 Children 50¢

**WILLIAM J. LILLIE MONUMENT WORKS**  
 MONUMENTS AND FAMILY MEMORIALS  
**West Sand Lake**  
 (At the 4 Corners) NEW YORK  
**ORegon 4-3818**  
 "A Proud Family Tradition For Over A Hundred Years"  
 SELECT BARRE GRANITE  
**BARRE GUILD**

While visiting Historic Area of **AVERILL PARK STOP AT . . .**  
**PATERSON'S RESTAURANT**  
 PHONE OR 4-8937  
 ROUTE 66 & 43  
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 Counter, Curb, and Dining Service  
 We serve wonderful food . . . and our coffee **CAN'T BE BEAT! STOP IN SOON!**

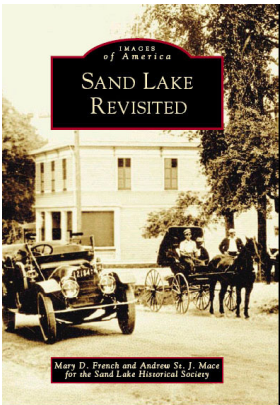
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 The whole family will enjoy a stay at our new "MOTEL" OPEN ALL YEAR 25 Modern Rooms Tile Baths

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 ORegon 4-5383

## Web links of interest...

...as we look forward to the June 2015 meeting:

- 1 *New Netherland Research Center*: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/newnetherland/>
- 1 *New Netherland Institute*: <http://www.newnetherlandinstitute.org/>



<http://sandlakehistory.org>

E-mail: [sandlakehistory@aol.com](mailto:sandlakehistory@aol.com)

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\$3 per Student (13-22) \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 per Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 per Family \_\_\_\_\_

\$100 per Lifetime (Individual) \_\_\_\_\_ \$150 per Lifetime (Family – two persons) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to receive newsletter via e-mail \_\_\_ or via Postal Mail \_\_\_ (choose only one)

Total enclosed: ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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