



# Historical Highlights

NEWSLETTER OF THE SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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APRIL 1986

## 11TH ANNUAL DINNER, ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THE 11TH ANNUAL DINNER, ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 13TH AT THE SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON SHAVER ROAD IN WEST SAND LAKE.

6-7 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 MASHED POTATOES, TWO VEGETABLES, RELISH TRAY, ROLLS & BUTTER, AND HOME MADE PIES, AT THE SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE FATHER THOMAS PHELAN, DEAN OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AT RPI, AUTHOR OF "THE HUDSON-MOHAWK GATEWAY," AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF TROY, WATERFORD, COHOES, GREEN ISLAND AND WATERVLIET, PUBLISHED IN 1985. HE WILL SPEAK ON THE GATEWAY AREA.

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

THE COST IS \$8.00 PER PERSON, WHETHER OR NOT YOU ATTEND THE COCKTAIL PARTY. PLEASE SEND RESERVATIONS AND CHECKS TO MARION HACKER. RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE. RESERVATIONS CLOSE FRI., MAY 9. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION YOU MAY CALL MARION AFTER 4:00 PM AT 674-3191.

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RESERVATION FOR COCKTAILS AND DINNER MAY 13, 1986

FILL OUT AND MAIL TO: MARION HACKER, P.O. Box 161, WEST SAND LAKE, N.Y. 12196. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

PLEASE RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ (NUMBER) DINNERS AT \$8.00 EACH.

\_\_\_\_\_ (NUMBER) WILL ATTEND THE COCKTAIL PARTY. CHECK ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## NEWS OF OUR LIBRARY

FATHER PHELAN'S BOOK, THE HUDSON-MOHAWK GATEWAY, WAS PURCHASED FOR OUR LIBRARY WITH FUNDS DONATED BY MRS. RACHEL WILFORD. MEMBERS MAY BORROW THIS AND OTHER BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY AT MONTHLY MEETINGS. OUR NEW LIBRARIAN, BARBARA MOHAN, WILL BE WAITING AT THE LIBRARY CABINET IN THE BACK OF THE MEETING ROOM AT THE TOWN HALL.

BARBARA HAS PREPARED THE ENCLOSED LIST OF BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM OUR LIBRARY FOR YOUR INFORMATION. BORROW AND ENJOY!

## ABOUT THE HUDSON-MOHAWK GATEWAY-- THE BOOK

THE HUDSON-MOHAWK GATEWAY, AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY BY FATHER THOMAS PHELAN, IS A WELL-WRITTEN, HANDSOMELY ILLUSTRATED VOLUME WHICH TELLS THE DRAMATIC STORY OF THE FIVE GATEWAY MUNICIPALITIES, TROY, COHOES, WATERFORD, GREEN ISLAND AND WATERVLIET.

AUTHOR PHELAN, TOGETHER WITH CONTRIBUTORS ROBERT G. WAITE, DIANA S. WAITE AND LOIS M. FEISTER, REVEALS THE REGION'S FASCINATING HISTORY.

THERE ARE MORE THAN 200 SUPERB ILLUSTRATIONS, SELECTED BY PICTURE RESEARCHER PETER D. SHAVER, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF HISTORIC PHOTOS AT THE NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM BETWEEN 1979 AND 1983.

THE "PARTNERS IN PROGRESS" CHAPTER WAS RESEARCHED AND WRITTEN BY JANE BENNETT SMART, EDITOR OF THE FOCUS SECTION OF TROY'S TIMES RECORD NEWSPAPER, AND TOM MCGUIRE WHO WAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HUDSON-MOHAWK INDUSTRIAL GATEWAY FROM 1979 TO 1981.

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## MEMBERSHIP FEES

MEMBERSHIP FEES HAVE BEEN INCREASED THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE RISING COSTS OF OPERATION OF THE SOCIETY. AS WE ALL KNOW, POSTAGE HAS GONE UP, AND LAST YEAR OUR INSURANCE PREMIUM INCREASED THREEFOLD. AT THE APRIL 8 MEETING THE MEMBERS VOTED TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP FEES BY ONE DOLLAR, MAKING THE FEE PER PERSON \$4.00 AND THE FEE PER FAMILY \$6.00. JUNIORS AND SENIOR CITIZENS 65 AND OVER WILL STILL BE HALF PRICE.

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## NOMINEES TO BE ANNOUNCED

THE NOMINEES FOR 1986-87 OFFICERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. ROSS FRENCH IS CHAIRMAN OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. HE IS ASSISTED BY ELINOR ZAKI AND JOHN KACHARIAN.

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PRESIDENT KITTY MAGE

A partial listing of titles in the Sand Lake Historical Society Library

TITLE	Author
A Culture History of Rensselaer County	Fox, John W.
A Primer for Local Historical Societies	Creigh, Dorothy Weyer
A Report of the Mohawk-Hudson Area	Vogel, Robert M.
A Visit to Old Troy in Pictures and Prose	Moore, H. Irving
As In Days Gone By	Holloway, Joseph
Bath-on-the-Hudson	Tompson, Whish, & Fraser
Beverwyck Manor	Fraser, J.K. & J.M.
Castleton History	Ton, Edward
Crisis in the Catskills	Bogardus, Mary
Delaware & Hudson	Shaughnessy, Jim
East Albany and Beyond	Tompson, Whish, & Fraser
Education for a Technological Society	Rezneck, Samuel
Greenen Bosch	Tompson, Whish, & Fraser
History of Sand Lake	Sylvester,
History of the Seventeen Towns of Renss. Co.	Weise, A.J.
Melrose, Then and Now	Crandall, Patricia
North Chatham and Malden Bridge Recall the Past	Otten, Mary E.
Oral History for the Local Historical Society	Baum, Willa K.
Our Yesterdays	Craib, S.H., Craib, R.H.
Pictorial History of WSL	Young, S. & Viens, C.
Pine Bush - Albany's Last Frontier	Rittner, Don
Profiles Out of the Past of Troy, NY, since 1789	Rezneck, Samuel
Researching, Writing and Publishing Local History	Felt, Thomas C.
Stove Manufacturers, Troy, NY	Waite, J.G., Waite, Diana
Stubborn for Liberty	Kenney, Alice P.
The Architecture of Lansingburgh, NY	Waite, J.G.
The Grafton (NY) Hills of Home	Bennett, Ruth
The History of the Village of Valatie	Rogati, Beatrice
The Reservation	Williams,
The Road Home	Hill, Cuffe, Sagendorf
Things That Go Bump in the Night	Jones, Louis C.
Third Rails Pantographs & Trolley Poles	Gordon, William Reed
Tin Horns and Calico	Christman,
Troy & New England Railway Co. 1895-1925	Viens, C. & Young, S.
Troy As We Knew It	Moore, H. Irving
Troy and Rensselaer County, NY Vol II	Hayner, Rutherford

PRESIDENT AND EDITOR ATTEND WORKSHOP

PRESIDENT KITTY MACE, ACCOMPANIED BY YOUR EDITOR, ATTENDED A DAY-LONG WORKSHOP ON NEWSLETTERS IN NOVEMBER, AT THE WHITE CHURCH EDUCATION CENTER IN POESTENKILL. THE PROGRAM WAS SPONSORED BY THE BRUNSWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE FEDERATION OF HISTORICAL SERVICES.

WE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT DIFFERENT KINDS OF NEWSLETTERS AND PROCESSES AND MET SEVERAL INTERESTING PEOPLE.

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MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

THE SOCIETY WILL GIVE TWO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN HISTORY TO ONE GIRL AND ONE BOY IN THE 1986 GRADUATING CLASS AT AVERILL PARK HIGH SCHOOL.

THIS YEAR'S AWARDS OF \$100 EACH WILL BE GIVEN "IN MEMORY OF LOUIS G. LEITGES AND DR. MILDRED M. ALLEN."

THE FIRST TWO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WERE MADE IN 1979, AND TWO AWARDS HAVE BEEN GIVEN EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR.

DONATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND ARE MOST WELCOME. DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. JUST MAIL YOUR CHECK TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND, SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 492, WEST SAND LAKE, N. Y. 12196.

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USED BOOK SALE

THE SOCIETY PLANS TO HOLD A USED BOOK SALE EARLY THIS SUMMER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THE DATE AND PLACE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED SOME NICE BOOKS FOR THE SALE, BOTH HARD COVER AND PAPERBACK, FOR WHICH WE SINCERELY THANK THE THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE WHO DONATED THEM. ADDITIONAL BOOKS FOR THIS SALE MAY BE LEFT WITH ARTHEA GIBBS (674-3127).

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DATED MATERIAL. OPEN AT ONCE.



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1986-87 MEMBERSHIPS --- DUE MAY 31st

FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS COUPON TO MEMBERSHIP, SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 492, WEST SAND LAKE, N. Y. 12196, WITH YOUR CHECK.

NAME (s) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE No. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK ENC. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE BELOW, YOUR SPECIAL INTERESTS, HOBBIES, COLLECTIONS, ETC.

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HAVE A MEMBERSHIP QUESTION? CALL ELINOR ZAKI, CHAIRPERSON 674-2005.