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### CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

We are now in our 30th year of the publication of The Hague Chronicle. Some of you have been with us from the January 1972 issue which was pretty much of a one-man production (with help from his wife!) Emil Seerup, a retired lawyer who had retired to Hague in 1970, saw the need for a Hague newspaper and proceeded to edit and publish it. The first issue was two pages on both sides with a long editorial headed "The Town of Hague Needs a Newspaper".

From that first edition The Hague Chronicle has expanded into at least a 4-page paper and most often five pages, on both sides. We seem to have a lot of news and events to report! Without skipping a beat, when Mr. Seerup died in 1976, Virginia Shattuck took up the reins. In June 1979, at Virginia's request, a committee was formed to continue its publication.

From its meager beginnings with some funding from Mr. Seerup's friends, it is now mailed to approximately 685 readers each month and is funded entirely by contributions from our readers. All staff members are volunteers and contributions are tax exempt. We would like to note that we still have been unable to get a sales tax exempt status, but we are still working on it! With the cost of printing, mailing, and office machines and supplies, the newspaper costs about \$1.00 an issue, or approximately \$12.00 a year to mail to individuals.

We have received many nice notes, particularly during the holiday season and it would appear to us that our efforts are appreciated. Needless to say the entire staff enjoys what we do and we hope that we are getting you the information that you want. We encourage your comments and criticisms and we will take them all into consideration. We do appreciate your generous contributions and hope that you feel you are getting your money's worth! . . . djh

### HAGUE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The Hague Enhancement Committee (formerly the Tourism Committee), met on Jan 5 at the Community Center.

Plans are under way for our hanging baskets which will be ready before the Memorial Day weekend. Our

color theme this year will be pinks, purples, and mauves.

We are in need of funds to pay for these hanging baskets and have come up with an idea which we hope will appeal to many of our residents. We are asking you to "Adopt a Basket". For a \$20.00 donation, you may dedicate the hanging basket to anyone you so choose, either departed or one whom you would like to honor. The donors and the donees will be listed in The Hague Chronicle and an appropriate small plaque will be attached to the basket. This will be an ongoing donation for the upkeep each year of the baskets.

If you would like to participate in this project, please let us hear from you with your donation. Checks should be payable to Hague Enhancement Committee, and sent to The Hague Community Center, Hague, 12836, c/o Rudy Meola, Chairman. We hope to make this a yearly project and we need your support! Please give this your careful consideration over the next few weeks.

The triangle in the middle of town was discussed. The garnet rocks are there, but it was too late in the fall to plant the shrubs. We plan to buy red mulch and several shrubs and some perennials to brighten up the triangle for the growing season. Next fall we will plant bulbs, for spring 2002 blooming.

Town cleanup was discussed, but we will wait until the town board comes up with a solution for the junk cars. We have been awarded a grant to help with this cleanup.

The next meeting of the Enhancement Committee is February 23 at 3PM at the Community Center. Ideas are always welcome.

### 2001 TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE Hours: 9-5

Jan. 1 - to March 31 - Tues, Fri, Sat.  
Apr 1 - Apr 30 - Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat.  
May 1 - May 31 - Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun.  
June 1 - Sep 15 - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri., Sat, Sun  
Sep 16 - Sep 30 - Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat.  
Oct 1 - Dec 31 - Tues, Thurs., Fri., Sat.  
Transfer Station will be opened Wed. Dec. 26th, but will be closed Thurs., December 27th. Will be closed ALL town holidays.  
Holidays are Feb. 19, Washington's Birthday, Nov. 6, Election Day, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, Dec. 25, Christmas Day

Please clip above for future reference.

## NOTICE

The Friends Point Roads will be closed for the 24-hour period of 7AM Sun., Feb. 11 to 7AM Mon., Feb. 12, 2001.

### CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CHORALE BEGINS REHEARSALS

The Champlain Valley Chorale is resuming rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM beginning Jan. 23, 2001. Rehearsals take place in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, Wicker St., Ticonderoga.

This spring marks the 25th anniversary of the Chorale and the concert, scheduled to be given May 20, 2001, will include special commemorative features.

Singers in all sections are most welcome, and no auditions are necessary.

### HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 1:30PM at the Community Center. Please bring ideas and program suggestions to this meeting. Reminder: Dues (\$5.00) are payable at this time. . . ewa

### HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our fire fighters responded to 10 calls in December. 134 1/2 man hours were expended. Drills required an additional 36 hours.

Our ambulances were busy too, making 10 runs, covering 382 miles and using 93 man hours.

Plans are still being made (and remade) for the reception at the new firehouse. We'll keep you posted. . . ewa

### HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The members of the Hague Historical Society are on vacation for Jan. and Feb., but will resume programs on Monday, March 19 when Ursula and Ethel will join to present a program featuring local history. So, mark March 19 on your calendars and pray for good weather that night. (Remember, the blizzard of '88 hit on March 10). The ladies are promising a very interesting program, so be prepared to come and listen. . . ewa

### KIWANIS CLUB TO HOST YOUTH ICE SKATING PARTY

The Ticonderoga Kiwanis Club will once again hold its annual Youth Ice Skating Party on Sat., Feb. 3, 2001 at the municipal rink off Elk Drive.

The skating party will be held from 1-3PM with area youths being treated to grilled hot dogs and hot chocolate served by local Kiwanians. Making a special appearance, "Paddy Pat, the Clown" will be on hand to skate with the children. In case of inclement weather, the party will be rescheduled for Sat., Feb. 10.

Kiwanis meetings are held every Thursday, 12:15pm at The Elks Club in downtown Ticonderoga. Members are encouraged to attend, guests are welcomed. Kiwanis International is a service organization devoted to advancement of individual, community, and national welfare.

### ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE

A new calendar year has started and it's time to get out of the house and start participating in Rotary. There are many exciting speakers planned for the next few weeks. Ms. Jane Planty, Elementary School Principal, will be the speaker on Jan. 23. A club assembly is planned for Jan. 30. Special Hague Organizations, including the Hague Enhancement Committee, Chamber of Commerce and Mohican Home Bureau, will be presented on Feb. 6. Feb. 13 we will celebrate Valentine's Day by bringing our "valentine" to breakfast. Feb. 20 will find inventor Peter Marshall as the speaker.

Visitors are welcome to the breakfast meetings held every Tues. at 7:30AM in the Watson Arts Center on the Silver Bay Campus. Call 543-8836 for more info. **AND THE WINNERS ARE!!!** The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George recently raised funds for the benefit of the literacy project in Ticonderoga area, through a 20-week Club. Primary benefactor is the Book Project in the Ticonderoga Elementary School. Students are rewarded for reading 20 books by receiving a book of their own. The Rotary Club is making a donation to this project this month. Winners of the first 5 weeks of the 20-week club drawings are: Joe Nizza, NJ., Jill Bersol, Pompton Lake, NJ, Joan Belden, Hague, Karen Laundree, Hague and Denise D'Andrea.

### COFFEE HOUSE 2001 SCHEDULED

Featuring instrumentalists and vocalists from the local schools and area, Coffee House 2001 will be held at the Hague Community Center on February 9 at 7:30PM. The first coffee house held last year was a huge success and this one is expected to be equal to or more successful. Bob Palandrani is coordinator for the event. If you would care to be a part of this event, please contact him at 585-6073 or the Parish Center at 543-8828 and leave a message.

The public is invited and urged to attend this entertaining evening.

A little birdie told us that our venerable senior citizen is reaching new heights. Hague's senior citizen of the year 2000, Ursula Montbriand, (who looks and performs like an almost baby boomer), is celebrating her BIG 90 on Feb. 15. We hope she whoops it up in good shape and has a wonderful day and many many more happy productive years to come.

TOWN OF HAGUE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
January 3, 2001 6:30 pm

Of Resolutions #1-01 through #40-01, all but three Resolutions were unanimously adopted: Resolutions # 34-01 and #38-01 were tabled. Resolution #29-01 was withdrawn from the agenda.

Resolution #29-01, The Appointment of Deputy Supervisor (Rudy Meola) Withdrawn.

Board member Skip Hourigan moved to table this resolution for more discussion. He then read from The Town Law Manual statements regarding the appointment of Deputy Supervisors. Supervisor Belden stated that the supervisor had the right to appoint the Deputy Supervisor. During the discussion from the floor, Mr. Pachett raised the question: "Is it the Board's intention to eliminate the Deputy Supervisor position?" The Board responded that the issue was raised just as a matter for discussion. Following more discussion, the Supervisor asked that the resolution be removed from the agenda for further consideration by the Town Board.

Resolution #34-01, Hazardous Communications Officer. (Bill Bothe) Tabled.

Rudy Meola raised the issue that the Department of Labor requires an annual training session for all Town employees regarding hazardous materials.(The Right to Know Law ) Bill Bothe asked that his name be withdrawn. The Board tabled this Resolution.

Resolution #38-01, Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment, was also tabled.

Other Resolutions and appointments approved by the Board include the following:

#5-01 Mileage Reimbursement Rate: increase from \$.25/mile to \$.27/mile

#8-01 Records Management Officer: Deborah Manning

#16-01 and 18-01 Town Historian and Museum Director: Clifton West

#17-01 Town Attorney: John McDonald

#21-01 Veterinarian (for housing seized animals): Dr. Mack, VMD

#24-01 & #25-01 Tax Collector & Registrar of Vital Statistics: Deborah Manning

#26-01 Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics Coordinator: Bertha Dunsmore

#27-01 Recycling Coordinator: Bill Bothe

#28-01 Budget Officer: Daniel Belden

#30-01 Deputy Highway Superintendent: Lee Frasier

#31-01: Zoning Administrator Paul Barone (Part-time)

#32-01 Town Naturalist: Laura Meade

#33-01 Community Center Coordinator: Bertha Dunsmore

#35-01 Health Officer: Town Board

#36-01 Care Program Officer: Georgina Lindquist. Assistant Janet Hoffay

#37-01 Dog Control Officer: Danny Steitz

#39-01 Planning Board Chairman: David Swanson

\$41-01 Planning Board Member Appointment: Peter Foster (to 21-31 2007)

#42-01 Town Park Commission: Dottie Henry

#44-01 Salaries

#45-01 Town Board Committee Appointments::

Assessor & Justice Steitz/Fitzgerald

Bldgs & Grds./Community Center - Megow/Steitz

Finance - Megow

Fire Department - Hourigan/Fitzgerald

Highway - Fitzgerald/Megow

Insurance - Hourigan/Steitz

Personnel - Hourigan/Steitz

Planning/Zoning & Stormwater Management - Steitz/Fitzgerald

Recreation/Promotion - Steitz/Hourigan

Sewer District #1 -Belden/Megow

Town Park & Beautification - Fitzgerald/Steitz

Transfer/Recycling Station - Megow/Hourigan

Youth - Hourigan/Fitzgerald

#47-01 Holiday Schedule:

Monday, Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Feb. 19 - Washington's Birthday (Floating)

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day

Wednesday, Jul. 4 - Independence Day

Monday, Sep 3, Labor Day

Monday, Oct. 8 - Columbus Day Observed

Tuesday, Nov. 6 - Election Day

Monday, Nov. 12 - Veterans' Day Observed

Thursday, Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Day

Monday, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve

Tuesday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

One's Birthday - Floating Holiday

- - Tuesday Jan. 1, 2002 New Year's Day

The Board approved a revised schedule by Lu Megow of hours of operation of the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station will open from 9 to 5. It follows the same Holiday Schedule of all Town employees and will be closed on the same holidays as all Town of Hague offices. (See Transfer Station. [p1])

SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION WINTER WEEKEND

SBA welcomes everyone to participate in its annual Winter Weekend on Feb. 16-19. Ice skating, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, Courtly Music Concert, Renaissance & Baroque Dance, ice skating undetr the stars, a bon fire and sing-a-long will all be featured. Activities planned just for children include snow sculpting, scavenger hunt and craft programs. For info. contact Jodi Carr 543-8833, Ext. 216.

HAGUE TOWN BOARD - JANUARY 9, 2001

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** Rudy Meola again expressed the need to save energy by controlling lighting. After studying map features such as soil, elevation, and slope, there is very little land available with potential for development.

**REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Assessor & Justice: Steitz, Audited books were accepted and approved.
2. Buildings and grounds/Community Center: Megow. Insulation is in place. Leaks in roof have been repaired. The town will get an electrician to correct the problems with lighting. There was mention of the possibility of installing another light opposite west side of the Community Center building. Supervisor Belden said that an electrician would have to check the timer and relays.
3. Finance: none
4. Fire Dept.: Fitzgerald. No Certificate of Occupancy yet for the firehouse. There are minor things still to be done, including modification to outside lighting. Dottie Henry said that the outdoor lights are too bright and are blinding to drivers. Blackie Fitzgerald said shielding needs to be installed to make the lighting less direct.
5. Highway: Fitzgerald. Salt, sanding, and plowing going well. A snowblower is being used to clear sidewalks. Some icy areas need more attention. Also there is a problem of snow piling up after street plowing. Skip Hourigan will coordinate the job of clearing sidewalks of snow and ice.
6. Insurance: Hourigan. A claim was made to the insurance company for damage (scratching of Fire Truck) resulting from a minor mishap between Plow and Fire Truck.
7. Personnel: none
8. Planning, Zoning, and Stormwater Management. Town of Hague must apply for a Stormwater Permit.
9. Recreation/Promotion: Steitz/Hourigan. Rogers Rock is now open for cross-country skiing. Ice rink at the Town Park is getting good use. There was a discussion of using slush or filling nightly with 1/8" of water as a solution to plugging holes in the liner.
10. Sewer District # 1 Belden/Megow. The site of the proposed main pump station is the corner of Dodd Hill Road and 9N, property owned by Mr. and Mrs. O'Toole. Supervisor Belden said that a special Town Board Meeting on Jan. 8, 2001 with the O'Toole's, County Deputy Superintendent, and County Engineers, went well. Paul Barone, Zoning Administrator, remarked that there would be an 8 ft. high wire fence. He wants the Board "to be involved" as the plans for the sewer pump house progress.
11. Town Park and Beautification: Fitzgerald/Steitz. none
12. Transfer/Recycling Station: Megow. Income for Dec. 2000: 1,532.00 Some exterior lighting was not working.

Wiring repairs were made.

13. Youth/Hourigan/Fitzgerald. Ice-skating rink well used, snowmobile trails are ready. Hague children grades 8 and lower can go on ski bus trips sponsored by Ticonderoga School District. A trip schedule will be sent to Dottie Henry for publication in The Chronicle.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Skip Hourigan will get information regarding mileage and expenses for the Seminar for Animal Control to be attended by Dan Steitz.
2. A letter is to be sent to Ron Thorpe not to plow above Nottingham Hill to keep snowmobile trails accessible. Nelson Waters has given permission for Snowmobilers to use the back of his property.

**Communications and Petitions:**

1. Mr. West submitted the Town Historian Report.
2. The Town received a thank you letter from the Hague Sr. Citizens.
3. The Board voted to grant permission to the Chamber of Commerce to hold the annual Antique Show July 21-22 and Arts and Crafts fair August 4th and 5th at the Community Center.
4. Supervisor Belden will attend the Small Cities Grant Workshop at Lake Placid on Jan. 16th and invited interested Board members to attend.

**New Business:**

1. Board voted to approve Resolution #48-2001 authorizing the Superintendent to sign Memorandum.
2. After discussion of loss of revenue resulting from the Town of Hague's verbal agreement (for a six-months trial basis) to haul wastes and recyclables for Horicon and Bolton Landing, the Board voted 4-1 (with a Nay vote by Supervisor Belden), to stop hauling at the end of the month of January. (Hauling for Bolton Landing has not begun.) Written notice will be sent to Horicon and Bolton Landing.
3. The Board voted to open a capital account for recyclables and C&D wastes.
4. The Board voted unanimously to pass Resolution #49-2001 to apply for State Funding for Regional Tourism for the enhancement of Hague's historic and scenic sites
5. Board passed unanimously Resolution #50-2001, for bus transportation.
6. Board accepted unanimously the audit for the Small Cities Grant.

**County Reports:** Supervisor Belden reported on a proposed 2% Sales Tax over a five year period for the Empire Zone, which would include Warren county. Mr. Belden is not in favor of it.

*There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. And while no one knows what is in a hotdog, you can be pretty sure it isn't canine.*

NATURE NEWS  
by Laura Meade

As you enter the lobby of the Hague Town Hall, have you ever noticed the 2-1/2' by 3-1/2' framed topographical map of the entire township on the left wall? A close look will reveal that it took six topo maps placed together by a professional framer to include the whole acreage of the Town. I am not sure how many total acres comprise the Town of Hague, but it appears that a great deal of it is uninhabited ponds, woodlands, fields and mountains, while about 1/5 of the Town is comprised of the water of Lake George. That is so because the Warren Co. boundary extends to the eastern shoreline, which is Washington Co. Who is protecting that significant amount of pure water that we see as we drive along our shoreline roads, or camp on our state islands, or go boating on this inland jewel of lakes?

Seven organizations come to mind! These organizations, their titles, addresses and phone numbers, executives and functions are:

I. Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) P.O. Box 749, Fort George Road., Lake George, NY 12845 @ 668-9357. Michael White is Executive Director with Dr. Mark Johnson, Commissioner, a board of nine directors and one DEC Commissioner, John Kelly. The LGPC is a NYS agency which oversees and develops state environmental regulations, enforces NY navigation laws (including regulations for Personal Water Craft) and enforces laws pertaining to shoreline development, construction of docks, marinas and moorings and management of Eurasian milfoil.

II. Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) P.O. Box 1250, Lake Shore Drive, Bolton Landing, NY 12814 @ 644-9673. Lynn Montagne, Executive Director. Founded in 1988 by The FUND for Lake George, it focuses solely on the 150,000 acre Lake George Watershed, striving to preserve pure water quality plus protecting rare plants, animals and natural lands surrounding the lake.

III. Lake George Association (LGA) P.O. Box 408, Route 9N, Lake George NY 12845 @668-3558 Executive Director, M.A. Beebe and Richard Swire, President of the Board. Since 1885 the LGA has been dedicated to preservation and conservation of Lake George and its watershed as a clean and beautiful resource, through education, advocacy and broad-based community involvement. A \$50 membership fee entitles one to the informative notebook "Our Lake Book."

IV. Adirondack Park Agency APA P.o. Box 99, Ray Brook, NY 12977 @891-4050. The APA was established in 1971 to have jurisdiction over certain building projects in towns that do not have their own zoning ordinances and special projects. In other towns. Public lands with specific uses have been designated in regions of NY A detailed brochure plus other information regarding the many aspects of the APA is available at the Hague Town Hall.

V. The FUND for Lake George P.O. Box 349, Lake George NY 12845 , Tel. 668-4511. Mary Johnson, Executive Director, John Barber, President. The mission of The FUND for Lake George, which was founded in 1978, is to support programs of qualified organizations, groups and individuals whose objectives are to promote the responsible use, preservation, protection and better understanding of Lake George and its Basin. This is done through the awarding of grants.

VI. Darrin Fresh Water Institute (DFWI), 5060 Lakeshore Drive, Bolton Landing, NY 128134 @644-3541, Executive Director Sandra Niezwicki-Bauer and Larry Eichler, Researcher. DFWI works to protect extraordinary water qual-

ity including a study of acid rain and water plants. They offer Monday night lectures at their facility during the summer. Water samples can be submitted to DFWI for testing of water quality.

VII. NY State DEC Box 220, Hudson St. Extension, Warrensburgh, NY 12885 @ 668-5441. They regulate fish and wildlife laws, especially of nuisance species and endangered species.

WEATHER NOTES  
by Mary Lou Doulin

"To talk of weather is nothing but folly, So when it is rain on the hill it may be sun in the valley. But talk of weather we do and have done and will, From ancient times to today some of do still."

There are a lot of strange beliefs about weather which are found all over the world and many rhymes and sayings have grown out of these beliefs. Every month furnishes weather prophecies. Here are some of the more common ones for Jan. This year we had a bright, sunny New Year's Day and the prophecy says that a warm New Year's Day is considered unlucky for it foretells a cold, late spring. "If Jan. 1 be sunny, light and gay, 'twill be wintry weather the first of May."

St. Paul's Day, Jan. 25, will foretell good or ill luck for the year. "If St. Paul's Day be fair and clear, it doth betide a happy year, but if by chance it then does rain, it will make deer all kinds of grain."

The entire country has experienced extreme conditions this winter. It has been sometimes colder down south than here. Currently there have been reports of ice on the orange and grapefruit trees. For us, it has been typically cold and we have had two snowstorms. We have had times when we have had snow flurries all day long that never accumulate. The cold days linger in the 20's and most nights this Jan. have descended to the teens. It hit 0 degrees only one time and that was Jan. 11. In Lake George Village the lake has been frozen for three weeks. As of Jan. 19 Lake George has not frozen at the widest part of the lake which is between Hague and Gull Bay. There is no one accurate date for lake freezing as different parts freeze at different times.

As an aside, I stumbled across this information: In 1776 the average Jan. temperature in this area was +6 degrees F. Currently the average temperature for Jan. is 31.3 degrees which adds credence to the theory that climate changes are occurring.

HAGUE MEMORY TREE

The following names are in addition to the names listed in the December issue of this paper: \$545 was added to the coffers of the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. Emergency Squad.

Jamie Achey, Shakeh Agajanian, Ethel Andrus, Byron Armstrong, Richard Atamian, Joe Bach, Anna Balcolm, Ralph Balcolm, Tom Beadnell, Bob Bolton, Helen Braisted, James H. Braisted, Candy, Mr & Mrs Capuzzi, George Carter, Ruth Carter, Roland Carter, Edward Cassidy, Walter Clifton, Wally Conlon, Jim Corscaden, Ralph Craig, Roland Dame, Louise Densmore, Westill Densmore, Francis A. Donlon, Marie R. Donlon, Samuel Eannace, Jayne Earl, A. C. Elethorpe, Adolph Englert, Virginia Fitzgerald, Charley Fitzgerald, Chuck Fort, Gerald Frazier, Morgan Frazier, Valeda Frazier, William Frazier, Tom Girard, Dee Goodrich, Barbara Gordon, Harry Gordon, Anna Gustafson, Harold Hall, Charles Henderson, (Cont. on page 6)

Memory Tree - Cont. from page 5

Charles Henderson, Jr., Sarah G. Henderson, James Henderson, Bob Henderson, Don Henderson, Virginia K. Henderson, Archie Herrick, Gert Herrick, Jim Herrick, Lorraine Hutchinson, Eleanor Jensen, Curtis Jordon, David Jordon, May Kinsman, Roy Kinsman, Florence Lambert, Alice Lambert, John Lambert, Betty Lambert, Hsrold Lambert, Robert Larter, Robert MacWilliams, Margaret MacWilliams, Gino Maranghi, Bill May, Robert S. Meade, Alvie Middleton, Betty Monroe, Ray Monroe, Robert Nelson, Alma Ostrander, Pat O'Malley, Grace Patchett, Nelson Patchett, Allen Perkins, Henry Phillips Shirley Raiens, Reggie Rand, George Reynolds, Robert Rising, Sierra Rose Santaniello, Theodore J. Santaniello, Camille Santaniello, George Savage, Forrest Shattuck, Bertha Skahan, "Tink" Snow, Louis Spelman Sr., Marshall Stark, Sr., Scott Stimpson, Ernst W. Steurer, Gladys Steurer, Charles "Doc" Steurer, ~~Charlotte Steurer~~<sup>Sweeney</sup>, Kathryn Sweeney, Daniel J. Sweeney, Sr., Sandra Thompson, Purvey Turner, Claire Van Alstyne, William Van Alstyne, Mr & Mrs Vasallo, Alta Lucy Waters, Francis H. Waters, Nelson (Pete) Waters, Francis L. Waters, Val H. Wilson.

From the December 12, 2000 meeting of the town board, the following was omitted under Unfinished Business: The Board approved the agreement negotiated by Judge Sheridan on the article 7 lawsuit brought against the town by Dominick Viscardi on his 1999 assessment. This is the first settlement of the seven lawsuits brought against the town of Hague resulting from the 1999 revaluation. Yet to be settled are the cases brought by the State of New York, the International Paper Co., The National Conservancy, William Brennan, Norman Levy and the Cartwright Trust.

Supervisor Belden commented that this settlement of \$438,750 is \$3,750 higher than the informal agreement reached with Mr. Viscardi in the fall of 1999. The additional \$31.00 in town taxes cost the Town of Hague many times that amount in attorney fees. So far the town has spent in excess of \$10,000 with one case settled and six to go.

**WHO IS NEXT?**

Who has chest pain? Who has fallen with a broken hip and is lying outside on the ice? Who needs help fast? From the Post Star, Dec. 31, 2000, we reprint the following: "Poor housing numbering was blamed for a delay in delivering emergency medical care to a woman in labor in Lake George. While it took only a minute or so for a Warren County patrol car to reach the woman's street, it was another eight minutes before the officers could locate the correct house. Officials said the confusion is all too common and is an illustration of the importance of displaying house and building numbers prominently."

USE LARGE EASY TO SEE, EASY TO FIND NUM-

**BERS.**

Call Diane at 543-61671 if you don't have your number. WE CAN'T HELP YOU IF WE CAN'T FIND YOU.

Please, please, please check your smoke and carbon monoxide detector/alarms. If they're older than 10 years, throw them away and get new ones. Old ones are not trustworthy.

A family of two died in Hudson Falls and out of state a family of twelve died in house fires. Pray that it doesn't happen again. . . Lu Megow for the HVFD

**MONTHLY MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

- Town Board - 2nd Tues. - 6:30PM
- Planning Board - 1st Thurs. - 7PM
- Zoning Board of Appeals - 4th Thurs. - 7PM
- Sr. Bus to Glens Falls - 1st Wed. - 8:30AM
- Sr. Cit. Club meeting - 4th Tues. - 1:30PM
- Fire Dept. - 1st Mon. - 7:30PM
- Chamber of Commerce - 3rd Mon. - 7:30PM
- Fish & Game Club - 3rd Tues - 7:30PM
- Blood Pressure Clinic - 3rd Wed -
- Comprehensive Plan Committee - last Mon. - 7PM
- Carillon Garden Club - 3rd Thurs - 11AM
- Mohican Home Bureau - 1st & 3rd Tues - 10AM
- Kiwanis meeting - every Thurs. 12:15P at Elks Club
- Rotary Club - every Tues. at 7:30AM - Silver Bay
- HAGUE CHRONICLE Deadline - 12th of each month

**A HEARTFELT THANKS**

What Helen Ciocca-Cole treasured most can be captured in three words: God, family and friends! And, indeed, it was these three realities that she valued most deeply and it is they who gave her the courage and strength to endure, and pass into eternal life with peace.

During the last three years Mother received hundreds of expressions of support from friends. We became acutely aware of the value of these as we would watch her read the cards and then more recently as we would read them to her. She saved every one and it has been our awesome privilege to read these since her death. Suddenly we became so much more fully aware of the reason behind Mother's love of the Hague/Silver Bay community. She had been so humbled by the way in which she had been accepted and embraced by so many of you. Your messages were so filled with love, and the word "friend" took on a deeper, richer meaning.

And thus it is our wish to take this opportunity to thank each of you who added to Mother's life. She was an extraordinary woman of grace, charm and elegance; she died as she had lived, filled with hope and love, and with the knowledge that so many cared about her. Please know that she cared deeply about each of you...and in a way known only to God she is protecting and supporting us even now in our daily journey through life. . . . The family of Helen Ciocca Cole

## SOUNDINGS

F.Y.I.

**DIED:** Helen Ciocca Cole, 83, on December 19 at the home of her daughter in Rye Brook, NY. She was the wife of Dr. Robert M. Cole, Silver Bay, who died on November 6, 2000. Helen is survived by a son, Arthur Ciocca, two daughters, Helen Hanson and Lyn Ciocca, two granddaughters, Angela and Lisa Hanson and two step-children, Douglas Cole and Jeanne Cole.

**DIED:** Frederick S. Dickson III, 80, Wilmington, DE and Hague, NY, in Wilmington on December 13, 2000. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, the former Jean Price, three children, Stewart, Susan and Andrew and three grandchildren. His wife Jean is the daughter of the late Stewart and Grace Price and step-daughter of the late Katherine Mills Price, all of whom summered in Hague starting out at the Island Harbor House with their parents as early as 1904.

**DIED:** Bertha Rieff Crabbs, 89, wife of the late E. Hamilton Crabbs and mother of the late John Crabbs, Hague, on Jan. 10, 2001 in Virginia. A retired NYS school teacher, Bert was a charter member of New Horizons Club and active for many years in community, school and church functions in Ti and Hague. She is survived by two sons; Edward of Fredericksburg, VA and David of Garrison, NY, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

**DIED:** Madelene Hutchinson, 85, Summit Drive, Hague, on January 14, 2001 in the Glens Falls Hospital. Mrs. Hutchinson was a life-long resident of Hague. She is survived by her son Wilford C. and wife Sandy, and grandson, Peter.

**BORN:** A daughter, Audrey Anne Jennifer, to Peter and Victoria Sanborn, Seattle WA on Nov. 22, 2000. Audrey is the granddaughter of Don and Anne Sanborn, Silver Bay and Venice, FL.

**BORN:** A daughter, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, to Susan and Jeff Wadulack, Mt. Laurel, NJ., in Long Branch, NJ. Ecstatic grandparents are Tom and Vivian Den Bleyker, Hague.

**THANK YOU** - The 2000 Tiny Tim Christmas Wish Program extends many thanks and warm wishes to all the merchants, public and social organizations, and private individuals who provided a wonderful Christmas for over 200 children in the Ticonderoga School District. We thank you - and best wishes to all in this holiday season. And, as Tiny Tim remarked: "God bless us, everyone!"

**We Goofed!** We regret that we omitted the name of Joshua Frasier, West Hague Rd., from the Achievement Roll of the Ti Middle School in last month's newspaper. Good work, Josh - and our apologies!

•The winner of the Carillon Garden Club quilt raffle, drawn in December, was Barbara Tyler, daughter of Anna and Bernard Denno, Hague. Congratulations!

•Silver Bay Association has a new and improved web site. Visit it at: [www.silverbay.org](http://www.silverbay.org)

•Girl Scout cookies are now on sale. New this year in celebration of the new Millennium is the Animal Treasure cookie, embossed with an endangered animal. Do a good deed by supporting the Girl Scouts and all of the positive things they do for our community.

•YMCA Camp Chingachgook offers two new programs during President's Week vacation. Downhill Ski and Snowboard program for 10-16 year olds - \$675 for members, \$695 for non-members, all meals included. The Winter Grand Slam for children 12-16, partially based out of the High Peaks area. No prior experience, special equipt. or training necessary. Cost is \$535 for YMCA members and \$555 for non-members.

Teen Adventure trip to take place from April 21 to 22, 2001 to the Puerto Rican Island of Culebra. Combines the study of natural science with exciting travel to an exotic location. Call 656-9462 for more details on above programs.

•Cornell Coop. Ext. will conduct a 4-H Environmental Awareness Winter Weekend at 4-H Camp Sacandaga in Speculator, Jan. 21-28 for 9-12 year olds. Open to both 4-H and non-4H boys and girls. A \$10.00 deposit must be paid at the time participants pre-register. \$5.00 of the deposit will be returned to those who participate. Call 623-3291 or 66-4881

•China Study Tour sponsored by Silver Bay Assoc. will be held Oct. 6-29, 2001. To be led by former Silver Bay Ex. Dir. Walt Jacoby and his wife, Joan. For more info. contact Nancy Van Wie, Dir. of Development at 543-8833 Ext 213 or email to [sbamcj@aol.com](mailto:sbamcj@aol.com).

•Snowshoe hike at Up Yonda Farm, Bolton, on Jan. 27 at 1PM Bring your own snowshoes or use some of our home-made variety.

Winter week in Feb. at Up Yonda Farm from Feb. 20 through the 23rd. Different program each day at 1PM. For four days of programs including snowshoe building, winter survival, animal tracking and winter games, price is \$14 per person. For info. call 644-9767.

•LARAC will hold a grant writing workshop on Jan. 27 from 1-3pm at LARAC's Arts Service Ctr. in Glens Falls. For both individuals and no-for-profit and cultural organizations. Call 798-1144 to register. Registration deadline is Jan. 26 at 5PM.

•Winners of the annual Festival of Trees Competition at the Hancock House were: 1st place, Carillon Garden Club, 2nd place, Ti Cadette Girl Scout Troop #528, 3rd place, Ti Kindergarten classes; Honorable Mention to Calico Cat preschool, North Creek RR Museum, Ti Historical Society/Cadette G.S. Troop #518.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2001

## JANUARY

- 23 Senior Citizens Club meeting - 1:30PM
- 25 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM
- 29 Comprehensive Plan Committee - 7PM

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Planning Board - 7PM
- 3 Kiwanis skating party - Elks Rink - 1-3PM (p2)
- 9 Coffee House - 7:30PM, Community Ctr. (p2)
- 11 Friends Point Road closed (p2)

- 12 *The Hague Chronicle* deadline
- 13 Town Board - 6:30PM
- 15 Carillon Garden Club - 11AM
- 17-18 Hague Winter Weekend (see insert)
- 16-19 Silver Bay Winter Weekend
- 19 President's Day - holiday
- 20 Senior Citizens Club - 1:30PM
- 21 Blood Pressure Clinic - 1-2PM
- 22 Zoning Board of Appeals
- 23 Hague Enhancement Committee - 3PM

### ONLY IN AMERICA

- ... can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance
- ... are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink
- ... do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
- ... do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.
- ... do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.
- ... do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
- ... do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
- ... do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.
- ... we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning bloodsucking creatures.

In case you needed further proof that the human race is doomed through stupidity, here are some actual label instructions on consumer goods:

- On Sears hairdryer: "Do not use while sleeping." (Gee, that's the only time I have to work on my hair)
- On a bag of Fritos: "You could be winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside". (Evidently the shoplifter special)
- On a bar of Dial soap: "Directions: Use like regular soap." (And that would be how...??)
- On some Swanson frozen dinners: "Serving suggestions: Defrost." (But it's just a suggestion)
- On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert (printed on bottom of box): "Do not turn upside down". (Oops, too late!)
- On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding: "Product will be hot after heating". (As sure as night follows day....)
- On packaging for a Rowenta iron: "Do not iron clothes on body". (But wouldn't this save even more time?)
- On Boot's Children's Cough Medicine: "Do not drive a car or operate machinery after taking this medication". (We could do a lot to reduce the rate of construction accidents if we could just get those 5-yr olds with head colds off those forklifts.)
- On Nytol Sleep Aid: "Warning: May cause drowsiness". (One would hope)
- On most brands of Christmas lights: "For indoor or outdoor use only." (As opposed to what?)
- On a Japanese food processor: "Not to be used for any other use." (I gotta admit I'm curious)
- On Sainsbury's peanuts: "Warning: Contains nuts."
- On a child's Superman costume: "Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly." (But it works for Wiley Coyote!)
- On an American Airlines packet of nuts: "Instructions: open packet, eat nuts." (Step 3: Fly Delta) . . . . Author unknown

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