



# Historical Highlights

NEWSLETTER OF THE SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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OCTOBER 14, 1986 -- 8:00 PM -- SAND LAKE TOWN HALL

THE OFFICIAL CLUETT-PEABODY ARCHIVIST, JAMES MORSKE, WILL PRESENT A SLIDE-ILLUSTRATED PROGRAM ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THIS FAMOUS COMPANY WHICH GAVE TROY THE TITLE OF 'COLLAR CITY'. HE WILL SHARE THE HISTORY OF CLUETT, INCLUDING THE 'ARROW MAN' CHANGING SHIRT STYLES, AND MANY OBJECTS FROM THE GROWING COLLECTION.

WATCH THE NEWSPAPERS, ESPECIALLY THE ADVERTISER, FOR DETAILS OF OTHER REGULAR MEETINGS, HELD AT THE SAND LAKE TOWN HALL ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:00 P.M.

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SLEUTHS -- PROBLEM SOLVERS -- RESEARCHERS -- HISTORICAL TRIVIA

THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN PRESENTED WITH A BOOK OF PRESSED FLOWERS AND LEAVES PREPARED BY ELIZABETH BARNARD. A NOTE IN THE FLYLEAF READS 'SAND LAKE NEAR TROY ABOUT 1840'. IT WAS FOUND AND PRESENTED TO US BY THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN GROTON, CT. WHO WAS SHE? WHY WAS SHE HERE? IS SHE A LEAF ON YOUR FAMILY TREE?

THE HOTEL DEL CORONADO WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY IN 1988 AND ASKS FOR OUR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING ARTIFACTS, STORIES OR PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THE HOTEL. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT PATRICIA ANDERSON, HOTEL DEL CORONADO, 1500 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, CA 92118. PHONE: (619)522-8040

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OCTOBER 6, 1683 -- THIRTEEN GERMAN FAMILIES FROM CREFELD, IN THE RHINE PROVINCE OF PRUSSIA, MEMBERS OF THE PROTESTANT RELIGIOUS SECT KNOWN AS MENNONITES ARRIVED IN PHILADELPHIA AS THE FIRST GERMAN IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA, ABOARD THE CONCORD. THEY SETTLED NORTH OF PHILADELPHIA, IN GERMANTOWN. THE SURNAMES INCLUDED PASTORIUS, OP DEN GRAFF, ARETS, KUNDERS, TISEN, STREPER, LENSEN, KEURLIS, SIMENS, BLEIKERS, TUNES, AND LUCKEN. DID ANY OF THEIR DESCENDANTS REACH THIS AREA? IF YOU KNOW, SHARE!!!

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## MEMBERS' NEWS

JOHN KACHARIAN, HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEE, WAS THE GUEST ON THE STEVE FITZ TALK SHOW, STATION WQBK, TO TALK ABOUT THE FLAG ON FLAG DAY. HE HAS ALSO PRESENTED A FLAG DAY PROGRAM TO THE FORT CRAILO CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ARTHEA GIBBS, OUR VICE-PRESIDENT AND SAND LAKE CORRESPONDENT FOR THE COURIER NEWSPAPER, HAS ARRANGED FOR THE PUBLICATION OF HISTORICAL PHOTOS OF SUBJECTS IN OUR TOWN IN THE 'TINTYPES OF YESTERYEAR' COLUMN ON ALTERNATE WEEKS. THE COURIER IS THE SOUTHERN RENSSELAER COUNTY EDITION OF THE CHATHAM COURIER, AND IS SOLD AT DOBYS IN WEST SAND LAKE, AUNT GINNYS IN AVERILL PARK AND GIFFORDS IN GLASS LAKE.

ALAN FEUSS SPENT THREE WEEKS IN ENGLAND THIS SUMMER.

ANDY MACE IS CONSULTANT TO THE VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER AND IS PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER, ADIRONDACK TRIUMPH ASSOCIATION. HE RECENTLY ATTENDED THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE VTR AT GREENSBURG, PA. DRIVING A MODIFIED 1964 TRIUMPH SPITFIRE, HE RECEIVED FIRST IN CLASS FOR THE AUTOCROSS AND ALSO FASTEST TIME OF THE DAY FOR THE SAME EVENT.

MARGARET SHERWIN IS PLANNING A WORKSHOP FOR HOME MACHINE KNITTERS ON OCTOBER 18 & 19 TO BE HELD IN WEST SAND LAKE.

ROSS FRENCH, USING HIS OWN LATHE, CREATED A UNIQUE GAVEL FOR THE USE OF THE SOCIETY.

????? LET US KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING ???????

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## GOINGS ON AROUND THE AREA

'OLD JOE', THE OLDEST FIRE FIGHTING APPARATUS IN THE AREA, IS BEING REFURBISHED BY THE WEST SAND LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY. FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP.

THERESA WINSLOW IS THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HUDSON MOHAWK INDUSTRIAL GATEWAY. SHE COMES TO THIS AREA FROM NIAGARA FALLS, WHERE SHE HAS HELD MANY POSITIONS IN VARIOUS HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

OCTOBER 4 IS THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, AND CRAFTS SHOW AND SALE BY THE BRUNSWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT BRITTONKILL (TAMARAC) SCHOOL FROM 10 TO 5.

A REBUILT AND OPERATING GRIST MILL IS NEAR HARTFORD, NY JUST OFF ROUTE 40, NORTH OF SCHAGHTICOKE. ROSS FRENCH HAS MORE INFORMATION AS A RESULT OF HIS RECENT VISIT.

MOSCOW, FAVORITE HORSE OF COL. JAMES G. AVERILL, IS BURIED AT THE FEET OF HIS FORMER MASTER IN THE SAND LAKE UNION CEMETERY.

(DEADLINE FOR NEWS IN NEXT ISSUE IS DECEMBER 5)

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## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ARE PRESENTED ANNUALLY TO AVERILL PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE SHOWN EXCELLENCE IN HISTORY THROUGHOUT THEIR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS. THESE AWARDS, \$100 EACH, WERE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF CHARTER MEMBER LOUIS G. LEITGEB AND GENEROUS SUPPORTER DOCTOR MILDRED ALLEN.

CLASS OF 1986 WINNERS WERE ANNA L. GOWDY, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN GOWDY, POESTENKILL AND ROBERT J. VIENS, SON OF MR. AND MRS. CHARLES H. VIENS, WEST SAND LAKE.

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## WE ARE INVOLVED

DO YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A NEW DRIVE TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE TOWN OF SAND LAKE? AT THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 10 BETTY HELLER, COUNCIL MEMBER, MADE A FORMAL PRESENTATION OF REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THIS SUMMER THE SAND LAKE KIWANIS FORMED AN AD HOC COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE, INVITING REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL TOWN GROUPS, TO INVESTIGATE TOWN NEEDS. A PUBLIC LIBRARY EMERGED AS A PRIME CONCERN ALONG WITH OTHERS WHICH INCLUDED BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS, A COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS, AND YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZEN CONCERNS. THIS CCC IS IN THE PROCESS OF FORMAL AND PERMANENT ORGANIZATION TO WORK TOWARD THESE GOALS. YOUR SLHS MEMBERS ARE VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THIS COMMUNITY ACTIVITY.

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## IN MEMORIAM

WE NOTE WITH SADNESS THE PASSING OF HELEN CRAPE GUY ON AUGUST 16, 1986. HELEN WAS THE WIDOW OF FORMER AVERILL PARK FIRE CHIEF EDWARD GUY, AND THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF CRIST CRAPE WHO BEGAN THE OPERATION OF CRAPE'S CENTRAL HOTEL AT SAND LAKE CORNERS IN THE EARLY 1800'S.

HELEN WAS A CHARTER MEMBER AND A TRUSTEE OF THE SOCIETY FROM 1979 TO 1982, AND HAD ENTHUSIASTICALLY CONTRIBUTED TO OUR KNOWLEDGE OF SAND LAKE IN ITS EARLY DAYS.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

NEW -- A COMPLIMENTARY COPY OF THE SAGA OF AARON BURR  
by. FORMER NEW YORK STATE AND SUPREME JUSTICE.....

OLD -- AS YOU ARE PREPARING FOR WINTER, REMEMBER THAT  
WE WILL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE YOUR OLD BOOKS ABOUT  
THE TOWN AND ITS HISTORY, INCLUDING GENEALOGICAL  
INFORMATION ABOUT THE PEOPLE, BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES,  
INDUSTRIES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

CONTINUING -- AN ADDITION TO THE LIST OF PUBLICATIONS  
PRESENTLY IN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S LIBRARY IS  
BEING PREPARED.

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NOVEMBER 11, 1986 -- 8:00 PM -- SAND LAKE TOWN HALL

'THE TROY AND NEW ENGLAND RAILWAY COMPANY (1895-1925) -- THEN AND  
NOW' IS A SLIDE PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED BY CHARLES L. BALLARD,  
RENOWNED MEMBER OF THE POESTENKILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THIS PROFESSOR  
OF TRANSPORTATION AT HVCC HAS PRESENTED THIS PROGRAM MOST RECENTLY  
AT THE GREENBUSH AND POESTENKILL HISTORIAL SOCIETIES.

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HAVE YOU DONE IT YET??? RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP???

LAST YEAR, 1985-1986, THE SOCIETY HAD 148 MEMBERS. SO FAR  
THIS YEAR WE HAVE 89 MEMBERS. AT LEAST 50 PERSONS HAVE NOT RENEWED  
AN INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. WHY?  
PROBABLY BECAUSE THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS JUNE 1 TO MAY 31, AND  
THEY JUST HAVEN'T GOTTEN 'ROUND TOIT'. THIS WEEK DO YOUR BIT OF  
'TOIT' AND INVITE A PERSON TO JOIN OR ATTEND A MEETING OR BOTH!!!  
THEN YOU CAN TELL ELINOR 'I DOOD IT'. HAPPINESS IS.....

THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIPS IN THE PAST  
ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED TO JOIN AS ACTIVE MEMBERS AND BECOME DOERS.

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FOLLOW-UP NEWS

THE APRIL MEETING ABOUT EARLY BARNES EVOKED SUCH INTEREST THAT A TRIP WAS ORGANIZED FOR JULY 12 TO RICHARD BABCOCK'S BARN MUSEUM IN HANCOCK, MA. ON THIS COLD AND RAINY DAY MR. BABCOCK GREETED THE MEMBERS OF SAND LAKE AND POESTENKILL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES INSIDE HIS HUGE 'PLANTATION' BARN, AND GAVE A MOST INFORMATIVE TALK ABOUT EARLY BARNES IN THIS AREA, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING THE TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION IN EACH. THE VERY LARGE PLANTATION BARNES UTILIZED SLAVES AND ANIMALS TO THRESH AND STORE GRAIN WHICH WAS LATER SHIPPED TO EUROPE. MR. BABCOCK SERVED COFFEE TO ACCOMPANY OUR LUNCHES. EVERYONE AGREED THIS WAS A GREAT SUMMER TRIP. AUGUST ACTIVITY WAS CURTAILED DUE TO VACATION SCHEDULES.

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SO YOU WANNA BE INVOLVED??

- YOU COULD: ADD A BIT OF INFORMATION TO THE NEWSLETTER.
- BAKE SOME COOKIES OR DONATE OTHER REFRESHMENTS
- SUGGEST A PROGRAM
- GIVE A PROGRAM
- DONATE TO THE LIBRARY
- PLAN A HOUSE TOUR
- SHARE AN ATTIC TREASURE

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$4.00 PER PERSON, \$6.00 PER FAMILY  
 HALF-PRICE FOR JUNIORS (TO 16) AND SENIORS (65 AND OVER)  
 MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE MAILED.

ELINOR ZAKI WILL ANSWER YOUR MEMBERSHIP QUESTION!(674-2005)

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