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NEW LOOK

The Hague Chronicle is implementing a new masthead beginning with the first issue of 2014, our 44th year of publishing. The graphic was created by local artist Richard Stout as a pen and ink drawing. It depicts the Lake with a view that you may not recognize, and you are correct because it is the Artist's impression of the most beautiful lake in America, our Lake George. There are some elements that you will identify but they are not exact renderings and are paired with other elements from around the Lake. The typeface used is the Franklin Gothic family in several weights and sizes. The publication will retain a two column format and use the same typefaces and styles for the foreseeable future.

In the early years of the paper, the masthead was just the name done by hand. In 1985 a design contest was held for a new masthead and Laurie de Buys Pannell, longtime summer resident of Hague, was the designer of the winning entry. Over the years, the image lost some of its "crispness" due to copying so in January 2009, we began using an updated design by Christine Quaglieri, a graphic artist who volunteered her services.

This year, Rich Stout came forward to give the masthead a new look. We thank him for his contribution of the new graphic. Your comments or suggestions for layout of the publication are always welcome by the Layout Editor, Jim Henderson, <jimkhenderson@comcast.net>.

VERIZON CELL TOWER PROJECT

Hague Councilman Steve Ramant has been in touch with Verizon concerning their plans to put a cell tower in Putnam. He has sent out the following information on Verizon's Spruce Mountain Project.

"The application is presently @ APA where they are fielding comments from the public on this project. The planned tower will be built on Gull Bay Rd and should not be visually offensive as the trees on the mountain will serve as the backdrop. Placed at this site many residents of Hague should experience vastly improved Verizon cell service."

Ramant notes that if you are in favor of this project and would like to voice your support you should contact the APA. The preferred method is mail and should be directed as follows:

Adirondack Park Agency
Attn: Virginia Yamrick
PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND 2014

The weekend kicks off on Friday, February 14, 2013 with the Snow Queen Pageant at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center. There are five young ladies participating for the Snow Queen crown. During the pageant the Mary C. Beste awards will be presented. There will be raffle baskets, 50-50 raffle and a bake sale to help fund future pageants. There is no admission fee for this event.

On Saturday, February 15, 2014, the Firemen's Breakfast will be held from 7:30 - 11 am at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) dining room. Also NLG Rotary will be having a silent auction during the breakfast. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Childrens' crafts and games will be held at the HVFD from 12 pm - 3 pm.

Also on Saturday, the 7th Annual Chili Bake Off will be held at the HVFD at 5 pm with a cost of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. If you wish to enter a chili please call Pat Hintze at 543-6502. There will be live music provided by Calamity Rock, raffles, food, refreshments, and fun! This event is sponsored by the Hague Chamber of Commerce and the HVFD.

On Sunday, February 16, 2014 there will be Cross Country Skiing at Rogers Rock Campsite from 11 am - 2 pm with the Costellos. Registration for the Polar Bear Plunge will be at 1 pm at the Trout House Village Dock. The plunge into the freezing Lake George water is at 2 pm. Remember this event raises money for the Children's Miracle Network. Pledge sheets are available at the Hague Community Center, Silver Bay General Store, Stewart's, Maplefield's or call Tom Haskell at 585-9890. Highlighting the event will be WOKO and their crew. Following the Plunge please join us back at the HVFD for more food, music, and fun.

FROM THE HAGUE POST OFFICE

Our mail has been extremely late arriving in Hague for months. If the mail comes in 1-2 hours late that means it could be 1-2 hours late in your PO box or your box on the delivery route.

We are sorry for the inconvenience. Unfortunately, we don't know if this delivery change is going to continue or if it will be corrected soon.

And a reminder ~ first class postage will go up to 49 cents on January 26, 2014!

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The Senior Club started off the New Year with a Pasta Night which brought out 25 people, along with a wonderful variety of Italian food, many different pasta dishes plus salads, antipasto, and an assortment of delicious desserts to share. Many left with take-out and no one left this dinner hungry! Along with a movie for those that stayed to enjoy it, there was popcorn and candy to finish off the night.

The Seniors will be taking their first road trip to the Lakeside Grill in Bolton Landing for lunch on January 20, 2014. The next event will be bowling on January 23, 2014 at Adirondack Lanes in Ticonderoga along with pizza and soda and a laugh or two.

The regular monthly meeting will be held on January 28, 2014 at 1:30 pm at the Community Center. Our guest speakers will be Bob and Jan Whitaker from the AARP Tax Aide program followed by a slide show from things we have done over the past few years.

Game nights will start up again on February 5, 2014 at the Hintze home at 6:30 pm so come on out and join in on the fun.

Tentatively we will be going on the Sleigh Ride In the Snow, back by popular requests, on February 14, 2014, weather permitting. We will meet at the Community Center at 11 am and afterward meet at 4 pm at the HVFD for soup and sandwiches.

Any Senior (50+) who has not already signed up for any of these events, or who wants additional information, should contact Pat Hintze at 543-6502.

ATTENTION APPLE USERS

The Hague Apple Users Group (HAUG) will have its inaugural meeting on Friday, January 24, 2014 at 10 am at the Hague Community Center. All Apple computer users are invited to come with their laptops to share knowledge with each other. Tips will be shared and an introduction to Excel spreadsheets will be given. A decision on what topics the group would like to work on in the future will be discussed. For further information contact Judy Stock at <haguejudy@nycap.rr.com>.

MEMORY TREE NAMES

The names of the individuals on the Memory Tree for 2013 will be published in the February issue of *The Hague Chronicle*.

HAGUE 2014 TOWN BOARD



Top Row: Ginger Kuenzel, Rudy Meola, Edna Frasier
Bottom Row: Marty Fitzgerald, Steve Ramant

REGULATIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED

The LGPC has passed regulations to require boat owners to have their boats inspected, and cleaned if necessary, in order to help keep invasive species out of Lake George. The implementation of these regulations is a work in progress. The State has recently granted \$482,000 to Warren County to help with that implementation including boat wash stations.

The Hague Town Board will have to come up with the regulations for the boat launch at the Town Park and will have to fund the cost of attendants. Having the launch site attended on an extended basis would not be financially feasible so a decision will have to be made on the hours that the launch will be open. In any case, before a boat can be launched it must have been inspected and cleaned.

Town Board members Steve Ramant and Ginger Kuenzel are on the Park Committee working on proposals for the Hague launch which will be presented and discussed by the Board at the February meeting.

HAGUE MARKET CLOSED FOR WINTER

The Hague Market has closed for three months and plans are to open again in April. Fortunately, Silver Bay General Store remains open from 7 am to 6 pm where local residents can pick up essentials like a bottle of milk, a six-pack of beer, cat food, firewood and gas!

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE is mailed out by volunteers on the Wednesday after the third Tuesday of each month. The News deadline is six days earlier. Please send news or address corrections to the Publisher, Judy Stock at <HagueChronicle@nycap.rr.com>.

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FREE AARP TAX-AIDE PROGRAM

Free income tax preparation is available to local taxpayers through the AARP Tax-Aide program from February 4 through April 15, 2014. The local Tax-Aide program, coordinated by Bob and Jan Whitaker, prepares and electronically files individual federal and state 2013 tax returns.

Volunteer counselors, trained and certified by the IRS, assist low and middle income taxpayers. You do not have to be retired or a member of AARP for this service.

This FREE tax help is available in Hague on Tuesdays and Thursdays from February 4 through April 15; appointments will also be available in Ticonderoga on four Friday afternoons, February 14 and 28, March 28 and April 4.

Both locations are by appointment only. Contact the Hague Community Center at 543-6161 to schedule an appointment in Hague or Ticonderoga.

FESTIVAL GUILD FUNDRAISER WINNERS

Winners in the Ticonderoga Festival Guild's end-of-the-year fundraiser have been announced. The quilt by Jackie Viensenz went to Richard Nock, a painting of Lake George by Bob Oshins to Richard Liddell, an overnight stay at Best Western Plus to Bertha Dunsmore, a champagne cruise on Lake George with the Lake George Steamboat Company to Barbara Smith. A framed photo from Terry Brannock went to Jean Hopkins. Meal certificates went to the following: Emerald's Restaurant, Tim Dunsmore; the Wagon Wheel Restaurant, Jean Yager; Burgoyne Grille to Betty Lou Fuller. Two meal certificates from Debro's On the Way Café went to Laura Kiely and Fred Namer. A bowling certificate from Adirondack Lanes was sent to Carol Battin. The wine from Belfred Liquors was won by K. Solomon. An herb basket from Anna Pound went to Anna Orsland, and an autographed copy of *Images of America—Ticonderoga* by Fred Provoncha went to Virginia LaPointe.

The funds from this benefit will benefit the children's Arts Trek as the Festival Guild finalizes plans for the 32nd season of the free programs in 2014. Events will be announced in the newsletter to be sent in late February, prior to the membership drive in March. A free concert will be held on March 2, 2014 at 3 pm at the Best Western Plus, featuring Running the River, at which membership donations may be made.

For more information contact Executive Director Cathie Burdick at 585-7015.

"OLD, OLD COUNTRY MUSIC"

The Ti'coustic Coffee House, will host a special evening of "OLD, OLD COUNTRY MUSIC" on January 22, 2014 at the Burleigh House, 120 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga from 7 to 9 pm.

In February we will return to our schedule of the 1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month (February 5th and 19th) with a special "Elvis Night" on the 19th.

These enjoyable evenings of music are held as fund-raisers for the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance (TRA). There is no cover charge, donations are happily accepted. For further information contact Roberta Whiteley at <rsw57@nycap.rr.com>.

NORTH COUNTRY HEALTH SYSTEM COMMISSION

A North Country Health Systems Redesign Commission (NCHSRC) has been formed to create an effective, integrated health care delivery system for preventative, medical, behavioral, and long term care services to all communities throughout New York's North Country.

Healthcare providers in the North Country are faced with several challenges including a shortage of physicians and other primary care practitioners as well as fragmented, widely dispersed services. Moreover, the continuing transition of medical, behavioral, and long term care services to outpatient settings is threatening the fiscal stability of many hospitals and nursing homes.

The announcement was made by Dr. Nirav R. Shah, NYS DOH Commissioner, who said, "This Commission will play a vital role in establishing a sustainable, integrated service-delivery model to meet the health care needs of New Yorkers in the North Country region."

The NCHSRC is charged with assessing the total scope of care in the North Country and making appropriate recommendations. The Commission will be made up of broad cross-section of stakeholders including Dr. John Ruge, CEO of HHHN, State Senator Betty Little and State Assemblyman Dan Stec. The NCHSRC will submit its recommendations to the State Health Commissioner by March 31, 2014.

NATIONAL WORK READINESS PROGRAM

CV-TEC and OneWorkSource in coordination with area organizations will hold a session of the Work Readiness Credential and the National Retail Federation Customer Service Credential courses at North Country Community College.

The courses will take place on Fridays beginning on February 28, 2014 and running through April 4, 2014. Courses will be held at North Country Community College in Ticonderoga from 9 am to 2:30 pm. The NCCC Ticonderoga Campus is located at 11 Hawkeye Trail in Ticonderoga.

The Certification Testing following the session will take place on April 11, 2014. An Employment Seminar organized by the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce with Ticonderoga Area employers will be held as part of the course the week after the testing. An employment seminar was held for the first round of courses and a number of area employers were involved offering initial interviews to participants. More than fifty percent of the participants did obtain employment and additional participants are currently interviewing for positions.

Interested participants and employers wishing to send employees to the NWRC course should contact Deb Bridge at OneWorkSource, ASAP at 518-873-2341.

For additional information or an informational flyer contact the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce at 518-585-6619 or <chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com>.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

Since our last publication, the Town Board has had several meetings. They audited the end of the year bills on December 30, 2013 and held the organizational meeting on January 2, 2014. The minutes of both of those meetings are on the Town website at <www.townofhague.org> under Town Board/Meeting minutes.

At the latter meeting the committees were established and the salaries of Town employees are listed as well as the contract amounts for various organizations as approved in the 2014 budget.

The Board has established a new policy for meetings for 2014. They will meet at 4:30 pm on Monday to audit bills before the regular second Tuesday meeting of the Board at 6 pm. This policy means two meetings each month for the Board members as well as any members of the public who wish to attend. Although the agenda for the Monday meeting is to audit bills, since it is a legally constituted meeting, it is open to the public and members can discuss other matters.

On January 13, 2014 the Board met for the audit at 4:30 pm and adjourned at 5 pm. All members were present. Councilman Meola asked about the AATV to which Hague pays \$500 dues. According to their website <<http://aatvny.org>>, the purpose of the Adirondack Association of Towns and Village (AATV) is "to act as a representative of the Towns and Villages of the Adirondacks in addressing issues unique to Local Government and residents within the Adirondack Park. The organization shall develop a consensus on the resolution of Adirondack issues." The AATV acts as a lobbying agent.

Other topics of discussion at the audit meeting were upcoming events, a request by Rick Meyers and Don Smith of the Highway Department to meet with Councilmen Fitzgerald and Ramant who are on the Board Highway committee, and a discussion of the report to be given by the Park committee at the next meeting relative to the boat launch.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING – 1/7/2014

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Rudy Meola, Marty Fitzgerald, Ginger Kuenzel and Steve Ramant met with Dave Wick, Executive Director of the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC). In the audience were Joe Stanek and Dr. Dean Cook, LGPC members; Chris Navitsky, LG Waterkeeper; Al Rider, HWQAC chair and Judy Stock, Editor, *The Hague Chronicle*.

Dave Wick outlined some of the plans of the new AIS regulations implementation and discussed various associated issues with the Board. In response to a question by Councilman Meola he noted that the Town does not have any legal responsibility to check boats that enter the Lake. According to the LGPC regulations the responsibility belongs to the boat owner to see that his boat is inspected before it is launched.

In order to facilitate these boat inspections, with a commitment to preventing the introduction of invasive species into Lake George, the Town will create a plan for its boat launch. The Town Park Committee of the Town Board, consisting of Ginger Kuenzel and Steve Ramant, will formulate the plan

(including hours of operation) and present it to the Board for its consideration by the February 11, 2014 Board meeting.

Among the information noted was that Glenburnie will not have its launch open. Also the State, in general, does not want to give preference to one Town over another so will not be favorable to a plan that would allow Hague residents to use the Rogers Rock facility for free. There is a \$10 day use permit to use the facility where an inspection station and boat wash will be located.

Councilman Ramant is adamant about having access after hours for those who live off the Lake. One suggestion made was to let those people use Rogers Rock and then have the Town of Hague reimburse them. It was felt that it would be a small number of people. At one point, Dave Wick even offered to pay saying, "just send me the bill."

The LGPC boating season for 2014 will go from May 15 to October 15. There is no fee for inspection and cleaning as these funds are being provided by the SAVE group.

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 1/14/2014

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Marty Fitzgerald, Ginger Kuenzel, Rudy Meola and Steve Ramant were all present.

A moment of silence was held for Fran Brannock, Pat Cornell and Makeisha Hoffay

Supervisor Frasier reported on some of the highlights from 2013 including participation in the Warren County Bicentennial events, hanging of new banners with support from local business people, taking over the May cemetery, new lights in the Community Center and correction of a sewer problem on Streeter Hill. Plans for 2014 include enlargement of the area for the Town vault and the Historical Museum by adding onto the back of the Community Center, comprehensive overview and plan for wastewater treatment and continue to look at use of solar panels.

Art Hatfield brought up the issue of the Board's changing the date for the Fourth of July fireworks to August which was of concern to many. He noted that President John Adams envisioned fireworks to continue to be part of the Celebration of Independence for future generations. Supervisor Frasier said the Board could discuss the issue.

Tom Haskell, President of the Hague Sno-Goers, reported that the snowmobile and cross country trails are closed now but when more snow comes they will keep them as safe as can be.

Haskell, also President of the Hague Chamber of Commerce, informed the Board about Winter Weekend activities which are on page one.

The Board approved the warrant for \$71,771.84 to pay the current bills.

Board Committee Reports:

Assessor & Justice (Meola/Kuenzel) – no report

Buildings & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement (Fitzgerald/Frasier) – Councilman Fitzgerald reported that they should hear shortly about approval for the kitchen.

Finance & Insurance (Meola/Ramant)– no report

Highway (Fitzgerald/Ramant) – Deputy Highway Superintendent Rick Meyer reported that they have been sanding driveways for senior citizens and that it has been a busy month for ice.

Museum & Historian (Kuenzel/Ramant) – Councilman Ramant noted that the Historical Society would be putting on a “Show and Share” program on January 28, 2014.

Personnel (Fitzgerald/Meola) – no report

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater (Fitzgerald/Ramant) – Cathy Clark, ZEO, gave her monthly written report to the Board. In the report she noted that the Code Committee had completed some modifications and they had been sent to the Attorney for review. They are still actively working on Travel Trailers and other concerns.

Recreation & Promotion & Youth (Ramant/Meola) – Councilman Ramant noted the HITS Triathlon will take place on June 20 – 22, 2014. He has contacted them to see about better placement for local information on their website.

Sewer Districts #1 & # 2 (Frasier/Kuenzel) – Councilman Meola asked if there had been any response to the letter about the grease trap. There has been none and Councilman Fitzgerald suggested that a copy of the letter be sent to the Health Department.

Town Park & Beautification (Kuenzel/Ramant) – no report

Two committees from 2013 (Transfer/Recycling and Fire Department) are no longer Board Committees.

In other business, the Board

Approved use of the large room and grounds for the Hague Arts and Crafts Fair Committee from August 1 – 3, 2014.

Approved Councilman Ramant as a voting delegate to the NYS Association of Towns.

Approved adding to the Town roads the cul-de-sac at the end of Overbrook Road which was deeded to the Town by Mike Fitzgerald.

Agreed to audit the Town financial books, including those of the Town Clerk and Justice, by January 20, 2014.

Agreed to go with the lower bid of \$7,120 on repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Plant workers will help in removing the old equipment which made the costs lower. These repairs were necessitated in part because of items that got stuck in the machines which should not have been put into the sewer system. Residents are reminded again: Flushable wipes are NOT flushable!

Approved the annual \$1,000 for the agreement with the Youth agency in Ticonderoga which allows all youth from Hague to participate in Ticonderoga Youth events.

The Board had a discussion about the Hague Boat Launch. The Town will have to have a plan approved by the LGPC by May 15, 2014. To prevent an uninspected boat from entering the Lake through the Town launch, there will have to be attendants there. The hours for those attendants is still to be determined. If there are no attendants, the launch will be gated.

Councilman Ramant still is hoping for an agreement with the state to be able to access the facilities at Rogers Rock without a fee.

Ramant acknowledged that proper signage will be important. Councilman Meola suggested that the Board should have a public meeting to see what people want. Supervisor Frasier wants to have the Board committee report and the Board proposals before that.

Councilman Ramant noted that Verizon has been working on New Hague Road for over four months making extensive sheath repairs to existing cable, installing 3250 feet of new cable, repairing wiring within the main terminal and trimming many trees to reduce future rubbing issues. While many homes have experienced better service, they will continue to correct issues that are still present.

He also noted that Verizon wants to put up a tower on Gull Bay Road which would enhance Verizon reception in Hague. The APA is taking public comments and a written letter is preferred – see article on page one.

Councilwoman Kuenzel asked if there was a report from the Comprehensive Plan Economic committee. Supervisor Frasier noted that many on the committee are not available for meetings all year. It was suggested that new or additional people might be put on the committee.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 12/19/2013

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

STARKER (12.18-1-23) 8 Fowler Lane (TR1)

Some changes were made to the original application moving proposed areas beyond the required setbacks. The Board approved other remaining parts of the application.

PLANNING BOARD – 1/16/2014

Chairman Dick Frasier, Bruce Clark, Pam Peterson, Judy Gourley, Mike Cherubini, Martin Fitzgerald and Bob Whitaker were all present at this meeting which was postponed from 1/2/2014.

SILVER BAY YMCA (93.16-1-19) 87 Sabbath Day Pt. Rd. (TR1)

The Board approved the sub-division of this lot currently owned by Silver Bay YMCA who is dividing the lot to sell the 2 formed lots to abutting neighbors (on the south with Dixon and on the north with Koerner) which will then be merged into their properties. Some of the numbers on this application changed from the original but it was approved with conditions that the plat be corrected.

PETER HAVEN (43.13-1-7) 23 Abenakis Dr. (TR1)

The Board approved a sketch plan so the owners can get a survey and apply for a two lot subdivision of a 4.666 acre parcel. If the subdivision is approved, a new 1.1 ac lot with 127 feet of shoreline will be created. Both lots will have homes on them and continue to be conforming.

UPCOMING LGLC EVENTS

Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 9:30 am – 3 pm

Take on a challenging cross-country skiing trek to Cat and Thomas Mountains overlooking Lake George and the greater Adirondacks. For advanced skiers only. Led by experienced guide and ADK Eastern Trails guidebook editor David Thomas-Train. Free. Registration required <events@lglc.org> by noon on 1/24/14.

Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 10 am or 2 pm

It's our exclusive annual Walk on Water! Snowshoe, walk or ski over a mile of frozen Lake George from Macionis Center in Bolton to explore protected Dome Island and see the plaque that immortalizes John Apperson's donation of the island for conservation in 1956. Weather/ice dependent. \$10 donation requested. Fills quickly and registration is required at <events@lglc.org>.

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 from 9:30 – 11 am

Need a break from your mid-winter break? Bring your family for this easy hike (or snowshoe) through Amy's Park to see the frozen beaver pond and look for signs of wildlife along the way. 1.5-miles round-trip. Free. Registration required at <events@lglc.org> by noon on 2/18/14.

SNOWSHOE HIKE AT FORT TICONDEROGA

Fort Ticonderoga's "Fort Fever Series" continues on Sunday, February 2, 2014 at 2 pm with a "Winter Woods Snowshoe Exploration" led by Director of Horticulture Heidi Karkoski. The cost is \$10 per person and will be collected at the door; free for members of the Friends of Fort Ticonderoga.

Tour the historic hiking trail leading from the Fort and through the forested landscape on the Heights of Carillon where the most intact 18th-century earthworks remain today. Karkoski will talk about the landscape history and its uses in the time after military occupation. In addition, she will discuss forest succession and provide an opportunity to learn about the trees, shrubs, and other visible plant life along the way. The group will likely encounter animal tracks and other signs of nature on this two-mile excursion highlighting the beauty of the winter landscape.

FITNESS IS FREE AT SILVER BAY YMCA

The Fitness Center at SB YMCA of the ADKS is free to local residents (Hague, Bolton, Putnam, and Essex County) through March 1, 2014. To take advantage of this program, stop by or call the Front Desk to complete a free Community Membership application (543-8833 Ext 214) during office hours Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

The Fitness Center is located in the Gym and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 am to 9:30 am. Bring clean shoes to wear inside. Silver Bay also offers an Off-Season Program Membership.

NORTH COUNTRY ARTS SHOW

The first show of the year opened on Friday, January 17, 2014 at the North Country Arts Center at 6378 State Route 9 in Chestertown, New York. The exhibit "Winter Inspirations" runs through March 1, 2014. The gallery is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 5 pm.

This show features paintings, sculpture, drawings, photography, woodworking, jewelry, books, fiber art, cards, scarves and other unique one-of-a-kind gifts handcrafted by North Country artists and artisans. More info is available at NCAC's website, <www.northcountryartscenter.org>.

PAINTING CLASSES AT TI ARTS GALLERY

Joan Pulling, a well known artist and member of Ticonderoga Arts, will be holding oil painting classes for adults and high school students on Wednesdays and Saturdays for 6 weeks, beginning January 22, 2014.

The charge for the lessons will be \$20 per session, which will be held in the Ti Arts Gallery on the lower level of the Hancock House. Some materials will be available so that beginners can get a start.

Space will be limited, so please call Joan early at 585-6312 to enroll or with any questions.

CHORALE RESUMES REHEARSALS

The Champlain Valley Chorale announces resumption of rehearsals for its upcoming Spring concerts. Weekly rehearsals are scheduled for each Tuesday evening at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, Wicker Street, Ticonderoga. The rehearsals will begin on February 4, 2014 and continue to the concert presentations in late May and early June.

New singers in all sections are welcomed, and no audition is necessary. For further information, please contact Bob Elling at 585-2173.

PUBLIC PORK DINNER

A public Roast Pork Loin 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, January 24, 2014, 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 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.





Ice Harvesting

It's not clear yet whether the Lake will freeze over in the Hague Bay this year. It sure would be nice for the ice fishermen and winter sports enthusiasts. There was a time when January and February were the big months for harvesting ice for the local hotels and homes. The picture below is captioned "Ice Harvest on Lake George, Loading the Truck, 1942". Imagine the weight of the truck and the loaded ice blocks! Holman Hill is easily recognizable in the background.



Dick Bolton recalled that in earlier years, with no electricity, refrigeration was a problem that was solved by cutting ice blocks out of the Lake and sometimes out of the local ponds if Lake George didn't freeze. In the 2007 Seniors' cookbook, Dick "referred to the ice harvest as 'ice-in week'. The whole town would get together around the second or third week of February. . . Each year an ice field was plowed off and blocks of ice, weighing 200-300 pounds and measuring 3 ft. x 2 ft., were cut out of the Lake and transported to the ice houses at each hotel. . . The ice was covered with sawdust and it would last all summer."

"Once the ice field was plowed, they used a power saw to cut through the ice and if the ice was too deep, they used a two-man saw to finish the cut. A channel was cut out so that they could float the blocks to a steel ramp where they used pike poles to push the blocks up onto trucks. Big ice tongs were used to move the blocks. About thirty to forty cakes of ice were on a truck.

"The men wore 'creepers' that covered their shoes to keep from slipping on the ice. They placed cakes of ice around the field to keep people from falling through."



Another 1942 photo shows Clarence Holman and Elinor Achenfel working the ice blocks through the channel just off the steamboat dock.



The picture above shows three gentlemen engaged in ice harvesting on the Lake in front of the Uncas Hotel.

I'd love it if you'd share your own Lake George "ice" stories with us – maybe the makings of another column. Please send pictures and/or stories to me at Hague Historical Society, PO Box 794, Hague, NY 12836 or via email to <haguehistoricalsociety@gmail.com>. Or bring them to "Show and Share"! Thank you. . . Pat McDonough



It's the beginning of our 51st year of keeping Hague's history "alive" and we're pleased to kick off 2014 with a "Show and Share" program on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7 pm at the Community Center. We've had these programs in the past and it's always fun to see what shows up. Anything and everything is welcome . . . as long as it's 50 years old or more. How about an unusual kitchen gadget or tool that's been handed down in your family? Everyone loves poring over old maps, photographs, documents and postcards. Do you have a vintage toy, sled, skis or ice skates, piece of clothing, part of a collection? We hope you'll dig into that storage closet, garage or basement and come up with something to "show and share".

Our website <www.haguehistoricalsociety.org> continues to be a work in progress and we recently added our newsletters going back to 2007. Take a look!



We sold out of our first printing of the "Looking Back" books and have now restocked. As always, you can order by writing to us at Hague Historical Society, PO Box 794, Hague, NY 12836, and sending your check for \$13, or call 543-6725 to arrange for a purchase. We'll also have them at the "Show and Share" program.

~SOUNDINGS~

BORN: John James Toner VI on December 13, 2013 to Amy and John James Toner V of Washington, DC. The baby is a grandson of Linda and Jack Toner of Arlington, VA and Hague, NY and great-grandson of Lari Dhein of Hilton Head, SC and Hague.

DIED: Robert Isinger, 94, of Dunedin, Florida and Silver Bay, on November 20, 2013. Bob is survived by his wife, Blanche, his daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Paul Folkemer of Suffern, NY and Silver Bay, his son and daughter-in-law William and Gladys Isinger of LaPlaya, CA, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

DIED: Patricia L. Cornell, 81, of Silver Bay on December 14, 2013, at Glens Falls Hospital.

Pat was a graduate of Emporia State in Kansas, where she majored in music. She was a beloved music teacher, starting her teaching career in Kansas followed by teaching at Floral Park Memorial High School and Grace Day School in Massapequa. She finished her 55 year teaching career in Ticonderoga.

Pat formed the Ticonderoga Community Band, serving as its director for many years. She was a director and accompanist with Champlain Valley Chorale, an active member of Silver Bay YMCA, where she was instrumental in starting Silver Bay Band Camp and also served as director of Silver Bay Chapel Choir for several years. Pat was also an accomplished violinist and played with Lake George Chamber Orchestra.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Barbara Kane, and her stepson, John Cornell. Survivors include her husband of 32 years, David J. Cornell of Silver Bay; her sons, David (Jennifer) Wilde of Pennington, N.J., and Michael (Tina) Wilde of Bayport; her daughter, Barbara (John) Terpening of Floral Park; her stepsons, Andrew (Linda) Cornell of East Northport and Hague and Steven (Jeannette) Cornell of Floral Park; and ten grandchildren.

Services will be held in the Silver Bay area and Floral Park at a later date.

DIED: Harold William "Hoppy" Frasier, 76, of Pottersville, suddenly on December 15, 2013. Hoppy was born in Hague and attended Hague Central School where he played both basketball and baseball.

He is survived by his wife Arleen (Allard) and their children Aletha Ann (Bill) Ryan, Stephan Walter Frasier, Deborah Lee (Jimmy) Porter and Christian Harold William (Corina) Frasier; his daughters, Michelle (Mickey) Monroe and Tina Frasier, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Hoppy also leaves behind a brother, Larry (Laura) Foote of Ticonderoga.

DIED: Frances K. May Brannock Newhall, 90, of Ticonderoga, on December 22, 2013, at Glens Falls Hospital, surrounded by her loving family.

Frances was born in Hague and a graduate of Hague Central School and Plattsburgh State College. She was an elementary school teacher, having taught in Bolton Landing, Hague and Ticonderoga School Districts for many years.

Mrs. Newhall was predeceased by her husbands, Kenneth C. Brannock and Winthrop Newhall. She was also predeceased by three brothers, Harry May, Bill May and George May; and by three sisters, Bessie Smith, Lulu Corlew and Laura May.

Survivors include her three children, Keith W. Brannock and his wife, Nancy, of Ticonderoga, Diane Marie Grunewald and her husband, Fred, of Jackson Heights and Terry Brannock and his wife, Shari, of Ticonderoga; three grandchildren, Terry Brannock II, Seth Brannock and his wife, Jamie, and Lori Mosher and her husband, Randy.

DIED: Makeisha Hoffay, of Queensbury, on January 4, 2014 after a long battle with cancer.

Makeisha was the daughter of David Hoffay and Debbie Denno Reid. She was the granddaughter of Janet Hoffay and the late Harold Hoffay.

A service was held on January 10, 2014 at the Silver Bay Chapel with the Rev. Bruce Tamlyn officiating.

BESTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Beste Scholarship Fund began in the 1970s with monetary donations from Mary C. Beste and Ethel Hendrickson, long-time Hague summer residents. These two ladies designated these monies for Hague students graduating from high school and aspiring to further their education.

Although the original funds were exhausted, a committee formed in the early 1980s drafted new guidelines to establish eligibility criteria for students, promote fundraising activities and administer the scholarship program. The Scholarship Committee continues today with members Sal Santaniello, Kathy Santaniello, Dan Belden, Janice Belden, Tom James and Joe McCranels. The Fund holds its monies in savings account and CDs and today has over \$47,000 from which the scholarships are drawn.

Any Hague student who has graduated from high school and has successfully completed their first semester of higher education is eligible for the award which is now \$300 for a full-time student. The awards are presented during Town events in February.

In February 2013, the following students received awards: Abigail Gurney, daughter of Mae Pagan and Dick Gurney, who is attending SUNY Cobleskill and majoring in early childhood and elementary education, Corey King, son of Daniel and Bettina King, who is attending Rochester Institute of Technology, majoring in civil engineering, William Lawrie, son of Lara Smith, who is also attending Rochester Institute of Technology, majoring in mechanical engineering, and Harley Trudeau, daughter of Diane and Jon Trudeau, who is attending Adirondack Community College, majoring in accounting.

The most recent awards will be given out during the Snow Queen pageant on February 14, 2014. The Committee thanks all those who have contributed to this program over the years, and hopes for your continuing support. Donation checks may be made out to the "Beste Scholarship Fund" and mailed to the Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836-0509.

HAPPY 96TH BIRTHDAY

TO

JULIA MIDDLETON



HAGUE'S MOST SENIOR CITIZEN

ANNUAL WAR COLLEGE AT FORT TI



Registration is now open for Fort Ticonderoga's Nineteenth Annual War College of the Seven Years' War to be held on May 16-18, 2014. This annual seminar focuses on the French & Indian War in North America (1754-1763), bringing together a panel of distinguished historians from around the country. The War College takes place in the Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center and is open to the public; pre-registration is required.

Registration for the War College is \$145 (\$120 for those registering by March 15, 2014); additional discounts are available for members of the Friends of Fort Ticonderoga. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Fort's website at <www.fort-ticonderoga.org> under the "Explore and Learn" tab by selecting "Life Long Learning" on the drop down menu and then clicking on the War College. A printed copy is also available upon request by contacting the Fort at 518-585-2821.

WEATHER OR NOT

Nice to have a little snow around the holidays, but then it rained and with the bitter cold, parking lots and driveways quickly turned to ice. Alas, Hague Bay did not. The wind prevented the Lake from freezing at the northern end. It is only frozen from Silver Bay south but hope remains that arctic cold will sweep in again in time to make ice for the fishing tourney at the end of February. If the wind remains calm it may happen.

But when the sun is out and there is snow on the ground, the winter residents of Hague know how to enjoy the weather!



AUTHOR...AUTHOR

Two longtime summer residents have recently had their books published. Doug Smith has published a non-fiction work based on his research and consultant work called "Happiness – The Art of Living with Peace, Confidence and Joy" and Peter Engler has published his first work of fiction, a political thriller called "New & Improved." For more information about the authors and their works, see Doug's website at <www.whitepinemountain.com> and Peter's website at <www.granthampress.com>. We wish both these authors good luck in their literary endeavors.

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)**

HAGUE CALENDAR

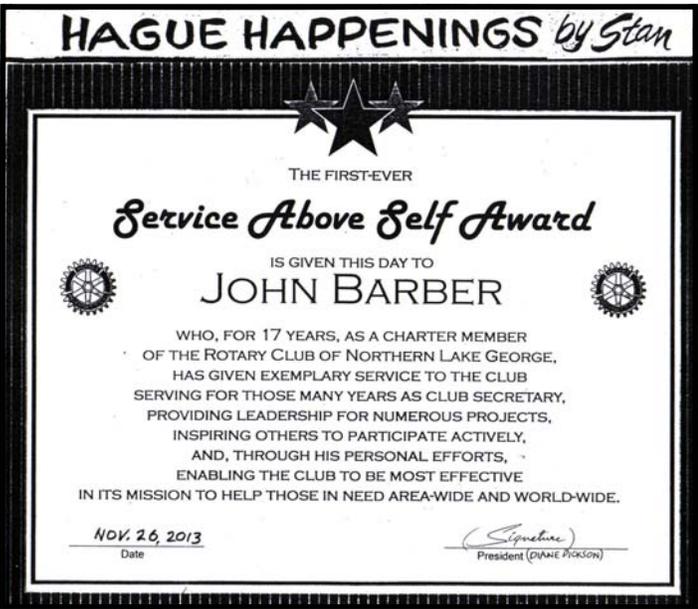
JANUARY

- 22 7 pm Ti'coustic Coffee House & Country Music
- 24 10 am Apple Users Group meets
- 26 New postal rates in effect
- 28 1:30 pm Senior Club meets
- 28 7 pm Hague Historical "Show and Share"

FEBRUARY

- 5 6:30 pm Senior Club Game Night
- 6 7 pm Planning Board
- 10 4:30 pm Town Board Audits Bills
- 11 Early Dismissal for TCS students
- 11 6 pm Town Board meeting
- 13 Deadline for February issue
- 14 VALENTINE'S DAY 
- 14 11 am Senior trip to Sleigh Ride
- 14 7 pm Snow Queen Pageant & Beste Awards
- 15 7:30 - 11 am Fireman's Breakfast & Rotary Auction
- 15 5 pm Chili Bake-Off & Calamity Rock
- 16 11 am - 2 pm Cross Country Skiing at Rogers Rock
- 16 2 pm Polar Bear Plunge at Trout House
- 19 The Hague Chronicle is mailed and online

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



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IS IT DONATION TIME?

Look at the date on the label of your latest issue – that's when we hope to hear from you next. If we haven't heard from you in the next three months, we put the date in red as a reminder.

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