

## ASIAN CLAM ERADICATION PROJECT

During the weeks of September 9 and 16, 2013 volunteers from Hague and other towns around the Lake participated in a Lake-wide survey, looking for new infestations of the invasive Asian clam. Unfortunately, they found what they were looking for. The survey was conducted under the auspices of the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC), one of ten member organizations of the Lake George Asian Clam Task Force.



*Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Archeological Survey Team reexamine infested area in Hague, September 3rd and 4th*

In Hague, Lake Forest Acres was one of eight infested sites identified last year. Mats designed to smother the clams were put down there and at six sites in southern Lake George last fall, covering a total of seven acres. A report issued by the Darrin Freshwater Institute in June of this year noted a success rate exceeding 98 percent in those areas. However, new clam infestations have now been found north and south of Lake Forest Acres as well as at other sites, including Glenburnie and locations in the southern basin. "Based on survey findings, our control strategy for the more established sites was thwarted by the aggressive reproductive abilities of these invasive clams," said Chris Navitsky, Lake George Waterkeeper.

"This latest news demands targeted research aimed at understanding the lifecycle of the Asian clam which will open new doors to more effective treatments that can stop the spread and limit impacts to the lake to the fullest extent possible," said Dr. Sandra Nierzwicki-Bauer, director of the Darrin Fresh Water Institute. "It only amplifies the need for mandatory measures to inspect and decontaminate all trailered boats before entering the Lake," she added.

Asian clams were found in Lake George in late 2010, and control efforts were initiated immediately. Left unchecked, this

invasive species multiplies rapidly, ultimately resulting in thousands of clams per square meter. More than \$1.5 million has been spent over the past three years to control the Asian clam threat. Asian clams are hemaphroditic, meaning a single clam can reproduce alone, and can release hundreds of juveniles per day. They spread quickly, reaching densities of up to 8,000 clams per square meter.

Plans are still in the works for the next round of treatment. "We are prioritizing locations based on a series of factors, but there are many things to consider and not enough resources to do everything we want to do," said Walt Lender, executive director of the LGA.

"All of us who are part of the Lake George Asian Clam Task Force owe a huge debt of gratitude to all the volunteers who participated in the survey," said Dave Wick, Executive Director of the Lake George Park Commission. "Their time and efforts saved us at least \$30,000 that we would have had to pay professionals to conduct the survey. This is money that can now go toward other Lake-protection measures." ... ghk

## PROPOSAL FOR HAGUE MOTEL

The report on the Planning Board of 9/5/2013 on page 4 indicates that Mr. Dick Kidney has proposed buying The Hague Motel and using it as transitional housing for recent parolees. However, on 9/12/13, he withdrew this application so there will be NO public hearing on this issue on October 3, 2013.

At the last meeting Mr. Kidney suggested he could buy the motel under the current use and perhaps follow his plan anyway. ZEO Clark strongly indicated to him that she would start enforcement proceedings against him if he tried to operate it as he originally planned but without Town approval.

## REGISTER FOR BASIC STAR EXEMPTION

All homeowners receiving a Basic STAR property tax exemption should have received a notice from New York State Tax Department that they must register again to receive the exemption in 2014 and after. The registration requirement is not satisfied by your original application to your local assessor.

The STAR exemption is available for owner-occupied, primary residences where the combined income of resident owners and their spouses is \$500,000 or less.

Senior Citizens receiving the Enhanced STAR property tax exemption are not affected by this new requirement and do not need to register.

Make sure you follow the instructions in the letter or if you did not get one contact the NYS Tax Department at 518-457-2036 or online at <[www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov)>. Do not contact the local assessor.

## SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The Seniors had a great turnout for the Senior Picnic with friends and family members included to enjoy the wonderful food that was shared. We had an amazing variety of food dishes. The winners of the food contest were Jim Delarm and his assistant Ray Snyder for cooking all the burgers and hot dogs. Second place went to Pat and Ron Hintze for Aioli (spaghetti with oil, garlic, broccoli and mushrooms) and the Sausage and Peppers and 3rd prize went to Gladys Graser for Blueberry Cake.

Then came one of the big events of the year for the club which was the Dinner Cruise and Sock Hop aboard the Lac Du Saint Sacrement. I believe this trip was the best because while we waited to get on the boat in Lake George Village, we sat and watched all the Hot Rod Cars go by. Once we got on the boat the food as always was very good and the music was excellent and the DJ never stopped playing. Let me tell you there were a lot of Hague Seniors having a grand old time and we kept that dance floor rocking. The Hague Seniors were shaking, twisting and strolling their stuff. Everyone thanked me for setting up this event and many asked if we can do it again next year. So heads up, you won't want to miss the boat next year!

We held our Snowbird Dinner at the Cafe Adirondack to say good bye to our members who will be going south for the winter. This was a nice night to just enjoy each other's company and was open to all members. We bid our Snowbird friends a safe trip when they leave and we look forward to seeing them all again next year.

Our next regular meeting is on September 24, 2013 at 1:30 pm for crazy hat day. There will be a few different prizes so put your ideas together and come up with the best hat you can.

In October we will be starting up game nights on the first Tuesday of the month. The games on October 1, 2013 will be at the Hintze house. We will also start bowling again on October 17, 2013 at 12 noon at the Adirondack Lanes in Ticonderoga. We bowl two games (cost is \$8.50) and have pizza and soda provided by the Club. Even if you don't bowl you are welcome to join us for a laugh or two.

To be a member of the Hague Senior Club you only have to be 50 years of age (not 55). Come and check us out. If you like to have fun and enjoy things to do and places to go, then this is the place to be.  
... Pat Hintze (543-6502)

## HAGUE FIRE AND EMS SERVICES

A huge, heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to all the businesses and community members that supported the Steak Roast. It's always a blessing to have so much positive encouragement and unwavering support.

The Open Water Swim held from the Hague beach in late August was provided safety support by our own Fire Rescue Boat, Ambulance and EMS Crew on stand-by. There were no major incidents reported, but it was good that we were there.

There were 10 ambulance calls totaling 220 volunteer hours and 22 fire calls and drills for a total of 198 volunteer hours, in the month of August. It was a very demanding month for our department and its volunteers. Volunteering offers many rewards. In addition to improving your community and advancing causes that are important to you, volunteering can help you develop and grow as a person. Many people find that volunteering is a great way to express gratitude for help they received from an organization in the past.

We need volunteers - fire fighters, EMTs, fire police, and other supportive positions. Young adults, 16 or older, are encouraged to join. New York State Fire Association offers college tuition reimbursement funds. For more details on this fantastic program, visit the FASNY website at <<https://www.fasny.com/>>.

It's that time of year again when our Fire Chief asks all our town folk to do regular home heating system maintenance and outline safety procedures in your home. This will give you fuel savings and protect your family from any unwanted and dangerous surprises - including chimney fires. If you cannot afford to properly clean your heating device, please contact the fire department. We are not free chimney sweeps but it's best we visit your home in street clothes rather than full turn-out gear. In addition, we can also advise you on the best method to dispose of your hot ashes. Some of these new pellets can smolder for long periods of time, even in the snow bank.

Once again the HVFD will be involved in some way helping to make the annual Ockoberfest weekend a great success. Come out to enjoy great food, good music and lots of fun.

School is in session, so keep an eye out for those big yellow busses with the little short passengers that don't always look both ways. Leaf peepers will soon be out on our roads, so also keep a careful eye out for these welcome visitors.

Please visit our website <<http://www.haguefireems.org>> and "Like" us on Facebook (Hague Fire & EMS).

... SJ Santaniello

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## OKTOBERFEST THIS WEEKEND

Hague's Oktoberfest will take place this weekend, Friday, September 20 through Sunday, September 22, 2013, at the Town Park - under the tents, rain or shine.

.On Friday night there will be fun for the entire family including a dance and live music by Calamity Rock from 6 – 11 pm. Food, soft drinks, beer and wine will be available.

On Saturday the Festival takes place from noon to 7 pm. All day there will be live music from Fritz's Polka Band. Featured will be craft beers by Adirondack Brewery, Adirondack crafts and goods, German and festival foods and a kid's activity tent.

A Sunday Sunrise service and fellowship will take place from 9 – 10 am to close out the weekend.

All proceeds from the Oktoberfest will go to programs benefiting local area youth. The entry fee for both Friday evening and Saturday is \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

## SCHOOL MERGER NEXT STEPS



The Ticonderoga-Crown Point merger study committee has completed its work. Special thanks to Mike Cherubini who was a committee member from Hague.

The merger draft report has been sent to the New York State Education Department for their review. When the draft report is accepted as complete by the State Education Department, the study consultants will schedule a presentation to a joint meeting of the Crown Point and Ticonderoga boards of education sometime in October or November.

Each board of education will decide whether an advisory vote of the community should be held. If both boards pass resolutions to hold a vote, then an advisory vote in each community will be scheduled and organized by the State Education Department. The vote occurs on the same day in both communities. If one board does not pass a resolution to hold a vote, then no vote is held in either community. The advisory vote must pass in each community for the Education Department to schedule a final vote on the same day in each community. If it passes in both communities, then the merger will take place on July 1, 2015.

## OKTOBERFEST – NOW AND THEN by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

People keep asking why we hold Oktoberfest in September here in Hague. I tell them that we are just following suit. The 'real' Oktoberfest in Munich is also mainly in September (September 21 – October 6 this year). It's called Oktoberfest because it all started on an October day in 1810 when Bavaria's Crown Prince Ludwig I married Therese from Saxony. He wanted his folk to participate in the wedding festivities and he thus staged a giant folk festival in a meadow just outside the city gates. Today the city has grown up around that meadow and it is smack dab in downtown Munich. But it is still a meadow and it is still reserved for this world-famous festival, which is held annually.

At some point fairly early on, someone got wise (probably the head of the Munich tourist office) and decided that the weather can be iffy in October and it would be better to move the date up a bit. However, they didn't really want to change the name. The solution was to move it to September, but have it last through the first weekend in October. So Oktoberfest now stretches over three weekends and the two weeks in between. I think it's because it takes that long to drink all the beer that the Munich breweries produce for this fest.

I doubt that the royals of 1810 drank liter upon liter of beer and then went on those crazy carnival rides that spin you around through the air. But that's what happens at Oktoberfest today. As you can probably imagine, it's not always a pretty sight and you don't want to be standing too close to those rides – or to the people when they disembark.

My connections to Munich's Oktoberfest date back to 1973 when I attended for the first time. I was on an extended hitchhiking trip through Europe with a friend. We ended up meeting some nice German guys in one of the gigantic beer tents (each tent holds up to 10,000 people). In fact, they were so nice that I ended up marrying one of them. Not that night, but a couple of years later. Friends in Munich later told me that you aren't supposed to actually marry anyone that you meet at Oktoberfest. You're just supposed to drink lots of beer, kiss and hug everyone you see, and then go home. However, nobody mentioned that to me back then. Come to think of it, maybe they did – but I couldn't understand a word of German.

My younger son Toby, who was born in late September several years later, attended his first Oktoberfest in a Snugli at the ripe old age of eight days. I think now it might be illegal to take such young children to this bawdy fest (or at least it should be). But at the time, it apparently was okay. Well, maybe it wasn't. But, as I already mentioned, I wouldn't have understood anyone if they had told me that. This year, I'm going back to Munich for Oktoberfest to see if anything has changed. But I understand German now, and I'll be sure to follow the rules. Wait, I don't think there actually ARE any rules at Oktoberfest, are there?

## FLU IMMUNIZATIONS

The annual Warren County flu and pneumonia immunization clinic will be held at the Hague Community Center on September 30, 2013 from 1 – 2 pm. Senior citizens should bring their Medicare information.

## **SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING – 8/20/13**

Supervisor Frasier and Councilmen Meola and Ramant met to approve a resolution to advertise for bids on the Streeter Hill project to “Provide factory insulated 1.25” sanitary sewer HDPE force main with heat trace and electrical connection. Provide connection of new force main to existing, backfill, restoration, asphalt pavement repairs, and miscellaneous improvements.”

The sealed bids will be opened at the Hague Community Center on Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

## **SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING – 9/9/2013**

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Rudy Meola, Martin Fitzgerald II and Steve Ramant were present. Alvin Frasier was absent. Paul Belden, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator trainee was also present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the continued sewer violations by the Uptown Restaurant and to a lesser degree by the Hague Market.

Paul Belden sent letters to both places in July citing them with violations due to no grease interceptors installed and never received a response back from either party. Supervisor Frasier also sent a letter to both violators on August 28, 2013 stating the violation and never received a response.

The Town Board is very concerned with these violations and with the lack of cooperation and approved a motion “to direct the Attorney for the Town to send a letter, with a copy to the Warren County Board of Health to review the regulations related to the Hague Sewer and direct the Uptown Restaurant to comply with the sewer law by a specific date. Failure to do so by the specified date will result in immediate enforcement as prescribed in the sewer law.”

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING – 9/10/2013**

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

A moment of silence was held for Emma DeFranco

The meeting was a quick one and there were few significant items that needed to be voted on. Budget resolutions were passed relative to the Flags/Banners, Kiwanis Lifeguard Chair and Historian’s office. Approval was given for Ray Snyder, Bruce Clark and Cathy Clark to attend the Southern Adirondack Planning and Zoning Forum.

The Board also passed a resolution in support of the Towns of Indian Lake, Long Lake, Newcomb, Minerva and North Hudson concerning their plan for economic benefit for their communities.

The Town Clerk will present the 2014 Tentative Town Budget to the Board on October 3, 2013 at 4 pm.

## **ZONING BOARD – 8/22/13**

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

### BOSI (93.12-1-30) 7955 Lakeshore Dr (TR)

The Board approved a modification to an 11/15/2012 variance approval related to the construction of a proposed garage.

## **PLANNING BOARD - 9/5/13**

Chairman Dick Frasier, Mike Cherubini, Martin Fitzgerald, Bruce Clark, Pam Peterson and Judy Gourley were present. Bob Whitaker was absent. Cathy Clark, ZEO, Dom Viscardi, Town Attorney and Janet Hanna, Recording Secretary were also present. Several people were in the audience.

### LUKE VENTURES, LLC (Made in Hague) (43.5-1-26) 9077 Lakeshore Drive (Hamlet)

The Board granted a 90 day extension to December 10, 2013 for the traffic-pedestrian study. The applicant has hired the services of Creighton Manning LLC in Albany to complete the study.

### KIDNEY (Real) (43.5-1-52) 9052 Lakeshore Drive (Hamlet)

The applicant is applying for a change of use prior to purchasing The Hague Motel which he wants for a transitional housing facility for recently paroled inmates. Dick Frasier read a statement saying that for the application to be complete the applicant must set forth in detail the manner in which the facility will be operated and how the parolees will be monitored. He also noted that this application will require great scrutiny to consider the general welfare of the community since the location is next to the Town Park.

Mr. Kidney described the use as for a sober house not a treatment facility. There will be no certified counselors because they will have already gone through a treatment program and will continue outpatient care through St. Joseph’s in Ticonderoga. He will live at the facility himself and monitor the program to teach them new living skills and job skills.

No members of the audience were able to speak at this meeting but the Board set a public hearing for October 3, 2013 at 7 pm where any concerns can be expressed.

*Ed note: See update on page 1.*

## **CONFERENCE ON STRENGTHENING THE APA**

On the anniversary year of the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan, the Adirondack Explorer newsmagazine is sponsoring a day-long conference to identify ways the APA can be strengthened. The conference will be held on September 26, 2013 from 8 am to 6 pm at the Paul Smith’s College Visitor Interpretive Center.

The registration fee of \$25 covers coffee, snacks, lunch and a reception from 5-6 p.m. Capacity is limited, so early registration is encouraged. For registration and additional information see <www.protectadks.org> and then Events and Activities or <www.adirondackexplorer.org>.

## FUND MEETING HIGHLIGHTS RESEARCH



*FUND for Lake George Executive Director Eric Siv with Trustee David Darrin*

The FUND for Lake George held their Annual Meeting on August 17, 2013 at the Sagamore. Dr. Jeff Short gave a scientific but very direct analysis of the data which has been collected over a 30 year period by the RPI-Darrin Fresh

Water Institute. While invasive species, fertilizers and land clearing are all problems for Lake George, the most detrimental thing for Lake George water quality is salt from stormwater runoff.

John Kelly, IBM Director of Research, outlined the ways in which the collaboration of the FUND, RPI-Darrin Institute and IBM known as the “Jefferson Project” would help to make Lake George the “smartest lake” through the collection and analysis of data with cutting edge technology. He said that the most powerful computer for this work is currently being built at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). ... js

## PROPER MANAGEMENT OF WASTEWATER

Paul Belden, who manages Hague’s Wastewater Treatment Plant, recently shared with us a number of helpful tips for homeowners. Although these tips are aimed at those in the sewer district, they apply equally to anyone with a septic system.

Most of us know that we shouldn’t put diapers (even ones labeled as ‘flushable’), feminine hygiene products or paper towels in the toilet. But did you know that ‘flushable’ wipes also wreak havoc or that putting coffee grinds down your garbage disposal is a no-no? The same goes for egg shells, seafood shells, banana and citrus fruit peels.

Unlike most city sewer systems, Hague’s system cannot handle these ‘additives.’ Please be sure that you, as well as your family and guests, avoid putting these and similar things down drains or toilets. In addition, sump pumps should *never* be connected to the sewage system. This water is clean and does not need to be treated. In addition, it can overload the overall system and lead to problems and unnecessary expense for everyone in the sewer district.

For any questions or concerns, contact Paul Belden at 543-8862, Monday-Friday 7 am - 3 pm. Emergency pager: 1-877-730-2749. ... ghk

## RUNNING THROUGH HAGUE

A Ragner Relay Race (approximately 3000 runners) will begin in Saratoga Springs on Friday, September 27, 2013 and end the next day in Lake Placid. The runners will pass through Hague during the period from 5 pm to 5 am and head to Ticonderoga to use the Elementary/Middle School facilities. The Darrin lot across from the Town Park will be used as an exchange stop.

## BOAT LAUNCH PLANS TO BE DETERMINED

Walt Lender, Executive Director of the LGA and Bruce Young, Chairman of the LGPC have both reiterated that the LGPC new AIS regulations do not have a “loophole” because “Launch operators shall secure launches in a manner authorized by the commission so as to prevent trailered vessels which are not in compliance (from entering LG)”. In other words each launch area must be controlled in such a way that uninspected trailered boats will not be allowed to launch into Lake George. Those entities (state, town, etc.) which control the launches must determine their own plans to enforce the regulation ~ either by providing personnel to man the launches or to lock and gate the areas when not manned, or find some alternative that will ensure that uninspected boats do not enter Lake George.



*Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky speaks at LGPC meeting in Hague*

At the LGPC monthly meeting in Hague on August 27, 2013, several Hague residents expressed their concern that there is no Lakewide assurance that the regulation can be enforced. It appears that it will be up to the Town to create its own plan for the boat launch at the Town Park. Likewise the State will be responsible for a plan for the State launches at Mossy Point and Rogers Rock. Either the Towns or the LGPC will have to be responsible for plans for commercial boat launches.

In order to prevent further Aquatic Invasive Species from entering Lake George, residents will have to closely scrutinize any launch area plans and continue to lobby for effective measures. ... js

## LGPC REGULATIONS – NEXT STEP

The Lake George Park Commission has draft regulations currently open for public comment regarding the protection of Lake George from the threat of aquatic invasive species. These draft regulations, and the draft Invasive Species Prevention Plan for Lake George, are available on the homepage of the LGPC website, at <www.lgpc.state.ny.us>.

The Commission is holding two public hearings on Thursday, October 10, 2013 to receive public comments. The first will be at the Roaring Brook Ranch in Lake George at 2 pm and the other at 6 pm at the Best Western in Ticonderoga.

Comments can be emailed to the Commission at <info@lgpc.state.ny.us>. The close of the public comment period is Friday, October 18, 2013 at 4 pm.

## ~SOUNDINGS~

**DIED:** Emma Elizabeth (Joergens) DeFranco, 94, on August 25, 2013 in Westmount Health Facility of Queensbury, NY, where she had resided for four years.

Mrs. DeFranco and her late husband of 63 years, Anthony J. DeFranco moved to Hague, NY, in 1976. She also was preceded in death by her daughter, Judy Cusumano, in 1998.

Mrs. DeFranco was a parishioner of St. Mary's R.C. Church, Ticonderoga. She was the mother of David DeFranco of Hague and is also survived by her daughters, Theresa Awgul, Mary Towers and Kathy DeFranco; 10 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

### **CROP WALK TO FIGHT HUNGER**

The 10th Ticonderoga Area CROP Walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2013. Walkers can pick a 1, 2 or 4 mile walk and leave from the Heritage Museum at 1 pm. Walkers are asked to get pledges from their friends and neighbors who can't join.

The purpose of the CROP Walk is to raise funds for the local food pantries and support Church World Service (CWS) programs that fight hunger and teach self help development programs. Last year CWS was one of the first groups to bring supplies to disaster damaged communities in NY and NJ while the previous year they served our Vermont neighbors after the floods.

The Food Pantries in Ticonderoga, Hague and Crown Point received \$2,000 in 2012. Other monies went to international needs. Hopefully many Hague residents will join in the walk to keep themselves healthy and to raise funds to feed the hungry at home and abroad.

Come join us for the walk or to pledge.

... Bob and Sue Johnson (543-6127)

### **OBSERVE THE MOON NIGHT**

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is again sponsoring International Observe the Moon Night (InOMN), hosted by Up Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center in Bolton Landing, on Saturday, October 12 from 6 – 8 pm.

InOMN is an annual event that is dedicated to encouraging people to 'look up' and take notice of our nearest neighbor, the Moon. From looking at the Moon with a naked eye to using the most sensitive telescope, every year on the same day, people from around the world hold events and activities that celebrate our Moon. Join us to hear from lunar scientist, Rosemary Millham, Ph.D., observe the Moon through telescopes, simulate your own lunar impacts, and much more!

Participants may wish to bring a camera and their own binoculars or a telescope, should wear sturdy shoes and dress for cool evening temperatures. Reservations are not required but are appreciated. Call Sarah Hoffman at 518-644-9673 or email <shoffman@lglc.org>. For more information about InOMN and the moon, visit <<http://observethemoonnight.org>>.

### **FORT TICONDEROGA WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS**

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a grant of \$173,000 to Fort Ticonderoga to host two workshops for teachers in the summer of 2014. The workshops will focus on "The American Revolution on the Northern Frontier: Fort Ticonderoga and the Road to Saratoga."

This NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshop will be offered twice: July 6-11, 2014 and July 27-August 1, 2014. There is no fee for this program and all participants receive a \$1,200 stipend to help defray expenses. Participating teachers have the opportunity to discuss issues related to the Revolution with visiting scholars as well as utilize the inexhaustible resources of Fort Ticonderoga.

### **CAFÉ AND ICE CREAM SHOP IN TICONDEROGA**

Lakeway Ice Cream and Café, located on Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga next to Aubuchon Hardware, opened in July. The café is open from 7 am and serves sandwiches, burgers, bagels and homemade cream cheese until 4:30 pm. At any time up until 7 pm, they have a variety of ice cream shop choices and a selection from among over 30 flavors of hard ice cream.

### **VANITY HAIR SALON OPENS IN TICONDEROGA**

Bridgette Burris, granddaughter of Patty Carney Bartlett, who grew up in Hague, has opened a full-service family salon in Ticonderoga, offering color, haircuts, manicures, pedicures and waxing. Bridgette describes herself as someone with a passion for people and a passion for her work. She has worked in other salons in Ticonderoga for many years, and is delighted to now have the opportunity to open her own shop. Her friend, Tonya LaFrance, will also be at the salon.

The salon is located at 174 Lake George Avenue and is open on Tuesday from 9 am – 3 pm, Wednesday through Friday from 9 am – 5 pm and Saturday from 9 am – 2 pm. Contact Bridgette by email <[vanityhair174@yahoo.com](mailto:vanityhair174@yahoo.com)> or call her at 518-586-4610.

A Grand Opening Celebration will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2013 from 9 am to 5 pm with refreshments, giveaways and special discounts.

### **MASON/STAR DINNERS TO RESUME**

A public Roast Beef 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, September 27, 2013, from 4:30 – 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House).

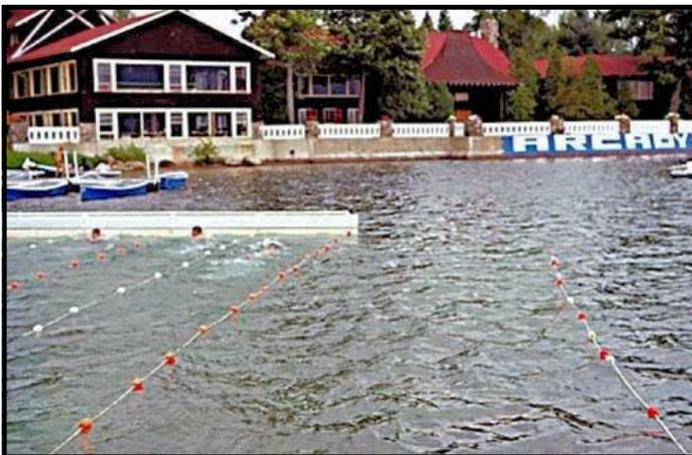
Take-outs will also be available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under, and will be available both by advance sale by members of the Masons and the Stars, and at the door. Parking for this event will be available along Montcalm Street, also at the Thomas B. Azer Agency and Hancock House parking lots.



In the context of Hague, if I said “Arcady”, you would most likely think of the upscale community of homes on the shores of Lake George in Hague. And you would be right! But Arcady is so much more than that in our history.

Joshua Lowe (1877-1943), together with his brother Joseph, began his involvement on Lake George in 1911 when they opened Camp Sagamore across the Lake from Hague. This boys’ camp was followed by Camp Ronah for girls, but in 1917, the shores of Hague beckoned and he initiated plans and construction of the Arcady Camp. The Camp was originally opened as a cottage colony and developed into one of Lake George’s finest resorts. Happily for Hague’s residents, over the years it provided jobs and work for many. A 1918 ad in the *Ticonderoga Sentinel* that ran for many months read: “WANTED — Carpenters, general workers, laborers and farm workers. Steady work. Board and lodging. Arcady Camp, near Hague.”

Only two years after the camp opened, in July 1920, a disastrous fire started in the kitchen of the Camp and numerous buildings were destroyed, including the kitchen and dining hall. Though at first it was thought the camp would have to close for the season, Lowe moved quickly to establish temporary facilities and his good neighbor, Silver Bay YMCA, chipped in to provide dining accommodations for the 175 guests.



The Lowes were originally from New York City, but became active members of the Hague community during the years they resided here. Mrs. Arvilla Mary Lowe, Joshua’s wife, was at one time the superintendent of Moses-Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga. In 1942, in response to an Albany County book drive, Joshua Lowe wrote a letter accompanying 1007 books from the Town of Hague, saying that residents of Hague “were stimulated to conduct a book collection campaign by the widespread publicity on the drive that has appeared in the Albany newspapers”.

In 1935 the camp was renovated and became a world class country club with golf course and casino with big-name per-

formers. Hague’s boys found summer work caddying for the prestigious guests. Dick Bolton recalls caddying for Groucho Marx! Numerous other local people worked at Arcady over the years. New York newspapers from the 1920’s through the 40’s are peppered with society page mentions of people going to spend time at the Arcady Country Club. There are also tales of jewelry heists and arrests for illegal dice games! The *Saratogian* reported, “Troopers said several men and women in evening dress were at a dice table when they entered the swank Arcady Country Club.”

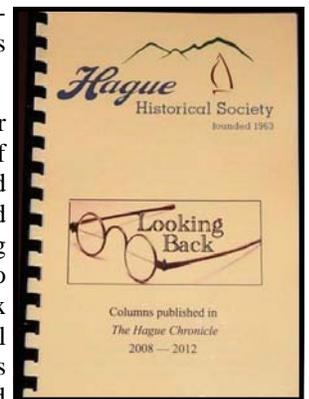
By the early 1950’s the property was converted to an upscale camp for young people who came to enjoy the Adirondack fresh air and the camp’s offerings of golf, archery, swimming and sailing. Hague’s own young people, including Sally and Susan DeLarm, held their wedding festivities in the Arcady Club House. With the changing times, camp enrollment began to decline and by 1978 the property had been sold to developers and plans were submitted to the Hague Planning Board in February 1978 by Robert Katzman for a 72 home sub-division, Arcady Bay Estates.

I would love to hear from any of our readers who may have had personal experiences working at Arcady when it was a country club or a camp. Drop me a line at PO Box 794, Hague, NY 12836 or [haguehistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:haguehistoricalsociety@gmail.com). Thank you!  
 ... Pat McDonough



It’s time for Hague’s Oktoberfest once again and the Historical Society will be there. We hope you’ll stop by to see our historical information as well as a few items for sale. We’re very excited to be offering a new publication – *Looking Back, 2008-2012* – which is a compilation of our *Looking Back* columns in *The Hague Chronicle*. True to our intentions, these columns offer a look at Hague history and now this anthology brings them to you in one publication.

Not going to be in town for Oktoberfest? Not a problem! If you’d like to purchase a book and have it mailed to you, just send your check for \$10 plus \$3 shipping and handling (\$13 total per book) to Hague Historical Society, PO Box 794, Hague, NY 12836 and we’ll get it out to you pronto. Local folks can give us a call at 543-6725 and we’ll arrange to deliver the book. These books will make great stocking stuffers and gifts for the upcoming holiday season.



Of course, we’ll also have our notecards and trivets and coasters available. Please stop by to say hello!

...P at McDonough



# HAGUE CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

- 20 – 22 OKTOBERFEST
- 24 1:30 pm Senior Club meeting
- 26 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 27-28 5 pm – 5 am Ragnar Relay Runners
- 30 1 – 2 pm Immunization Clinic

## NOVEMBER ELECTIONS PREVIEW

In the November 5, 2013 election in Hague, several local candidates will be on the ballot. Supervisor Edna Frasier and Town Justice Leslie Midgley are running unopposed. There are four candidates for two seats on the Town Board: Mary Ann Eaton, Martin Fitzgerald, Alvin Frasier and Ginger Henry Kuenzel. The seats will go to the top two vote getters.

We will have more detailed reporting on the election and the candidates in our October issue.

## OCTOBER

- 3 4 pm Town Budget presented
- 3 7 pm Planning Board
- 8 6:30 pm Town Board
- 10 News deadline for October issue (note early date)
- 12 6 – 8 pm Observe the Moon Night
- 14 Columbus Day — Town Office and Schools closed
- 15 No Ticonderoga Schools (teacher conference)
- 15 7 pm Regular Ticonderoga Bd of Ed meeting
- 16 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out and on website
- 19 1 pm CROP Walk

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS**  
 Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm  
 Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm

## 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)
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday: Mohican Crafters (10 am)
- 3rd Tuesday: Ticonderoga School Board (7 pm)
- 3rd Tuesday: Fish & Game Club (7:30 pm)
- 4th Wednesday: Extra Helpings Distribution (noon)
- 3rd Thursday: Carillon Garden Club (10 am)
- 1st Friday: Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
- Every Tuesday: Rotary Club (7:30 am)
- Every Thursday: Kiwanis (12 pm)



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