



WINTER WEEKEND SNOW QUEEN PAGEANT

On Friday evening, February 15, 2013, about 100 people filled the Community Center main room for the Snow Queen Pageant. Participating were Kaylee Coon, age 14, Kacey Fish, age 13, Fallon Kennedy, age 12, Caitlin Myers, age 11, Madison Fish, age 10, and McKenzie Harrington, age 10 all from Hague and Kathleen O'Neill, age 13, Erin O'Neill, age 9 and Jenny O'Neill, age 7, from Ticonderoga.

Judging the Pageant were Hague residents Maureen Cherubini and Gladys Rockwell and Matt Courtright from the Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce. The girls performed group routines and exhibited their individual talents. The results revealed Kaylee Coon, who played the flute, as Duchess; Erin O'Neill who played the keyboard as Princess and the Snow Queen crown went to Madison Fish, who sang and played acoustic cups.



Snow Queen Madison Fish



Snow Duchess Kaylee Coon



Snow Princess Erin O'Neill

During the intermission, Sal Santaniello handed out the Mary C. Beste Fund awards of \$300 each to four Hague college students. Present were Abigail Gurney, daughter of Mae Pagan and Harley Trudeau, daughter of Diane and Jon Trudeau. Accepting for their children were Lara Smith for Will Lawrie and Dan King for Corey King. A 50-50 raffle held for the Beste

Fund was won by Mike Cherubini and he donated it back to the Fund.

Thanked for all their contributions to the Snow Queen Pageant were Bobbi-Jean Fish, Katy Wells, Joanne Trudeau and Mara Haskell. Bill Wells was crowned "Snow King" in honor of all his support for the pageant.



*Snow King
Bill Wells*

ISSUES FOR LAKE ADVOCATES

In an effort to promote a "grass roots" effort to encourage local and state officials to act to keep our beautiful Lake George clean, Kathy Bozony, Natural Resource Specialist/Lake George Waterkeeper, has spearheaded the formation of local committees. Al Rider organized a meeting of interested Hague residents and the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee (HWQAC) has been formed.

Kathy spoke to the HWQAC about the need to support a new fertilizer regulation calling for a minimum 50 foot setback from water bodies for the application of fertilizers. Petitions are available locally at The Hague Market and the Community Center. The petition will be presented to the Town Board at the March 12, 2013 meeting.

Other Lake issues were discussed such as the current status of plans for mandatory boat washing. With the DEC not supporting it this year, Lake George Village and Bolton Landing are going ahead with their own programs.

Also discussed was that Governor Cuomo has increased the State's EPF by \$19 million to a fund balance of \$153 million. Of this, the Open Space Program, which is used to boost land acquisitions, has increased by \$12 million which is 7.8% of the budget. Only \$250,000 has been budgeted for Lake George to aid in its fight with Aquatic Invasive Species which is only 0.00163% of that budget. Steve Ramant noted, "One has to wonder how much more land does the State need to purchase, as it is in the process of buying 69,000 acres of Finch Prun timberlands with these funds over the next four years, while Your Lake is under attack."

The next meeting of the HWQAC will take place on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center.

SENIOR NEWS

The Senior Club started their Winter Game Nights with the first one hosted by Ron and Pat Hintze. The next one will be held on March 5, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the home of Mike and Maureen Cherubini.

On Valentine's Day the "Seniors on the Road" had a beautiful day full of love-in-the-air on a most relaxing and wonderful sleigh ride in the snow. Between rides we were in a beautiful room with a fire enjoying snacks and hot cider or hot chocolate.

On February 21, 2013 at 12 noon we will have our first bowling day at the Adirondack Lanes in Ticonderoga. We will have pizza and drinks and then bowl 2 games.

The next regular meeting will be on February 26, 2013 at 1:30 pm at the Hague Community Center. All Hague residents age 50 or over are welcome to join us.

Our popular St. Patrick's Day dinner will be held for the 3rd annual celebration on March 14, 2013 at 4:30 pm at the Community Center. We will have traditional corned beef, cabbage and potatoes with Irish music during dinner. We will also be playing trivia with teams which should be a lot of fun so do join us. Anyone who is not a member can attend for \$8 by contacting Pat Hintze at 543-6502.

FEBRUARY ICE FISHING TOURNEY STILL ON

The Hague Fish & Game Club, and their co-sponsors, the Town of Hague, Hague Chamber of Commerce and Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce, will be holding the Northern Lake George Ice Fishing Tournament on February 23 and 24, 2013.

At the 2010 contest the fisherman were polled and asked if they wanted to fish for merchandise prizes or cash and CASH won. Historically this is the largest contest on the Lake. With all cash prizes this year for Lake Trout, Perch, Salmon and Northern Pike, it's bound to be a winner. Junior division, 16 and under, winners will get a trophy and gift.

There is a \$30 entry fee for both days and fisherman can pre-register locally at The Hague Market and the Silver Bay General Store. On the weekend sign-ups start at the Visitor Center at 6 am.

Tournament Chairman Steve Ramant reports, "The ice is fine from Silver Bay south and up north by Ticonderoga, so we should be able to go on as planned." The final weigh-in will be at the Fish and Game Clubhouse, 488 West Hague Road, at 3 pm on Sunday with the awards ceremony at 4 pm. Refreshments will be available at the Clubhouse both days and visitors are invited to come out and join in the fun.

LAKE GEORGE ICE WARNING BY HVFD

While the south basin of Lake George is completely frozen, there is still open water in parts of the north basin, so hard water fishermen and others are urged to use due caution when venturing out onto the ice, especially if you are not familiar with conditions. Ice picks or a long pole and a friend are advised if you do decide to venture onto Lake George or any other frozen body of water, and never go onto frozen rivers or streams with known moving current. The best motto is "No ice is safe ice."

When this edition reaches you, the winter weekend will be history, but we would like to report that Katy Wells and possibly others represented the HVFD in the annual Polar Bear Plunge to raise money for the Vermont Children's Hospital in Burlington.

This year's Hague Memory Tree, which annually honors the memory of Dale Frasier, and is capably administered by his sister, Diane Trudeau, raised over \$500. Thanks to all for the contributions which went directly to our Ambulance Fund. Thanks also to Diane, Bertha and their helpers as well as the Hague Chamber of Commerce.

In January there were 15 Fire calls using 146 man hrs., and 4 EMS calls plus 1 stand-by for 221 man hrs. Fire and EMS training drills are ongoing weekly and monthly as required.

Enjoy what is left of what again seems to be a pretty short winter, but whatever your choice of recreation, observe its rules of safety.
... Joe McCranels

TMS HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following Hague residents who have been named to the Honor Roll at the Ticonderoga Middle School.

GRADE 6: FIRST HONORS: Michael Fitzgerald, Antonio Martucci, Skye Mason

GRADE 7: FIRST HONORS: Kacey Fish

SECOND HONORS: Gilbert Cox

GRADE 8: FIRST HONORS: Nicholas Fitzgerald, Samantha Holmberg, Connor Lawrie

SECOND HONORS: Kaylee Coon

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WITH THE TICONDEROGA SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Merger Study Advisory Committee of the Ticonderoga and Crown Point Central School Districts will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at 5:45 pm with a tour of the Ticonderoga High School and meeting at 6:30 pm in the Ticonderoga High School Cafeteria. The public from both communities is welcome to attend.

A time line for the merger indicates there will be public information and discussion before a referendum which if approved would provide for a merged school district in 2014.

The Advisory Committee learned at their first meeting the following enrollment statistics:

In the last 12 years, Crown Point enrollment has declined by 27.2%; Ticonderoga has declined by 24.8%. In the next 7 years, if there is no merger, Crown Point enrollment is expected to rise from 254 to 286; Ticonderoga enrollment is expected to decline from 813 to 757. Should there be a merger, enrollment is expected to remain relatively constant with a slight decline from 1,062 to 1,044.

Mike Cherubini is the Hague representative on the Advisory Committee.

The Board of Education of Ticonderoga Central School District will hold a Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 7 pm in the High School Cafeteria.

DEAR READERS

Please check the date on your address label! The date in the upper left hand corner of the label indicates the date we hope to hear from you. When that date has passed, we print the date in red as an additional reminder. Although donations are voluntary, we still need to hear from you to make sure a) that you want to continue to receive *The Hague Chronicle* and b) to verify your mailing address. If we don't hear from you after continued reminders we will regretfully have to delete you from our mailing list.

Since any donation is voluntary there is no set amount. We have office expenses for rent, equipment and supplies; and publication expenses for printing and mailing. We estimate that the publication expenses are about \$1 per month or \$12 per year so that is a suggested minimum donation. Many of our readers send more for which we are very grateful. Checks can be made out to *The Hague Chronicle* and sent to PO Box 748, Hague, NY 12836.

We send complimentary issues to local organizations, persons serving in the military and persons 90 years of age or older. If you fall into one of those categories, please let us know!

A special thank you to those of you who so generously support us every year.

OUR NEW WEBSITE



The Hague Chronicle has a new website designed by Ginger Kuenzel and Judy Stock. The URL remains the same – <www.thehaguechronicle.org>. It has many of the same features but we now have the ability to keep it updated. The current issue will be published on the site on the same day that the issue is mailed out. That date is listed in the calendar each month. The online issue will be in pdf format and can be read online or downloaded.

We can remove your name from the mailing list if you no longer want to receive the issues through the postal mail. Please let us know by email <haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com> if you prefer this option. Of course, we hope you will continue to support us since we will continue to have expenses.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of *The Hague Chronicle* held its annual meeting in January after the Staff breakfast catered by Katy Wells and Linda Mury.

Treasurer Bob Whitaker presented the 2012 Financial Report. There is a CD with a balance of \$5,029.73. The interest from the CD goes toward the *Dorothy Henry/Hague Chronicle Scholarship* presented to a THS graduating senior from Hague. The year-end balance in the checking account is \$5,870.66. The costs each month for printing and postage total about \$700. There are also additional expenses for supplies, rent and equipment.

More than 30 volunteers helped with *The Hague Chronicle* during 2012. The Board of Directors consists of Judy Stock, Publisher/Editor; Bob Whitaker, Treasurer; Nancy Young, Secretary along with Ginger Kuenzel, Pat McDonough and John Barber. Other key contributors are Jim Henderson, Layout Editor, Jan Whitaker, Data Base Manager and Stan Burdick, Cartoonist.

Our mailing and other staff includes Seddon Beaty, Maureen and Mike Cherubini, Elaine Deana, Diane Dickson, Enid Engler, Judy Gourley, Gladys Graser, Janet Hanna, Donna Henderson, Pat Hintze, Susan Johnson, Mary Keefer, Rudy Meola, Doris Moran, Kathi Ramant, Brenda-Jean and Al Rider, Sandy Rypkema, Judy Schultz, Joan Steitz, Donna Van Wirt and Donna Wotton.

The Board has moved the deadline for news to the Thursday after the Town Board meeting which is held on the second Tuesday of each month. The previous deadline was on Friday. The mailing day remains the following Wednesday. These dates are always listed in the Calendar of events on the last page of each issue.

Volunteers are welcome ~ we would love some more editors and/or reporters!

Contact Judy at <haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com>.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS- 1/24/2013

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

ZEO Cathy Clark was also present and Judy Stock was acting as recording secretary.

SMITH/LAW (25.2-1-47) 9549 Graphite Mountain Rd. (OCI)

The applicant is asking for Variance approval for an 8' high fence that he installed this past summer. Zoning issues: 160-52 B. ZEO Clark noted that the APA does allow an 8 foot fence in the Park. The fence does not meet the sideline setback. The applicant installed the fence for privacy of the back yard from traffic. A site visit will be held and the application will be on the agenda next month.

DAVIS (26.18-1-3) 9251 Lakeshore Drive (OCII)

The applicants are applying for an after-the-fact variance for a zero lot line setback for a carport. A site visit will be held and the application will be on the agenda next month.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM MORGAN –MORGAN MARINE (93.8-1-25) 8 Delaware Ave. (TR-1)

The Executor of the William Morgan Estate is requesting an extension of one more year to reconstruct a boat storage building that was destroyed by snow in 2007. Mr. Badcock, the current owner of Morgan Marine, is ready to proceed with the reconstruction as soon as the weather permits. The Board granted a one year extension to February 14, 2014.

PLANNING BOARD – 2/7/2013

Chairman Richard Frasier and other Board members Mike Cherubini, Martin Fitzgerald, Bruce Clark, Dick Frasier and Bob Whitaker introduced themselves. Pam Peterson was absent and there is one vacancy.

BEATTIE (93.8-1-12) 1 Bass Bay Road (TR-1R)

The applicant would like to construct a 320 sq. ft. three season porch 64 feet from the mean high water mark of Lake George. The Zoning issue is 160-24 C (1) (A) New Construction within 100 ft. of the lake.

Mr. Beattie has submitted a stormwater plan with the intention to improve the whole lot not just the addition. He wants to divert water into the forest away from the lake.

The Board waived the public hearing and approved the application.

BRESETT-BARTLETT (93.16-1-45 & 47) 7816 Lakeshore Dr. (TR1)

The applicants are applying for a Lot Line Change. If approved all structures on both parcels will not straddle the lot lines. Subdivision issues: 150-27 – 30 Lot Line Change. The application was approved.

WILSON (25.1-1-17 & 18) Summit Drive & Rt. 8 (OCI)

The owners have finally received their LGPC Stormwater approval for a five lot subdivision of 148.8 acres. The Board approved a resolution granting this subdivision to be called "Lake Woods at Hague."

RAGOT (42.20-1-6.2, 6.3 & 6.4) Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The applicant is applying for a 3 lot subdivision since lot one is not changing. In 2006 the Planning Board approved a four lot subdivision of a 7.3 acre parcel. This minor subdivision will see one lot of 4 acres go to 2.2 acres, 2 lots of 1.1 acres will go to 2 acres and one lot of 1.1 acres will remain the same. Subdivision issue: 150-6 Minor subdivision.

A public hearing will be held at the March meeting.

The next two items were applications to the Zoning Board for which the Planning Board can give recommendations. In both cases it was recommended that the after-the-fact applications be denied.

SMITH/LAW (25.2-1-47) 9549 Graphite Mountain Rd. (OCI)

The applicant is asking for variance approval for an 8ft. high fence that the tenant installed this past summer. The limit on a residential fence is 4 ft. without Zoning Board approval. Zoning issues: 160-52 B.

DAVIS (26.18-1-3) 9251 Lakeshore Drive (OCII)

The applicants are applying for a zero lot line setback for a carport. A 1993 variance was given for a 4 ft. sideline setback but the carport was built with no setback.

ZEO Clark gave the Board members the latest correspondence related to the Hague Community Homeowner's Association water issue which included continued recommendations from the NYS Department of Health.

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 2/12/2013

Supervisor Frasier and Board Members Fitzgerald, Martucci, Meola and Ramant were all present.

A moment of silence was held for Ruth Gordon, Floyd Fish, Jr., Mary Bisetti, Joseph Beneduce, Marjorie Streeter Eberle, Jim Frazier and Margaret McCoy Peter.

Dennis McDonough spoke to the Board about a letter he wrote to them concerning the commercial use of the Hague Public Dock. He outlined several issues with Justy Joe's - a private fishing charter using the dock daily to pick up passengers and park their cars in the few available spaces. He stated, "The Town people should not have to vie for the property that is theirs."

In his letter McDonough further cited a section in the Town code (Part II: General Legislation, Chapter 85/Docks, Article 85-3)

No vehicle shall be parked or standing on any public dock or public dock property for a period of time greater than shall be reasonably necessary to load or unload persons or property and in any event or for any purpose for more than one hour.

Supervisor Frasier will write a letter to Justy Joe's and the Board will reconsider the matter next month.

Under committee reports, Supervisor Frasier noted that Justice Midgley has been working a lot organizing the office. The Justice is also going to do the work of the court clerk so it will not be necessary yet to hire a new clerk. A petty cash fund was approved for her office.

Assessor Martucci remarked that the exemption applications are due by March 1, 2013. After that his office will be doing inspections of new constructions and remodels.

TD Bank is not paying the Town interest but is waiving fees. The Board will talk to GFNB to see what services they can offer.

Highway Superintendent Smith reported that some department workers had been out sick but they are doing the best they can. He remarked, "Everything works great if everyone works together."

ZEO Cathy Clark submitted her written report to the Board and discussed an issue about travel trailers. Although there are references in the code to temporary housing, there is nothing that addresses travel trailers specifically. The Board suggested that Cathy meet with the Planning and Zoning committees to discuss what needs to be done.

Councilman Ramant reported that the summer Music in the Park series is set. He also reported on his work contacting Fort Ticonderoga about admission for Hague residents and on his work advocating for action on the invasive species issues.

There continues to be a problem with the sewer on Streeter Hill but the Town is working to correct it and may have to wait until it thaws to solve the problem.

The Board accepted the resignations of Barbara Mizer as Court Clerk and Kim Coffin as part time clerk to Planning, Zoning and the front office. Judy Stock is filling in as acting recording secretary for Planning and Zoning but the Board will continue to search for a permanent secretary.

In support of Town youth, the Board approved \$200 for Boy Scout Troop 73 to help the new troop with equipment, awards and summer camp fees. The Board also approved budgeted funds for the Hague Senior Citizens Club, Inc. for the Memorial Day Celebration

The Warren County Board of Election has given the Town the old lever voting machines which will be used in school elections. They will be kept as long as they are needed.

Councilmen Fitzgerald and Meola, along with Planning Board chairman Dick Frasier interviewed a candidate for the vacancy on the Planning Board. The Town Board approved their recommendation of Judy Gourley for the position. Her term will expire 12/31/2018.

Councilman Fitzgerald reported that an average of three children per day are taking advantage of the additional bus run.

The Ragnar Relay Adirondacks will be held on September 27 - 28, 2013 and will be running through the Town of Hague again at night. The Centurion Cycle race will not be coming

back but a local Centurion group will be holding a race at the same time as the Ragnar Relays, although during the day.

Bruce Clark was approved as an alternate to the NY Association of Towns.

After an accident on New Hague Road, Mike Cherubini wrote letters to officials and a guardrail will be put on a section of the road.

MARCH 1ST DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

Primary residence homeowners should contact the Assessor's Office (543-6161) to see if they are eligible for the following partial property tax exemptions:

Senior Citizens' exemption: primary residence homeowners over age 65 with the following new household income ceilings:

County	\$32,399 (Includes sliding scale)
Town	\$23,700 (Includes sliding scale)
School	\$30,399 (Includes sliding scale)

This exemption must be renewed each year.

Basic STAR exemption: primary residence homeowners, regardless of age and income below \$ 500,000. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year once the first application is approved.

Enhanced STAR exemption: primary residence homeowners over age 65 (during year 2013) with household income less than \$79,050. This exemption must be renewed each year, unless the owner participates in the Optional Income Verification Program.

Veterans' exemption: military service during wartime periods.

Details and applications are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm in the Assessor's office. The filing deadline is March 1, 2013.

LFA APPLIES FOR CLASS A MARINA STATUS

On January 29, 2013, Lake Forest Acres applied to the Lake George Park Commission for a Class A Marina permit to include slip rentals. They currently have 34 spaces that are for the residents of Lake Forest Acres, site of the Asian Clam infestation currently being treated with the benthic mats. The permit would allow these spots to be rented out. Although there are not any plans at this time, a Class A permit does allow a gas sales facility.

There will be a public meeting on this application on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, at 10 am at the Fort William Henry Hotel. Although the deadline for comments has passed, homeowners in this residential area have encouraged interested parties to attend this public hearing.

THE TRUTH ABOUT BIRTHDAYS

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

How would you like to have your birthday moved to a different date? I'm not talking here about moving it to a different year as some movie stars have been known to do in order to shave years off their age. No, at issue here is moving birthdays to a different day of the month, so that federal civil servants have a three day weekend. This is what happened to two of America's most famous presidents – George Washington and Abraham Lincoln – when their birthdays were quite simply moved to the third Monday of February some years back. There was no need to ask them if they objected since they had been dead for years. They probably wouldn't have raised much fuss even if they *had* been alive since, as we all know, they made great sacrifices for the good of the country; and presumably having to sacrifice their true birthdays for the good of the country's civil servants would have been a no-brainer for them.

When I was a kid, we celebrated Lincoln's birthday on February 12 and Washington's on February 22. I can still remember those dates – after all, what better way to burn historical dates into kids' heads than to associate them with a day off school? The trade-off for the day off was that we had to write papers and take tests about both Lincoln and Washington to help us understand their greatness. We learned that both of these men had worked hard, were honest and sacrificed much for their country. We were taught that Honest Abe, as he was known, had schooled himself, studying long into the evenings by the light of his oil lamp. The clear message here was that we should be grateful that we had teachers and electric lights, and that, with hard work and perseverance, we might also one day become president. Well, actually, that last message was directed only at the boys in the class.

Washington, the first president of the United States, was also a very honest guy. Do we detect a pattern here in our role models? We were told that when George was about six years old, his father gave him a hatchet, which he promptly used to chop down a cherry tree in his back yard. Soon thereafter, dad came upon his favorite tree, broken and lying on the ground, and was very angry. Personally, I could imagine that mom might have been pretty angry at dad for giving little George a hatchet in the first place. When his dad asked who had chopped down the tree, George said, "Father, I cannot tell a lie. I did it." The father was so happy that his son had told the truth that he hugged him and was no longer angry. Although the message here might seem clear, it didn't really work as I thought it should; my parents were usually still pretty angry even after I told them I had done something naughty. To make matters worse, it turns out that the whole cherry tree story actually isn't even true; it was made up to teach kids that they should always tell the truth. Go figure.

But I digress. My point is this. Kids today no longer know the date of Lincoln's birthday or Washington's. They know that there's a Presidents Day in February, but do they even know which presidents? This seems to me to be a slippery slope we're starting down. After all, what if the government decides to move my birthday – which also happens to be in February – to a Wednesday and combine it with someone else's. It's hard enough as it is to get my family and friends to remember my

birthday. I'd have absolutely no hope at all of getting all the cards and flowers I deserve. I'll be honest – there are some sacrifices that I'm just not willing to make.

NEW TICONDEROGA RESTAURANT

The Sentinel Grille, formally the Carillion and Tierney's Restaurant on Route 9N, has opened in Ticonderoga. The restaurant's American style menu offers a variety of entrees including steaks, various poultry and fish, as well as vegetarian and gluten-free dishes. Lighter fare and children's menu are also available. In addition to its house specials, the Grille will feature fresh house-baked bread and desserts to tempt every palate.

The Sentinel Grille is a community based venture using one of the region's most symbolic features - the Sentinel Soldier along with Ticonderoga's school colors, purple and white. Owned by local residents, Dr. Gary and Sharon Cooke, the Sentinel Grille will offer a Community Give-Back Program. Each month a local charity or community need, with a focus on youth and family, will be chosen to receive a portion of the restaurant's net profits (some restrictions apply). The first charity for the Month of January was the Ticonderoga School Booster Club followed by Ticonderoga St. Mary's School for February.

The Sentinel Grille is open for dinners Tuesday through Sunday, 4:30 to 10 pm. Reservations are not required but are strongly suggested. Please call 518-585-7657 for reservations or an email copy of the menu.

AREA EVENTS

February 23, 2013 from 10 am to 4 pm

Experience the Battle on Snowshoes at Fort Ticonderoga. See <<http://www.fortticonderoga.org/visit/detail/id/327>>

March 2, 2013 at 1 pm

Easy, guided, snowsnow and wildlife tracking hike for families at Amy's Park in Bolton Landing.

See <<http://www.lglc.org/NewsAndEvents.asp>>

March 17, 2013 at 2 pm

Fort Ticonderoga Director of Education Rich Strum will give a presentation on "Evacuation Day 1776." This program is part of the Fort Fever Series and costs \$10 payable at the door.

March 23, 2013 at 1 pm

Winter Warm Up activities at the Berry Pond Preserve. See <<http://www.lglc.org/NewsAndEvents.asp>>

April 1, 2013

Essays due for LGLC scholarship for high school seniors (including Ticonderoga).

See <<http://www.lglc.org/GetInvolved/Scholarship.asp>>



Happy Anniversary, Hague Historical Society!

On Monday, February 25, 1963, a group of fifteen local residents met in the auditorium of the Hague Central School. Their purpose was to form a new organization to be named the Hague Historical Society. The meeting was opened by W. Keith DeLarm who reported to the group on the plans for Warren County's celebration of its 150th anniversary as well as how the interest in a Hague historical society had arisen. They elected officers: Catherine Brock, President; Ethel Watts Andrus, Vice President; and George Boyd, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. Brock (mother of Judy Stock) assumed her role as President and the meeting proceeded. Dues were set at \$1 per year and it was agreed that the Society would meet monthly, with the exception of July and August, on the third Monday of the month. Suggestions for topics to be researched and reported on at future meetings were: churches, graphite mines, cemeteries, schools, industries along the brook and early settlers.

They were off and running! Fifty years later much has changed but the Hague Historical Society continues in its mission to preserve and promote the history of Hague for the enlightenment of its citizenry. We are grateful to the many volunteers who over these past 50 years have spent their time and talents on behalf of the Society's goals. Much has been accomplished and our efforts are ever on-going. Join us and you can be a part of this endeavor!

PASSES TO FORT TICONDEROGA

Councilman Steve Ramant has continued contact with Beth Hill, Fort Ticonderoga CEO, about free admission to the Fort for Hague residents. She remains adamant about keeping the free admission to only Ticonderoga residents. However, she gave Councilman Ramant 20 passes to the Fort. If any Hague resident wants one of these passes see Steve.

Ms. Hill noted that free admission is given to anyone who volunteers at the Fort for a minimum of eleven hours. Admission is also part of the Friends of the Fort package which you can see at <<http://www.fortticonderoga.org/support/benefits>>.



HAGUE NIGHTHAWKS



I ran across an interesting essay that Clifton West had written about a 1932 basketball team in Hague and I'd like to know more about it. There may not be too many of the players still shooting buckets, but surely there are some of you out there who remember the team or who heard stories about them. Maybe you have an old news clipping or even a Nighthawk uniform. I think there's a story to be told here so please give me a call at 543-6725, email me at <haguehistoricalsociety@gmail.com>, or drop us a line at PO Box 794, Hague 12836. Thank you! ...Pat McDonough



The "Show and Share" program in January proved to be a fun evening. Ginger Henry kicked it off with a humorous piece on being related to President James Buchanan -- she even had a piece of his presidential china! Other folks brought in an old oil painting, interesting gadgets, and a precious collection of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs dolls -- in its original box no less. Old ice skates brought by Mary Ann Eaton got us going on a fun discussion of winter sports in Hague in years gone by when the Lake reliably froze and all kinds of activities transpired on the ice's surface. Try not to miss it when we do this again!



Kathi Ramant, Judy Stock, Jan Whitaker, Enid Engler, Sandy Rypkema

Our research team is at work on two major projects for the upcoming summer season; although not everyone was here for our last meeting, as you can see we've got a talented team. The first project, to be presented at our annual meeting in June, will take a look at some interesting characters in

Hague's history. There have been many! And we hope to entertain you with a delightful evening. The second item on our worktable will be a slide show scrapbook of artists who have and still do paint in our small, but beautiful town. It's never too late to join us and helping hands are always welcome so please join the team at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 26, at 10am at the Community Center.



Ginger Henry, Gale Halm, Sally Rypkema, Christine Ianson

...Pat McDonough

~SOUNDINGS~

DIED: Marjorie Elizabeth (Streeter) Eberle, 94, of Palantine Bridge, NY on January 24, 2013.

Born in Hague, she was the daughter of the late Walter S. and Calista L.(Leach) Streeter. Marjorie was a 1937 graduate of Hague High School and a member of the high school basketball team.

She is survived by her son Walter (Peri) Decker and daughter Irene (Ronald) Shaulis, three grandchildren, five great grandchildren and five sisters, Marion Bailey of Glens Falls, Eleanor Finkle, Calista Murray, Lillian Murray all of Diamond Point, and Helen Fairlee of Colonie.

Marjorie was predeceased by three husbands, Donald F. Decker, Harry Noyes and Leo Eberle and by five Streeter brothers, Walter, Elmer, Gordon, Robert, Joseph and one sister Ruth Robbins.

DIED: Ruth E. Gordon, 97, of Hague, formerly of Suffern, NY on January 18, 2013, at Heritage Commons in Ticonderoga, New York.

Ruth was retired from HSBC Bank after twenty-four years of service as a loan officer in Suffern, New York.

Survivors include her daughter Carol Pittman and her husband Bill of Hague, and son John E. Gordon of Warwick, NY as well as five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Harry E. Gordon.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Kaley Manning, daughter of Debbie and the late Mike Manning of Sabbath Day Point, who has been named to the Dean's List at the College of St. Rose. Kaley earned this distinction during her fall semester while studying at Regent College in London, England.

FORT TI HONORS LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE

Fort Ticonderoga honored Peg Shaw recently for her outstanding, long-time service to Fort Ticonderoga as the Museum Store Manager. Staff joined together in thanking her for her service and commitment to Fort Ticonderoga's mission.

In her youth, Peg worked in the Log House Restaurant at the Fort. In 1985 Mrs. Shaw joined the Fort Ticonderoga staff first as a docent in the museum exhibition space and later as the seasonal Museum Store Manager in 1989. She is fondly recognized by her colleagues for her kindness and love of the Fort.

TACC SPONSORS TALK ON WORK SPACE

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will host a Business Talk entitled "Are You Aware How Much Your Work Space Affects Your Customers & Employees" on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm at the Chamber Office at 94 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga.

Vincent Smith, of Hague, an author, national lecturer, and space consultant will talk about ways to create work spaces that will enhance your sales and make employees more productive.

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED

The Lakeside Regional Church (formerly the Hague Wesleyan Church) is sponsoring a Ladies' Tea and brunch on Saturday, March 2 at 11 am at the Hague Community Center. The theme of the event is "Passing the Torch to the Next Generation."



All ladies are invited to come and bring a friend to join them for brunch, music, and door prizes. For questions or to reserve a spot, call Joyce Houck at 494-4131.

PUBLIC TURKEY DINNER

A Roast Turkey Breast Dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of the Masons and the Eastern Star, will be served Friday, February 22, 2013, from 4:30 – 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under. Take-outs will also be available. Parking is available at the Thomas B. Azer Agency and Hancock House parking lots.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

A spaghetti dinner to benefit the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum will be held at Eddie's Restaurant on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 from 4:30 to 8 pm.

The menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, coffee and dessert. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (5 – 12). The meal is available for take-out. For additional information contact June Curtis at 585-6943 or <jcurtis4@nycap.rr.com>.

ATTENTION CONTRACTORS AND LANDLORDS

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) is offering free training through a grant funded program for contractors and landlords who work with common renovation, repair, and painting that disturb lead-based paint (like sanding, cutting, replacing windows, and more).

The EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Initial Training Class is a required federal program for anyone who is paid to perform work that disturbs paint in housing and child occupied facilities, built before 1978.

For additional information see the CCE Albany website at <<http://www.ccealbany.com/offerings5.htm>>.

FASTER SPEEDS

We received a press release from AT&T which stated, "The nation's largest 4G network just got larger for customers in Warren County. AT&T has expanded fast 4G speeds in Hague and along the I-87 Northway at exit 22 (Lake George). As a result, customers can now enjoy 4G speeds in these areas." We hope this is true ~ maybe service at the Community Center might be next!

TICONDEROGA CULTURAL ARTS INITIATIVE

The Cultural Arts Initiative of the Ticonderoga Area was created by the Town to bring together the many arts, cultural, and historical organizations in the Ticonderoga area and raise the visibility of the cultural arts. Emphasizing and strengthening the extent of the community's culture will help improve the quality of life in the region.

Under the leadership of Vincent Smith, of Hague, the Initiative meets once a month, typically on the first Monday of the month at 5 pm in the Ticonderoga Community Building. The group has encouraged attendance by all of the many cultural groups in the area and any individuals who are interested in any of the visual, performing, and literary arts.



*Front Row: Mariann Rapple, June Curtis, Chattie Van Wert
Back Row: Vincent Smith, Jill Cunningham, Cathie Burdick, Deb Malaney,
Steven Boyce, Jerry Cooper*

One of the activities of the Initiative this winter has been to develop MArts Madness, a celebration of the cultural arts of the Ticonderoga Area, and a take-off on the basketball March Madness. From March 2 to March 17, 2013 there will be a variety of cultural events. On Saturday, March 2nd, from 5 – 10 pm, the doors of STUDIO 117, a new art space for the display and creation of art will open next to The Downtown Gallery in Ticonderoga with a reception. The art show has been organized by Tavish Costello, of Hague, with his art and works of other area artists.

FROM THE TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD

The 2013 membership drive of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild will kick-off with a free concert on March 3, 2013. Towne Meeting, a folk band which also plays classic soft rock and some country tunes, will entertain at the Best Western Inn at 3 pm.

The concert is an opportunity to enjoy a musical session at no cost and bring in your membership donations at the same time. This program is made possible by a grant from the Pearsall Foundation with the purpose of enriching life in the Adirondacks.

For further information, contact the Festival Guild office at 585-7015.



LETTERS IN THE SAND

by Nancy Archer

I am writing from Khartoum, the capital of Sudan, while I wait for a permit from the government of Sudan to travel to Darfur. I will be working there for the next year for the United Nations as a Project Manager running a portfolio of economic development and peace-building projects.

Located in the west of Sudan, Darfur is bordered by Chad, Central African Republic, Libya and newly independent South Sudan. Traditionally, Darfuris are nomadic herders, pastoralists, farmers, or some combination of these. Animals include camels, sheep, cattle, donkeys and goats. Climate change has severely aggravated competition for natural resources such as farmland, pasture and water – and more recently also for firewood, fodder and wood for construction.

Today, as Sudan recovers from 21 years of civil war between the North and South, Darfur is still in a state of crisis, and a peace agreement remains elusive. The Darfur conflict is complex, but is essentially a result of long-standing marginalization by the predominately Arab Sudanese government in Khartoum. The split in Darfur is between cattle-herding tribes that view themselves as being of Arab descent and subsistence-farming tribes that view their roots as African.

Open warfare erupted in Darfur in early 2003, when the rebel-led Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) attacked government troops. The SLA was soon joined by another armed political group, the Justice and Equity Movement (JEM). The groups have similar demands, namely an end to the region's chronic economic and political marginalization and protection for their communities against attacks by armed nomadic groups. The worst of the violence – and associated displacement – took place from mid-2003 to early 2004. One of the main perpetrators of violence against civilians was an "Arab militia" or the Janjaweed, which were widely believed to have been armed by the central government of Sudan. In many rural areas and small towns, government forces and the Janjaweed militias routinely raped and assaulted women and girls as a means of controlling access to forest products as well as an intimidation tactic. The worst of the fighting has subsided, but insecurity and local conflicts remain significant problems.

Darfur ranks as one of the most deprived places in the world in terms of basic services such as healthcare, water and education. Only 29 percent of children are vaccinated, 56 percent of the population does not have access to clean drinking water, 62 percent of adults are illiterate and infant mortality is high. Currently, there are two million refugees and displaced persons – an estimated 25-36 percent of Darfur's population has been displaced. Because of the protracted and large-scale nature of displacement, many of the refugee camps have developed into urban environments. Thousands have died as a direct consequence of violence and many more as a result of conflict-related diseases.

Nancy Archer and her husband, Lance Clark, own a home in Hague. We will publish her periodic updates from the Sudan as we receive them.

HAGUE CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 23-24 Ice Fishing Tourament
- 26 10 am LGPC meeting
- 26 1:30 pm Senior Club meets
- 26 7 pm School Budget Workshop
- 28 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals

MARCH

- 1 Property Tax Exemption Application Deadline
- 2 11 am Lakeside Regional Church Tea
- 2 5 - 10 pm STUDIO 117 reception
- 3 3 pm Festival Guild Concert
- 6 5:45 pm Ti School Merger Study Committee
- 6 7 pm HWQAC meeting
- 7 5 pm Kiwanis Community Dinner
- 7 7 pm Planning Board
- 12 6 pm Town Board
- 14 4:30 pm Senior St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- 14 News deadline for the March issue
- 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- 18 4:30 - 8 pm Benefit Spaghetti Dinner
- 20 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed and posted on website

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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