

Mistorical Mighlights

NEWSLETTER OF THE SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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ANNUAL MEETING

April, 1993

You and your friends are invited! The annual meeting of the Sand Lake Historical Society will be held at the Crooked Lake Hotel. The featured speaker will be the owner, Dalmar Tifft, who will comment on why and how he has proceeded with the restoration project.

We all have fond memories of wedding receptions, after-prom parties, card-party-and-fashion shows, winter carnivals, communion breakfasts, swim parties, with excellent food and such ambience! - all provided by Al Coons and his staff - in the past.

Come and reminisce with us - and learn about the future of this integral part of our personal history. It is more than 'just a building'. If only the walls could talk.....

YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION:

SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL DINNER - MAY 14, 1993

CROOKED LAKE HOUSE -- 7 pm

STUFFED BREAST OF CHICKEN with apple walnut stuffing \$16.00

HALIBUT FILLETS grilled with lemon \$17.50

SLICED SIRLOIN of beef with roasted shallots \$22.00

Includes: soup, salad, potatoes, bread, vegetables, beverage, and dessert

Also Includes: tax and gratuity

Reservation Form is enclosed.

PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

Another year has passed. Where do we go now? I have been reviewing this past year to see if our direction was focused properly! Certainly the efforts of many have laid a foundation that may be utilized to continue our work as educators and preservationists. A quick review shows a concerted effort to inventory our few possessions and better preserve the minutes, photos, and books; and catalog these for easy reference. But were you aware we have had input to the Town Master Plan; the Constitution Review Committee is nearing completion of its work; and an acquisitions policy is being formulated to control future activity; and our Ways and Means Committee is now active? We are presently examining the possibility of preserving and/or using a local historic building.

Now what? We know little about our past politicians/leaders. What and where were our businesses now defunct? Should we assist owners preserve their property? Can we further document historic buildings or sites? Should these be published? This list could be long, but my focus may not attract workers!

As past, present, and future members we shall actively seek your guidance as the new year and new administration looks ahead. Please join the endeavors of this society, support your friends with new or revised ideas that will enhance and encourage the new executive leaders.

I will close with a huge "THANK
YOU" for the support of all
my friends and please continue!
Ross French, President

The Library Committee of the Sand Lake Historical Society wants you to know that the SLHS Book Collection is now available on the shelves of the Sand Lake Town Library, and you are encouraged to use them.

Our sincerest thanks to the authors for donations of these new titles to the SLHS Book Collection:

"The Anti-Rent War in Rensselaer County, 1839-1850 by John J. Thero. This is a copy of his doctoral thesis.

The Country Token by Terry Tokryman. This is the application to the National Register of Historic Places for the building formerly known as Nash's General Store in Sand Lake.

These local publications are wanted for the SLHS Book Collection:

- Village of West Sand Lake, 1788-1790, by Sanford Young.
- 2. Architecture Worth Saving in Rensselaer County by Bernd Foerster, c 1965.
- 75th Anniversary of the Cornerstone Laying of St. Henry's Church 3. compiled, edited, and photographed by Charles Viens.
- Troy Uncle Sam Historical Celebration, 1959 Souvenir Booklet.
- Rensselaer County 175th Anniversary, which includes Troy Sesquicentennial, 1816-1966. Issued in 1966.

MISSING FROM THE SLHS BOOK COLLECTION SINCE 1987:

- 1. A Primer for Local Historical Societies by Dorothy Weyer Creigh
- 2. A Visit to Old Troy in Pictures and Prose by H. Irving Moore
- 3. Oral History for the Local Historical Society by Willa K. Baum
- 4. Researching, Writing, and Publishing Local History by Thomas C Felt
- 5. Troy and Rensselaer County, NY Vol. II by Rutherford Hayner
- If you have any information about these, please let us know.

Ada Miller's Custodial Committee has cleaned the newly acquired display case, sorted materials on hand, and set up displays in the Town Hall. Librarian Rosemary Supkis provided books from the SLHS Collection.

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for the June, 1992-May, 1993 term:

President - Barbara Worcester Vice President - Joan Gross Recording Secretary - Irving Edwards Corresponding Secretary - Karen Kemp Treasurer - Marjorie Larsen Custodian - Ada Miller

Trustees: Winifred Edwards - 2 yrs Coulman Westcott - 3 yrs Patricia Detmar - 3 yrs (Diane Freeman and Alan Fuess continue as Trustees)

The Ways and Means Committee invites you to a Spaghetti Supper at Averill Park High School, April 28; 5-7 pm; Adults, \$5, children under 12, \$3. Chairmen are Joan & Alan Fuess. Tickets will be on sale at Miller's Market. Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling Ann Lilly, 674-3430.

Reservation For SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER MAY 14, 1993 at CROOKED LAKE HOUSE -- 7 PM

Place an X in front of your	choice:
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HALIBUT FILLETS grilled	with lemon\$17.50×
SLICED SIRLOIN of beef w	with roasted shallots\$22.00
*Includes: soup, salad, pot and dessert	catoes, bread, vegetables, beverage,
*Also includes: tax and gra	atuity
Name (s)	Phone
Address	
Amount Included \$	
Please mail your reservation Patricia Detmar (Phone: 6 Teal Road - HCR Box 7 Sand Lake, NY 12153 by Monday, May 3, 1993	a and check by Monday, May 3 to: 374-2774)
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Name (s)	Phone
Address	
Please check below any of the interested:	ne activities in which you are
Town History Project	Erie Canal Cruise
House Tours	Lake George Cruise
Genealogy	Hudson River Cruise
Fund-Raising	Historic Deerfield
Other	

HISTORICAL CLUB AT APHS

Students at Averill Park High School have begun a program affiliated with Troy's Gateway Museum. The club balances local history and some hard work to help restore the museum and has fun while doing so. Averill Park's Gateway Historical Club is led by Mrs. Mary Lynn Baldwin and museum curator Terry Winslow. The club began when a group of Mrs. Baldwin's summer government students chose between a term paper and volunteer work at the Gateway in downtown historic Troy. The students put much effort into helping to restore the building, painting, and planting flowers. Their work resulted in a sincere interest in the museum and cultivated the interests of others as well.

The club provides students with a strong sense of local history. The Gateway Museum of Troy, home of Henry Burden, who is historically famous for the Burden Iron Works, contains numerous artifacts, machines, and inventions which were key in making the United States grow industrially. The students gain a hands-on view of history often not found through conventional textbooks. It also provides an environment for students to see and learn about the growth of industry in America, and how Troy played a significant role.

Many of the activities that keep students busy at the Gateway are hard work - but fun as well. Students brush and clean artifacts while others paint or plant flowers. There is always plenty to be done. The group also plans local trips such as the diner tour, helps with Troy's annual Victorian Stroll, and historical re-enactments. The Gateway Museum has truly brought history to life for many students at Averill Park High School.

Allison Ryan, Grade 11, APHS

SLHS ASSISTS MASTER PLAN

Preparation of the New Master Plan for the Town is progressing, under contract to the ZA Group from Saratoga. The plan includes a section on Historic Preservation, indentifying some town Historic Properties (houses, churches, sites, etc.). The Sand Lake Historical Society is mentioned as the authority for this portion of the Plan. John Kacharian has provided a list of historic properties and guidance materials from the National register of Historic Places and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. SLHS will also be involved in the future.

April 24 - Genealogical Conference at the Albany Public Library. Contact Marie Hoffman, Poestenkill Historical Society, for details.

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IN THE MONTHS AHEAD - 1993

May 14 - Annual Meeting at Crooked Lake Hotel. Details inside.

June 8 Meeting - Sand Lake Cemeteries to be presented by Madolyn Carpenter and Elinor Zaki

June 28 - Trip to Storrowtown, with a guided tour of this restored 18th and 19th Century Village Square, with a great luncheon. Transportation \$39. Contact Barbara Worcester at 674-8127.

July - ? Possible Cruises ? - Erie Canal - Lake George - Hudson

August 4 - Historic Deerfield Visit, with luncheon at Old Deerfield Inn and a visit to Old Yankee Candle Shop and Red Wing Trout Farm, where you might even catch a trout to bring home.

September 14 Meeting - Coulman Westcott will present antique clocks.

Please take a moment to contact Barbara Worcester, Box 279, Sand Lake, NY 12153; or Phone 674-8127 to indicate your preferences and interest in a summer cruise or trip.

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INFORMATION

