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## TO OUR READERS:

At a meeting on September 14, 2015, the Board of Directors of *The Hague Chronicle* had a serious discussion concerning the future of the paper. The Board agreed that there is an urgent need to recruit additional volunteers or staff to help and potentially replace current staff if the publication is to continue. The Board feels that it is imperative to create plans *now* to ensure the continuity of the publication in the long run.

Are you interested in learning more about how you can get involved? Do you have writing/editing skills, layout and design skills, database management expertise, or proofreading experience? Year-round residency is not required, since many tasks can be done remotely or jobs can be shared during the course of the year. If you would like to explore getting involved with a fun group that performs an important informational function for the Town, please contact Board Secretary Nancy Young at 543-6093 or email her at <[holmhill@yahoo.com](mailto:holmhill@yahoo.com)>.

We need responses by December 31, 2015 so that we can make plans for the future at our January meeting. Please consider getting involved.

*The Hague Chronicle*  
Board of Directors

## VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES



Veterans Day Ceremonies will be held again this year at the Veterans Park beginning at 11 am on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. The regular ceremonies will include a tribute and memorial service for Frank Koenig who passed away in August. Frank was a long time Commander of the American Legion Post 1538 and played a major role in getting the Veterans Park established. Frank is the recipient of two Purple Hearts for action in World War II. The ceremonies will include a traditional flag presentation by an Honor Guard from the New York Army National Guard. All veterans and prior service members together with all members past and present of the American Legion are asked to attend. A reception hosted by the Hague Volunteer Fire Department will follow at the fire hall.

## FORT TICONDEROGA'S CORN MAZE AT NIGHT!



*photo from Fort Ticonderoga Facebook page*

Discover family-fun of historic proportions at Fort Ticonderoga's Maze by Moonlight on Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24, 2015. Navigate through the six acres of towering corn stalks at night! Visitors will find clues connected to Fort Ticonderoga's story as they find their way through the Maze in the blanket of darkness. Will Fort Ticonderoga's unexplained and ghostly past find you in the Maze? Bring your flashlight and find out!

The cost is \$10 per person; tickets are available at the door. Members of Fort Ticonderoga, Ticonderoga Ambassador Pass Holders and individuals that have volunteered at Fort Ticonderoga in 2015 are admitted free of charge. The admissions booth and the corn maze open at 7 pm; last ticket sold at 9 pm, maze closes at 10 pm. For more information call our offices at 518-585-2821 or visit <[www.fortticonderoga.org](http://www.fortticonderoga.org)>.

## DID YOU KNOW?

That the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) voted to move ahead with the process to create a permanent Boat Inspection Program on Lake George, calling the two-year pilot program, which expires at the end of this year, very successful.

## ELECTION DAY



Remember to VOTE Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Hague elections will be at the Community Center.  
Polls open 6 am to 9 pm.

See local Hague candidates statements on pages 5-6.

## SENIOR NEWS

The Seniors wrapped up their summer activities with a Sock Hop Dinner Cruise on Lake George and a Snowbird Dinner at the Kings Inn in Port Henry. We said good-bye to 5 of our Snowbirds and wished them a safe trip south.

Our September guest speaker shared a lot of good information on vision and things to help with assistance for vision impaired folks. At the meeting we had a Photo Recognition contest and Lee Dame identified the most people and won a nice photo album.

Our winter schedule started with Game Night at the Hintze house. The next one will be on November 4, 2015 at 6:30 pm with the location to be announced at the next meeting.

We went on the road to Gore Mountain for the Harvest Fest and stopped for lunch at the Deer Crossing in Chester which had the feel of a hometown diner. We also stopped at the Lazy Moose in Brant Lake where there was a Fall Fair with vendors.

We kicked off our bowling for the season on October 16, 2015 at Adirondack Lanes in Ticonderoga at noon. The Club pays for the pizza and soda. We have many different ways for winning the Pin.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 27, 2015 at noon for our Halloween Party. You can come in costume and remember to bring a dish to share.

On November 12, 2015 we will be going to the Christmas Tree Shop and will meet for car pools at the Community Center at 9 am. We will go out to lunch after shopping.

The date of the following regular meeting has been changed to November 17, 2015 because of the Thanksgiving Holiday and it gives us an extra week before the annual Christmas party to be held on December 1, 2015 at noon.

Everyone enjoys some goods laughs and good food at our events so please come out and join us. Everyone 50 years of age and older is welcome. ... Pat Hintze

### PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

At the Community Center

Thursday, October 29 at 6 pm

Budget workshop 3 pm on October 22, 2015

## HVFD NEWS

For the month of September, Hague Fire had 14 drills/calls for a total of 107 volunteer hours. Hague Emergency had 9 calls for a total of 66 volunteer hours. Marine Rescue boat was sent out 3 times for a total of 15 volunteer hours.

Safety Officer Tom Haskell would like everyone to remember chimney and fire safety as we approach colder weather. Chimneys should be swept yearly and woodstoves should be cleaned out periodically during use for the season.

Hague Fire and EMS would like to remind everyone to get their flu shot! Flu shots are offered daily at Walmart or Rite Aid in the town of Ticonderoga or you may see your primary care physician. Flu shots are covered by most insurance companies.

The Department will be serving lunch at the Community Center on Election Day, November 3, 2015.

## FEEDBACK WANTED FROM RESIDENTS

Late this summer the Town of Hague mailed out a one-page survey to town residents to seek their opinions on economic development, community services, transportation, housing, and long-term community goals. Tracey M. Clothier, Senior Planner for The LA Group which helped design the survey, said, "The responses to these eight questions will assist the town in updating the goals, objectives and recommendations from the Town's 2004 Comprehensive Plan."

Tracey added, "Thank you to the 150 households who have responded to date! These survey responses are presently being tallied into an Excel database so that all comments can be summarized and trends can be established. We do acknowledge that an incorrect response date was listed on the survey and we ask that those of you who have not responded, to kindly reply to the survey by Friday, October 30, 2015. The survey findings will be assembled by the LA Group in November and presented to the Town Board meeting on December 8, 2015. Please take the time to fill out and return the survey. Your opinion is highly valued and appreciated."

## ST. MARY'S SCHOOL REOPENING

St. Mary's School and the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Grand Opening, Ribbon Cutting, and Community Open House for the new St. Mary's School. The event takes place on Thursday, October 29, 2015 with ribbon cutting at 1 pm and tours of the new school and refreshments until 2:30 pm. St. Mary's School is located at 64 Amherst Avenue in Ticonderoga, NY.

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## HAGUE OKTOBERFEST AT A CROSSROADS



The 2015 Hague Oktoberfest was a great success by almost any measure. The weather was near perfect, the music and food was the best ever, reactions from the people who attended were very positive. The attendance and number of vendors was slightly less than usual – primarily because of the Gold Cup races in Bolton Landing. Although those races were a one-time event, and we will not have to compete with them in the future, the Hague Oktoberfest is nevertheless at a crossroads.

Our volunteers on the Oktoberfest Committee have done a yeoman’s job – this year and every year. But several of the key committee members have decided, after many years, that this would be their final year. If the Hague Oktoberfest is to continue, we need new individuals to serve on the Committee. This involves helping to plan the event and getting vendors and sponsors.

The Hague Oktoberfest is a fantastic event for Hague residents as well as for visitors, and it would truly be a shame for it not to continue. But we need individuals who will step forward to assume either leadership or working roles as part of the Hague Oktoberfest Committee.

If you are interested in participating as a member of the Committee and keeping Oktoberfest alive, please contact Graham Bailey at <gbailey6@nycap.com> or by phone at 518-543-6811.

### ONGOING EVENTS

- 1st Monday: **Fire Department** (7 pm)
- 2nd Monday: **Senior Bus to Glens Falls** (8:30 am)
- 3rd Monday: **Chamber of Commerce** (7 pm)
- Every Tuesday: **Champlain Chorale** (7 pm)
- 3rd Tuesday: **Ticonderoga School Board** (7 pm)
- 3rd Tuesday: **Fish & Game Club** (7 pm)
- 1st and 3rd Wednesdays: **Ti’Coustics** (7 pm)
- 4th Wednesday: **Extra Helpings Distribution** (noon)
- 3rd Thursday: **Carillon Garden Club** (10 am)
- Every Tuesday: **Rotary Club** (7:30 am)
- Every Thursday: **Kiwanis** (12 pm)
- 1st Friday: **Men’s Prayer Breakfast** (7:30 am)

## AARP TAXAIDE PROGRAM

The Hague AARP TaxAide team is seeking volunteers for the coming tax season. Sponsored by AARP and the IRS, Tax-Aide volunteers answer questions, prepare and file returns for low to moderate income taxpayers and seniors from February 1 to April 15 at the Hague Community Center. This tax assistance is free to taxpayers. No experience is required, but computer experience is helpful. Training is provided. For further information, contact Local Coordinator Jan Whitaker at 518-543-6826.

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

PRIDE of Ticonderoga recently held a Wine and Swine event which raised more than \$5,500 for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors fund. Hosted by PRIDE of Ticonderoga, Chattie VanWert and Art Hatfield and Howard and Susan Rathbun, the event was supported by many local businesses, organizations, musicians and artists.

The fund assists low-income homeowners in Hague, Putnam and Ticonderoga with small, emergency home repairs. Last winter, the fund helped with frozen pipes as well as repair of heating systems, roofs and windows. PRIDE of Ticonderoga applies for grants to help make major repairs and improvements on area homes and businesses. Because these grants often take months before being awarded, this emergency fund helps bridge the gap. If you or someone you know needs emergency repairs, contact the PRIDE office at 585-6366 to learn more about the eligibility requirements.

## TOWN REPRESENTATIVES AT SALT SUMMIT

On September 28, 2015, a Save the Lake Salt Summit was held at The Sagamore sponsored by The Fund for Lake George. Supervisor Edna Frasier, Board member Steve Ramant, Highway Superintendent Don Smith, Deputy Highway Superintendent Rick Myers, Silver Bay Facilities Director Skip Hourigan and Town Board candidate Mike Cherubini attended from Hague.

With salt levels drastically rising in the Lake, three times greater than they were thirty years ago, this educational meeting was a major step to help reduce them. Prominent, knowledgeable guest speakers as well as innovative equipment personnel were on hand for the very interesting and challenging presentations. A key item presented was the technology of the Metal Pless snow plow blade. This new configuration is comprised of many independent scraper blades that scrape to the contour of the road. Our Town had been selected by The Fund to use one of these blades this winter and it will be put to use on Tongue Mountain. We look forward to it greatly helping the winter road situation heading south. In addition other forward thinking ideas such as Brine making and application were discussed to help reduce the salt loading. Those in attendance agreed that it was a day well spent.

...Steve Ramant

## **TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING – 10/1/2015**

The Town Board met to receive the 2015 preliminary Town budget from the Town Clerk and also met with a representative from Cedarwood Engineering on options to correct the sewer freeze up on Overlook Lane.

## **TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING – 10/8/2015**

The Town Board met to review the budget. They also approved a proposal from AmeriGas for the installation of two 1000 gallon tanks with the Town doing the excavating from the tanks to the Community Center. The total cost will be \$1,940.

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – 10/13/2015**

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Ginger Kuenzel, Rudy Meola and Steve Ramant were present. Martin Fitzgerald II was absent.

A moment of silence was held for Jeannette Mullan Foster and Alice Glading.

### **From Committee Reports:**

Assessor & Justice – Councilman Kuenzel reported that a new phone system is needed for the Community Center and Town Justice Leslie Midgley has applied for a grant to replace the current system.

Buildings & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement - Supervisor Frasier reported that Cedarwood Engineering took care of the mold problem in the basement when the employees were off over the Columbus Day weekend.

Highway – Highway Superintendent Smith reported that the highway crew was able to collect 1000 yards of sand from the sediment ponds which did not get into the Lake and has been put on Battle Hill for the substructure for a new section of road. Councilman Ramant reported on the Salt summit and the use of a segmented plow to keep contact with the road on the section of Route 9N from the intersection up over Tongue Mountain. The highway department will also be able to use a method of applying a brine solution that can be put on the roads before a storm. Highway Superintendent Smith explained that method keeps the salt solution on the roads unlike just spreading salt which gets pushed off into the culverts.

Museum & Historian – Councilman Kuenzel reported that there are two great exhibits currently being shown - the Ti steamship exhibit in the lobby of the Community Center and the ongoing regatta exhibit in the museum which will stay up until the first of April.

Personnel – The part-time maintenance position is still open for the Community Center, but as there is not a lot to do this time of year they will get by with help from the Highway Department.

Sewer Districts #1 & # 2 – Councilman Kuenzel reported that the Plant Operator is on board and has been busy doing an excellent job though only part time. A problem with freezing on Overlook Lane will be attended to by trying options starting with the least expensive one and hoping it works.

Town Park & Beautification – Councilman Kuenzel reported that communication with the Department of Health has been cleared up with regards to the Town beach and they will remove a fine they were going to make. Councilman Meola asked about a letter that was received from an out-of-state individual about a problem with the Park and the Board felt it was not credible as the letter had no return address.

### **In Other Business, the Board:**

Accepted the only bid received for sand and gravel from Pat Armstrong.

Approved use of the Community Center by the HVFD for an Election Day luncheon on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Heard a report from Supervisor Frasier that \$400 had been received from the Kiwanis for a bench and landscaping on the Community Center property.

Heard a report from Councilman Ramant that Time Warner Cable will finish installing service at the top of Dodd, Decker and Battle Hill roads and that in spite of numerous calls to Verizon it appears that the cell service only works for certain phones or if specific software is installed. Janet Hanna thanked Steve for his efforts with Time Warner and Verizon.

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 9/24/2015**

Acting Chairman Jon Hanna and Board members Ray Snyder, Chris Navitsky, Maureen Cherubini, and Lindsay Mydlarz were present. Robert Goetsch and Linda Mury were absent.

### RIZZA (43.13-1-22) 28 Bayberry Lane (TRI)

The owners would like to install a 7'3" x 10' pergola over a bluestone patio and need a variance for a sideline setback. A public hearing will be held at the next meeting.

### CORBO (26.6-1-8) 36 Forest Bay Rd N (TRIR)

The applicants are seeking a variance for a 14' x 20' shed/art studio already installed on their property which had been previously approved but was found to be located in a position different from the original in the plot plan submitted.

## **PLANNING BOARD - 10/1/2015**

Chairman Dick Frasier and Board members Mike Cherubini, Martin Fitzgerald, Dan Belden, Judy Gourley, Bob Whitaker and Pam Peterson were all present.

### CAPE COD VILLAGE CLUB, INC. (43.13-1-31) NYS Rte. 9N (TRI)

The Board approved the request to subdivide a 2.93 acre parcel into a .37 acre parcel (with a clubhouse) and a 2.56 acre vacant association parcel. A variance was previously approved for this property.

### BALOUCH (43.5-1-2.1) 9809 Graphite Mtn. Rd. (Hamlet)

The applicant would like to operate a farm stand with occasional retail goods. Chairman Frasier noted that some of the issues are chickens running loose in the hamlet and safety on RT 8. The Board tabled the request to November after a site visit.

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RACANELLI (60.9-1-49) 10 Bobkat Lane (TR1)

The applicants would like to remove the existing house and replace it with a new house which is new construction within 100' of the Lake. The Board approved this application with the condition that ZEO Clark is provided with information as to who is responsible for the septic alarms – the homeowner or Arcady Bay – and proof that the homeowner's septic system has an emergency water shutoff if there is a septic alarm.

### TOWN ELECTIONS

Elections for Town and County officials will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 from 6 am to 9 pm at the Hague Community Center. All local candidates are running unopposed so *The Hague Chronicle* has decided not to have a Candidates Night but offered each of the candidates the opportunity to submit a written statement of no more than 500 words which will be printed **verbatim** as submitted.

No statement was received from Donald Smith running for reelection as Highway Superintendent. Edna Frasier is running for reelection for a two year term as Town Supervisor, Debbie Manning is running for reelection for a four year term as Town Clerk, incumbent Steve Ramant and Michael Cherubini are running for the two four year positions on the Town Board. The following statements were submitted.

#### Town Supervisor

What does a supervisor do?

A Supervisor of a Town is an Officer in charge of local government functions. It entails endless hours of meetings, both at the town and county level as well as the State level. In my case it also includes miles and miles of travel to attend the many meetings. Then there are numerous Summits, Seminars and Conferences. Being a Supervisor is not a nine to five job.

I have been involved with the Town of Hague for the past 10 years, the first 6 years as a Town Board member and in conjunction with that I was Deputy Supervisor for 4 of those 6 years. The past 4 years I have been the Supervisor and find even after all this time that there is still a lot to learn. I currently serve on 13 County committees and chair Human Services. There are numerous Town and County issues, some rather contentious at times, others not so.

Have we accomplished anything? We saw the completion of Veterans' Park, the parking lot and big boat dock renovations. We received a \$30,000.00 grant to do a study at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and The Fund for Lake George granted us \$10,000.00 for WWTP use. We have spent the past year working diligently on the WWTP issues. We expect to be on board by the end of the year with remote net metering for solar power to reduce our carbon footprint and hopefully will save us thousands of dollars in electrical costs.

Hague, as with every small town oftentimes faces unique challenges. I am a strong believer in working together as a team, The Town Board as well as the entire community. It should be our focus and our goal. I am asking for your continued support as we move forward.

Thank you for you past and future support.

Edna Frasier

#### Town Clerk

I am once again running for the office of Town Clerk. It has been a very enjoyable 20 years as your Town Clerk and I am asking you again for your support on November 3, 2015.

There have been a few changes in my job this year. I attended a DEC mandatory class on the new hunting & fishing licensing program. There will also be training for the new sewer rent billing that was installed this August.

You can view your Town & County Tax bill on-line at [www.egov.basny.com/hague/](http://www.egov.basny.com/hague/) . Digital Express has also been installed to scan checks for quicker depositing.

We were audited by the New York State Comptroller's Office. The report covered the period from January 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014. The audit was on Departmental Cash Receipt. The Town of Hague received an excellent review.

I also have been working on preservation of the 1907 -1917 Assessment Rolls. Kofile the preservation Company has done a wonderful job. The clarity of these records are outstanding.

It has been a pleasure working with all of you. I have enjoyed serving my community and all of you have been very supportive and encouraging. Remember, YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Deborah F. Manning

#### Town Board

Hi, my name is Michael Cherubini and I am running for Hague Town Council. My wife, Maureen and I and our dog, Daphne live at 138 West Hague Road. We have five boys, five daughters-in-law, six grandchildren and one more granddaughter due in November. We purchased our home in 1984 and retired up here in 2007.

I retired as Site Operations and Security Manager at Infinium Research Center, Linden, NJ. In NJ I was involved with the Fire Department as Chief and EMS as Captain, School Board Member, and Town Property and Maintenance Officer.

Since we moved here, I am a member in the following Organizations/Boards: Co-Chair on Planning Board, Chair for Tax Appeal Board, Chair for Memorial Day Parade, Vice President and a member of Board of Directors in Hague Fire Department/EMS, Fire Police, School Board Advisory Budget Committee, Senior Club, Water Quality Steering Committee, Hague Chamber, Sno-Goers, Hague Fish and Game, and Hague Baptist Church.

As you can see, I have always been community minded and devoted. I welcome the opportunity to meet all of you and talk about your concerns. Looking forward to working as part of a Team on the Town Board for the future of Hague.

Please feel free to contact me at (518) 543-6463 or e-mail [mmcherubini@aol.com](mailto:mmcherubini@aol.com). Please vote on November 3.

Candidate Michael F. Cherubini

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## Town Board

I'd like to take this opportunity to Thank the residents of Hague for giving me the honor to serve and work for you for the last for years.

When I decided to run for the Town Board I had no agenda but felt I needed to ask Hague citizens what issues were important to them. So I left to met a many voters to see how they felt.

The number one item by far was to protect Lake George. Additional items were School taxes, winter roads , poor phone/internet service and road speeds. I'd like to address their concerns.

It was clear by following news from Lake George Park Commission meetings that the Lake was in peril. Once I had a firm grasp on what was happening with invasive species, pollution issues and funding concerns I went to the citizens of Hague and asked for their support to combat these. The local support to help correct these problems was overwhelming. Key items were support of LGA's Lake Stewards, manning Town boat launch, boat inspections/ tagging and conforming to LGPC rules by controlled access .

With respect to the School tax issue , I arranged for Ti School Superintendent John McDonald to hold an informative meeting to explain the history behind the taxes. This produced a packed room at CC with great audience response and better understanding of the issues.

I try and keep all informed of Town issues and events via my emails, public response has been very positive . If you'd join, please contact me.

With respect to winter roads, positive steps are being taken. I attended the recent Save The Lake Salt Summit , held by Fund for Lake George. A key component is Our Town is getting the use of a Metal Pless for plowing Tongue Mountain.

I listened to the residents of New Hague Road about the poor Verizon service over the decades and took corrective actions with Verizon District Manger. Recently Verizon installed miles of new line, fixed bad connections and service has greatly improved. In respect to internet service most roads are now wired with only a few more miles of road to be installed by Time Warner.

During the 2014 election for our 23<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District I arranged and held a Candidates night for Republican, Democratic and Green Party candidates. The informative meeting kept Town citizens informed of Candidate's positions.

To improve Town Safety, I arranged with DOT to have 30MPH sign on RT9 , heading North before the beach moved from behind the telephone pole to a spot 60' South where it is now visible. To argument that I got DOT to install a 30MPH Ahead sign just North of the Steamer dock. In addition letters were written to New York State Trucking Association and Western Express Truck Company to alter routes for 53' truckers to not run on RT9.

In addition to being a member of many Hague Clubs and organizations , I have for the last three years the privilege of being appointed Deputy Supervisor for Town of Hague.

I look forward to the challenges of the next four years, to proudly work with you for the betterment of The Town of Hague. On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, I ask for your vote.

Thank you, Steve Ramant, Councilman, Town of Hague

## LAKE GEORGE LAND CONSERVANCY HIKES

Leaf Crunch Hike October 24: Join John Crist as he leads this annual Lake George Land Conservancy adventure at Cat and Thomas. Seven-mile moderate-challenging hike through the autumn woods and to both mountain summits and ridgeline starts at 9 am. The hike is free, but pre-registration is required. To register, call Sarah at 518-644-9673 or send an email to:<events@lglc.org>. Rain date is October 25.

Wetland Walk November 14: Join a hike along the lower trails at Amy's Park to explore its wetlands and pond. Take some time to look along the water edge for pond creatures and watch the sky for birds passing through. This is an easy hike for ages five and up. One to two miles round-trip, depending on the group size and abilities.

## WREATH SALE BY GARDEN CLUB

The Carillon Garden Club will be selling Christmas Wreaths again this year. Orders for locally made, fresh balsam wreaths and kissing balls are being taken now by club members up until October 31, 2015. The sale of beautiful wreaths and kissing balls has been an important fund raiser for the club for over 15 years and enables the club to beautify areas in Ticonderoga and Hague with special seasonal plantings. Repeat and new orders are sincerely appreciated.

Wreaths come in 12", 18", 24" and 36" sizes and may be purchased plain, with a bow only or decorated with pine cones, berries and bows. Bows and berries come in red or burgundy. Prices range from \$17 for a plain 12" wreath to \$60 for a 36" decorated wreath. Most prices are the same as last year. Decorated kissing balls are also available for \$30 each.

Club members will be making the bows, wiring the cones and then gather in November to transform the wreaths into lovely holiday decorations. Wreaths will be delivered just before Thanksgiving.

The club generally meets on the third Thursday at the Hague Community Center, March through December with a variety of programs of interest to gardeners and those who appreciate nature. The public is welcome to attend the programs. The Carillon Garden Club is a 501 (C) (3) organization and is part of District IV of the Federated Garden Clubs of NYS and the National Garden Club, Inc.

For more information about the club, call Betty Rettig at 585-7247 or membership chairperson, Joyce Cooper at 585-2640. For more information about the wreaths and kissing balls or to order, call wreath chairperson, Judy Walker at 984-0088, or any garden club member.



### Hague Revisits Steamboat Days



by Mary Behr, Special to the Lake George Mirror

On July 1, 1927 the Lake George Steamboat Company's Sagamore rammed the point of Anthony's Nose, and began to sink. The captain, John Washburn of Ticonderoga, ordered that the hole in the hull be stuffed with mattresses. He then sailed her into Glenburnie, discharged her passengers, and beached her in a small cove.

That maritime disaster proved irresistible to my grandmother, Dorothy Coleman, who took the photographs published here. She, her sister Betty, and their father George made their way over to the stately wreck from Hague. Accompanied as always by the Henderson boys, they climbed all over the vessel and clowned around for the photographer. The five boys along the rail are various Hendersons. The father and daughter on the elegant bow are George and Betty Coleman.



Dorothy Coleman attended Swarthmore, and she married my grandfather, Howard Gilbert Engler, in 1937. George Coleman purchased property in Hague in 1945.

After repairs were made to the Sagamore after the accident, she was refurbished, launched again in May 1928, and sailed for another five years.

These photos are part of an exhibition about notable steamboat wrecks in Hague. The exhibit is now on view in the lobby of the Hague Community Center on Route 8, which is open Monday through Friday from 9-4.

Steamboats transported passengers to and from Hague and Silver Bay from the 19<sup>th</sup> century through the Great Depression. The exhibit focuses on the Sagamore, the Ticonderoga, and the John Jay.

The star of the exhibit is the anchor from the Ticonderoga. On the morning of August 29, 1901, things went awry for the

Ticonderoga. Headed south after a moonlight charter the night before, a fire started five minutes out of port. The steamer reached Rogers Rock Hotel pier and was tied to the dock, facing south. A strong breeze fanned the flames, the lines to the dock burned, and the boat drifted into the shoals off Wickes Point. Within 15 minutes, the boat was completely on fire; it took only two hours for it to burn to the water's edge. Luckily, there were no passengers aboard. One injury was reported: a stewardess was severely burned.

We have the Ticonderoga's anchor due to some quick thinking (and buying) by Jamie and Robin Robibero of Split Rock Road. In 2014, Jamie was downstate and got a call about a nearby tag sale that included the anchor from the Ticonderoga of Lake George. Jamie ran over and fended off another buyer who wanted to melt the anchor down! While there, he asked the seller how he came to be in possession of the massive anchor. Arvid Johanson had come to Hague for his honeymoon in the 1940s. While in town, he and his bride attended an auction of steamboat artifacts held at the Trout House. Arvid was the lucky winner of the Ticonderoga's anchor, and the rest is history.

The shipwreck exhibit will be in the lobby of the Hague Community Center for the next month or so. It dovetails nicely with our Regattas in Hague exhibit, which is still up at the Hague Museum, also located in the Community Center. Did you know that Hague was the epicenter of rowing and motorboat races on Lake George as far back as 1887? Come see the photos, medals, and trophies from the Hague Rowing Association and the Lake George Regatta Association. We're always interested in additional artifacts and photos, so please stop by.

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### PROGRAM AT FORT TICONDEROGA

Fort Ticonderoga will host "Material Matters: It's in the Details" the weekend of November 7 - 8, 2015. This event focuses on the material culture of the 18th century and is intended for people with an interest in learning more about 18th century objects and what they tell us about history. "Material Matters" takes place in the Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center and is open by pre-registration only.



Seminar presentations include: "A Revolution in Wood: The Buckets, Boxes, and Canteens of Hingham, Massachusetts" by Derin Bray; "18th Century Military Use of Tinware" by Steve Delisle; "American-made Bayonets during the War of Independence" by Derek Heidemann; "The Clothing Conflict: Military Dress at Fort Ticonderoga" by Matthew Keagle; "George Washington's Disappearing Ribbon and the Memory of the American Revolution" by Phil Mead; and "Clothing Rogers Rangers" by Gibb Zea.

A brochure with the complete schedule and a registration form is available on Fort Ticonderoga's website at <www.fort-ticonderoga.org> by selecting the "Education" tab and choosing "Workshops and Seminars". A printed copy is also available by contacting Rich Strum, Director of Education, at 518-585-6370.

## ~SOUNDINGS~

**BORN:** A son, Julian Cornelius Rypkema, to Craig and Madison Rypkema of Queensbury, NY on September 28, 2015. Proud grandparents are Neil and Sandy Rypkema of Silver Bay, NY.

**BORN:** A daughter, Delilah Cecile Cuddy to Alison and Dan Cuddy of Santa Monica, CA on October 7, 2015. Proud grandparents are Neil and Sandy Rypkema of Silver Bay, NY.

**BORN:** A daughter, Lucy Michelle Peterson to Courtney and Jason Peterson of South Hackensack, NJ on October 8, 2015. Proud grandparents are Michael and Maureen Cherubini of Hague, NY.

### PETER NEAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

At the Silver Bay YMCA campus on August 15, 2015 the winners of the Peter Neal Memorial Scholarship were announced. These scholarships are presented annually to employees of Silver Bay YMCA, based on high standards of work performance and financial requirements for a college education.

The winners for 2015 are: Paul Hicks - Ferris State University, Abby Halm - Rice University, Kaylin Bujarsky - Indiana University, Brianna Ifft - University of Illinois, Jed Moody - University of Oregon and Clemency Neville - University of Missouri.

Family and friends established the Scholarship in 1992, as a memorial to Peter Nea, son of Sally and James Neal of Venice, FL and Sabbath Day Point. Peter was a summer employee of Silver Bay YMCA from 1983 - 85. He died of colon cancer in 1992 at age 30. Since its inception, the Scholarship has awarded more than \$100,000.

### TICONDEROGA ELECTION DAY DINNER

The "Original" Election Day Turkey Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga. All are welcome. Take-outs will be from 4 to 5 pm and sit-down dining will start at 5 pm in the church fellowship hall. The menu includes home roasted turkey, homemade dressing and gravy, fresh mashed potatoes, coleslaw, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter and beverages. Homemade pies and cakes will top off this annual dinner, prepared and served by members of the church. Reservations are not necessary and tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. An early arrival for this popular community dinner is recommended.

The First United Methodist Church is located at 1045 Wicker Street, up the hill from the hospital entrance. Call 585-7995, check the church website, <[www.tifumc.com](http://www.tifumc.com)> or go to Facebook for more information about this dinner and the church.

The regular "First Sunday, Free Community Fellowship Dinner" will NOT be held in November but will return in December.

## TI'COUSTIC SHOWS

Upcoming at Ti'coustics will be the piano selections (including some sing-a-longs) of Bev Hudak on November 4, 2015. She will accompany Jessica Paradis who will sing a few numbers and there will also be some guitar players.

The shows are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, year round, from 7 - 9 pm at the Burleigh House. This year all monies raised at the Ti'coustic shows are being given to the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership (TMSP) to be used as they see fit for the many projects that they support in our region, including the Street Fest and of course 'The Best Fourth in the North'.

Special thanks to our many musicians who donate their talents and time to make this program a success. We do hope that you will come and enjoy our evenings of entertainment and add a donation for our community. (There is no cover charge).

... Roberta Whiteley



### HALLOWEENFEST IN TICONDEROGA

The annual HalloweenFest will be held in Ticonderoga on October 30 - 31, 2015. Enjoy trick or treating on Montcalm Street on Friday from 3 - 5 pm at businesses displaying a pumpkin. From 4 - 6 pm, visit the Haunted Hallway at North Country Community College, with refreshments and a photo op with the Great Pumpkin. Pets (and their kid owners) can trick or treat from 5 - 7 pm at Tractor Supply. There will be an outdoor screening of the movie Hocus Pocus at 6:45 pm across from Libby's Bakery Café. Prior to the movie, listen to a brief presentation on the witchcraft history of Salem, Massachusetts.

On Saturday, stop by the Monster Mini Golf Party at Five Nations Golf for \$1 off the regular price and trick or treat at every hole. For more information, contact the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce at 518-585-6619 or <[chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com](mailto:chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com)>.

### MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public Roast Turkey Breast Dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A.M., and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served Friday, October 23, 2015, from 4:30 - 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will also be available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under, and will be sold at the door.

## SIMPLY ASK

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

I'm a big proponent of being brazen enough to simply ask for things. It all started when I asked some friends if they would like to take their Hackercraft down to Bolton to watch the Gold Cup Festival. After all, some 30 antique race boats from all over the country were going to be on hand to commemorate the 1930s Gold Cup races held on Lake George. I had grown up with two of those boats – Juno and Chloe – which had been owned by my uncle in the 50s and 60s. What a thrill it would be to see them again after more than 50 years. And what better way to view the festivities than from a boat – a Hacker no less!

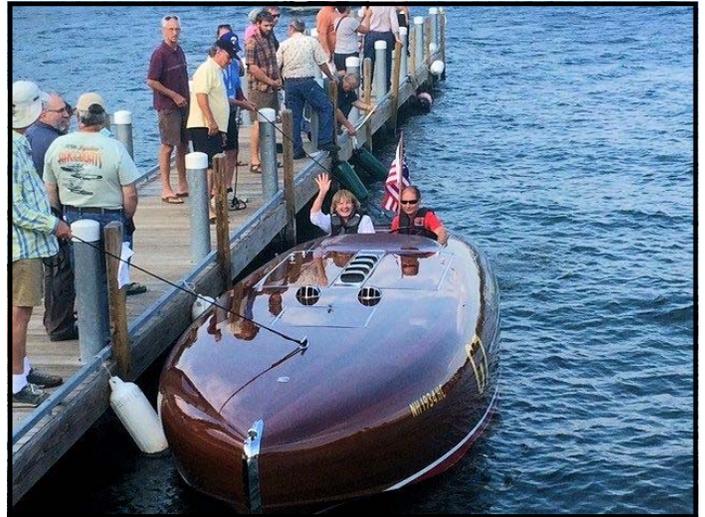
It was one of those spectacular September days, with the sky and the Lake the bluest of blue. The ride down to Bolton was a bit wet, with a strong south wind whipping the Lake. When we arrived in Bolton, we realized that it would be good to tie up somewhere so that we could walk around the docks and see the antique boats. But how to find a spot, with boats everywhere?! I noticed a guy sitting on his dock, and suggested – half in jest – that we should just ask if we could tie up there. So, brazen as I can sometimes be, I hollered over to him. What a surprise when he waved us on in to his dock.

After securing the boat, we wandered over to Rogers Park to see the race boats. Juno and Chloe were tied up next to each other, immaculately restored and shining in their full glory. Though many of the other boats were doing laps around the course throughout the afternoon, it was too rough for either Chloe or Juno to go out. After meeting the current owner of Juno and chatting for a while, I got up the nerve to ask if I could sit in Juno for a photo op. "Of course!" he said. The sponsors made it tough to get the boat close enough to the dock, and boarding was thus somewhat difficult. But I managed. Where there's a will, there's a way, and I was not about to let this opportunity pass me by.



Later, as I stood on the walkway above the docks, I heard the announcer on the PA system say that the parade of boats would start soon. As he listed the names of the boats, I heard him say that Ethyl Ruth IV (aka Chloe) was going to go out. I watched as a man climbed into the boat and got ready to cast off. Making a split second decision, I raced down to the dock and called to him, "Are you going out?" "Yup," he said. Chloe

is a two-seater, and he appeared to have no passenger. "Are you going by yourself?" I asked. "Yup," was his reply. I took a deep breath. "Can I come?" I asked. "Sure, hop in!" he said. As I climbed aboard, someone threw me a life jacket, which turned out to be a lifesaver. After all, every wave washed right over the cockpit, and my thin white blouse was immediately soaked.



At the end of the parade, we headed to Norowal Marina, where the boats were all being taken out of the water. As we waited our turn, I noticed two friends in a Lyman cruising nearby and waved to them. My driver suggested that I call them over to pick me up since it could take a couple of hours before we could get into the marina. Once again, I was forced to make an amazingly ungraceful debarkation from one boat to another. None of us wanted the two boats to get too close, and I was hesitant to put my foot on Chloe's highly polished deck. Believe me, this maneuver was not easy. But I somehow managed to 'land' in the Lyman in rather ungraceful form. No matter. I still can't believe how lucky I was that day. Aside from having REALLY good friends who helped make it all happen, it was also about simply having the nerve to ask for things. I highly recommend it. Now, I just have to think about what I'm going to ask for next!



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**HAGUE CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER**

- 22** 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 23-24** 7 pm Fort Ticonderoga Corn Maze
- 27** noon Senior Club meeting and lunch
- 29** 1 pm Ribbon Cutting at St. Mary's School

**NOVEMBER**

- 1** 7 pm Planning Board
- 3** 6 am - 9 pm ELECTION DAY
- 5** 7 pm Planning Board
- 10** 6 pm Town Board
- 11** 11 am Veterans Day Ceremonies
- 12** News deadline for November issue
- 17** 1:30 pm Senior Club meeting
- 18** *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS**

**September 2 thru June 30**

- Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm
- Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm
- Sunday: CLOSED