



SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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JANUARY, 1990

A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL, AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: NANCY W. DAVIS, FRED AND ELEANOR GUNTRUM, MARJORIE LARSEN, ROBERT AND SUSAN LARSEN, JERRY POPP AND FAMILY, JOE QUILLINAN AND FAMILY, STEVE QUILLINAN AND FAMILY, JOHN AND MAUREEN RUCKDESCHER AND FAMILY, RICHARD TALLMAN AND FAMILY, AND CAROLINE WATERBURY.

WE HOPE THAT ALL OUR MEMBERS WILL RESOLVE IN 1990 TO TREAT THEMSELVES TO THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT TOWN HALL. MIG CIPPERLEY ARRANGED AN OUTSTANDING SERIES OF PROGRAMS THIS PAST FALL, AND 1990 BRINGS A LINE-UP OF INTERESTING EVENINGS, INCLUDING "THE SCHUYLER WOMEN: EIGHTEENTH CENTURY FORGOTTEN FEMALES;" JOHN MC GUIRE RECOUNTING ESIPA'S RETURN TRIP TO RUSSIA IN 1989 (A PROGRAM THAT WE ARE PLEASED TO CO-SPONSOR WITH THE SAND LAKE/POESTENKILL ARTS COUNCIL); AND STEVE QUILLINAN WILL TAKE US ON A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE TO VISIT MILLER'S MARKET AS IT WAS.

IN ADDITION TO OR INSTEAD OF OUR REGULAR MEETINGS, YOU WILL WANT TO CONTACT:

MARY FRENCH (674-5710) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RECORDING ORAL OR VIDEO HISTORY;

ROSEMARY SUPKIS (674-5172) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING A SPRING SERIES OF RUG HOOKING CLASSES WITH INSTRUCTOR BARBARA PETERSON;

CHET GAVRYCK (674-5515) OR JOHN KACHARIAN (674-3587) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A WORKSHOP ON DATING YOUR HOUSE;

ALAN FUESS (674-2154) IF YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE SUGGESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING THE FALL 1990 HOUSE TOUR;

DIANNE FREEMAN (674-3666) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY AND WOULD LIKE TO GO WITH A GROUP TO THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER AT THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF THE LATTER DAY SAINTS IN LOUDONVILLE.

ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES MAY SERVE TO ENRICH OUR OWN LIVES. AT THE SAME TIME THEY MAY DO EVEN MORE FOR THE COMMUNITY. KEN AND PAT BROCK HAVE EXEMPLIFIED THIS KIND OF ACTIVE INTEREST IN HISTORY AND PRESERVATION IN SAND LAKE AND IN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT, AS THE ACCOMPANYING REPRINT FROM A RECENT EMMA WILLARD SCHOOL BULLETIN DETAILS. PAT TOO HAS DONE HER SHARE, INCLUDING DESIGNING THE WINNING LOCO FOR THE TOWN OF SAND LAKE, DEPICTING THE NOW FAMILIAR RENDERING OF TOWN HALL. WE WILL MISS THEM.

OUR WONDERFUL MENTOR (SHE WOULD OBJECT) AND LIBRARIAN, ROSEMARY SUPKIS, IS ON A QUEST. THIS TIME, FOR HOLDERS FOR AUDIO AND VIDEO CASSETTES, IF YOU HAVE ANY NOT IN USE. WE ALSO HAVE NEED FOR TRANSCRIBERS FOR OUR AUDIO CASSETTES THAT ARE USED TO RECORD PRESENTATIONS AT OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS. ROSEMARY ALSO SAYS THAT THERE'S GOOD NEWS FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DIDN'T GET A COPY OF THAT BEAUTIFUL BOOK ABOUT RENSSELAER COUNTY, A RESOURCEFUL PEOPLE. THE TROY SAVINGS BANK HAS ORDERED A SECOND PRINTING, COPIES OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RENSSELAER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AND AT THE MAIN AND BRANCH OFFICES OF TROY SAVINGS BANK.

DO YOU KNOW THAT VALERIE AND CHARLES KAVANAUGH HAVE BEEN VIDEO TAPING THE "SECOND TUESDAY" PRESENTATIONS FOR US? THESE VIDEOTAPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO MEMBERS WHO ARE HOUSEBOUND OR WHO WERE OTHERWISE UNABLE TO ATTEND. ADA MILLER WAS RECUPERATING FROM SURGERY AT THE TIME OF OUR DECEMBER MEETING, AND IN HER LETTER TO SLHS MEMBERS, SHE SAYS:

"PLEASE EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE GET WELL WISHES SENT TO ME AFTER MY OPERATION IN DECEMBER. IT WAS SO THOUGHTFUL OF YOU ALL ALSO SENDING THE VIDEO OF THE PROGRAM. I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED IT, AND AS LONG AS I COULD NOT BE WITH YOU THAT NIGHT, IT WAS GREAT BEING ABLE TO HAVE THE TAPE."

VALERIE'S SPONTANIETY AND WILLINGNESS TO VIDEOTAPE HAVE LED ALSO TO SUCCESSFUL TAPING SESSIONS WITH ELEANOR LONGENDYKE AND WITH AL COON ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE CROOKED LAKE HOTEL. WORKING WITH VALERIE WAS OUR MEMBER AND SEASONED VIDEOGRAPHER, ROBERT MOORE. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE BOB'S PARTICIPATION. PERHAPS YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH HIS ACTIVITY WITH THE ALGONQUIN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PRODUCING THE "DISCOVERY" SERIES, BROADCAST ON RENSSELAER COUNTY CABLEVISION. COPIES OF THOSE PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN AT THE TOWN LIBRARY AND LOCAL VIDEO STORES.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ELEANOR ZAKI FOR HER EXCELLENT SERVICE AS MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER. SHE HAS BEEN VERY RELIABLE AND RESPONSIVE TO SPECIAL NEEDS, MOST RECENTLY THE NEED FOR FORMING A MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. BARBARA WORCESTER IS ALREADY HARD AT WORK AS ELEANOR'S SUCCESSOR, HAVING INITIATED OUR GIFT MEMBERSHIP PROJECT. THESE GIFT CERTIFICATES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS. IF YOU HAVE MORE GOOD IDEAS TO CONTRIBUTE, BE IN TOUCH WITH BARBARA AT 674-8127. BARBARA IS A RETIRED TEACHER OF HOME ECONOMICS IN TROY. I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF KNOWING BARBARA AS A FELLOW MASTER GARDENER, WITH A SPECIAL INTEREST IN HORTICULTURE THERAPY, AND AS A CLASSMATE IN RUG HOOKING. BESIDES BEING A PROVIDER OF PREPARED MEALS AT BETHANY CENTER IN TROY, SHE IS NEWLY APPOINTED TO THE RENSSELAER COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD. INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO HER.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, OUR OTHER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE: VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM CHR., MIG CIPPERLEY; SECRETARY, VALERIE KAVANAUGH; TREASURER AND CHR. OF THE PLAQUE COMMITTEE, CHET GAVRYCK; CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND PUBLICITY CHR., ARTHEA GIBBS; LIBRARIAN AND HOSPITALITY CHR., ROSEMARY SUPKIS; CUSTODIAN, ADA MILLER; TRUSTEES* JOHN KACHARIAN, BOB LILLY, BARBARA MOHAN; FIRST HUSBAND, BILL FREEMAN.

HOPING TO SEE YOU OFTEN THIS YEAR, ESPECIALLY IN SLHS-RELATED ACTIVITIES. LET US HEAR FROM YOU WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

DIANNE G. FREEMAN, PRESIDENT

Ken Brock Retires

Ken came to Emma Willard in 1968 when the Archives consisted of a closet in Slocum Hall. From his 21 years of service has emerged a collection impressive for its organization and depth.

By his own admission, Ken's favorite activity was setting up displays to share the wealth of our Archives with students, faculty, and visitors.

Colleague Barbara Wiley, School librarian, credits Ken with knowing more about the history of the School, and how it fits into the history of Troy, than anyone ever has. "I think that he knows about every piece of paper in the Archives," she contends.

During Ken's tenure at Emma Willard, reference requests have come to him as varied as "Did my great-grandmother attend Troy Female Seminary and what did she study?" (Ken can often answer in detail thanks to good records from the early days), to what might be the value of commemorative E.W.S. plates?

Ken has also worked with noted historian Anne Firor Scott; assisted Elizabeth Griffith with her acclaimed biography of Elizabeth Cady Stanton; and offered guidance to people researching 19th century botanical specimens and student needlework. Each request has been met with the same degree of thoughtfulness, no matter the source.

Ken and his wife Pat, a 1943 graduate of Emma Willard, will settle in the village of Skaneateles, New York.

YORKERS WELCOME SLHS VOLUNTEER INTEREST

ALGONQUIN MIDDLE SCHOOL HAS BECOME AFFILIATED WITH THE NYS YORKER PROGRAM, WHICH IS PART OF THE NYS HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN COOPERSTOWN. THE GOAL OF THE GROUP IS TO DEVELOP AN AWARENESS OF NYS HISTORY AND WORK TO GIVE STUDENTS A SENSE OF THEIR RICH LOCAL HISTORY. WORK IS UNDER WAY ON A VIDEO PRODUCTION RELATED TO NYS IN THE 1920'S AND ON AREA ARTIST JOSEPH HIDLEY. IF ANY MEMBER OF OUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO WORK WITH THE YORKERS, CONTACT CINDY MARQUARDT OR ~~BOB~~ MOORE AT 674-3848.

ROSS FRENCH PREPARES GUIDE

A KEY TO CHANGES IN NAMES OF THE HAMLETS IN SAND LAKE SINCE 1897, AND A LIST OF PERSONS AFFILIATED WITH SAND LAKE HAS BEEN PREPARED BY ROSS FRENCH, TO BE USED WITH ANDERSON'S LANDMARKS OF RENSSELAER COUNTY. KITTY SINCLAIR DONATED THE BOOK TO THE SLHS COLLECTION.

Also: Madolyn Carpenter and Rosemary Supkis

MAKE -A-DATE

NEW YORK ALIVE (JANUARY/FEBRUARY ISSUE) CARRIES ARTICLES ABOUT TWO SPOTS OF GREAT CHARM/INTEREST IN RENSSELAER COUNTY:

EVA FLINT'S GENERAL STORE IN EAST POESTENKILL (ARTICLE BY LOCAL RESIDENT MARY CUFFE);

A RENOWNED AND ON-GOING DISPLAY BY THE RENSSĒLAER MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, LOCATED AT DAVISON HALL, RPI CAMPUS. OPEN TO VISITORS FROM 1 TO 4 PM ON SATURDAYS. CALL 276-2764 FOR MORE INFORMATION. NOT APPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE.

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SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
March 13, 1990

On March 6, 1990 the Executive Committee voted to recommend the following change to the Historical Society By-Laws:

Sections 2 and 3 of the By-Laws, adopted 4/8/86, describing various categories of membership, with a graduated scale of from \$2 - \$6, shall be replaced by, "Section 2. An individual membership shall be granted to any person upon payment of \$5."

A vote on this amendment shall be taken at our member meeting scheduled for April 10th. Passage requires two-thirds of those voters present at that meeting.

PROPOSED BUDGET 1990-1991

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| <u>EXPENSES</u> | |
| Mailings | 150.00 |
| Insurance | 300.00 |
| Memorial Awards | 200.00 |
| PO Box | 10.00 |
| Video and Audio Tapes | 60.00 |
| Office Supplies | 40.00 |
| Dues to Support Org./Services | 75.00 |
| Federation of Hist. Services | |
| Preservation League of NYS | |
| Hudson-Mohawk Indust. Gateway | |
| Miscellaneous | <u>25.00</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | 860.00 |
| <u>INCOME</u> | |
| Dues (at proposed \$5 per person) | 500.00 |
| Fundraising Activities | 225.00 |
| Annual Dinner | 75.00 |
| Interest Income | <u>60.00</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | 860.00 |