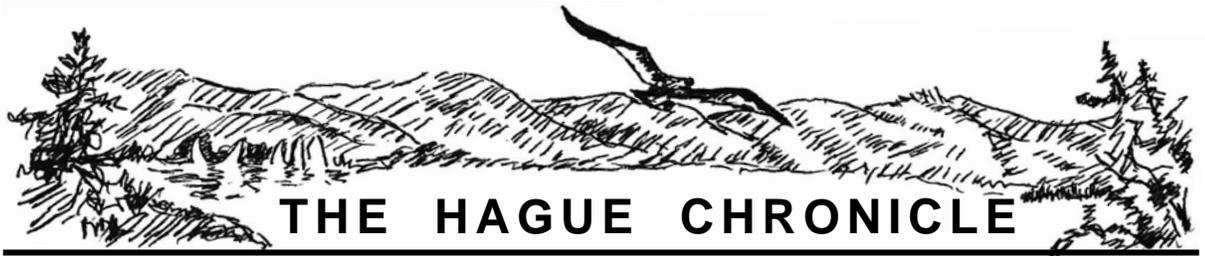


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HATS OFF FOR HAGUE

by Mary Lou Doulin

What a delightful community!

We live beside the shores and on the hillsides of beautiful Lake George. Just about everywhere we turn there is a nourishing scene whether it is the ever changing mountains, the glistening Lake, the domesticated gardens or the wild beauty of land and waters. How unusual for such a town with a winter population of 800 or so people to contain three beautiful parks within a few steps of each other. Each possesses unique purposes and characteristics. We can boast of having one of the prettiest beaches and the nicest Lake Stewards and Life Guards around the Lake. Not only can you swim, but linger all day and bask in the sun. Summertime brings live concerts presented weekly, with the backdrop of the vast beauty of Lake George.

Across the street is the new Veterans Memorial Park. The discerning design incorporates man-made structures with nature and exudes a powerful statement of honor and remembrance. This park is small in scale but magnanimous in message.

Just across to the other side of Lakeshore Drive, we have the Lake George Land Conservancy property known as Peggy's Point in honor of the donation by Mrs. Margaret Darrin. You can enter the gate of this tranquil nature conservatory and follow the meandering foot path to the lovely perennial English garden. The path is graced with shrubs and exquisite white Birch trees, which have a transforming effect on one's spirit. Beyond the garden is a meadow and future bird sanctuary. Travel further and you will find yourself at the point. The plants in the garden are unique, as they have been donated from the gardens of the people of Hague in memory of, or dedication to, friends or family members.



photo from LGLC web site

We still have some room in the garden and lots of space on the path. If you would like to remember someone (living or deceased) and would like to plant a perennial (native), flower or shrub, call Mary Lou at 518-543-6554. In the meantime, come on out to the heart of Hague and enjoy the wonderful places we have to offer!

INVASIVES INVADING LAKE GEORGE

The spiny water flea, found in July on a boat in Ticonderoga, is just the latest invasive species to be discovered in Lake George. Others include Eurasian water milfoil, the Asian clam, zebra mussels and curly-leaf pond weed. "Invasive species can present devastating threats to the ecology of New York, and to its recreational and economic health," said NYS Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward. "We need to do all we can to control existing invasives from spreading, and new invasives from being introduced."

The question is *how* to do it. Opinions run the gamut. Some people want to ban any boat from Lake George that has been used on another body of water while others feel that nothing needs to be done and that the problem might just go away by itself.

For the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC), neither of those extremes is a viable solution. Working with the LA Group, they have come up with a number of different strategies, and are currently gathering input from the public about the direction they should take. At a meeting of the LGPC Aquatic Invasive Species committee, held in Hague on August 17, Dave Wick, Executive Director of the LGPC, told those in attendance that time is of the essence and the LGPC wants to be ready to implement a strategy for the 2013 season. The strategies under consideration range from simply informing the public about invasive species and hoping for the best to mandatory boat washing for any boat coming into the Lake George basin.

The LGPC is currently holding public meetings around the Lake, during which citizens can ask questions and express their opinions. This input will be taken into account when the LGPC makes its recommendations to the State about new regulations to prevent the spread of invasive species in Lake George. The next such public meeting will be in Lake George Village on August 29 from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm. Visit the LGPC Website <<http://www.lgpc.state.ny.us/>> for more details, or contact the LGPC office at (518) 668-9347.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can email your comments to Dean Long of the LA Group at <dlong@thelagroup.com>. You can also contact any of the following individuals to let them know that you're concerned about the spread of invasive species in Lake George and to urge them to take action: DEC Commissioner Joe Martens via the DEC Website <<http://www.dec.ny.gov/>>; Senator Betty Little at (518) 455-2811 or <little@nysenate.gov>; Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward at (518) 455-5565 or <<http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Teresa-R-Sayward/contact/>>.

To learn more about how devastating invasive species can be – environmentally and economically – and what you can do, visit <www.lgpc.state.ny.us>, <<http://protectlakegeorge.com>> or <<http://lakegeorgewaterkeeper.org/>>. ... Ginger Kuenzel

SENIOR CLUB NEWS



Art & Marianna Klein

The Hague Senior Citizens have been keeping up their busy schedule. Our latest outing was the Champlain Valley Canal Tour on the Hudson River through Lock 5. It was a very interesting trip, seeing and learning how the locks work, as well as enjoying a beautiful day out on the water. The boat ride was followed by lunch at a local inn.

Our Annual Picnic will be held at the Hague Fire Department Pavilion on August 28, 2012 at noon. The club will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Members should also bring suggestions for things to do next year from January - December. We value your input.

Our next road trip will be September 13, 2012 at 9:30 am. We will meet at the Community Center to head south to Lake George for a round of Mini Golf. So come on out and enjoy the fun. When we are done playing golf, we will head to the Dockside Restaurant on Glen Lake for lunch.

The next monthly meeting will be September 25, 2012 at 1:30 pm at the Community Center. All residents, including seasonal folks, are welcome to join the club and dues are only \$5 per year. For further information contact Club President Pat Hintze at 543-6502.

SILVER BAY RECALLS THE 1980 OLYMPICS

On August 9, 2012, a ceremony at Silver Bay recalled its International Volunteer Staff Program in support of the Lake Placid Olympics 32 years ago. Over 125 young people from a dozen countries were housed in the Inn to serve in various capacities at the Games. The program began with an Olympic Torch ceremony in front of the Inn, and Torch bearers stayed on campus overnight on their way to Lake Placid.

Joe McCranels coordinated this historic event which was witnessed by dignitaries from the National YMCA and representatives of the Olympic Organizing Committee and government leaders. The volunteers were outfitted with special Olympic uniforms and taught tactful ways of dealing with visitors and press from all over the world.

In spite of the language and cultural barriers, the program was instrumental in fostering understanding and good will - an

important aspect of Silver Bay's mission. It also provided memorable experiences for the participants. One of them, Steven Tetz, son of Nancy and Frank Tetz of Sabbath Day Point, was the press steward for Eric Heiden, the champion speed skater, and saw the "game of the century" - when underdog USA defeated favored Russia in ice hockey - from the press box. Steven, who died in 2008, called it the "mountaintop experience of his life."



Plaques were placed on new benches in the Memorial Garden near the Inn at Silver Bay to honor both the program and Steven's participation in it. Pictures and other memorabilia were placed in Silver Bay's archives to further preserve this unique local history.

HVFD GRATEFUL FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Our Annual Steak Roast, held on August 4th, was very successful thanks to great community support. The committee is now gearing up for the Hague Oktoberfest.

On August 9th the Silver Bay Emps staged their annual musical to benefit the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. This year's show "South Pacific" played to a full house of our supportive community. We are most grateful for the effort that is put into "the show" each year by these talented young people.

NYSDEC has a burn ban in effect until October 10, 2012. Don't let these few recent rains fool you.

There were 36 fire calls/drills/parades/training for 235 man hrs. and 22 ambulance calls using 632.5 man hrs. in July.

The Lake George Open Water Swim will take place on August 25-26. The areas around the park and south will be restricted at times, so caution should be used, and boaters be alert.

Due to the number of severe thunderstorms recently, all should be cautious of numerous downed trees and limbs on power lines. When storms strike abruptly, seek shelter.

... Joe McCranels

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JOB SEARCH OPEN HOUSE

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will host a "OneWorkSource and the InternetXpress @ Your Library" Open House at the Chamber office on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 from 10 am to 3 pm. The open house is available to employers, employees, and community members in the Ticonderoga area. Additional open houses will be held monthly to offer services for individuals and employers.

Some of the services offered for individuals include OneWorkSource registration, job search activities, and lists of current employment and computer classes.

The services offered for employers will include the ability to post any employment opportunities, applicant referral, and information that can provide the employer with possible hiring incentives, or workshops that can be utilized to train their current employees in digital literacy.

For more information contact TACC at 518-585-6619.

YOGA CLASSES CONTINUE

Donna Levenstien, of Ananda Yoga at the Gallery, has announced the hours for the remainder of the season. The Beginner/Intermediate classes will continue daily from Monday to Friday at 9:30 am; Basic classes for those new to Vinyasa flow will be held at 11 am on Mondays and Wednesdays and the Intermediate/Advanced classes will continue at 11 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

WITH THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Catholic Church services are held at St. Isaac Jogues, Hague [formerly called Blessed Sacrement] at 9 am on Sunday. The last service for the summer will be held on September 2, 2012 and then the parish will be closed until Memorial Day weekend in 2013.

The Hague Baptist Church service is held on Sunday at 10:30 am. The Hague Baptist Ladies Fellowship will be held on September 15, 2012 at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for crafts, encouragement, and treats. The theme for the meeting is "Don't FALL Apart". Visitors are welcome and for more information call 543-8899 or Kitty at 543-6852.

The Hague Wesleyan Church holds its Sunday services at 9 am and 11 am. The Wesleyan Church Service is broadcast every Sunday at 1 pm on Time Warner Cable Channel 18.

Grace Memorial, a non-denominational chapel on Sabbath Day Point, continues its season through Labor Day weekend. All are welcome to the services which begin Sundays at 9:30 am. The celebrants to conclude the summer season are Clara Lasselle on August 26, 2012 and Reverend Robert Johnson on September 2, 2012. Reverend Johnson is a Silver Bay resident and this service will include communion. The Chapel appreciates the community support and will be looking forward to a 129th year in 2013 when services will start half an hour later, at 10 am.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

For the third consecutive year, Ticonderoga Federal Credit Union (TFCU) is hosting its Back to School Supply Drive to benefit students in the local areas. Through August 31, 2012 TFCU will collect donations of school supplies in collection bins in all branches and ATM locations. All supplies will then be distributed to the schools which will be able to direct the resources where they are needed most.

Suggested items include: #2 pencils, crayons, spiral notebooks, washable glue sticks, boxes of tissue, anti-bacterial wipes or hand-sanitizer. Items such as backpacks, binders and calculators are also greatly appreciated. Donations or gift cards to office supply stores or retail vendors are also welcomed and will be used by the Credit Union to purchase supplies from school-issued lists. Visit TFCU's website, <www.tfcunow.com> or contact any branch at 518-585-6725 with questions.

The drop-off locations in Ticonderoga to benefit Ticonderoga area students are at the TFCU Ticonderoga Office (1178 NYS Rt. 9N) and the TFCU ATM at International Paper Mill (Shore Airport Road).

THE SEMBRICH LISTS FINAL EVENTS

August 25, 2012 at 7:30 pm for \$25 admission - Concert with the Hyperion String Quartet: Haydn's Quartet in C major, op. 76 no. 3 "Emperor", Tan Dun's Eight Colors for String Quartet and Brahms' String Quartet in A minor, op. 51, no. 2.

August 27, 2012 at 7:30 pm for free - a showing of the film "Monsoon Wedding," at the Bolton Free Library.

September 1, 2012 at 7:30 pm for \$30 admission - An All-Chopin Salon Recital with pianist Christopher Johnson.

September 8, 2012 from 5:30-8:00 pm for \$75 - "Sembrich in September" Gala.

September 14-15, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Wood Theater, for \$28 - "Unsinkable Women: Stories and Songs from the Titanic."

For further information on these programs see <thesembrich.org>, call 518-644-9839 or visit the Museum at 4800 Lakeshore Drive in Bolton Landing.

SPORTSMAN EDUCATION WEEKEND

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), in partnership with DEC Sportsman Education volunteer instructors, will offer free Hunter Education Classes on September 15 - 16, 2012 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at Pack Forest in Warrensburg. Classes cover Sportsman Education, Bow Hunter Education and Trapper Education. You may choose ONE class per day; bow hunter students must have completed hunter education.

Pre-registration is required by August 30, 2012 and all materials MUST be picked up at the CCE Education Center by then. For more information, please contact the CCE at (518) 623-3291 or 668-4881 or e-mail <mlb222@cornell.edu>.

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 8/14/2012

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

A presentation was made to the Board, acting as the Town Board of Health, on a wastewater application for Glen and Amber Hall (76.8-1-15). The Board accepted the application and set the date of September 5, 2012 for a public hearing.

The Board then opened the regular meeting and a moment of silence was held for Ruth Huestis, Peggy Alkema, Trudy Karmazin, Joanne Brown and Don Shakeshaft.

Supervisor Frasier noted a few “housekeeping” items:

1) There is a Community Center Coordinator, Bertha Dunsmore at the Reception Desk, who should be contacted before use of any rooms at the Community Center. If there is any problem with scheduling you should check with her.

2) There has been a greater use of the food pantry this summer and the August recycling money from the Town Park containers will be used toward the food pantry. The Board approved using this money for the food pantry for the rest of the summer.

3) Before any Town work is to be done, a price should be obtained ahead of time and then a purchase order processed. The approval must go through the correct channels.

4) In contact with the DOT, it was stated that there are to be NO signs of any kind [permanent or temporary] in the triangle at the intersection (except DOT highway signs).

Highway Superintendent Smith reported that they have been maintaining and cleaning the equipment as well as doing necessary road work projects.

Councilman Ramant reported that AT&T has been trying to get service at the Community Center, but it doesn't seem that it is going to work.

Supervisor Frasier reported that Paul Belden has been busy with several projects requiring his attention at the Lakeshore Pump Station, in Forest Bay and in Cape Cod Village.

Supervisor Frasier noted that they have been very busy at the County working on department budgets. They are looking to hold the budget at the 2% cap.

In other business, the Board:

Accepted a low bid of a little over \$240,000 for work on the Town Parking lot and Town Boat Dock.

Approved signage for Overbrook Road indicating a speed limit of 25 mph.

Approved hiring Bob Gavaletz to work at the Town Park.

Accepted the resignation of EJ Siwek from the Planning Board with regret.

Approved the appointment of Brian T. Williams to be Court Clerk.

Approved the appointment of Richard Frasier as Chairman and Bruce Clark as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Board.

NOTE: The regular Town Board September meeting will be held on September 5, 2012 at 6 pm due to conflicts in some members' schedules.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 7/26/12

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board members Jon Hanna, Lindsay Mydlarz, Ray Snyder, Chris Navitsky and Maureen Cherubini were present. There is one vacancy and applications can be submitted to the Town Board at the Community Center.

QUINN (26.18-1-11) 9214 Lakeshore Drive (TR1)

Approval was given for a permanent ramp that will go from the parking area of their property to the second story of their house.

BOSI (93.12-1-30) 7955 Lakeshore Drive (TR1)

The applicants are requesting a variance for rear and side-line setback for the purpose of constructing a one and a half story garage with a carport. The application was deemed complete and a date was set for a site visit.

RYTHER (93.19-1-2) 7796 Lakeshore Drive (RC)

The applicant is requesting a variance to place an 8' x 8' shed on their property. The percentage of coverage of their lot is currently 51 %. If the Variance is approved the percentage of coverage will increase to 53%. The application was deemed complete and a date was set for a site visit.

Chris Navitsky, a nearby landowner, recused himself from this portion of the meeting.

KATZ (26.14-1-6) 26 Friends Point Road (TR-1R)

A request for a modification to an April 26, 2012 variance approval was made, but after discussion with the Zoning Board, the applicants decided to stay within the original approval.

PLANNING BOARD – 8/2/12

EJ Siwek has resigned from the Planning Board due to his new employment. Dick Frasier chaired the meeting and Board members Pam Peterson, Bob Whitaker, Bruce Clark, Martin Fitzgerald and Mike Cherubini were also present. Applications to fill the vacancy can be submitted to the Town Board at the Community Center.

PATCHETT (26.17-2-44) 9 Overlook Lane (Hamlet)

The owners of the property are requesting an after-the-fact approval for a house used as a tourist accommodation in the Hamlet. The public hearing for this application was finally adjourned. After much discussion the Board approved the request with conditions including submitting the rental agreement with rules to the ZEO, restrictions on pets, providing unlimited acceptable potable water, no use of the upper story for living accommodation and a merger of lots.

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

After meeting many roadblocks, the owners modified their request from a 10 lot subdivision to a five lot subdivision. All lots will be accessed from either Graphite Mountain Road (RT 8) or Summit Drive (RT 50), so the need for a new road has been eliminated.

BOSI (93.12-1-30) 7955 Lakeshore Drive (TR1)

The applicants are requesting a variance for rear and side-line setback for the proposed construction of a one and a half story garage with a carport. A date was set for a site visit and a decision on a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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QUINN (26.18-1-11) 9214 Lakeshore Drive (TR1)

The Board approved the application for a permanent ramp that will go from the parking area of their property to the second story of their house.

ENGLER (26.6-1-10) 32 Forest Bay Road North (TR-1R)

The Board approved a second story addition to an existing/conforming garage to be used as an art studio and office space including a half bath with the condition that it not be used as living space.

DOCKSIDE LANDING MARINA (26.17-2-28) 9130 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1)

The Board granted an extension to 1-6-13 of a 1-6-11 Planning Board approval. Due to difficulties in obtaining the LGPC approval for the Sundeck, they feel they will require more time to complete their project.

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss a recommendation to the Town Board for the appointment of a new Planning Board Chairman. They decided to submit the name of Dick Frasier.

SUMMER FUN - WATER SKIING ON LAKE GEORGE



(left to right): Stephanie Dorn, Philip Dorn, Ben Tacy, and Sophie Dorn

THS HONOR ROLL

The following Hague students were on the Ticonderoga High School Honor Roll for the 4th marking period of 2011-2012.

GRADE 12

First Honors – Abigail Gurney, Corey King, William Lawrie, Harley Trudeau

GRADE 11

First Honors – Kenneth Deragon, Grace Ginn
Second Honors – Bryana Goetsch, Jordon McKee

GRADE 10

Second Honors – Jeanette Coon, Sean Lawrie

GRADE 9

First Honors – Ian Lawrie

GARDEN CLUB BENEFIT LUNCHEON

The Carillon Garden Club will be having their Annual Luncheon and Card and Game Party on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at the Hague Community Center. Festivities will start at 11:30 am.

This annual event is a major fund raiser for the club to support youth programs as well as beautification projects in Ticonderoga and Hague. Members and attendees look forward to the party each year to have an opportunity to relax, have fun and catch up with friends in a festive atmosphere. Benefit raffle items will be available as well as many door prizes. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available from Garden Club members or by calling the reservation chairperson, Susan Johnson at 543-6127.

Chairperson Pat Wania (543-8046) or club president, Betty Rettig (585-7247) would be happy to answer any questions about the Carillon Garden Club or the Annual Luncheon and Card and Game Party.

MONTREAL BOTANICAL GARDENS TOUR

A day tour to the Montreal Botanic Garden and a chance to see their famous Chinese lantern display is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18. This tour is sponsored by Green Works, the Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association, with collaboration from the Kings Garden at Fort Ticonderoga and University of Vermont Extension. The tour is hosted by University of Vermont's Leonard Perry and the Fort's Curator of Landscape, Heidi Karkoski, and begins at the Horticulture Research Center in So. Burlington, with carpools organized from Ticonderoga. For details call 518-585-2821.

HAPPENINGS IN THE GALLERY

Two additional Art Shows will be held at the Gallery at Hague Creek featuring Kristen Balouch and Tavish Costello. Kristen's work will be on display from Friday, August 24th with an opening reception from 5 to 8 pm, through September 4, 2012. A reception for Tavish will be held on Friday, September 21st from 5 to 8 pm and his work will be on display through September 23, 2012.

WINNING PHOTO ENTRIES FROM FOUR CATEGORIES

PEOPLE



First *Fifers* by Seddon Beaty

STILL LIFE



First *Waiting for Spring* by Ann Barber



Second *Patriotic Boys* by Seddon Beaty



Third *Paddleboarding Cousins* by Stu Cartwright



Second-tie *Praying for Another Beautiful Day in Paradise* by Paul Hobart



Second-tie *Still Life after Christmas* by Ginger Kuenzel

SCENERY



First *Winter Scene* by PaulStolarsky



Third *Brr-It's Cold* by Ann Barber



Second *Morning Mist* by Seddon Beaty

BOATING



First *Sail* by Al Rider



Third-tie *Big Moon* by John Brady



Third-tie *Hague Fireworks* by Susan Zacharenko

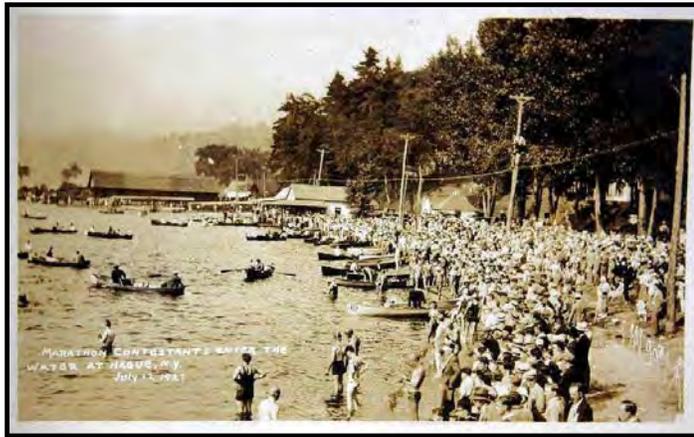


Second *Upwind* by Seddon Beaty



Third *Weather Vane* by Susan Darrin

Here are the Contest winners from four of the eight categories. The other four categories will be featured in the September issue. To see color images of all entries in the 2012 Photo Contest visit our Facebook page "The Hague Chronicle".



This postcard is titled “Marathon Contestants Enter the Water at Hague, NY, July 12, 1927”. What a day it must have been on Hague’s shores! There were nearly 100 swimmers who actually did start that day and what a boon it was for Lake George publicity. Newspapers across the country carried the story.



One of the coups for the organizers was getting heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey to come to the event and play the role of “starter”. Apparently he was training in Saratoga for an upcoming bout with Gene Tunney. The story goes that when he arrived by boat at the Trout House, he and his entourage stepped onto the dock and were rushed by the crowd eager to see him. Down went the dock! While there were no injuries, Jack and others did get wet in three feet of water. Though his feet may have been wet, he still looked pretty dapper in his jaunty cap in this press photo taken that day.

Each swimmer immersed in the waters of Lake George was to be accompanied by a boat for safety purposes. Art Knight, former Lake George Mirror editor, was one of those assigned the task of removing anyone unaccompanied by a watercraft. He recently wrote an account that included this experience: “In spite of our vigilance at the starting line, some swimmers did start without boats to accompany them, the first being a young fellow dressed in a loin cloth of plenty of grease. Leavitt and I were all dressed up with white flannel trousers, blue coats, and yachting caps, and we had a beautiful white boat with mahogany trim. When we pulled this fellow over the side, much of the

grease got transferred to us, while much more of it covered the boat. We proceeded immediately to the hospital boat, the steam yacht “Sayonara,” but the doctors and nurses refused to take him when they learned that he was in no need of medical attention. We started back for the Hague dock, in spite of our passenger’s protests that we had to take him to Lake George Village, as he had sent all his clothes down there. We unloaded him on the dock, and never did hear how he made out.”

As the day wore on, swimmers were pulled from the water when they realized they could go no further. Near the end, there were but two swimmers remaining; Edward Keating of New York City and Meyer Mendelsohn of Montreal. When Mendelsohn gave up two miles from the end, Keating became the winner of the \$5000 purse. The balance of the \$10,000 prize money was distributed among those who had made a good showing.

The real winner was Lake George for the bounty of good publicity the Lake received across the U.S. and in foreign countries as well. To read Ginger Henry Kuenzel’s account of the day see <<http://www.lakegeorgeswim.com/history/>> and click on 1927. Enjoy!

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

An acquaintance of mine approached me recently to say that she thought the Hague Historical Museum was quite an interesting place to spend a couple of hours. She had taken her grandchildren there and they had thoroughly enjoyed the experience. She was impressed with what we’ve brought together there for the public, and it was very gratifying to hear that our efforts are appreciated.

So I’d like to remind our readers that whenever the Community Center is open, so too is the Museum. In addition to the permanent exhibits and story boards on the walls, we have developed a lot of interesting historical information and photographs in a wide variety of binders for your perusal. The PC Program Kiosk is now chocker-block full of our oral histories and narrated copies of our recent PowerPoint programs. We’ve just added the markets program, “Let’s Go Shopping!” that was presented at our annual meeting in June, so if you missed it, you can spend an hour and have your very own viewing session. It’s a great rainy day activity, of course, but an interesting one on any day of the week. Do stop in!

The market ornaments are still available at The Hague Market and Juniper’s, or we will gladly ship them to you. Our price is \$15 plus \$3 shipping and handling. Just mail a check to Hague Historical Society, PO Box 794, Hague, NY 12836. Your support is always appreciated.Pat McDonough

CORN MAZE ADVENTURE AT FORT TI

What activity combines solving puzzles and testing your knowledge of history with fresh air, sunshine and over two miles of winding trails? Fort Ticonderoga’s *Heroic Maze: A Corn Maze Adventure!* Test your navigational skills among towering stalks of corn in the new six-acre corn maze located near the King’s Garden. The *Heroic Maze* is included in the general admission price and will be open through October 14, 2012. Visit <www.fortticonderoga.org/visit/heroic-maze> for more details or call 518-585-2821.

~SOUNDINGS~

DIED: Ruth R. Huestis, 90, of Hague, on July 13, 2012, at Heritage Commons Residential Healthcare of Ticonderoga.

Ruth received her bachelor's degree from William Smith College, Geneva, NY and was a resident of Long Island for most of her life, before moving to Hague in 1975.

As well as working with her husband, George Huestis, in his surveying business, she was active in the community as a member of the Mohican Home Bureau of Hague and volunteer for the Hague Chamber of Commerce information booth among others.

She was predeceased by her husband, George Francis Huestis; and by one brother, Oliver Reynolds Jr. Survivors include her four children, Jacqueline Hubschmitt of Brentwood, Long Island, JoAnne DeFranco and her husband, David, of Hague, Mark Huestis and his wife, Linda, of Freeport, Long Island, and Glenn Huestis of Schenectady; and one brother, William Reynolds of Charlotte, N. C. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

DIED: Joanne Burford Brown, 78, of Silver Bay, on July 30, 2012, at Arbors Nursing Home in Shelburne, VT.

Joanne, the daughter of the late Dr. George and Elizabeth Burford, graduated from Cornell University in 1955. She is survived by her husband, John M. Brown Jr., whom she married in 1955 and their six children, Andrew, Elizabeth, John, Geoffrey, Susan and Thaddeus (Tad); and 18 grandchildren.

Joanne and John were longtime summer residents and later retired to their home in Silver Bay. She was the first female president of the Board of Trustees of Silver Bay Association. She taught school for many years and after her retirement she served as the elementary principal in Ticonderoga. Joanne was also active in many area organizations including choral groups and the Rotary Club of Northern Lake George.

DIED: Donald Shakeshaft on August 12, 2012 in Ticonderoga, NY.

Donald graduated from St. Lawrence University and served in the Marine Corps in WW2 where he was wounded in the Battle of Okinawa and awarded the Purple Heart.

He lived in Lloyd Harbor on Long Island for 40 years and enjoyed a rewarding 30-year career at the New York Times. Donald spent summers at Lake George and in 1961 he bought and renovated an abandoned store and boarding house in Hague for use as a family getaway. His books, his apple trees, the Adirondacks and traveling the world were his joys and pleasures.

His college sweetheart and wife of 63 years, Eloise Hunt; daughter Ann; sons Paul and Crispin; and six grandchildren, Tara, Ariel, Caroline, Crispin, Emmaline and Willa, survive him.

THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY

I don't know what another community might be like at a time when a member is in distress, but I don't feel it could ever be more generous in sharing its care and compassion than what I was blessed to receive from the Hague-Silver Bay community upon Joanne's death. I want you all to know how much the cards, calls and other contacts meant to me and to the whole family. Thank you and bless you all. ... John Brown

2012 THS GRADUATE HARLEY TRUDEAU



Harley Trudeau, daughter of Diane and Jon Trudeau of Hague, graduated from Ticonderoga High School in June. She has been involved in many school activities including Band, Chorus, and French Club and she served on her Class Executive Board.

Harley was an honor roll student who was elected to the National Honor Society and received the St. Michael's Book Award. She received a Beste Scholarship as well as Crary and Ti Alumni Scholarships.

Harley's Senior Project involved working with Business Teacher, Mr. Morse, and researching how to start a small business – in this case, a Cupcakery. She used a variety of recipes and sold cupcakes during the Hague Memorial Day celebration to benefit the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

In addition to caring for her son, she enjoys reading and writing, works at Stewart's and is a member of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department.

Harley is interested in Business Administration and Accounting and will be attending SUNY Adirondack to pursue this major.

LGLC ART TALK

Join Allison Gates for the last in this summer series of Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) Art Talks on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 from 7 - 8 pm at the LGLC office in Bolton Landing. Allison is a painter, photographer, activist and web designer with degrees in fine art and forensic psychology. Being both a city dweller and an Adirondacker inspires her to create modern interpretations of natural environments. For more information, email <events@lglc.org>.

HOSTING HOUSEGUESTS

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

It's a fact of life: When you live on a lake, you get houseguests. One after the other, all summer long. And just in case any of them start thinking about settling in for a longer stay – after all, who *wouldn't* want to stay in Hague as long as possible? – it's not a bad idea to post a subtle reminder of guest rules and regulations in the guest room. Something along the lines of: "Guests, like fish, tend to stink after three days." Okay, maybe 'subtle' was never my strong suit.

Over the years, I've experienced many different types of guests. There are those who are a delight to have around. And there are those who – quite frankly – are not. My favorites are the ones who make themselves at home. When they're thirsty, they go to the fridge and get something to drink. In the morning, they get up and start the coffee brewing. If we're running low on milk, they go to the store and pick some up. They don't constantly ask what they can do to help; they simply do it. In short, they make life easy! On the other end of the spectrum are those who need to be waited on hand and foot. They go out of their way to tell you of course – over and over again – that they don't want you to do any extra work on their behalf. And then they stand around and wait for you to do exactly that.

Another pet peeve, no pun intended, are guests who bring along pets. It's not that I have anything against pets, as long as they're well behaved and the owner clearly understands that they need to be kept in their place – in other words, Fido does *not* need to sit on the sofa to watch TV with us and he also doesn't need to sleep in their bed or eat his dinner at our table. And does Rover really need to bark ferociously and jump up on me to lick my face every time I enter the house? I'm glad to know that he's keeping strangers at bay – but hey, remember, I'm not the one who's a stranger here.

Or how about those guests who think it's perfectly okay to bring along extra people. I once had a couple visiting from Europe who informed me that they wanted to meet up with a distant cousin who had moved to the United States years ago. "Great idea!" I said, happy to hear that they would finally be moving on to their next destination. However, as it turned out, 'meeting up' with this cousin meant inviting him to my house for a visit. After all, they were absolutely certain he'd enjoy my place just as much as they did.

And then there are those who just don't pass the "Lake Test." They head into the house to take a shower whenever they are finished swimming. They won't drink tap water or eat leftovers, don't understand why I consider the dump to be a sight-seeing attraction and want to know where they can get their nails done in Hague. Yeah, they get a big fat F minus on the Lake Test.

Before we know it, winter will be upon us. What a perfect time to go visiting – especially friends and family who live in warmer climates. After all, I know just how to be the perfect houseguest. Invitations anyone?

LAKE GEORGE OPEN WATER SWIMMING



photo by Patrick Lynskey

The Lake George Open Water Swims will take place Saturday, August 25 and Sunday, August 26, 2012 at the Hague Public Beach between the hours of 8 am and 12 pm each day.

Saturday's event will see a 2.5k, 5k and 10k swim while Sunday features a 4 mile point-to-point swim starting at Hague Beach and ending at Rogers Rock campground. The weekend will see 150 swimmers representing 18 states and three countries.

Organizers are seeking volunteer kayakers, boaters and lifeguards from the community who might like to provide safety oversight to the swimmers in the water on either of those mornings -- particularly Saturday, which is the main event. Additional safety support is being provided by Hague Volunteer FD, Lake George Coast Guard Auxiliary and Warren County Marine Patrol.

The events serve to highlight the sport of open water swimming and the communities of northern Lake George. The organizers wish to acknowledge the wonderful support of the Town of Hague. To volunteer or get more information, please contact Chris Bowcutt at 518 290-0457 or visit <www.lakegeorgeswim.com>.

PEEBLES RIBBON CUTTING

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will host a ribbon cutting on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 8:45 am as part of Peebles Department Stores Grand Opening Celebration. Peebles newest store is located at 1171 Rt 9N (N. Wicker St in the former Grand Union/Tops building.

Speakers will include representatives from Peebles, TACC and the Town of Ticonderoga. In addition, Peebles will be offering a series of sales and promotional events throughout the store's opening weekend.

Peebles offers brand name family apparel, shoes, jewelry, handbags, beauty products, gifts, accessories and more. Their mission is to be America's leading small town and neighborhood retailer dedicated to delivering desirable brand name family apparel with exceptional value and service. For more information on Peebles Department Store visit <www.peebles.com>.

HAGUE CALENDAR

August

- 23 8:45 am Peebles Ribbon Cutting
- 23 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 24 Zoning Office closed
- 24 5 – 8 pm Gallery reception – Kristen Balouch
- 25 – 26 Lake George Open Water Swims
note: Boat Launch closed from 7 am to noon on Saturday.
- 25 10 am Hague Fish & Game Club ATV ride followed by the Pig Roast
- 28 10 am Monthly LGPC meeting at CC
- 28 noon Senior Picnic at HVFD
- 29 10 am – 3 pm Job Open House at TACC

September

- 3 Labor Day – Town offices closed
- 3 Last day for lifeguards and visitor center staff
- 5 6 pm Town Board – *note date change*
- 6 7 pm Planning Board
- 13 11:30 am Carillon Garden Club luncheon
- 14 News deadline for September issue
- 18 Botanical Garden Tour to Montreal
- 19 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed out
- 21 5 – 8 pm Gallery reception – Tavish Costello
- 22 OKTOBERFEST

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 1st
TRANSFER STATION HOURS**
 Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm
 Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm

HAGUE HAPPENINGS *by Stan*

DIDJA KNOW? the Hague EMS

WELL DESERVES RECOGNITION + PRAISE:
 125 TO 150 RUNS PER YEAR
 FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS

READY TO ROLL..

A TEAM OF TWELVE
 VOLUNTEER AND
 TRAINED PERSONS
 ARE READY FOR
 INSTANT CALL AND
 SERVICE 24/7



(NOT AN EXACT VEHICLE IMAGE)

MUSIC IN THE PARK



The final “Music in the Park” concert of the season will be held on Wednesday August 29, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Hague Town Park. Featured will be CALAMITY ROCK, a local favorite for Soft Rock mix and Country music. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be held in the Hague Community Center.

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