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HAGUE CHRONICLE PUBLISHER/EDITOR TO BE HONORED AS A WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

On Thursday, April 25th, Hague Chronicle Publisher/Editor Dorothy Henry will be honored by the Girl Scouts of the Adirondack Council, Inc. at its sixth annual Women of Distinction Dinner at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls. Along with four other outstanding women in the area she will be recognized for her distinguished achievements and community leadership. The emcee for the event will be Assemblywoman Betty Little and the keynote speaker will be Molly McMaster, local media personality and cancer awareness advocate.

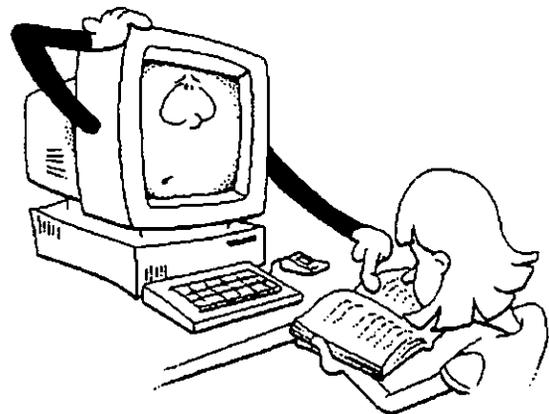
Dottie, as she is known by most of us, has considered Hague her home since she and her then fiance, Jack, journeyed to Hague and married in the Valley View Chapel in 1945. Dottie and Jack were both in the military at the time. When they were discharged they settled in Hague where their first two children were born. Although they later moved to the Washington, DC area for a number of years, they always spent time in Hague during the summers.

When Dottie's children were in elementary school in Hague, she realized the need for a library since the Ticonderoga library was not open to Hague residents at that time. Dottie and others built shelves and organized the Hague Public Library in the basement of Hague Central School. She worked with the teachers and ordered books from the Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS) for students and town residents. During this same time she also organized Girl Scout and Brownie Troops in Hague, having been a continuous member of Scouting herself from Brownies through high school graduation.

For the past 23 years Dottie has been the publisher and editor of The Hague Chronicle. While she generously acknowledges the help of the many volunteers, she is the chief typist, does the layout, takes the paper to be printed and supervises the mailing.

In addition to her devotion to the Hague Chronicle, Dottie has been a member of the Town Board, Town Park Committee, Town Enhancement Committee, Northern Lake George Rotary Club and co-organizer of the Hague Hoax Fest.

She has also found time to be a very active member, officer and organizer of several cultural and civic activities including the Ticonderoga Festival Guild, Carillon Garden Club, Hague Senior Citizens Club, New Horizons Literary Club and the Champlain Valley Chorale. Recognition of her achievements has resulted in Dottie's being given the first Hague Senior Citizen of the Year award in 1982 and the Achievement Award for Warren County by the New York State Legislature in 1991. Dottie says she "has had a love affair with Hague" ever since she first came to the town. The citizens of Hague are the grateful beneficiaries of that love. We are pleased that she will be receiving another award for her tireless efforts for our community. JS



HELP WANTED

The Hague Town Board has announced openings for summer positions as follows: 2 Lifeguards, 4 Park Attendants and 2 Visitor Center receptionists. Applications are available at the town office for anyone interested in any of these positions and are due by April 5th. Job descriptions are also available at the town office.

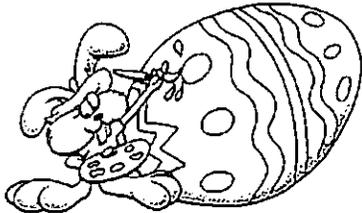
Visitor Center hours will be from 10 am - 4 pm.

KIWANIS EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga will take place at 10AM on Easter Saturday, March 30, at the Ti Elementary School. Children up to ten years of age are invited to hunt for the candy hidden at the school by Kiwanis members acting on behalf of the Easter Bunny.

There will be four separate streams of contestants, broken down by age groups. Appearing in person will be the Easter Bunny himself. All children are warned in advance that the hunt will begin precisely at 10AM and that supplies are likely to be materially depleted by 10:05AM! Promptness will be a distinct virtue!

Participating Kiwanians should report at 9AM. Inquiries maybe directed to Chairlady Chris Barnao at 585-9921.



LUNCHEON/GAME PARTY PLANNED

The Carillon Garden Club is planning a spring luncheon/game party to be held at the Hague Community Center on Thursday, May 16, 2002 at 11:30AM. Lunch will be served at 12 Noon, followed by an afternoon of games of one's choice. Bring the game or cards you would like to play. Lots of door prizes and raffles. All this for only \$15.00! Get together with your friends and reserve a table for this fun-filled afternoon. Reservations may be made by calling Vivian Den Bleyker @543-6801 or Dottie Henry @ 543-6633 before May 1, 2002.

CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER-MARCH 22

The Ticonderoga Middle School Music Dept. will hold its second annual chicken and biscuit dinner on March 22, 2002 from 5:30-7:30PM in the Ticonderoga Middle School cafetorium.

The dinner includes drinks and strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Entertainment will be provided by the Middle School band and jazz band; the Dynamics and Guys; special student solos and ensembles; Nelson Shapiro and Phil Henry; and Tina Bond and Wayne Chagnon.

Adult tickets are \$10.00. Children ages 5-8, \$5.00 and no charge for children under five.

Tickets are being sold in advance and can be obtained from band and chorus members, Mrs. Cornell, Mrs. Bond, or Mrs. Dixon, or call 585-7442 Ext 267.

All proceeds will benefit the Ticonderoga Middle School Music Dept.

ADOPT-A-BASKET CAMPAIGN

This year's campaign for residents to adopt a flower basket for the town of Hague has been successful. There were twelve persons who were too late in 2001 to adopt a basket and we have added their names to the list for 2002. They are: Katherine Wilhelm, in memory of Howard and Dorothy Foote; Paul Karmazin, memory of Henry and honor of Gertrude Karmazin; Peggy Darrin, memory of Dottie and Howard Engler; Dan McGowen, honor of Dan Belden; Robert Hofstader, "the Hofstader family"; Martha Soliday, memory of George Boyd; Richard E. Bolton, "the Bolton family"; Bill Glenn, memory of Connie Glenn; Carol & Bill Randall, memory of Betty Decker; Art & Marianne Klein memory of Virginia and Arthur Klein Sr. Henry Geils, Tom James

Received for baskets in 2002 are: Robert Gladding, "the Frishberg and Gladding families"; Anne Chesky, memory of Louis Chesky; Pat & Joe Wania, memory of Mabel Hyde; Patricia Ansaldi, memory of Denise Ward; Jack E. Bolton, memory of Richard J. Bolton; Mary J. Keeler, memory of Joan Lusk; Shirl Vickerson, Van Kleeck and Vickerson families; Barbara Mizer, memory Edna & Joseph Malloy; Betty Van Sleet, memory of Al Van Sleet; Linda & Bob Case, memory of Laura and Les Archibald; J. H. Geils, honor of Geils/Miner families; Ruth and Fred Klingler, memory of Rae and Ed Heins; Dottie Henry, memory of Jack Henry; Howard Ticknor, memory of Marie (Babs) Ticknor; Elizabeth Decker, memory Deek and Roy; Delmar R. Dhein, "The Centerboard"; E. J. Crabbs, memory E. Hamilton and Bertha R. Crabbs; C. Warren, memory John Warren; Kay Barton, memory of Charles Barton; Roderick Geer, honor Steve Davis; John M. Brown, memory Betty Burford; Karen Lamb; Art Hatfield; Diane Farinick; Dan Belden; Denise and John Bambach; Green Acres Campsite.

HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Hague Senior Citizens Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 26 at 12 Noon. This will be our annual buffet luncheon, which was postponed from last month. Please bring a dish to share.

A Defensive Driving Course is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th. On Wednesday, April 10, there will be a defensive driving course. This will be held at the Community Center and will be convened at 9AM and will last until 3:30PM. To take this course, register at the Hague Community Center (SOON). The course is limited to 30 people, so if you did not register at the last meeting (Feb. 26), do so at once. There is a charge of \$10 for this course which is to be paid to the instructor on April 10. Bring your own sandwich; tea and coffee will be provided. ewa

PLANNING BOARD

The Hague Planning Board met on March 7, 2002 with the following members present: Chairman Swanson, John Brown, Dick Gladu, Nancy Harrigan. Absent: Ralph Denno, Chuck Fillare and Peter Foster.

A. The first item on the agenda was for Rypkema, Rt. 9N south of Werner's Marina. The Rypkemas would like to build a home 52 ft from Lake George. Mr. Rypkema came in with a new plan to rotate the house so that it is farther from the shoreline. The board approved the new plan 4-0, subject to a site review to look at the new stakes and make sure it is 50 ft. from the shore at all points. Also, approval is subject to a survey after the foundation is in, showing that all points of the foundation are at least 50 ft. from the lake.

B. Rizzas (Cape Cod Village). The Rizzas would like to put a 15ft. x 15ft. addition on their home with an 8 ft. x 15 ft. porch which is within 100 ft. of Jenkins Brook. Since Jenkins Brook is a non-navigable stream, the Zoning Administrator deemed that the 50 ft. setback did not apply. The addition will not be on the brook side of the property. Approved unanimously.

C. Disbrow (147 Split Rock Road). Mr. Disbrow would like to construct a 50 ft. x 100 ft. accessory building and a 40 car parking lot for a player piano and mechanical music instrument player museum. In answer to a question about the need for a 40 car lot, Mr. Disbrow assured the board that it would be grass parking, not macadam. Mr. Disbrow assured the board that the parking lot would only be used for museum parking. Mr. Disbrow plans to charge an admission to all non-local people. He plans to have a small gift shop in the museum. He was asked by the board to produce a sketch of the proposed building and a site plan with the building on it within two weeks. It was suggested that a public hearing should be held. A site plan for this project review was held on March 2 but was aborted by Zoning Administrator Paul Barone. Another site review was held on March 6.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 3/12/02

Acting as the Hague Town Board of Health, the Hague Town Board held a public hearing on the variance application for a wastewater treatment system for the Andrea property in Friends Point. After informal discussion by members of the audience and the Board, a motion was approved to reject the application because it was incomplete. Councilman Hourigan recommended that the Zoning Administrator look into the issues involved in the properties under discussion and inform the Town Board of Health of any necessary action. The public hearing was then closed.

The Hague Town Board then opened its regular monthly meeting. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Hildegard Wikoff, Anna Denno, Mary Watts, Edith Smith, Clifford Trudeau, Howard Porter and Leo

Wells.

A motion was approved to accept bids for the 1992 Ford pickup truck up to Wednesday, May 1st at 4 pm. The minimum bid is \$800.

Councilman Meola stated that during the audit of bills on 3/11, he objected to paying a particular bill and it was withdrawn from the bills to be approved. The motion to pay the General and Highway Claims was then approved.

Committee reports:

Assessor - Councilman Meola reported that the assessor, David Martucci, has office hours every Monday from 9 am to 4:30 pm for any residents who want to stop in for information. In addition he will schedule appointments as necessary.

CARE - Councilman Steitz said that Georgina Lindquist, CARE (food pantry) coordinator, has reported an increase in participation.

Fire Dept. - Sal Santaniello reported that the Winter Weekend was very successful and that the next event is the St. Patricks Day dinner on March 17th.

Insurance - Councilman Meola reported that they have solicited interest in renewing the town policy and will act at the next meeting.

Personnel - Councilmen Meola and Steitz are still working with the Board on job descriptions and employee guide updates.

Mr. Meola stated that members of the appointed boards should have training so he requested that the Board ask the Zoning Administrator to set up a formal schedule of available meetings and encourage members to attend.

It was pointed out that the Zoning Board has not met since October 28th. The Board felt that they should meet and discuss items or have workshops even if there was no specific agenda. Councilmen Steitz and Hourigan will set up a joint meeting, with an agenda, with the Planning, Zoning and Town Boards.

Town Park and Beautification - Councilman Meola reported on a meeting of the Town Park Committee. The 2 hour parking across from the Town Park is not being enforced because it is difficult to know how long cars have been parked. The committee recommended that a letter be written to the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) requesting that no parking be allowed. This regulation would be easier to enforce. The Board approved a motion to send this request to DOT.

There are many problems with the soda machine at the Park. The committee recommended getting rid of it. The Board voted to write to the vendor and ask that it be removed.

The committee recommended that the launching fees be kept the same. A sticker will be made up to give to persons launching boats and the sticker will have to be presented when the boat is taken out or they will be charged a \$10 fee. Cont. on page 4 3/02

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Councilman Steitz noted that there is a problem with geese at the Town Park. He said that there is a liquid which can be put on the grass which is a bitter taste to the geese. It is non-toxic to humans and not harmful to the Lake but it is expensive (\$ 91/gallon!)

Councilman Hourigan noted that there is a 2 hour boat parking limit at the town launch but that the area at the end needs to be reserved for the Hague Fire Department Rescue Boat parking.

Youth - Councilman Meola noted that there was a Warren County Youth Leadership Conference on March 12th but Hague does not get this information because our school in Ticonderoga is in Essex County. He has mailed the brochure with a letter to the Ticonderoga schools and has also sent a copy to the Director of the Warren County Youth Bureau, Margaret Sing Smith, so that they can plan to include Hague next year. On April 29th there will be a conference "Youth at Risk" for Youth leaders. Mr. Meola has further details for anyone interested.

Buildings & Grounds - Councilman Megow reported that they are still waiting for the electrician to put a light in the community center parking lot. A ramp will be put up for handicapped at the other end of the building near the Food Pantry. The service contract for the boiler with Tri Tech needs to be renewed by May 4th. They quoted a rate of \$1850 which needs to be checked.

Sewer District #1 - On March 19th at 9:30 am there will be a precontracting meeting. All contracts have been shipped to the EPA for approval. Construction will begin in April. All money is from federal grants.

Transfer/Recycling Station - Income for the month of February was \$1505. The annual report has been turned in to the state.

The following motions were approved unanimously :

To set May 15th as the Town Clean Up date. Bill Bothe has prepared a flyer which will be posted.

To appoint a committee to make suggestions on the use of the old Town Hall. The Town Hall committee will consist of Lu Megow, Rudy Meola, Ethel Andrus, Sal Santaniello, Mark Rutkowski and Dave Cornell from Silver Bay Association, Valerie Lawrence and Sheri Ginn. Any one with ideas should contact Supervisor Belden or Councilman Meola. If the town keeps the building, money will have to be put into it.

Resolution #47 to hold 2 public hearings necessary for the Small Cities Block Grant application for funding to improve the Hague Water Works. The most one applicant can receive is \$400,000. The county will be conducting the hearings at the Hague Town Hall. Dates set for April 3rd and April 9th at 6 pm.

Resolution # 48 to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Clough Harbour Associates for post closure work (Landfill monitoring) to include Baseline Monitoring at \$5100 each event, not to exceed 2 events and Routine Monitoring at \$4200 each event,

not to exceed 4 events.

Resolution #49 to authorize the Supervisor to transfer \$15,000 from the Capital Fund Landfill Closure account to the General Fund Transfer Station account for well-monitoring and grounds maintenance.

Resolution # 50 to authorize the Supervisor to open a Capital Fund Account named Town Wide Improvement Project and transfer \$300,000 from the General Fund Unexpended Balance

To authorize the supervisor to set up a separate account for the Adirondack North Country Community Enhancement Program Grant for the \$11, 000 clean up fund, for removal of junk cars etc.

To approve the Rotary Club coin drop on July 7th from 8AM - 2PM

To approve Rotary Club use of Town facility for the Americade canteen on June 4th to 8th.

In Supervisor Belden's report he:

mentioned again that his priority for the Town of Hague is to bury power lines and cable lines with grant money.

has sent a letter to Senator Stafford and Assemblyman Little requesting inclusion of sidewalks with the repaving of Route 8 by the State in 2003.

has sent a letter to Verizon with a copy to the Public Service commission reminding them to include Silver Bay with Hague in the next phonebook.

said that the Town Annual Financial Report is on file for anyone to look at.

has to get the sedimentation issue typed for an extension of the contract. Money is funded through the Lake George Association (LGA) in a \$175,000 grant that was approved 2 years ago. The property owners want a lawyer involved which will cost money from the grant. A meeting needs to be set up with the Board and the 2 property owners. The board moved that Dan set up the meeting and sign the agreement.

said someone should attend the Downtown Revitalization Seminar in Texas - there is lots of grant money out there. The Board approved part of the expense for Mr. Belden to attend. JS

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Hague Historical Society will meet on Monday, April 15 at 7:30PM at the Hague Community Center. The public is cordially invited to attend. ewa



NATURE NEWS
by Laura Meade

When the electric power was out on March 4, my thoughts turned to the birds I could see at the feeder. Of course, for the birds, the power is always out! So how do they keep warm? And where do they stay for the nights? To keep warm, some people have a wood stove or a generator to provide power or a gas stove or a kerosene heater, but no bird has such an advantage.

One could imagine a bird would cuddle up in a corner of a nest (without a blanket!) but what kind of system would provide enough heat to sustain life?

There are a number of bluebird nest boxes in Hague. Owners of those boxes are told to clean out each box in spring, in order for a new nest to be built by the summer occupants. One spring, after a nest box owner had died in winter, I boldly went to that property to clean out the old bluebird nest box. Somehow the nest did not look like what I assumed was a bluebird nest, so I carefully removed it and put it in an old shoe box. When I took the nest to an expert for identification, I was immediately told that it was the nest of a black-capped chickadee, a cavity nester.



After that discussion I began to closely watch the black-capped chickadees that flew from the feeder in my yard. Sure enough! They flew directly to a cluster of cavities in an old dead popple tree across the road. Probably woodpeckers had made those holes years before, and after the woodpeckers had their fill of bugs, the woodpeckers moved to another grove. Then the chickadees moved in! And it was convenient to have my feeder nearby. So they kept warm in the cavities when it was cold.

Another thought occurred to me about that time. Once, quite a while ago, I took part in a Christmas bird count near Elizabethtown. Two of us were assigned to climb a mountain trail to the summit of a steep hill. Our challenge was to find a Boreal chickadee! We had never heard of such! So we looked in the "Field Guide to Birds East of the Rockies" by Roger Tory Peterson. Until that day I thought that all chickadees were alike! But actually there are two kinds in the Adirondacks. Besides the black-capped variety, there are also Boreal chickadees at higher elevations in the winter. That possibility was a challenge as we tried to identify birds on that mountain.

To our great surprise we saw two Boreal chickadees! They are similar in size to black-capped chickadees but have dull brown caps and a general color of brown. Also, their call is more wheezy, like a chick-che-day-day. The bird record keeper was delighted with our discovery.

Since then I have not seen a Boreal chickadee in Hague or nearby mountains, even though I have searched while hiking at high elevations in winter. Has anyone seen a Boreal chickadee in Hague?

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

We all say we love the lake. Let's show we are a caring community. Here are some documented, scientific

facts put forth by the Residents' Committee for the Protection of the Adirondacks.

- 1. A jet ski machine dumps 3.5 gal. of fuel directly into our lake water and air each hour of operation.
- 2. Noise pollution.
- 3. For the one person on the ski having fun, 24 others are bothered by it.
- 4. Disturbance of endangered species.
- 5. Destruction of the food chain.



Promising technology can solve some (not all) of these issues. The industry is not planning to release for sale better machines until 2008. By the time the grandfathered machines are phased out it could be two decades. Are we to allow this environmental problem to continue? Lake Tahoe banned them a few years ago because of pollution. 750 gal. of fuel was being dumped each day into Lake Tahoe. Lake George is a valuable fresh-water drinking source for thousands of residents and tourists yearly. What kind of long term effects are these pollutants going to have on the health of the people?

Clean, fresh water is not abundant on this planet, so why are we allowing this dumping to continue? For fun and joy rides? Is it worth it?

Mary Lou Doulin

WEATHER NOTES
by MaryLou Doulin

Since weather records have been kept, this has been the warmest winter yet. The National Weather Bureau promises an even milder one next year. The last half of February was mostly gentle, two days hit the 50's and one the 60's. The snowfall was minimal. Sometimes we had snow cover, mostly we did not. The infrequent snow was usually mixed with sleet and freezing rain. Wild March brought its winds. We lost power twice, lakeside for 12 hours, West Hague, 17 hrs. on March 3 and on March 9 we lost it for four hours lakeside and 12 hours in West Hague. Wind gusts were up to 50 mph.

Between the beautiful and ample sunshine and the moderate temperatures this winter, mobility improved and the duration of the seasons felt accelerated. Once again drought worries continue. March 14, first robin spotted!



"LAKES TO LOCKS PASSAGE"

"What we are seeking to do is put in place for the Champlain Valley and neighboring areas an infrastructure that enables people to enjoy them without having to drive," said Janet Kennedy, Byways Coordinator for the Adirondack North Country Assoc. at a recent meeting of Kiwanis of Ticonderoga and at a subsequent interview at her Crown Point office.

Her particular focus is the "Lakes to Locks Passage," a component of the Byways program comprising the Champlain Canal, Lakes George and Champlain, the Richelieu River and on to Quebec City via the St. Lawrence River.

The goal is to create hiking, birding and biking trails and connect waterways, insofar as geographically feasible, that will enable travelers to start at Waterford and proceed north to Quebec City.

The Passage is a joint effort among New York, Vermont and Quebec. Culmination of the project is planned for 2009, the 400th anniversary of Champlain's arrival in the Valley. A goal of the Passage is to do for the Champlain Valley region what the 1980 Olympics did for Lake Placid.

Kennedy quoted the observation of Virginia Westbrook, coordinator of the Champlain Valley Heritage Project, that in the 17th - 19th centuries the Passage's waters were the major highway binding together the people inhabiting their shores. The automobile, she says, turned these waters into barriers between those shores.

The Lakes to Locks Passage aims to reverse that trend in the recreational context while increasing commercial opportunities in the region. Studies have shown that 80% of all traffic passing through the region spends not a dollar in the region. Boaters wishing convenient and reasonably-priced transport between Lake George and Champlain, canoeists, hikers, birders and bikers are expected to be far more productive of local income.

One of the more enthusiastic proponents of the Passage is Warren County, Kennedy said. Owing to technical factors impacting grant monies, the formal incorporation of the County into the project has taken longer than that of Essex, Clinton and Washington Counties, but this has not impacted Warren County's efforts on behalf of the project.

Route 22 is seen as the spine of the Passage, but the planners are acutely aware that Route 22 is a bypass as regards the west side of Lake George and are taking pains to include Route 9N and the revitalization of Montcalm St. in Ticonderoga as an integral part of the program, according to Kennedy. The resolution of these issues will be a necessary part of the project if it is to be supported by Hague and Ticonderoga, she said.

The planners expect to designate the west side of Lake George as one of the four subregions comprised by the Lakes to Lock Passage. The west side subproject is currently seen as a loop following Route 9N, separate

from but attached to the main project at the two ends of Lake George and at the several major points between them.

Kennedy sums up the project's aim is "to give this area a sense of place that is widely known and recognized." Kennedy may be reached in Crown Point at 597-9660 by residents having suggestions or desiring to contribute their energies.

Ed: Virginia Westbrook has met with several Hague residents, presenting plans for three kiosks to be erected in Hague. These will be placed in strategic locations so that local residents, as well as tourists, can be advised on various points of interest in Hague. This is now a work in progress and we hope to have the kiosks ready for the coming season.

HAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

In February 2002 ambulance 740 had ten runs covering 219 miles and 94 man hours in its service to Hague.

The Fire Dept. answered three calls, with 56 man hours expended.

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN LAKE GEORGE

Sally Bissell was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Rotary Club on March 12, 2002. She showed a video tape of the work being done in Sierra Leone and her participation in it. The Rotary International is playing a part in helping eradicate polio there.

On April 2nd Gene Manley will speak on "Ground Zero Relief"; on April 9th Nancy Kimball, Wildlife Rehabitator will speak on "How to Care for Injured or Orphaned Wildlife in Your Neighborhood"; on April 16th Rev. Charles Stratton will speak on "The Situation in Afghanistan - an insight into the culture."

The Rotary Club meets each Tuesday at 7:30 AM for breakfast in the Watson Arts Center at Silver Bay Association. Visitors are cordially invited to attend.

"AS YOU LIKE IT" COMING TO TICONDEROGA

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild has announced plans to present a special program on April 26, 2002 at Ticonderoga High School at 7:30PM. The National Shakespeare Company from New York City will present "As You Like It", one of Shakespeare's comedies.

While the nine-member troupe is in Ticonderoga, they will present a workshop for 30 students at Ticonderoga High School during the school day on April 26. They also promise a question and answer period following their evening performance.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. There will be no reserved seating. Tickets may be purchased from the Ti Festival Guild at PO Box 125, Ticonderoga, NY 12883 at the present time. Other sales locations will be announced later in March. cb 3/02

SOUNDINGS

TI HI SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

DIED: Robert W. Stout, 78, a summer resident of Hague, on February 12 in Tinton Falls, NJ. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mildred, his daughter Melanie Lanz and husband Kerwin, son Richard and five grandchildren, Ian and Rory Stout and Wesley, Hillary and Abbey Lanz.

DIED: Hildegard C. Wikoff, 76, Silver Bay and Bradenton, FL, on February 22, in Bradenton. Survivors include her husband, Dean P. Wikoff, a daughter, Hildegard Link-Harrington and son Ernest and three grandchildren. A memorial service is planned at the Silver Bay Chapel this summer.

DIED: Anna N. (Robbins) Denno, 72, Split Rock Road, Hague, on Feb. 23, 2002 at Moses Ludington Hospital. She was a life long resident of Hague. She is survived by four sons, Bernard R., Ralph, both of Hague, Peter, Springtown, TX, and Thomas, Ticonderoga; nine daughters, Barbara Tyler of Anna Maria, FL, Pamela, Petersburg, NY, Deborah Reid and Michele Gautreau, Hague, Marie Dove, Bradenton, FL, Theresa Gagliardi, Glens Falls, Mary Anna Osier and Bernadette Denno, both of Ticonderoga and Maureen Germain, Middlebury, VT, four sisters, 34 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband who died on May 11, 2001 and two sons, Joseph and Robert.

DIED: Mary C. Watts, 95, Silver Bay and Lord Howe Estates in Ticonderoga on Feb. 28 at Moses Ludington Nursing Home. She is survived by her daughter Jane Crammond, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

DIED: Howard Porter, 80, Ticonderoga, in Alabama while visiting his daughter. He is survived by his brother Richard, Hague, three sons and a nephew, Walter, Hague.

DIED: Clifford Trudeau, 63, Syracuse, NY on March 3, 2002. He is survived by sons Jon and Joey and four grandchildren in Hague.

DIED: Edith Ruth (Shattuck) Smith, 75, Graphite Mountain Road in the Hague hamlet, on March 4, 2002 at Moses-Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga. She was a member of the Hague Fire Dept. serving as treasurer for fifteen years. Mrs. Smith is survived by one stepson, William M. Smith, Snyder, NY; three sisters, Shirley R. Smith, Hague, Eva R. Kenney, Hoosick Falls and Gertrude A. Ryan, Ticonderoga and one brother, James H. Shattuck, Bath, PA.

Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in his shoes. That way, if he gets angry, he'll be a mile away - and barefoot.

The following Hague students were listed as Scholar-Athletes for March 2002. They are involved in one of the following sports: bowling, basketball, indoor track and cheerleading as well as maintaining the highest levels of academic effort and achievement in their course work during the third marking period.

Lucas Frasier, Ted Santaniello, and Matt Frasier

•At the Valentine dance held by the Youth Department in Ticonderoga on Feb. 16th, two of our local lassies were honored. Stephanie Nast was chosen as Duchess and Kacheena Trudeau as Queen.

TI HI MUSIC DEPARTMENT POPS CONCERT

The Ticonderoga High School Music Department scored a huge success in Hague on March 14 at the Community Center where it held its annual coffee house. Many soloists, duets, The Shadows (boys' show choir) and The Spirit of Sound (girls' show choir), which is now in its 24th year of producing great music for the school and community, performed to a packed house. Alison Rutkowski, a Hague resident, brought down the house with her rendition of "Second Hand Rose", which was dedicated to our own Ursula Montbriand. All proceeds from this event are to be used for the group to take a trip to New York City during spring break in April. If you missed this great show, be sure to catch the same participants and many more at the annual Pops Concert on Wednesday, April 3 at the high school auditorium at 7:30 PM. The concert is a Celebration of New York and will include numbers such as *New York, New York*, *West Side Story*, *N. Y. State of Mind* and numbers from *42nd Street*.

Recently Essex County held its annual music festival. Out of five women to be chosen for solo performances from the entire county all five were from Ticonderoga High School. They were: Samantha Bessett, Katie Putzke, Alison Rutkowski, Kristina Thompson, and Flynn Jebb. Congratulations to all of you!

These kids are really talented and deserve your support! The music department is headed by Mr. Nelson Shapiro who is ably assisted by Mrs. Valerie Dixon. One could sense the love and devotion the kids have for them, and vice versa. Mr. Shapiro stated that Hague is a very welcoming setting and they particularly enjoy presenting programs in Hague. Three cheers for the Ticonderoga High School Music Department!!



TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD

The membership campaign of the Ti Festival Guild is in progress. Membership contributions enable the Guild to present programs for the children of the area, which are free to all those attending, as well as to support the planning of, promotion for and execution of the two dozen programs usually presented by the Guild annually.

As of Monday, March 18, The Guild has a new office at 121 Montcalm St., between Burleigh's Luncheonette and the Sport Card Shop. After seven years of providing office space to the Guild, Joan Miller of Century 21 has found her business expanding to the point where the office space is needed. Joan extended a helping hand to the Guild when it needed a "home" and continued this service to the community for a long period of time. Now the Guild must take a new step and provide its own working space. The budget must be expanded to include an item for rent.

The summer programs are in place and have been announced to the public. Anyone wishing to obtain a list of programs and membership information may call 585-6716 and information will be sent promptly.

Although the Guild now has an office address, mail will continue to be received at PO Box 125, Ticonderoga, 12883, or by email at tfguild@capital.net.

TICONDEROGA MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEK

The Ticonderoga Middle School invites the community to join in the celebration of Middle School Week. Each year the Ticonderoga Middle School designates one week for Middle School Week and sponsors special events throughout that week. This year that week is April 8 - 12. Special events happening at the Middle School include:

- April 8-12 Middle School Book Fair
- April 9 Career Fair - 8:15 - 10:15AM - Cafetorium
- April 10 Seventh Grade Putnam Parents' Night - (6:30 - 7:00 PM - Resource Center)
- Fifth Grade Parents' Night - 6:30-7PM in Cafetorium
- April 11 Sixth Grade Science Fair for community 7:30-8:30PM in the Cafetorium
- April 11 Sixth Grade Science Fair for elementary students - 8:15 - 10:00 AM - Cafetorium

For additional information on the Middle School Week, please contact the Ticonderoga Middle School at 585-7442 ext, 216.

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- TOPS market in Ticonderoga has announced a major renovation set to begin in mid-March and to be completed in late May. Included in the renovation will be a small Carry Out Cafe, offering sandwiches, pizza, rotisserie chicken, wings, side dishes, soups and salads, as

well as coffee and fountain beverages. All items will be available for take-out or to be enjoyed in-store in a comfortable seating area.

- The Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga is sponsoring the Kelly Miller Circus on Sunday, June 30 for two performances at 2 and 4:30 PM and 4:30PM. More later.
- "MASTERS IN MINIATURE" is the title of the next concert by the Glens Falls Symphony on Sunday, April 7, 2002 at 4PM at the Glens Falls High School.
- Supervisor Belden would still like to hear from you as to how you feel about Warren County Board of Supervisors imposing a bed tax, which might adversely affect tourism in the area. He would like to vote according to the wishes of his constituents. Call him at 543-6161 or write to him c/o Community Center.
- *The Hague Chronicle* has added another e-mail address. You may e-mail to HagueChronicle@aol.com as well as hchague@capital.net
- *A Potpourri of Expression* by Marjorie Burns is the featured show in the gallery at the Hancock House from March 6 through May 4. Includes paintings, drawings, prints, collages and sculpture.

HAGUE CLEAN UP DAY WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2002 ONE DAY ONLY - NO EXCEPTIONS

The Hague Transfer Station will normally be open that day from 9AM to 5PM to all town residents wishing to dispose of the following items: White goods: (refrig. stove, washer, dryer, sink) ; Furniture: (Chair, TV, Stereo.) Metal : wire fence, pipe, bicycles, gas grill (no propane tanks); Non-process: (clothes, lawn chairs, large plastic items; Tires - twelve (12) per resident (not on rims)

Unacceptable Items : recyclables, garbage, brush, leaves, C&D (construction material)

Roadside pickup by the Highway Dept. will be limited to Hague residents sixty (60) years of age or older and residents physically disabled. **ITEMS SHALL NOT EXCEED A COMBINED TOTAL OF FOUR (4) YARDS (APPROX. SIZE OF A STD. PICK-UP TRUCK LOAD.**

All items for pick up SHALL BE SORTED AND PLACED AT ROADSIDE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 14 FOR PICK UP WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2002.

Notice: All items not acceptable, not sorted or placed at roadside after May 14 will not be picked up.

Please call the Community Center @ 543-6161 or the Highway Garage @ 543-5400 to schedule pick up or if you have questions.

BE A WATER KEEPER ON LAKE GEORGE

The nonprofit FUND FOR LAKE GEORGE is working on creating a "waterkeeper" program - which is essentially an environmental "neighborhood watch" to promote protection for our lake.

Modeled after programs of the British Isles that protected bodies of water for mostly private landholders and private clubs, the waterkeeper program was started locally on the Hudson River in 1966. Since that time it has been widespread across the country. Locally the waterkeeper programs are being developed on both Lake George and Lake Champlain.

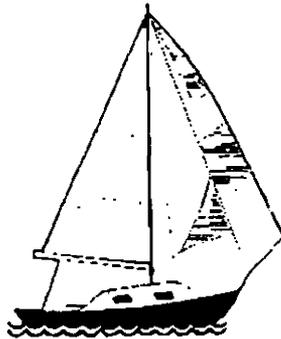
A "waterkeeper" fills the roll of investigator, scientist, lawyer, lobbyist and public relations specialist. He/she uses whatever means are available to ensure the public's right to protect a natural resource for future generations.

Murray Fisher, is the field coordinator for the Waterkeeper Alliance, an umbrella organization for the sanctioned waterkeeper programs. Mary Dreyer, executive director of the Fund for Lake George, a not-for-profit organization of lakeshore residents who provide money for long-range environmental lake activities - said the group has already begun the search for the Lake George waterkeeper. The group plans to open an office for the waterkeeper, as well as outfit the person with a boat. He/she will be expected to attend municipal meetings and participate in related problems on both a local and state level. Fisher said the Waterkeeper Alliance board will vote to include the Lake George program in its sanctioned group during a meeting on April 2.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A WATERKEEPER?

The FUND FOR LAKE GEORGE is launching its Lake George Waterkeeper program this summer. The Lake George Waterkeeper will work with environmental regulators, local and state governments, and other lake organizations to advocate for Lake George on issues having an environmental impact on the lake.

He/she will investigate, document, and report violations or failures to follow regulations in the Lake George Basin and will respond to citizen complaints. To become a Waterkeeper, one must have a scientific background in ecology, limnology and related water resources. If you are interested or would like further information, please call 668-4511.



COMMUNITY CORNER

We will use this space for comments from our town officials (Dan Belden, Skip Hourigan, Lu Megow, Rudy Meola, Art Steitz) or community members when they wish to clarify or expand on issues of interest to the the Town of Hague. We reserve the right to edit any material submitted but encourage your comments.

MARY C. BESTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Congratulations to our 2001/2002 Best Award recipients Bill Bothe, SUNY Delphi College of Technology, Tasha Braisted, SUNY at Buffalo (UB), Katie Breitenbach, Bucknell University , Pa., Anne Johnson, SUNY at Buffalo (UB) and Josh Plass, SUNY, Albany. We all wish them the best in their future endeavors.

The Beste Steering Committee would like to thank the following people who so generously sent donations to the Beste Scholarship Fund in response to our Hague Chronicle fund raising appeal. We sincerely appreciate your support!

John and Anne Barber, The Barry Family, Jim and Seddon Beaty, Julia Beaty, Jim and Cathy Bolton, John and Elizabeth Brown, John and Joanne Brown, Dale and Nancy Bryant, Douglas and Kim Bryant, The Buck Family, The Crabbs Family, Frank Fowler, Henry and Ann Geils, John and Virginia Geils, Mrs. & Mrs. Charles Gosselink, Anne Harding, John and Nancy Harrigan, Dorothy Henry, Ruth Huestis, Elisabeth J. Hume, Tom James, Ed and Lois Konikowski, Mr. & Mrs. C. Robert Kostides, Phil and Norma Mann, Alex Martin, Robert Mayer, Mr. & Mrs. David McConaughy, Dan and Ann McGowen, Lu and Norma Megow, Chris and Anne Parlin, Jane Parmley, Bob and Lynn Patchett, Rotary Club of Northern Lake George, Sal and Kathy Santaniello, Richard and Mary Sharp, Lynn Stanford, Lynn and Patty Stote, Howard and Donna Ticknor, Kathleen Hudak Torrey, In memory of Paul V. Winters, Sr.

A special thanks to *The Hague Chronicle* for letting us piggyback our flyer to the January issue of the paper; we appreciate this opportunity immensely. And it isn't too late to give. Please send donations to: Beste Scholarship Fund, c/o Hague Community Center, Hague, NY 12836. Additional donors' names will appear in next month's *Chronicle*.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to show up.

My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 now and we don't know where the heck she is.

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*Men are from earth. Women are from earth.
Deal with it!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH/APRIL 2002

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- 26 Senior Citizens meeting - p2
- 28 ZBA meeting - 7PM
- 30 Kiwanis Easter egg hunt - p2

April

- 3 Ti Hi Pops Concert -p7
- 4 Planning Board meeting - 7PM

- 7 Glens Falls Symphony Concert - p7
- 8-12 Middle School Book Fair
- 9 Career Fair - Middle School - p8
- 9 Town Board meeting - 6:30PM
- 10 Safe Driving Course - p2 (SC news)
- 10 Middle School 6th grade science fair - p8
- 15 Hague Historical Society meeting - p2

May 15 - Hague Cleanup Day - p8



*If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish motives;
Be kind anyway
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.
If you find serenity and happiness, others may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you have anyway*



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