



# Historical Highlights

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A FINE THING HAS HAPPENED THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. WE HAVE RECEIVED OUR PERMANENT CHARTER FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE ACTUAL PRESENTATION WILL BE MADE EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.

OUR 1979 HOUSE TOUR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY. WE HOPE TO MAKE OUR HOUSE TOUR AN ANNUAL EVENT FOR WHICH THE SOCIETY WILL BECOME WELL-KNOWN.

THE UNIQUE QUILT AND TURKEY RAFFLE WENT WAY OVER THE ANTICIPATED AMOUNT TO SWELL OUR COFFERS AND FINANCE OUR NEEDS. A LARGE "THANK YOU" TO THOSE WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE.

THERE ARE STILL A FEW SAND LAKE HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE. CONTACT MADOLYN CARPENTER AT HOME OR AT THE TOWN HALL ON MONDAYS.

WE WILL BEGIN OUR HISTORIC SITES SURVEY IN THE TOWN EARLY IN 1980. THIS IS A PROJECT WHICH WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE YEARS. MIG CIPPERLEY WILL CHAIR THE HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE.

A RECENT SPEAKER COMPLIMENTED OUR SOCIETY AS AN "ACTIVE LITTLE GROUP." I SECOND THAT! NONE OF THE ABOVE COULD COME ABOUT WITHOUT THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF A "SUPER" BUNCH OF PEOPLE! YOU ALL MAKE MY JOB SO EASY.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BERYL VANNIER

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## SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDITOR

YOUR EDITOR WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PUBLICATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER. THEY MAY BE HISTORIC FACTS OR INTERESTING HISTORIC ITEMS ABOUT THIS AREA, ANECDOTES OF THE OLDEN DAYS, OLD-TIME RECIPES, OR WHATEVER. SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDITOR, HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS, Box 492, WEST SAND LAKE, NEW YORK 12196.

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MESSAGE FROM HISTORIC SITES CHAIRPERSON

TO LIVE IN THE TOWN OF SAND LAKE AND KNOW THAT IRREPLACEABLE HISTORIC RESOURCES EXIST HERE MAKES ONE FEEL COMPELLED TO DO SOMETHING TO PRESERVE THE SPECIAL CHARACTER OF OUR TOWN. IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMITTEE TO ENCOURAGE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES, ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES AND OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

AT THIS STAGE OF PLANNING, I AM LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE AND PLAN TO HOLD THE FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING SOME TIME IN APRIL, 1980. IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE THINK ABOUT THIS VITAL PROJECT AND NOTIFY ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THIS COMMITTEE. CALL ME AT 674-3876.

MIG CIPPERLEY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

JULY 2 - AT MIG CIPPERLEY'S  
 AUG. 6 - CANCELLED. ILLNESS  
 SEP. 5 - AT MIG CIPPERLEY'S  
 OCT. 1 - AT MIG CIPPERLEY'S  
 NOV. 5 - AT JANE VAN PRAAG'S  
 DEC. 3 - AT MIG CIPPERLEY'S  
 JAN. 7, 1980 - TO BE HELD AT MIG CIPPERLEY'S

MONTHLY MEETINGS

JULY 9TH - CHARLES L. BALLARD, PROF. OF TRANSPORTATION AT HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GAVE US AN INTERESTING FILM SHOW AND TALK ON RAILROAD SCENES IN THE ALBANY AREA. ALSO, PRESIDENT VANNIER PRESENTED SANFORD YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO LAURA MURRAY AND GERALD STRAIT, THE FIRST RECIPIENTS OF THESE AWARDS.

AUG. 13TH - ANNUAL PICNIC AT MIG CIPPERLEY'S. MEMBERS ENJOYED A GREAT PICNIC, ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER WAS TOO COOL FOR SWIMMING.

SEPT. 10 - ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION, "MORE OLDEN DAYS," WITH MYRA WEHNAU AND HELEN GUY. AMONG OTHER INTERESTING THINGS, WE LEARNED ABOUT THE FIRST ELECTRICITY IN THE TOWN.

OCT. 8TH - WAYNE HARVEY, VICE PRES. OF SCHTDY. CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY RELATED THE DANGERS AND DRUDGERY IN THE COLONIAL KITCHEN (COOKING IN THE FIREPLACE). HE DISPLAYED KETTLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT USED IN THE FIREPLACES. KETTLES WERE HEAVY AND WOMEN'S CLOTHING CAUGHT ON FIRE!

NOV. 12TH - RAYMOND SMITH OF THE N. Y. STATE DEPT. OF PARKS AND RECREATION SPOKE ON PRESERVATION AND REGISTRATION OF HISTORIC SITES ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

DEC. 10TH - CHRISTMAS PARTY, GRAB BAG AND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION OF OUR MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS PAST SUCH AS TREES TRIMMED WITH STRINGS OF CRANBERRIES AND POPCORN AND LIT WITH LITTLE WAX CANDLES IN CLIP-ON HOLDERS. ALSO, GOOSE WAS THE HOLIDAY BIRD, RATHER THAN TURKEY.

JAN. 14, 1980 - WATCH LOCAL NEWSPAPERS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROGRAM.

WE THANK THOSE WHO HAVE PROVIDED AND SERVED REFRESHMENTS AT MEETINGS AND AT THE HOUSE TOUR HEADQUARTERS.

HERE IS AN OLD-TIME RECIPE FOR CRANBERRY KETCHUP FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

2-1/2 LBS CRANBERRIES  
APPLE CIDER VINEGAR  
2-2/3 CUPS SUGAR

1 TABLESPOON CINNAMON  
1 TEASPOON GROUND CLOVES

WASH AND PICK OVER BERRIES. PUT IN A KETTLE AND COVER WITH VINEGAR. COOK UNTIL THEY BURST. FORCE THROUGH A SIEVE. ADD OTHER INGREDIENTS. RETURN MIXTURE TO THE FIRE AND SIMMER 'TILL THICK. SEAL IN CLEAN, HOT JARS. GOOD AS A RELISH WITH FOWL OR MEAT.

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#### MANY YEARS AGO

IN 1579, SIR FRANCIS DRAKE CLAIMED THE WEST COAST (CALIFORNIA) FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH OF ENGLAND. HE LEFT A SMALL METAL PLATE WHICH WAS FOUND IN MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA IN 1936.

IN AUGUST 1879, IVORY SOAP MADE ITS DEBUT. WE HAVE BEEN 99-44/100% PURE FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

ON SEPT. 16, 1929, STUDENTS FIRST PASSED THROUGH THE DOORS OF THE RED BRICK SCHOOL BUILDING ON ROUTE 66, NOW CALLED THE SAND LAKE SCHOOL.

THE AVERILL PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS FORMED ON AUGUST 28, 1928, AND THE SAND LAKE SCHOOL WAS ITS FIRST BUILDING. THE DISTRICT NOW HAS SIX SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

SEPT. 16, 1979 MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE DISTRICT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR. A COMMUNITY RECEPTION AND OPEN HOUSE WAS HELD IN THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING AT THE SAND LAKE SCHOOL, WITH ALUMNI AND MANY OF THE ORIGINAL STAFF IN ATTENDANCE.

ON AUGUST 21, 1959, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER PROCLAIMED HAWAII THE 50TH STATE AND ORDERED A 50-STAR FLAG EFFECTIVE JULY 4, 1960.

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*Merry Christmas! Arthea*

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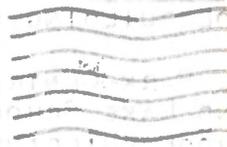
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