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## CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

### CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

December 23 - 5PM Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, followed by decorating of the church.

December 24 - Christmas Eve celebration. 6PM gathering at Parish Center - hospitality. 6:30PM - celebration of Mass for the Vigil of Christmas. Open house continues at Parish Center after liturgy.

### HAGUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Candlelight Service - 7PM  
December 24 (Christmas Eve)



### HAGUE WESLEYAN CHURCH

December 24 - Sunday School, 10AM. Special Christmas service at 11AM.

December 31 - Special New Year's service - 11AM

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT WALK

The third annual Christmas Carol Candlelight Walk, sponsored by *The Hague Chronicle* will be held on Thursday night, December 21, beginning at 6:30PM. Get out your woolies and your Christmas spirit and join us in what we hope to be a joyous occasion. We will leave from the Community Center at 6:30PM and walk to the Hague Town Park, lighted by luminaries along the way and merrily singing carols to warm our hearts and spirits.

Those who cannot walk to the park - PLEASE join us there for the lighting of candles at the Christmas tree and for a short Christmas message by Rev. Rusty Bissell and the Hanukkah story by Rudy Meola. Following this we will walk back to the Community



Center and warm ourselves with hot chocolate and cookies.

We invite all our Hague residents and friends from neighboring towns to join us in this celebration. . . ed

### HAGUE MEMORY TREE

Don't forget to send or bring your donations to the Hague Memory Tree. Donations of \$1.00 per name may be sent to Imogene Frasier, (payable to the Hague Chamber of Commerce), at the Community Center in Hague, 12836. All funds raised are donated to the Hague Emergency Squad by the Chamber. A list of honorees to date is published on page 8 of this issue.



### POST OFFICES COLLECT FOR FOOD BANK

Thanks to the post offices in Hague and Silver Bay, the Hague Food Bank has a replenished pantry. Silver Bay Post Office collected just under 300 lbs. of food and Hague Post Office, 173 lbs. The postal service thanks all those who contributed to this annual drive.

### NEW TRANSFER STATION HOURS PROPOSED

At the Town Board meeting of December 12, Councilman Megow proposed that the following transfer station hours be adopted for the year 2001. The board welcomes comments from Hague residents before the meeting of December 28, at which time the comments will be considered and if there are no objections the following hours will be adopted:

#### Days Open

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| Jan. 1 thru Mar. 31 - Tues, Fri, Sat.  | 9AM-5PM |
| Apr. 1 thru Apr. 30 - Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat                                      | 9AM-5PM |
| May 1 thru Sep. 15 - Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun                             | 9AM-5PM |
| Sep 16 thru Dec 31 - Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat                                       | 9AM-5PM |
| Holidays - All town offices, Highway Dept., and Transfer Station to be the same. |         |

### HAGUE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

At the Nov. 30 meeting the Hague Enhancement Committee discussed several ideas that would make our town more attractive. Junkyards and junk automobiles detract from the natural beauty that is Hague.



The town has recently received an \$11,000 junkyard clean-up project grant. The committee congratulates the town board for its efforts in securing these funds and for their interest in restoring some of these sites to a clean

and wholesome attractive state.

The committee encourages the town board to implement this grant as soon as practicable and offers its assistance when and if needed.

The committee wishes to retract that part of last month's article stating we would like the public to take pictures of things they like or dislike in town. This was discussed at the Oct. meeting, but no action was taken. The editor apologizes for "jumping the gun."

The committee also discussed enlarging its focus and mission to take a more active posture. This topic will be on the agenda for the Jan. 5, 2001 meeting.

Letters were sent by the committee to Kay Barton, Dottie Henry, and Mike Manning for their efforts with the Christmas decorations all over the hamlet.

The next meeting of the Enhancement Committee will be held on Jan. 5, 2001 at 3PM.

### LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION HAS NEW LEADER

Dr. Mark C. Johnson of Silver Bay was elected Chairman of the Lake George Park Commission on Nov. 28 to replace Carl R. DeSantis who retired in June. H. Gordon Burleigh, Vice-chairman and acting chairman since June said that Dr. Johnson brings great enthusiasm and expertise to the job and his unanimous election reflects the confidence of the Commission members in him.

Dr. Johnson was appointed to a 9-year term in June 2000 by Gov. Pataki. He said that he is pleased by the confidence that Gov. Pataki and his fellow Commission members had shown in him. "I have only just begun to understand some of the immense challenges the Commission faces but I will do my utmost to meet them," he said following the election. Dr. Johnson is the Executive Director of the Silver Bay Assoc. for Christian Conferences and Training in Silver Bay, NY.

### HAGUE NATIVE IS 'WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN'

Hague native, Rick Belden, son of Supervisor Dan Belden has won the "Battle of the Titans" sponsored by Mack Truck Corp. and Strongman John Wooten, previous title holder. The "Battle" was held in Daytona

Beach, FL in November. As a result of winning the title of the "World's Strongest Man" Rick has been invited to try out this spring for the Carolina Panthers, a professional football team

Belden, 28 years old is 6'5! tall and weighs 294 lbs. He said he was elated to win over a field of veteran strongmen. "I was by far the least experienced of the competitors and I never expected to win."

Rick is now part owner, with professional wrestler Rick Flair, of a chain of nine Gold's Gym workout clubs in North Carolina and owns his own consulting business, Rick Bell Consulting.

He attributes his prowess to his father when he was an employee for him and did a lot of strenuous work in the late 1980s.

Belden had won a tractor pull contest earlier this year, which made him eligible for this contest.

### HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society will not meet during January and February. They will resume meetings on the third Monday in March 2001 - Jan. 15. . . ewa

### 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. This will be a planning meeting and all members are urged to attend and bring ideas for programs. Do you have any suggestions for speakers, trips, do-it-yourself programs? The officers will consider all suggestions. . . . ewa

### HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

There were 3 fire calls in November for a total of 83 man hours. In addition, there were 60 hours of drill.

Ambulance calls totalled 6, with 44 man hours expended and 287 miles. *Thank you for putting your trust in us. We're proud to have neighbors like you.*

An open house for the entire community is planned for July 14. . . ewa  
Hypothermia

You don't have to fall into an icy lake to get it. It can happen in your own home. With high fuel costs, some of us try to economize by keeping the house cooler. A cool unused room is okay, but not where you spend most of your time. Some of us as we age find we must have the thermostat in the 80's to not be shivering. Extra warm clothes can help some but not if you try to keep the temperature in the 60's.

It's even harder for two people with different comfort temperatures. A humidifier can be a big help. Use all the tricks to find that happy medium. Warm footwear and layered clothing are also not just for outdoors but inside as well. Don't forget plastic over a drafty window and the rolled up towel for the bottom of the door.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Hague Volunteer Fire Dept. Keep warm and cozy! . . . Lu

TOWN BOARD MEETING 12/12/00

The meeting began with a moment of silence for Ed Shattuck of Forest Bay followed by granting the Privilege of the Floor:

1. Tom James reported on the change of internet provider for the website provided by the Chamber of Commerce.

2. Rudy Meola remarked again about lack of enforcement of the town's junk ordinance. Skip Hourigan said he has been working on this and remarked that "It's difficult to enforce an ordinance." He stated that a local law may be needed to aid in the enforcement of the ordinance. Mr. Meola also noted an error in the *Chronicle's* report last month on the Board's vote on Resolution #76-2000 amending the Zoning Ordinance relating to blight. The motion was denied 3-2. Nay votes: Steitz, Fitzgerald, Hourigan. Aye votes: Belden, Megow.

Dan Belden made another correction for Nov. Chronicle. Under Stormwater Management (p5) we reported that the supervisor had applied for a grant of \$44,000 for storm water funding for deposits in the Hague Brook. This number should have been \$644,000. We apologize for the error.

Bid Openings: Eight sealed bids were received and read for #2 Fuel Oil. Copies will be distributed to Board Members for review and action will be taken at the Dec. 28th Town Board Meeting.

Regular Committee Reports:

1.. Assessor and Justice - Steitz: Work is proceeding on changing the files to the new master system. No discussion of the court case (dealing with Article 7's of the Property Law) was permitted at this time because of litigation. A court date is scheduled for this Friday. (12-15-00) and a second one the next week.

2. Building and Grounds - Megow: Vandalism damage to trees and lights at the Town Park was reported.

3. Finance: None

4. Fire Dept. - Steitz/Fitzgerald: The building is completed. A few necessary items are in the process of being re-done.

5. Highway: None

6. Insurance - Hourigan: At a special meeting called on Nov. 29, 2000, the board reviewed Group Health Insurance plans for coverage for the Town Employees. Current rates have increased by 17%. No action taken.

7. Personnel - Hourigan: Town employees will see a safety and hazardous wastes film to comply with regulations. The new employees are working out well.

8. Planning Board: no meeting this month. See "Zoning Board Meeting" p. 4 re Pine Cove.

Stormwater Management: Dan Belden reported Hague Brook and sediment removal project is moving forward.

9. Recreation and Promotion: Dan Belden thanked all who helped make the Children's and Senior Citizens Christmas parties a success.

10. Sewer District #1. Progressing as planned. (See

Unfinished Business--update on sewer system.)

11. Town Park & Beautification - Fitzgerald: Some vandalism of trees and lights. The skating rink is set up and waiting to be filled with water. Board decided that one employee will be responsible for maintenance of the ice rink.

12. Transfer/Recycling Station - Megow: Income of \$2,541.00 for Nov. Town of Bolton has requested that we haul their recycleables and waste. Lu Megow reported on the new, 8 hours a day schedule for the transfer station. Complete proposed schedule on page 1. The schedule will be posted and comments are solicited from all residents.

13. Youth: Evidence of vandalism. Request that anyone who witnesses it should call 911, but not get personally involved.

Unfinished Business:

1. DOT approved request for a speed limit sign of 25mph on Pine Cove Road.

2. Myers Engineering reviewed work on Hague Brook.

3. Sewer System Update: The Board is presently searching for a suitable location on which to build the new pumping station.

4. The Town is working with Jane Marshall of Chazen Associates on a proposal to erect a kiosk to be located on the point at the Town Park. Panels will describe an interpretive history of Hague such as the Graphite mines, the bat caves, Revolutionary War events etc.

Communications and Petitions:

1. Regarding a memo received from Paul Barone, the board discussed an application for a variance to upgrade the septic system of the Indian Kettles property. Skip Hourigan addressed the need for clarification of how and where, kitchen, bar, and bathroom waste will be disposed. The Board voted to hold a public hearing on Dec. 28th at 4 pm to review this application for a variance.

2. The Board received a thank-you note from Mrs. Montbriand, our Senior citizen of the Year.

New Business:

1. The Supervisor informed the Board that an audit for the Small Cities Grant required by HUD has to be completed soon and that an auditor will be found to do the job.

2. The Board will attend the annual Association of Towns meeting in NYC in February 2001.

3. The Board will hold its End of the Year meeting on Dec. 28th at 4:30 pm.

4. An organizational meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2001, at 6:30 pm, for the purpose of scheduling appointments for 2001.

5. The audit of books for the fiscal year 2000 is scheduled for January 8, 2001.

- 6. The Town of Bolton wants us to haul their recyclables and waste. The board discussed and voted to implement a trial plan for 6 months..
- 7. The Board decided to switch phone service from Verizon to Tech Valley Communications. . . ci

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 11/30/00

The variance for the Cameron property has been withdrawn temporarily.

A lengthy discussion was held on the definition of a dock, deck, accessory structure, boat trolley or boat-house. This had been continued since the Oct. meeting. Boathouses are exempt from shoreline restrictions. A building over 100 sq. ft. is an accessory structure. A trolley used to haul boats in and out of the water is considered a structure when it is above the water. The covered part over the trolley system is considered an accessory structure and if it is under 100 sq. ft. it can be put anywhere. If it is over 100 sq. ft. it is subject to setbacks.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

**HVFD NEEDS HELP!!**

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department is looking for a person with an accounting background to help keep the financial records of the fire department up to date. Please contact John Brown, Tel. 543-6298 if you are interested in helping them out.

**VANDALISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**

Supervisor Belden has notified The Hague Chronicle that the vandals who have been destroying town property will be apprehended and will be prosecuted.

**GROUP HELPS FAMILIES COPE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

NAMI-NC, local chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness - North Country, offers emotional support, education about mental illness, coping strategies and information about local resources to consumers of mental health services, their families and friends.

January meetings will be at Caleo Center, Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health, 3043 State Rt. 4, Hudson Falls. They are as follows:

Monday, Jan. 8 at 7PM, Tom Kurimsky CSW, Coordinator of Groups Services, Behavioral Health Unit, Glens Falls Hospital, will discuss: "The Behavioral Health Unit Today - Changes over the past ten years - Looking Ahead."

Tuesday Jan. 23 at 7PM: "Care and Share" support group - All are welcome.

On Monday, Feb. 5 at 7PM the group will meet at Glens Falls Hospital for a panel discussion "Coping with Mental Illness - What Helps? - Suggestions from a Consumer, a Parent, a sibling"

NAMI-NC welcomes all interested community members, professionals, consumers and families. For further information or help with transportation, contact Nancy Harrigan, 543-6104



**PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

David Martucci, Sole Assessor, urges all primary residence homeowners to contact the office (543-6161) to see if they are eligible for the following exemptions:

Senior Citizens' exemption: over age 65 with household income less than \$17,725. This exemption must be renewed each year.

Enhanced STAR exemption: over age 65 with household income less than \$60,000. This exemption must be renewed each year.

Basic STAR exemption: all primary residence homeowners. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year, once the first application is approved.

Veterans' exemption: military service during wartime periods. This exemption does not have to be renewed each year.

Details and applications are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9AM to 3PM. The filing deadline is March 1, 2001.

**SENIOR PARTY A SUCCESS**

Amid the background of holiday music, handcrafted centerpieces and cheerful place settings, area seniors smiled and gave thanks in appreciation of the Annual Holiday Party held in their honor. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and Ticonderoga School District, the luncheon resulted in the most successful turnout to date.

The Kiwanis Club and Ticonderoga Central School District would like to extend a warm and hearty "Thank You" to all volunteers of the well received event. Special thanks to the cafetorium staff for providing 300 meals, Kiwanis and Key Club members, Ticonderoga Middle School Band, students and staff, Spirit of Sound, area coordinators, and of course Santa Claus.



NATURE NEWS  
by Laura Meade

In the town of Hague "the hills are alive" with white-tailed deer! In recent months hunters have reduced the deer population, but still drivers may encounter a wandering doe or buck crossing a roadway or standing like a statue by the side of the road. Recently, during a heavy rain, a large doe ran onto the West Hague Rd. as I was driving uphill at night near Bothe's house. My headlights must have alarmed the animal, which stopped quickly, then slid across the highway and lost traction. As she fell and skidded on her rump I thought surely I would collide with the creature as she lay prone. But, amazingly, she got up and scampered away into the woods.



The experience caused me to wonder, "What should I do in case of a deer-vehicle collision? Perhaps the animal could be hurt or my vehicle might be damaged. Would I be able to

continue driving? Would the deer be injured to the extent that it would die? And, if it were killed, could I claim it for the meat, horns and hide?"

Knowing that people are concerned about the risk of a deer-vehicle accident, this fall the Cornell Cooperative Extension Service published a bulletin addressing this issue. A Cornell survey revealed that respondents were more concerned about Lyme disease or wildlife damage to shrubs, gardens and farm crops. Those of us who live in the Adirondacks may not be aware that deer-vehicle accidents are more frequent in the suburban and rural fringe of the metropolitan areas.

Although it is advised that deer-vehicle accidents should be reported to police, insurance agents or NYS DEC, actually only a fraction are reported. And a small portion result in the issuance of a DEC carcass possession tag. To know what conservation officer is on duty one must call the DEC Ray Brook office at 897-1326.

Deer whistles with sounds ranging from 16 to 20kHz have become popular to frighten deer, but there is no published proof showing that these devices are effective. In fact, tests at the University of Georgia claim that deer cannot hear these whistles, as whitetail behavior was unaffected when the whistles with 6 to 20 kHz were blown. A woman in Georgia installed deer whistle devices in July after she hit a deer, but then she hit two more in August.

A motorist's chance of a deer-vehicle accident is much more likely in Oct, Nov, and Dec and a study shows the change from daylight savings to Eastern Standard Time at late October increased deer-vehicle incidents by five times more than other times of the year.

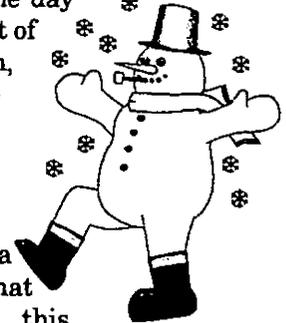
The best advice is that there is no single way to reduce deer-vehicle collisions. However, all experts say "drive defensively at all times, especially when deer are active and during the fall season."

It is a comfort to know that this was the DEC agent

reports that five moose have been killed on New York's highways.

WEATHER NOTES  
by Mary Lou Doulin

Winter is not official yet but one wouldn't know that in Hague. As of Dec. 14 everything is a proverbial "mantel of white". On this date, the first official snow storm brought five inches of fresh powder, icy conditions and school closings. The day before (13th) we received a bit of everything and then . . . rain, freezing rain, snow and some extraordinary blustery winds which the weather bureau recorded up to 60 mph, with some tree damage. After having such a pleasant, calm early fall that extended well into November, this served as a reminder that we do indeed live in the north country where all weather conditions are possible, and add to this power outages too (like 4 1/2 hr that we had on Dec.2.)



Keep your shovels close as the weather bureau has revamped its predictions and has stated that this winter will bring colder than normal conditions with increased precipitation of snow and ice. There is national talk of energy supplies being quite low, for instance, natural gas and oil. Some think that this situation has been artificially induced but it could have some real consequences.

The full moon on Monday the 11th was exceptional. It was big and bright and orange and when it rose, it looked like a giant pumpkin in the sky.

The recent snows, combined with the fresh greens and the red ribbons in our hamlet create a wonderful Christmas accent. and our community looks more beautiful than ever.

NEW NAME FOR LAKE GOERGE BASIN LAND  
CONSERVANCY

The Lake George Basin Land Conservancy has announced a name change. Now operating as the Lake George Land Conservancy, the Bolton Landing-based land trust has unveiled a new logo as well. Characterized by a sweeping fern front, the new purple and gray logo is a departure from the green circle logo used since 1990, which depicts the mountains and the lake.

Founded in 1988 by the FUND for Lake George, the Lake George Land Conservancy focuses solely on the 150,000-acre Lake George watershed, preserving the lake's pure water quality and rare plants and animals by protecting natural lands surrounding the lake.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

### SAFE DRIVING COURSE OFFERED

Moses-Ludington Hospital and Nursing Home in conjunction with the December Starr Insurance Agency will be offering the NYS Safe Driving Program to the public.

Completion of this six-hour course will save 10% on auto insurance as well as reduce 4 points on your driver's license. The fee for the program is \$46.07 per enrollee and includes book cost.

Two sessions are being offered. The first session is being scheduled for Sat., Jan. 20, 2001 from 9AM-4PM and another on Sun. Jan 21 from 10AM-5PM. Both sessions will be held in the hospital cafeteria.

Class size is limited. To register, please contact 747-4031. Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover will be accepted.

## HAPPY HANUKKAH

### ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE

At the regular meeting of The Rotary Club of Northern Lake George on Nov. 21, President Walter Thorne inducted two members into the club. George and Ronni Garrison were presented with certification by membership chairperson, Terry Butler and Mentor Chuck Fillare. Sponsors for George and Ronni are Carol and Marty Brown. The Rotary Club is pleased to welcome George and Ronni into its organization.

Program Chair Joanne Brown has announced the programs for the first half of January.

Jan. 9 - Carol Brown will speak on her trip to Scotland.

Jan. 16 - Patricia Boyle - "All You Wanted to Know About Real Estate But Were Afraid to Ask."

Jan. 23 - Jane Planty, Ti Elementary School Principal "Ticonderoga Elementary School in Action"

We welcome visitors to hear any of these speakers.

It is not too late to join the 20Week Club, which started on Dec. 19. The club runs for 20 weeks at \$1.00 per week. There is a weekly drawing each Tuesday at the club meeting and winner receives \$20.00. After 19 weeks a free spaghetti dinner for the participants will be held and drawings for \$100, \$75, and \$50 will be held at that time. No need to be present at any of the drawings and your name goes back into the pot, so you can see the possibilities! Contact any member of Rotary Club or call Dottie Henry, 543-6633 ASAP to get your name in.

The Rotary Club is proud to be able to lend support for the Hague food pantry by donating 15 turkeys for Thanksgiving and 15 hams for Christmas baskets.

The Rotary Club meets each Tuesday morning at 7:30AM for breakfast at Watson Arts Center at the Silver Bay Assoc.. Guests are always welcome.

### "TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING"

Charitable organizations solicit year-round for contributions. However, it seems that many charities increase their solicitations during the last two months of

theyear. Two possible reasons for this increase are:

1. It is the traditional holiday season and some people may be more generous, and
2. Others may be looking for a place to make that final tax-deductible contribution before the tax year ends.

#### Tips on Charitable Giving.

- Never give to a charity you know nothing about
- Don't feel guilty about not supporting all the charities that ask for a contribution.



- Request information from the charity regarding its programs and finances.
- Don't feel pressured to give on the spot or allow someone to enter your house to pick up a contribution.
- Do not donate over the phone unless you are familiar with the organization.
- Hang up on aggressive and harassing solicitors.
- Never give cash, credit card numbers, or bank account numbers, always write a check payable to the charity so you have a record of your donations..
- Ask who will benefit from your contribution.
- Find out if your contribution is tax-deductible.
- Don't make assumptions when you hear the words like "police" or "firefighter" in an organization's name. Although an organization claims it has local ties or works with local police or firefighters, it doesn't necessarily mean contributions will be used locally.
- If solicited in person, always ask to see the solicitor's identification.
- Be aware of statements such as "every penny will go to the charity". All charities have expenses, so check carefully and know where your money goes.

Call Cornell Cooperative Extension for more information on being an informed consumer. Call 668-4881 or 623-3291 during business hours Monday through Friday.

### TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION

Sponsored by The Ticonderoga Festival Guild, the eighth annual Twelfth Night celebration will be held on January 6 at 7PM at the Cornerstone Alliance Church (across from the Ticonderoga Park). It promises to be an enjoyable evening with music performed by choirs from the Hague Wesleyan Church, Putnam Presbyterian, St. Mary's, First United Methodist, including their Bell Choir, and Cornerstone Alliance.

The combined choirs will perform Handel's Messiah, directed by Nelson Shapiro and accompanied by Valerie Dixon.

## SOUNDINGS

cheerleading and soccer. CONGRATULATIONS!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MERIT ROLL

The Merit Roll for the First Marking Period in the Middle School includes the following Hague students: Marissa Coffin, Michelle Coffin, Danielle Connors, Bryce Gurney, Aren Laundree, Jamie Frasier, James Howard, Stephanie Nast

The following Hague students were listed on the Achievement Roll: Richard Zacharenko, Lindsay Mascarelli, Joshua Patchett, Andrew Trombley Sarah Bissell, John Breitenbach, Brittany Haran, Kelly McCoy, Kacheena Trudeau.

Congratulations to Lila Geer, daughter of Rod and Nema Geer, Forest Bay, on her latest choreographies for ballet. "CELTS" got a ten-minute curtain call when performed by the San Francisco Ballet last spring. "Echoes of the Jazz Age" premiered to rave reviews with the Washington Ballet in the Kennedy Center on Oct. 12 and she is working on a second piece for the Royal Danish Ballet to premiere in the spring; and a new work for the Houston ballet set to Beethoven's Emperor Concerto, plus new commissions from the Ballet West and Memphis Ballet. And she still finds time to get away to Hague from time to time!



### WE WORK HARD BUT ALSO HAVE FUN

In this wonderful season of the year we pause to thank all the many people who have helped put this paper together for you to enjoy. There are many tasks to perform and they are all performed willingly. Your editor would like to take this space to thank all the little elves that help her along the way, some almost every month, others occasionally, but all are appreciated: Kathe Allen, Ethel Andrus, John Barber, Kay Barton, Doris Bolton, Mary Lou Doulin, Bertha Dunsmore Chuck Fillare, Mitzi Fillare, Debbie Fitzgerald, Michele Gautreau, Nancy Harrigan, Janet Hoffay, May Jo Keeler, Georgina Lindquist, Laura Meade, Rudy Meola, Julia Middleton, Audrey O'Brien, Elaine Smith, Madie O'Toole, Marian Shoemaker, Dianne Trudeau Betty Van Sleet, Corby Skahan, Marguerite West.

If I have missed anybody, I am truly sorry. You are appreciated too!!

To our readers - We appreciate all the support you have given us, in your contributions and nice notes that we receive. That is the only way we have been able to keep it going at a reasonable rate.

Also, thanks to Supervisor Belden and the Sr. Citizens Club for the use of the room we use once a month. Happy holidays, one and all.

12/00

**DIED** - Edward Albert Shattuck, Sr. 87, Ticonderoga on Dec. 2, 2000. Ed was born in Hague and had a summer home in Forest Bay for many years. He was an active member of many organizations, including the Hague American Legion Post. He is survived by his wife Mary, sons Edward A. Jr., John, and daughters Claudia Szitar and Mary Bush, a brother David and eight grandchildren.

**BORN** - A boy, Bryce Niklas, to Rob and Dawn Gautreau, Ticonderoga. Bryce is the grandson of Michele and Tim Gautreau and great-grandson of Anna and Bernard Denno, all of Hague.



**BORN** - A boy, Antonio David to Bonnie and David Martucci on December 12. Antonio is the grandson of Faye and Jacques Thibeault and Kay and Bob Martucci, all of Hague.

### FIRST MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following Hague students who were listed on the first marking period honor roll.

#### 12TH GRADE - FIRST HONORS

Katie Breitenbach, Anne Johnson, Dawn McCoy Josh Plass

**SECOND HONORS:** William Bothe, Tasha Braisted, Ryan Lawrence,

#### 11TH GRADE - FIRST HONORS

Lucas Frasier, Heather Hassett, Joe Plass, Alison Rutkowski, Theodore Santaniello

#### SECOND HONORS

Peter Mack, Angela Mascarelli, Becky Ryder, Brandon Trudeau

#### SOPHOMORES - FIRST HONORS

Jessi Frasier, Ashley Haran

#### SECOND HONORS

Jessica Belden, Kelly Frasier, Jaimie Russell,

#### FRESHMEN - FIRST HONORS

Matthew Frasier, Monica Sitts,

#### SECOND HONORS

Thomas Haskell. Matthew Russell

### HAGUE SCHOLAR ATHLETES IN THIS

Athletic director Jim Wells has announced the Ticonderoga High School's scholar athletes for the first marking period. They include the following students from Hague: Katie Breitenbach, Anne Johnson, Luke Frasier, Heather Hassett, Joe Plass, Alison Rutkowski, and Matt Frasier.



Scholar athletes participated in football, gymnastics, cross country,

### HAGUE'S MEMORY TREE

As of December 12, the following names have been hung on the Memory Tree for the year 2000. It is not too late to send your donation. We will list the rest of the names in the January issue.



William Andrus, Dorothy Anisansel, Andrew & Merida Barnaby, Philip Barnaby, Marge Barnaby, Howard Barnett, Ruth

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Lund, Bessie Masten, Eber H. Masten, Roy Meeker, Margie Meismeyer, Ursula Montbriand, Harry Moore, Ida Morre, Joseph B. Morse, Doris Morse, Bob Palandrani, Laurie Pannell, Janet U. Perreault, Robert Eugene Peters, Mary Crammond Porter, Andy Powvorznik, Louise Prentiss, Brian Price, Connie Ramagli, Lucio V. Ramagli, Mitzi Rappaport, Sy Rappaport, Opal Ray, Eva Ray, Francis Rich, Gary Rich, Hilda Rich, Martha Kuck Rieff, John Roos, Wesley Ross, Leroy Ryder, Judith Hoffay Rypkema, John M. Shattuck, Mary Putnam Shattuck, George Shoemaker, Catherine Slater, Jim Smith, Mabel Smith, Thomas G. Smith, Shirley Smith, Stan Smith, Willie M. Soileau, Art Steitz, Joan Steitz, Richard Stormer Sr., John Sullivan, Meirlda & John Trombley, Mildred Tumienksy, George N. Urice, Jay A. Urice Sr., Jeane A. Urice, Anna VanKleeck, William VanKleeck, Marguerite N. Urice, Al Van Sleet, Hank Vickerson, John Vickerson, Julie Vickerson, Walter G. Watts, Ethel M. Watts, Ruth M. Watts, Henry W. Watts, John J. Watts, Edward G. Watts, Walter L. Watts, Alice J. Watts, Bessie West, Burton West, Frank West, Lucinda West, Clifton West Jr., Robert M. (Gee) Whitaker Helen H. White, Fran Wolfe, Bob Wotton, Ann Wright, Gabriel Wright, Doug Zeyak, Sharon Zeyak.

### HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN HOME

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, this article seemed in order. Without help, the person whose heart stops beating properly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

Tell as many other people as possible about this, it could save their life! . . . From Health Cares, Rochester General Hospital via Chapter 240's newsletter AND THE BEAT GOES ON . . . (reprint from The Mended Hearts, Inc. publication, Heart Response)



THE BIG MISTAKE  
by Christine Ianson

You're making A Big Mistake! Against this serious admonition, on Tuesday, July 25 in the first year of the second millennium (some say, in the last year of the first millennium) three of us headed for the hills. Forty days and nights of rain had ended, the heavens declared the glory of God, and the hills were alive with the sound of music. Obviously, we were called. When the crisp early morning temperature pleasantly rose to just a bit over eighty, (a number chronologically somewhat under our ages) we three *ignored* the sage advice of The Most Experienced and Expert High Peaks Hiker and ADK Member-At-Large-- my husband, my man.

So Betty and I are rocking on her porch overlooking Lake George, chatting and reminiscing, saying things like on the morrow we would finally do it again; that was our favorite year; it was our favorite thing. We'd postponed it for more summers than either of us could accurately remember. What we did remember ignited us with enormous delight and anticipation. For finally, here was our chance. It was a now or never situation. What's more Betty and I initiated Nellie, who is a good sport and always ready and willing to try something new, though Nellie said that she had never *ever* done anything like it before. This could be our last chance. As for Nellie, her one and only.

For we three are grandmothers: grandmothers from the little hamlet of Hague in the state of New York, and not from The Hague across the Great Pond in the Netherlands, where all grandmothers are very fit and always much respected. Over there, they are used to daily long walks and even daily biking. This helps them in the survival of the fittest, remaining active way past their sixties, which is about how old Betty and I were that first time we did it.

If you can dream it, you can do it. That's something I remember reading a long time ago. I remember because I wrote that positive thought on sticky notes and posted them all over the place in every room of our house. So what if our hearing isn't the sharpest anymore or that we three all take cardiac medication - I mean, isn't that all the more reason to risk doing it before we...uhm...well, never mind, because what we aimed to do - let me tell you - nothing is better for the condition of the heart. Our new friend Nellie was willing to do it, even though she didn't know what we were leading her to.

By now, if you are actually still reading, you're probably wondering when I will get to the point. I'm getting there - really. But I'll forget my next thought before I can set it down here, so - back to the events on the porch on Monday, the day before yesterday. There we were, basking in the beauty of a Kodak moment, gently rocking in our chairs and gazing through our eyeglasses over the glassy surface of the lake being mesmerized by the

ripples gently wrinkling the smoothness of the water not unlike the skin especially of my brow.!

As I was saying, there we were, watching the Mohican slowly gliding northwards under the firmament, its baby blue dome resting over Sugarloaf and Elephant Mountain as in the ancient of days, when Betty and I got the idea. Oshkosh b'gosh, we'd just do it!

I mean, we had been patiently waiting so, so-o- long for this chance that in the meantime, our kids have grown up, gotten married and had kids of their own. Finally, we had the *virtual* freedom to do it again. I almost sang it out loud: *Tomorrow! Tomorrow! Is only--a day--away!* The Mohican passed out of sight. One after another, the little ducklings turned their backs on us and swam after their mama in single file.

Then we heard it. Like in *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*, we could not stop it from coming. The Voice of Experience, it came then, its words fully formed quite loudly and clearly. We heard them, those words. That Voice, well intentioned no doubt, just had to get those awful words out. I couldn't stop them from coming and leaving his throat. So of course, though we heard them, they just got my goat!

Those folks on the Mohican, though out of our sight could have heard them, those words form the Voice of that Virtual Veteran of Hiking High Peaks, rising in volume a good measure more than was needed - still, the loud words didn't take - and fell on three pairs of deaf ears which still ache. So these words of that Voice went unheeded when directed at us: *You are making a BIG, BIG MISTAKE. It's- a ten-miler-plus and you can't take the bus- it's only for members, remember: Don't forget Christine, that it's over ten miles, round trip. You'll never make it, you three - I suggest Marcy Dam - a hike that isn't nearly as far, and one you could make without driving a car.*

To that I just shrugged while giving my tresses a pert little flip, and (not so sweetly) asked, Why? The Lake Road is all level along gurgling streams and in the shade of great trees. That's the trail we will take. It's a hike we can make, for goodness sake.

A lovely spot, too, Marcy Dam, I'll agree. But it's not Rainbow Falls, which we so want instead, don't you see? Walking the walk and talking the talk, three abreast, to the top of the boathouse for those ooh and aaah views - and also to chat in the boathouse with people for news or ask permission, of course, in case Nature calls. From there it's a short rocky climb and then it's lunch at the Falls. Just a teeny bit past there from the foot of the Upper (or Lower) Ausable, don't worry my man, that round trip, we'll be able.

Six hours later, that Tuesday, my man's in his van on the edge of the green, accenting that familiar, spectacular scene - the Giant of the Valley facing the hills from whence we have come, and I remember a line from a hymn that I hum. Then one of us turns to the other, speaking up so we hear, *Wanna make a Big Mistake again, same time next year?*

Ed - This should stir up some pangs of homesickness in you snowbirds!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2000 - JANUARY 2001

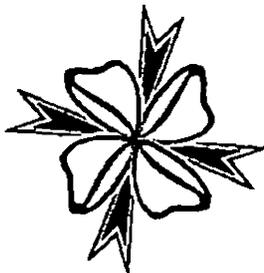
December

- 21 First day of winter
- 21 CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT WALK - 6:30PM (p1)
- 22 First day of Hanukkah
- 23-Jan 2 School holiday
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 25, 26 Town Offices closed
- 28 Town Board - End of Year meeting - 4:30PM
- 28 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM

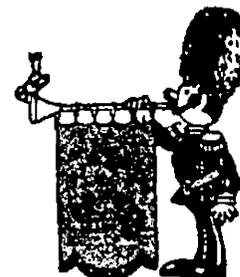
January 2001

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 3 Senior Citizen Bus to Glens Falls
- 3 Town Board Organizational meeting - 6:30PM
- 4 Zoning Board - 7PM
- 6 Twelfth Night - 7:30PM at Cornerstone Alliance Church p.6
- 9 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 15 Martin Luther King Day
- 17 Blood Pressure Clinic - 1-2PM
- 22 Senior Citizens Meeting - 1:30PM

**Beginning January 1, 2001 (contingent upon approval by Town Board on Dec. 28) the Transfer Station will be open three (3) days a week - Tues., Fri., Sat., from 9AM - 5PM Fri, Sat, Sun, 12N - 5PM through March 31. Closed Christmas & New Year's Days. See rest of proposed schedule on page 1.**



*Now Christmas is come,  
Let us beat up the drum,  
And call all our neighbours together,  
And when they appear,  
Let us make them such cheer  
As will keep out the wind and the weather*



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