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2015 HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND

WINTER WEEKEND ACTIVITIES AT SILVER BAY

Friday, February 13:



7 pm

Snow Queen Pageant at the Community Center

Saturday, February 14:

7 am - 11 am



Firemen's Breakfast at the HVFD Firehouse

\$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12

The Rotary Silent Auction will be held during the breakfast.

5 pm



8th annual Chili Bake at the HVFD Firehouse

\$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12

Anyone who wants to enter a chili in the contest should call Pat Hintze at 543-6502.

Sunday, February 15:

11 am - 2 pm



Cross Country Skiing at Rogers Rock Campground

1 pm

Registration for Polar Plunge at Trout House Dock

\$5 fee for those who don't have pledges



2 pm

Polar Plunge at the Trout House Dock

Following the Plunge there will be awards for the most monies pledged at the HVFD.

Hague DJ Service, no admission fee

Food and beverages for purchase



SNOWSHOEING VENUE

The Natural Stone Bridge and Caves Park, 535 Stone Bridge Road, Pottersville, NY, has added five new shoeshoe trails bringing their total to over 14 miles on 35 trails. The trails are well marked and in addition to the current benches and picnic tables they have several new three person "swings" made from the dismantled Adirondack Express triple chairlift from Gore Mountain. For an additional \$5 over the day rate you can get a season pass. For more information see <http://www.stonebridgeandcaves.com>.



The Silver Bay YMCA will host free family activities and a Valentine's Dance on February 14, 2015. As a contributor to the Hague Winter Weekend, Silver Bay will offer Family Fun on Silver Bay's campus after the HVFD Firemen's Breakfast. Beginning at 9:30 am and ending at 4 pm, Family Fun activities will include a scavenger hunt, broomball, a sledding event and more. A complete schedule of the activities is listed in their newsletter, *The Breeze*, which is available at www.silverbay.org. Activities that are weather dependent may be substituted depending on conditions.

A Valentine's Dance, which is also free and open to the community, will be held at 7:30 pm at Silver Bay's historic Inn. The dance will feature live music from the Tony Jenkins Jazz Trip. Refreshments will be served and raffle tickets for prizes will be available for purchase.

Call 518-543-8833, ext. 350 for more information or visit www.silverbay.org.

BESTE SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED

The Beste Scholarships will be awarded again during the Winter Weekend to those 2014 Hague graduates who have successfully completed their first semester of higher education either academic or vocational. The Scholarship Steering Committee members are Sal and Kathy Santaniello, Chairpersons, Dan and Janice Belden, Tom James, Jill Lambert Stull and Donna Cameron Frasier. Kathy noted, "We on the Steering Committee are honestly proud to think that we have successfully administered the Beste Scholarship Fund for these past 27 years, giving out over \$37,000 to well over 100 Hague students."

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.

WITH THE HAGUE SENIOR CLUB

The Hague Seniors are “on the go” again for the new year. We had a wonderful Pasta Dinner and British Comedy at the Fire Department with great food from all the Senior chefs. Our first road trip took us to Flanigan’s Pub in Schroon Lake for lunch and a few laughs. On January 22, 2015 at 12 noon we will be bowling at the Adirondack Lanes in Ticonderoga and will enjoy pizza and soda. The regular monthly meeting will be held on January 27, 2015 at 1:30 pm in the Community Center.

Our February activities will begin with Game Night on February 4, 2015 at the Hinzte house. That event will be followed by a trip to Saranac Lake on February 13, 2015 to ride on a wooden carousel and see the Ice Castle. We will meet at the Community Center at 10 am and stop at the Café ADK in Keene for lunch on the way home. The next regular meeting will be on February 24, 2015 at 1:30 pm and feature Bingo. We hope all Seniors will join us for some fun in these upcoming events.
... Pat Hintze (543-6502)

NEW LGLC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) announced that Jamie Brown will be the new Executive Director following the retirement of Nancy Williams.

Brown has worked in the land protection field for over 10 years, most recently as the director of land protection for Ducks Unlimited out of their headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee. Prior positions also include conservation director at the Frenchman Bay Conservancy in Hancock, Maine, and land preservation specialist at the Morris Land Conservancy in Boonton, New Jersey.

In addition to receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston University and Masters degree from the University of Maine, Brown has a law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law. As an attorney, Brown practiced law for five years in the areas of real estate, land use and municipal law. He is not a stranger to the Lake George region having frequently visited the Adirondacks as a child and later would often stop to admire the Lake when visiting in the region.



Saturday
February 14, 2015

HVFD NEWS



For the month of January, Hague Fire personnel had 11 calls/drills for 102 man hours while the Emergency Medical personnel had seven calls for a total of 53 man hours and 220 volunteer driver hours.

Safety Officer Tom Haskell reminds everyone to be careful on the roads this time of year. They may be very slippery and, of course, watch out for black ice!

The HVFD will be serving a special Valentine's Day Firemen's Breakfast from 7 am - 11am on the Saturday of Winter Weekend and later at 5 pm will host the annual Chili cook-off. To enter the chili contest call Pat Hintze at 543-6502.

Please come out to support the Polar Plunge on Sunday February 15, 2015 which raises money for The Big Change Round Up! The awards ceremony will follow at the HVFD with refreshments.
... Mara Haskell

FREE TAX-AIDE PROGRAM



The AARP FREE income tax preparation program is available to local taxpayers from February 3 through April 14, 2015. The Tax-Aide program prepares and electronically files individual federal and state 2014 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.

The free tax help is available in Hague on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the program period while appointments will also be available in Ticonderoga on four Friday afternoons, February 13 and 27, March 6 and 27.

Both locations are by appointment only. Contact the Hague Community Center at 543-6161 to schedule an appointment in Hague or Ticonderoga. Bring your driver's license, Social Security card, W2s, 1099s, interest and dividend statements, any other tax-related documents, and health insurance coverage information for taxpayer, spouse and all dependents to your appointment.

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WITH THE HAGUE SNO-GOERS



The Sno-goers have purchased a new groomer and have groomed trails from the Hague Fish and Game property to Jabe Pond. They will do more trails when there is another snowfall. Their next public meeting will be held on February 20, 2015 at 7 pm at 231 West Hague Road. They encourage all snow enthusiasts to attend.

DRIVE-BY CRIMINAL MISCHIEF



As reported on our Facebook page, a person or persons as yet unknown went on a criminal mischief spree on the early morning of Saturday, December 13, 2014 firing shots at cars and buildings along Route 9N.

In clarifying information that we have heard, there were about 7 cars involved in the shootings as well as the Silver Bay Post Office. Apparently no other buildings were involved as had been rumored. The shootings involved a 20 gauge shotgun and a small caliber weapon. It is presumed that the events started around 1 am in the northern basin and went along Route 9N all the way to Lake George. The investigation is ongoing and there are some leads from video footage.



If anyone has any information on the perpetrators, please contact the Warren County Sheriff's Department or the local NYS Police at the Chestertown station at 518-494-3332.

TICONDEROGA AREA MOM PROM

A Ticonderoga Area Mom Prom will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the Best Western Plus in Ticonderoga from 7 – 11 pm. The proceeds from the Prom will benefit the Best Fourth In The North Celebration and the Kiwanis of Ticonderoga Backpack Program.

The Mom Prom is a ladies night out event that is not just for moms but all women ages 21 and older. Tickets are available for \$40 per person at Trendy Threads Consignment Boutique and Glens Falls National Bank in Ticonderoga. Tickets will not be available at the door. Advance purchase is required by March 7, 2015. See "Ticonderoga's First Annual Mom Prom" on Facebook for more information.

ANNUAL BRIDGE BUILDING EVENT HELD

On December 14, 2014, the 7th annual model bridge contest, sponsored by the Ticonderoga Kiwanis Club was held at the Ticonderoga Elementary/Middle School. Students from the Ticonderoga Middle School, High School, Crown Point and St. Mary's School participated in the event.

Ticonderoga Middle School Principal, John Perreault, welcomed the students to the event and told them of the future of engineering. Ticonderoga School Superintendent, John McDonald, addressed the students prior to the loading of the bridges. He encouraged students to consider a rewarding career in engineering and noted that 20% of the high school graduates have enrolled in engineering colleges since the beginning of the Bridge Building Contest.

Graham Bailey, event organizer, presented tokens of appreciation to Jim Marshall, Pam Arzberger, John Lemieux and Paul Jebb, the teachers who worked with the students for many weeks coaching them on bridge-building techniques.

Fifty-seven future engineers participated in the event and awards were given to the top three entries in each category. The Middle School Efficiency Awards went to 1- *Big Bucks* (Chase Greens and James Burke), 2- *The Does* (Samantha Montville and Ruby Bennett), 3- *Mud Tires* (Tony Martucci and Ty Schlogl); Middle School Aesthetic awards to 1- *Insert Name Here* (Kohl Tucker, Clayton Spaulding and Kylee Bennet), 2- *Big Bucks* (Chase Greens and James Burke), 3- *Bridge Builders of Teribithia* (Lorelei Leerkes, Zoe Eggleston and Molly Price)

The most efficient High School bridge, weighing a mere 1.95 ounces, carried a staggering 176 lbs. The High School Efficiency Awards went to 1- *My other Degree is Liberal Arts* (Colvin Chapman and Samuel Shelmidine), 2- *Absolute Bridge Builders of Upstate NY* (Kody Parrott and Alexis Sanders), 3- *Bound to Break* (Timothy Ryan and Aaron Russell); High School Aesthetic Awards went to 1- *My other Degree is Liberal Arts* (Colvin Chapman and Samuel Shelmidine), 2- *Brother Shark Bait* (Jaime Cox and Mackenzie Strum), 3- *Bound to Break* (Timothy Ryan and Aaron Russell)

Judges for the aesthetic portion of the contest were Bill Pittman, Jim O'Toole, and Tony DeFranco all of Hague.

Numerous members of the Ticonderoga Kiwanis club volunteered at the event including John Bartlett, Jack Bast, Leslie Midgley, Nancy Kelley, Joyce Cooper, Ken Engler, Don Johnston. In addition to the Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga, Rotary Club of Northern Lake George, Reale Construction, DeFranco Landscaping, and the Ticonderoga Teachers Association were sponsors of the event.



President's Day, Monday, February 16, 2015

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 12/30/2014

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board members Ginger Kuenzel, Rudy Meola, Steve Ramant and Marty Fitzgerald were all present for the annual end of the year meeting.

A moment of silence was held for Jim Nutt and Pat Forgette.

There were no committee reports but the Board had a brief discussion about the sewer plant. The Board will be hiring replacements for the personnel who left the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

A resolution was passed to make the necessary transfers totaling \$70,393 to balance out the accounts.

The Board approved attendance at the Association of Towns meeting in February 2015 for Councilman Meola and Town Clerk Manning.

Supervisor Frasier noted that the County has changed the way it is giving out the occupancy tax monies. Hague will be receiving \$10,000 additionally to help fund events that the county is not going to fund. The Board voted to give \$1,500 more to the Open Swim and \$5,000 more to the HITS Triathlon from the occupancy tax.

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 1/5/2015

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board members Ginger Kuenzel, Rudy Meola and Steve Ramant were present for the annual organizational meeting. Marty Fitzgerald was absent.

Supervisor Frasier read a summary of accomplishments for 2014. She also noted that the Board is waiting for NYSEDA funding for Monolith Solar and that there will be a push in 2015 for shared services.

The Board passed the usual resolutions to begin business for 2015 including establishing the time of 6 pm on the second Tuesday of the month for Board meetings. They will audit the bills and then go right into the monthly meeting. Community Bank NA in Ticonderoga is the official bank and the Glens Falls Post Star is the official newspaper for legal advertisements. The mileage reimbursement rate was set at 56 cents per mile.

As per the budget, contracts were approved for \$342,805 for the HVFD, \$200 for Dr. Mack for housing seized animals, \$2,500 to the Hague Senior Citizens Club, \$1,000 to the Hague Sno-goers for cross country trail maintenance (as well as a pass through amount from the County of \$9,000 for snowmobile trails), \$2,940 to the Community Action program for transportation to Glens Falls for Senior Citizens and \$7,000 to the Hague Chamber of Commerce.

The following people were reappointed to their positions: Edna Frasier, Budget Officer; Debbie Manning, Records Management Officer and Registrar of Vital Statistics; Bertha Dunsmore as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, Deputy Care Officer and Community Center Coordinator; Robert Goetsch as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Jon Hanna as Deputy; Dick Frasier as Chairman of the Planning Board and Mike Cherubini as Deputy; David DeFranco as Town Naturalist; Lindsay Mydlarz as Care Program Officer; Daniel Steitz as Animal Control Officer; Dominic Viscardi as Attorney for the

Town; Rick Myers as Deputy Highway Superintendent; and Steve Ramant as Deputy Supervisor.

They approved the Procurement Policy with slight changes, the Investment Policy and a Policy for Conducting Meetings. In the latter policy they deleted a requirement that anyone wishing to address the Town Board at the monthly meeting would have to submit a prior written request. Thus the privilege of the floor will remain open to the audience members.

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 1/13/2015

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Marty Fitzgerald, Ginger Kuenzel, Rudy Meola and Steve Ramant were all present for the regular monthly meeting.

A moment of silence was held for George Fitch.

Signmaker John Bruening from Queensbury discussed with the Board what they wanted for a new sign on the Community Center building as the old one needs replacing. The sign will be made with sign foam rather than wood as that is the better material today.

Judy Stock reiterated to the Board concerns about the curve near Island Harbor area and the possible ways that the issues can be addressed. Councilman Ramant stated that he had written another letter to the DOT on January 9 to follow up on their response.

Councilman Kuenzel asked that the minutes reflect credit and thanks to the Carillon Garden Club for all their work in arranging and putting up the downtown winter flower baskets.

Under committee and other business, the Board:

Learned that the plans for a building addition are on hold and they are talking about using fire proof cabinets for historical archive storage.

Heard from Highway Superintendent that they are aware of the ice build-up problem near the Island Harbor curve which is due to an issue with the state culvert.

Learned that the required Workplace Violence Prevention Training will take place on January 20, 2015 for all Town employees.

Heard that progress continues with the telecommunications infrastructure. Five percent of the revenues are available for the Town which can be used toward getting internet service at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP).

Learned that thanks to Tim Costello, Bill Gourley and Cedarwood Engineering the necessary corrections are being made at the WWTP. Also interviews will be held for a new plant operator.

Heard that the Sewer Asset Management Committee is meeting monthly and that Moderator Steve Grimm who works with many towns remarked how well this committee is working. Information will be prepared to go into the sewer bills to keep people informed.

Appointed Councilman Meola to be the official delegate for the Association of Towns.

Approved \$8,000 toward the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for May 23, 2015.

Approved \$1,000 for agreement with Town of Ticonderoga Youth program.

Approved \$2,500 for the Black Watch Memorial Library.

Received a request from Koshel for a change in sewer EDUs and tabled decision until the ZEO can do an inspection.

Learned that the engineer now says that Joan Clark's home is within the required distance for a sewer hook up so will require her to start paying user fees again.

Passed a resolution for the Warren County Snow and Ice Agreement for which the Town will be getting \$1,500 more per mile.

Approved use of the Town dock for the LGA Floating Classroom public trip on August 3, 2015.

Heard a report on Chamber of Commerce activities from Mike Cherubini. They are working on final arrangements for the winter weekend in February, in March will be re-doing a video for the Visitors Center and hosting a mixer on January 22, 2015 at Eddie's.

Heard a request from Board member Kuenzel to take action on the Comprehensive Plan Committee in February when ZEO Clark could be there.

BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CAPE COD VILLAGE CLUB, INC. (43.13-1-31) NYS Rte. 9N (TR1)

The Association would like to subdivide a 2.93 acre parcel into a .37 acre parcel (with a clubhouse) and a 2.56 acre vacant association parcel. A variance is required due to the 1.1 acre zoning district. No additional development of either parcel is planned at this time. A variance must be approved before the subdivision can be approved.

BROWN (43.13-1-43) 17 Anchor Way (TR1)

The applicant would like to increase the footprint of the existing structure by adding a 149 sq. ft. addition and add a 1098 sq. ft. second story addition. A variance is needed for a greater than 25% increase to a nonconforming house. No setbacks will become more nonconforming if the application is approved.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The *Bigger Game Expo* will return to the Silver Bay YMCA campus on June 11 – 14, 2015. This conference showcasing a variety of game-changing practices will bring participants and speakers from far and wide. The event is open to the public and local residents will have a chance to hear well-known speakers including Elizabeth Gilbert, author of Eat, Pray, Love. Hague seasonal residents Chuck Lioi and Rick Tamlyn are the organizers of the event and will extend the early bird special to local residents if you contact them soon.

For a complete schedule and description of the conference see <<http://www.biggergameexpo.com/register/>>.

TRAFFIC SAFETY REPORT

In response to an invitation in the October issue of *The Hague Chronicle*, concerned local residents Judy and Pete Foster, Seddon and Jim Beaty, Graham Bailey, Ken Engler, Linda Mury, Mary Ann Eaton and Judy Stock met to discuss the traffic safety issues around the Island Harbor curve. The problems identified included the width of the road, the use of the road by large tractor trailers, accidents that prevent motorists from going through, possible follow-up accidents, emergency personnel including Fire Police unable to get to the scene, etc. The committee suggested that the Hague Town Supervisor contact the DOT in writing and submit documentation of the problems at that curve including photos taken of accidents which had occurred there.

Councilman Steve Ramant wrote a letter to the DOT which was co-signed by Supervisor Frasier. Although most members of the committee felt that it did not adequately address the issues, the response of the DOT might not have been any different. The DOT stated that based on their review of their information that "discontinuance of this route" for larger vehicles was "not justified at this time."

Judy Stock spoke at the January Town Board meeting and requested that other possible solutions to the problems at the corner which had been discussed by the Committee be considered. Some of those would be to request additional lights or signage, to reconfigure the road at some point, to change the way GPS systems route large trucks and to have truckers warned against this route by contacting trucking associations and trucking companies. Many of the trucks are directed through 9N by these systems. Copies of an analysis of these GPS systems done by Ken Engler, which could be used in contacting truckers, was presented to Ramant and Frasier.

Councilman Ramant said he had already written a letter of response to the DOT and would continue to follow up on the issue.

Until some significant change is made to ease the truck traffic on the curve or to slow them down significantly, residents are reminded to be extra vigilant as they go through that area of Route 9N. Whenever possible, traffic updates of accidents in the area will be posted on the Facebook page of *The Hague Chronicle*.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

WHAT DO YOU DO ALL WINTER?



We listen to lectures



We ice fish



We play bridge



We play paddle



We snowshoe



We play trivia



We toboggan



We cross-country ski



We plunge



We snowmobile



We party



We skate

We have a new Facebook album, "What Our Readers Did in the Winter of 2015". We'd love to add your activities to it (indoor or outdoor!). Send a jpeg, only, to < HagueChronicle@nycap.rr.com > and include names of any people involved and a brief description of the activity and where it occurred.



Silver Bay Ice Harvesting

In reaction to an earlier column on ice harvesting, we had a delightful letter from Bob Fenner who wrote as follows: “I have enclosed two pages from Louis Spelman’s “Silver Bay As I Knew It” describing ice harvesting. As late as 1950, ice was stored in a building next to the boiler room. EMPs who were assigned to the garbage truck had their first morning chore of pulling ice cakes out of sawdust, hoisting them off and delivering them to various refrigerators (ice boxes) and the kitchen. Iced tea was made using chipped lake ice.”

Silver Bay YMCA
Inside Silver Bay’s Ice House #throwbackthursday



The Prep School at Silver Bay operated from 1918-1935; Spelman was an administrator and teacher there beginning in 1913. In his book he speaks of the many chores that were part of the curriculum at the boys Prep School including ice harvesting. “The ice harvest offered many tough problems which were certainly related to classroom work in general science, biology, math, and physics. New terms, such as ice marker, ice plow, ice poles, ice tongs, ice studs had to be learned and used properly. We asked for and were given an abandoned sawmill, with a large sawdust pile from across the lake. Using trucks and cars, transportation across the lake was arranged. Travel on the ice was, I might say, at high speed bringing the sawdust in bags into the ice house. We had to learn a new technique in the art of stopping our vehicles when brakes were applied! The boys, divided into two teams, chose captains. Accounts were kept of the number of ice cakes each team sawed and placed in the ice house. The winning team was treated to a trip to Ticonderoga, a dinner and movie. The ice house workers had to be quick thinkers and on their toes; it was no small matter to have one’s foot or leg caught between a large moving ice cake and the already packed field of ice. Each ice cake weighed between 250-300 pounds as it was pushed off the elevator. The school nurse, Miss Edith Barton, was always ready to render first aid, if needed.”

Our plans are formulating for an exhibit of “Hague Apparel” for this spring/summer. Our collection includes a few items – baseball caps, Hague Central School items, bicentennial t-shirts, etc. But we know there must be many other items out there that will fill in the exhibit giving it a rich flavor of Hague history.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would be willing to share some of these things with us – anything that has “Hague” imprinted on it would be of interest. But we’re not limited to those. Do you have an old uniform, military hat or accessory, items from the Hague Market, or school teams, Fish and Game Club or Hague Seniors gear, Silver Bay togs, Oktoberfest items, clothing items from “The Cave”, etc. I’m sure you get the gist of it. All of these things help to tell the story. And of course, if you have photographs with these items being worn, even better!

We would like to have you lend us these things for an exhibit that would run from June through September. They will be carefully tagged and identified for return to you. Anything you are willing to share can be left with Bertha Dunsmore at the Community Center or you can call me at 543-6725 and I can pick them up. We would like to have the apparel in by May 1st so that we can put the exhibit together. That should give you plenty of time to search your closets and storage areas! I hope we can all work together to make this a special display.

We publish a multi-page newsletter twice a year that is mailed to our members and friends of the Hague Historical Society. If you’re interested in reading the current issue, December 2014, or any back issues, they are available on our website at <http://www.haguehistoricalsociety.org/publications.html>. You’ll find them on the “publications” page. Enjoy!

... Pat McDonough

FORT TICONDEROGA CRUISE BOAT



Fort Ticonderoga has announced that it has purchased the Carillon cruise boat, formerly located on the shores of Lake Champlain in Shoreham, Vermont. Waterway tours will be offered by Fort Ticonderoga beginning in the spring of this year. The acquisition of the boat is part of a larger Fort Ticonderoga waterway recreation and transportation initiative that is anticipated to continue to develop over the next several years.

~SOUNDINGS~

MARRIED: Amanda Rottier, daughter of Pam and Steve Rottier of Pine Cove, Hague and Guilford, CT, on September 20, 2014 to Francisco Mira, son of Carlos Mira and Miryam Romero of Cali, Colombia.

DIED: Patricia Ann Forgette, 71, of Hague, on December 28, 2014.

Pat was the daughter of the late Carl W. and Veril Mary (Fish) Frasier and was a lifelong resident of Hague. She was a dedicated and caring nurse's aide for many years at the Moses-Ludington Hospital and Nursing Home of Ticonderoga.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Roland Forgette, in 2000. She was also predeceased by her aunt and uncle, Earl and Gladys Elethorpe, who raised her; her parents and three brothers, Clinton Frasier, Stanley Frasier and Donald Frasier.

Survivors include one daughter, Michelle Holman of Ticonderoga; one sister, Gloria J. Peters of Hague; five grandchildren, Tahnee Holman, Mallory McDonald, Ashlie Holman, Logan Holman and Alexis Holman; and many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

HAGUE'S MOST SENIOR CITIZEN PASSES AWAY



Julia Middleton

January 15, 1918 – January 15, 2015

May she rest in peace.

A full obituary will be in the February issue.

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 Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, Wicker Street, Ticonderoga, beginning February 3, 2015, and continuing to the concert presentations in early June.

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

SUMMER STEWARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is now accepting applications for two Stewardship Assistant positions. The positions are full time but temporary, to be filled late May through mid to late August.

The Stewardship Assistants will work together and primarily conduct field work, including trail maintenance and new trail construction, boundary posting, and monitoring of conservation easement properties. They will also lead public hikes and educational outings, and assist other staff as needed with summer events.

Should local knowledge, experience and training make it appropriate, one Stewardship Assistant will be offered the position of Lead Stewardship Assistant and will be given additional leadership responsibilities.

Application deadline is March 6. For more information about the positions, including full job descriptions, visit <lglc.org/about/#jobs>.

NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE ROTARY NEWS

Three special guests, Graham Bailey of the Ticonderoga Kiwanis Club, Matt Courtright of the Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce, and John Crawford, Assistant Governor of Rotary District 7190, were visitors recently at Northern Lake George Rotary meetings.

Graham Bailey spoke on the success of the bridge building program at Ticonderoga Middle School, run by Kiwanis. Rotary donated toward this program which has as its goal to get students more interested in engineering as a career and to teach the value of working in teams.

Matt Courtright reviewed the importance of the Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce, of which he is the Executive Director. General information about the value of having a chamber to work for the benefit of area businesses was discussed.

John Crawford discussed the Polar Plunge in Lake George, a District Rotary event, which raised over \$10,000 last year with over 1,000 people involved. John also spoke of ways to increase declining Rotary membership. He emphasized working with area clubs to find out what is working for them, rather than duplicating efforts.

Rotary Club projects currently include delivery of free copies of thesaurus books to Ticonderoga and Putnam fourth graders, plus a gift of \$100 to Montcalm Manor.

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNERS 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, January 23, 2015, from 4:30 – 6 pm in the downstairs dining hall of the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will be available. Tickets sold at the door are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under.



2014 HAGUE MEMORY TREE



DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING:

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JANUARY

27 1:30 pm Senior Club meeting

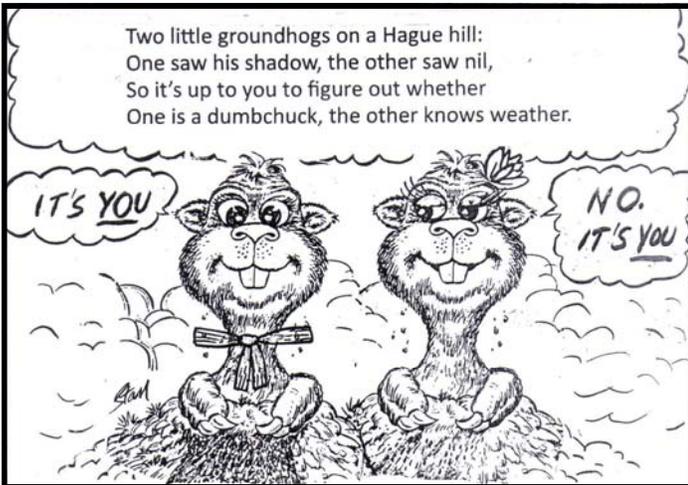
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- 3 Free Tax-Aide program begins
- 5 7 pm Planning Board
- 10 10 am Historical Society Board - public welcome
- 10 6 pm Town Board
- 12 News deadline for February issue
- 13 – 15 Hague Winter Weekend (see page 1)
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 14 7:30 pm Free dance at Silver Bay
- 16 President's Day (Federal holiday)
- 16 – 20 Winter Break for Ticonderoga Schools
- 18 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out and online



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