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NEW DEADLINES AND PUBLISHING DATES

The Hague Chronicle has moved its deadlines and publishing dates to two weeks later, so we can be sure to include all town board meeting reports. The deadline for public submissions for November will be October 21st, and for December will be November 18th. The issues will publish on the first of each month. ■

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of September 24, 2022:

LOCATION	CASES	DEATHS
Worldwide	615M	6.54M
US	95.8M	1.05M
NYS	6.08M	70,920
Warren County	17,000	137
Essex County	7,004	66

Sources:

Source statistics can be found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

Local resources during COVID-19:

Warren County Public Health –
518-761-6580

Mental Health Assistance –
518-792-7143

Domestic Violence Assistance –
518-793-9496

State COVID-19 Hotline –
1-888-364-3065 ■

LEADING BY EXAMPLE LAKE PROTECTOR GINNY ROWAN SMITH

During a storm, significant amounts of stormwater runoff cascade down from the mountains and from Route 9N and Rt. 8, causing erosion and sedimentation. The runoff picks up nutrients, road salt, and contaminants, carrying these into the lake. The torrential Halloween storm of 2019 washed out roads in town and threatened the lake's water quality. One example was the stream on the Van Buren (or Oneida) Bay property of Manning and Ginny Rowan Smith, which became overwhelmed, clogging their retention pond with silt and mud. Although a natural berm prevented the sediment, nutrients, and contaminants from flowing into the lake immediately, Ginny recognized that it would be only a matter of time until the berm was also breached.

Ginny, who has deep roots here, is a dedicated conservationist. "We had such wonderful experiences as children here that we want to provide that same experience for our children, our grandchildren, and their children, on into perpetuity," she says in explaining her commitment to protecting the lake. With the advice of the Lake George Association and the services of DeFranco Landscaping, she was able to develop and execute a plan for stream and pond remediation and to put safeguards for the future in place. Ginny and Manning are also working to reconfigure their property's septic system by moving the leach field up the hill above their home, more than 500 feet away from the lake.

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ONE COMMUNITY WITH A COMMON GOAL: A LOST DOG

by Rich Sandman

Many lost dog stories don't have a happy ending, but this one does. About five years ago, my wife, Susan, and I were on a vacation in the Cayman Islands when I visited a dog shelter to help out. We didn't anticipate getting another dog, but I found a beautiful Lab mix and could not leave her behind. I promised Susan that this dog was not going to be our dog long-term. She simply needed a home – and I would find her one.

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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We had a beautiful day for our picnic and many people got to take food home because we had so much of it. It is great to feel like things are getting back to normal!



On October 6, 2022, we will be starting up Game Night at my house at 6:30 pm, so come on out and join the fun.

On October 9th, we are tentatively going to Albany to go on the Dutch Apple Cruise. When we confirm the date and put it on the Hague Senior Club Facebook page, you can sign up if you're interested and we will call you.

October 25th will be our meeting and Halloween Party at 12 pm. Bring a dish to share.

We're looking for a place to book for our December Christmas Party on December 6th. The details will be announced at our October meeting and there will be a sign-up sheet.

To all our members going south, safe travels. We look forward to seeing you all in 2023. ▣



Seniors enjoy a cruise at Lake Placid and visit the Adirondack Carousel September 1st.

HVFD

by Meg Haskell

Happy October!



We finished off the summer with 30 fire calls and drills and 16 EMS calls. We also provided scene support for the Marathon Swim that was held on August 20, 2022. A big thank you to Dockside Landing for supplying us with a boat for the event!

We are getting ready for our Townwide Garage Sale. The fire department will be hosting a vendor sale with crafts and more on October 8th from 9 am – 4 pm. We will also be selling food and beverages. Anyone wishing to be on the townwide map, please call me at 518-543-2015. Maps will be available at the firehouse and the Hague Market the day of the sale. We hope to see lots of great sales and lots of shoppers! ▣

SNOGOERS

by Tom Haskell

Our meetings are on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30 am at the Fish & Game Club.

We're now gearing up for the snow and cold this winter. We had our last monthly meeting on September 25, 2022. We scheduled work days at the meeting and our equipment is ready to go.

We're also setting up for cross country skiing at Rogers Rock Campground. If anyone is interested in grooming the x-country ski trails, please let us know at haguesnogoers@yahoo.com.

Hopefully, we'll see lots of snow this year and we'll have a safe and fun winter season. ▣

LEADING BY EXAMPLE, CONTINUED

"Every single person can do something to protect Lake George," Ginny says. "If you're a landowner, particularly, I think understanding the impact that your property has on the lake is absolutely critical."

[Click HERE to read more about Ginny's actions as a lake protector.](#) ▣

NO WORRIES IN HAGUE

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

With so much stress about the economy, rising prices, a new pandemic, the end of summer, predictions of a cold winter and so much more, let's take a moment to focus on how good life is here in Hague. Here's my short list of things we never have to worry about here:

- Having the correct change for parking meters
- Getting a parking ticket
- Not being able to get tickets for a concert in the park
- Missing the "city" bus
- Getting hit by a "city" bus
- Getting in over our heads at the town beach ▣

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS: Please send all news items to Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor at editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

There will be a special town board meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 4 pm at which time Town Clerk Kim Coffin will present the tentative budget to the board. Also, any other business that may come before the board will be addressed. ▣

PLANNING BOARD - 9/1/2022

Deputy Chairperson Pam Peterson, Judy Gourley, and Meg Haskell were present, along with ZEO Matthew McGee and acting Secretary Cathy Clark. Chairperson Dick Frasier was absent.

FUHRER (26.10-1-26) 65 Friends Point Road North (TR-1R)

The applicants would like to construct an addition to an existing house. The new construction would be within 100 feet of the lake. An existing stone landing is 87 feet from the lake and the new deck would be 86 feet from the lake. The application indicates a 43% increase in the structure footprint. The property is within Sewer District #2. A site visit was completed with no concerns raised. The application was deemed complete and unanimously approved.

CUNNINGHAM (76.20-1-32) 4 Silver Bay Road (TR-1R)

The applicants propose building a new three-story, three-bedroom, 3,500 sq. ft. house located ten feet behind an existing log cabin. The log cabin, currently being used as a primary dwelling, would become an accessory building and would have the kitchen and shower removed. A toilet and sink would remain in the log cabin. The original application stated that the accessory building would be a recreation room, which does not fit the code definition of an accessory building use. The application was amended to be used for professional space and deemed complete. The applicants indicated that mattresses in the loft would be removed and there would be no overnight sleeping or renting of the accessory structure. The amended application for the accessory structure was unanimously approved with the following conditions: the wastewater system must be approved by the town; the kitchen and shower plumbing must be removed; a stormwater permit must be obtained from the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC); no overnight accommodations will be allowed; and the town has the right to inspect it for a two-year period, with 48 hours notice.

DOLLAR (60.13-1-23) 22 Pudding Island Lane (TRIR)

The applicants would like to construct a 13'8" x 12' deck addition with stairs to an existing house within 100' of the lake. The application was deemed complete and a site visit was scheduled.

TOWN BOARD - 9/13/2022

Present: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Deputy Supervisor Steve Ramant, and Councilpersons Jack Bast, Joshua Patchett, and Maureen Cherubini. Nobody was absent.

Also present were: Highway Clerk/Audio Visual Technician Tim Fiallo, Zoom Host Ginger Henry Kuenzel, Deputy Highway Superintendent Matt Coffin, Tom Jarrett of Jarrett Engineers, PLLC, Linda Murry, Pat Hintze, Mike and Peggy Kowalsky, Sandy Rust, Carol Barnwell, and Luanne Fritzky.

A moment of silence was held for Kay Caldera, Cliff Davis, Ron Cairns, Michael Viscardi, and John Towey.

A public hearing was held regarding the Oxford Cottages Property at 4 Silver Bay Road. The applicant is seeking variances to upgrade an existing septic system. Jarrett reviewed the application, the property difficulties, and plans

for placement of new septic system. He also reviewed Cedarwood Engineering's recommendations. There being no questions, the public hearing was closed. The motion to upgrade the septic system project was unanimously approved with several variances.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrative/Assessor/Justice: There was a great response to the revaluation the Assessor's Office sent out.

2. Highway:

a. Coffin asked for and received the board's approval for Peckham Road Corporation to pave the following this October:

-1- Holman Hill for \$21,245.25, which will be 100% covered by Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) monies.

-2- Streeter Hill for \$19,020.00, which will also be 100% covered by CHIPS monies.

-3- The Hague Town Beach parking lot for \$28,882.50 and the Hague Community Center parking lot for \$29,275. These two areas will not be covered by CHIPS monies. The board approved taking the required money to pave these areas from the General Fund's unexpended balance.

b. Peckham Road Corporation also provided an estimate to pave the Hague Landfill parking lot and Valley View Road in the amount of \$53,476.25. This will not be done until next year.

c. The Hague Highway Department works in conjunction with other trucks provided by other towns to haul the black top. The Hague Highway Department is responsible for locating utilities, manholes, catch basins, water valves, sweeping, traffic control, water sources, and temporary striping.

3. Personnel: Two applications were received for the maintenance worker position. The help wanted ads will run for two more weeks in *The Post Star*, *The Hague Chronicle*, *The Times of Ti*, and *Indeed*.

4. Town Park/Beautification: The Music in the Park with the food trucks this season was a big success; many vendors want to come back in 2023. Several new food trucks also want to come next year. Frasier thanked Ramant for his work on this event.

Ramant thanked the boat launch and visitors' center employees for 2022, saying he received many compliments on their work. These employees were: Susan Adair, Pat Hintze, Joyce Houck, Karen Semigran, Tom Haskell, Walter Peterson Jr., Gary Turnamian, Leo Lucas, and Jennifer O'Neill.

5. Environmental Concerns: The Highway Department is doing a great job on road repairs and will continue with the salt and sand reduction program this winter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ramant and Patchett continue to work on plans for the future bandstand/pavilion at the town beach.

2. The Short-Term Rental Committee continues to develop an ordinance for short-term rentals in Hague.

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TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

3. Carol Cady and her family are welcome to use the basketball court to play Pickleball, with temporary lines and their own equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Kuenzel announced that there would be a public hearing on September 20, 2022 at 10 am at the Bolton Town Hall regarding the proposed Lake George Septic Inspection Program. For information, go to: <https://lgpc.ny.gov/>.

2. Frasier announced the following upcoming events:

a. October 4th at 4 pm – A special town board meeting to accept the tentative 2023 budget

b. October 8th from 9 am – 3 pm – The Hague Volunteer Fire Department's Townwide Garage Sale

c. October 29th from 3 pm - 5 pm – "Trunk or Treat" at the Hague Community Center ■

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 9/22/2022

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Jon Hanna, Chris Navitsky, Ray Snyder, and Alternate Cathy Clark were present. Linda Mury and Matthew Magee were absent.

MORAN (60.5-1-15) 35 Pine Cove Road (TR1)

The applicants would like to add a 528 sq. ft. addition to their legal nonconforming house, resulting in a 36% increase in square footage. Lot coverage of the 0.29-acre lot would be reduced from 34% to 32% due to the planned removal of the second driveway to the north. The proposed addition would be within 100 feet of the lake and would not make the structure more nonconforming. The application was deemed complete. A site visit was scheduled and a public hearing will be held at the next ZBA meeting on October 27th. ■

ONE COMMUNITY, CONTINUED

I arranged to bring her to the States, with the hope of finding her a home with a good family. I envisioned myself as a sort of "uncle" who would not own her but would be a constant presence in her life. Well, it's not hard to imagine how this chapter ends: I could not find the perfect home, I named her Cayman, and she became our dog.

Cayman has enjoyed her life with us in Boston, and particularly in Hague. And she's usually terrific off leash. She loves hikes, lakes, and mostly being with people. So, when Susan and I went to visit family in Dallas, we had no concerns about leaving her at Split Rock with our family, Sally and Jim Rypkema.

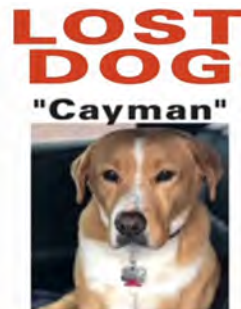
On Monday, October 18th, I received a call from Sally informing us that, while on a walk with Jim, Cayman had taken off to chase wild turkeys and was lost. They searched for her where she had last been seen that day and night, but Cayman could not be found. My son Zach and I got on a plane from Dallas and returned to Hague the next day to join the search.

For five days and four nights the search went on throughout Hague as our anxiety rose. We used every possible tool to alert neighbors and

town residents that Cayman was lost. Phil Swanson stayed up into the night to make Lost Dog signs, which we posted throughout town. Steve Ramant sent emails sounding the alarm. We went door to door, had search parties combing the woods every day, and searched the Split Rock and Jabe's Pond areas. We had Robocalls and Amber Alerts for Dogs and called all vets and shelters within 50 miles. Tommy Denno alerted his fellow hunters to be on the lookout.

Our hopes were raised and then dashed when we received word of sightings of her at the town beach and then at Sabbath Day Point, but they turned up nothing. Fortunately, the weather was mild, and there was plenty of water in the woods. But that didn't allay our fears of injuries and coyotes. Every day, our family started the search with hope and ended it with worry.

On the fifth day, we branched out deeper into the woods. On my way down from the Jabe's Pond trailhead,



I encountered Doug Sperling, who was headed up to the pond with his kayak. Two hours later, Doug called me. He had found Cayman on the far side of Jabe's, coaxed her into his kayak, and was bringing her home.

I have been asked whether the fear and worry were greater than the joy and relief of seeing Cayman come home safely. You don't get the highs in life without suffering some of the lows. I wish she had never gotten lost, but a lot of good came from it, too.

Throughout the week, I met new people and explored new trails. I received phone calls from strangers telling me that they were on the lookout for Cayman while hiking. I felt concern and support from people asking hopefully, "Did you find your dog yet?" I was encouraged by the word "yet."

I am appreciative of the hunters who kept a lookout during hunting season; to the townspeople who were encouraging and showed real concern; and to friends and family who posted on Facebook and in *The Hague Chronicle* and who searched for hours every day and kept hope alive.

At the end of this ordeal, I mostly felt profound gratitude that my dog, who goes everywhere with me, was safe and home.

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SOUNDINGS

DIED: Kathleen (Kay) Caldera, 92, on September 4, 2022 at Milford Manor Nursing Facility in West Milford, NJ. Born in Hoboken, NJ to Margaret (Burke) and Hugh Byrne, she lived most of her life in NJ.



Upon retirement, she and her husband, Bob, moved to Hague. In 2016, she moved back to NJ to live with her son until she entered Milford Manor.

Kay loved to bowl, visit casinos, and buy scratch-off tickets.

She was an active member of the Hague Seniors and enjoyed the many trips they took. Sitting at the lake with her Lake Forest friends gave Kay many happy times. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren loved swimming at Nana/GG's beach. Her greatest joys were spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Kay was predeceased by her: first husband, Ralph Lamanna; second husband, Bob Caldera; five siblings; granddaughter; and great-grandson.

She is survived by her: children, Annette Lamanna Wells (Bill), Barbara Lamanna, Robert Lamanna, Robert Caldera (Lucy), Judy Caldera Griffin (Mike), and Laurie Caldera DeTorres (Richie); eleven grandchildren; and thirteen great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held next summer in Hague.

DIED: Mike Viscardi, 70, of Greenwich, NY, formerly of Ticonderoga and Hague, on September 6, 2022. He was the son of Dominick J. and Rose Marie Viscardi. He spent the last 32 years with the love of his life, Nancy Viscardi, in Greenwich.



Mike served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy. Following his service, he graduated from Siena College with an accounting degree. He owned and operated Michael Viscardi Accounting for many years in Ticonderoga.

Mike was predeceased by his brother Dominick Viscardi.

He is survived by his: loving wife Nancy (Goman) Viscardi; daughters Darcy (Eric) Peters and Barbara (Martin Perkins) Bates; grandchildren Sierra Bates, Alexandra (John) Wood, Hunter Hagadorn, Riley Hunt, Hannah Bates, and Logan Peters; great-grandchildren Emma, Kane, Ivy, Noah, Walker, Maddison and Zoey; brothers Patrick, and John Viscardi; sisters Kathy, Rose, and Theresa; several nieces and nephews; and friend Rene Benet.

Mike was buried with full military honors at Saratoga National Cemetery.

Donations in his name may be made to the [Disabled American Veterans](#) organization [HERE](#). Read Mike's full obituary [HERE](#).

DIED: Heidi Spencer, 93, on the last day of summer, September 21, 2022, in the house her parents built, on the shore of her beloved Lake George. She loved life and was always having fun. She was open hearted and loving to anybody she met. Nothing could diminish her joyful spirit.



Peter Spencer, who passed away in 2018, was her loving husband and lifelong partner. Heidi and Pete met in college on a blind date. They married in 1951 and raised their family in Cleveland Heights, Ohio where they had many dear friends. They are survived by their three children, John, Amy, and Paul, as well as their grandchildren; Kate, James, Christopher, Olivia, Spencer, and Willa; and several great-grandchildren as well.

Heidi was born on June 11, 1929, the only child of Ernest and Louise Heidingsfeld. They first brought her to Lake George as a young child. She never wanted to leave. Her given name was Marie, but was nicknamed Heidi by her school friends. After Pete's death, Heidi lived in Santa Fe, NM in the care of her daughter Amy, continuing to spend her summers at Lake George. Her last summer was spent on her porch, overlooking the lake, with family, friends, and pets gathered round her.

There will be a memorial service at Lake George in the summer of 2023 to celebrate her life and share stories. ▀

HONORING OUR VETERANS

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

by Jim O'Toole

The Wreaths Across America program had its origin in 1992, when Morrell Worcester, owner of the Worcester Wreath Company in Harrington, Maine, donated the company's surplus of 5,000 wreaths to be placed on graves at Arlington National Cemetery. Morrell had been inspired by a childhood memory of a visit to Arlington.

Since then, the program has grown and expanded nationwide. Thousands of organizations now participate by raising funds to purchase the wreaths and placing them at veterans' cemeteries, monuments, and memorials around the globe. In 2014, more than 1.2 million wreaths were placed in more than 1,200 locations including the Arizona Memorial in Hawaii, Normandy, Bunker Hill, and many other sites.

Every year, the Capital District Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), of which I am a member,

sponsors a program to promote and raise funds to purchase and place wreaths on the graves at the Gerald B. Solomon National Cemetery in Saratoga, New York. A portion of the money also buys flags for placement on the graves on Memorial Day.



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LOST DOG, CONTINUED

Cayman was tired and hungry, but happy – as if to question what all the fuss was about.

For five days, many of us had a singular purpose. I found kindness in unexpected places. No politics, no mask or vaccine debate. No red, no blue. Just one community with a common goal to find a dog. To all who searched and kept our spirits up, thank you! ■

The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths. Please send to editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

HONORING OUR VETERANS, CONTINUED

My involvement came after I had the occasion to visit Saratoga National Cemetery during the winter of 2018 while attending my brother's burial at the cemetery. I was struck by the site of thousands of snow-covered graves, each with its own Christmas wreath. It was a very moving moment for me when I thought that my parents, together with my wife's parents, uncles, close friends, and comrades were the beneficiaries of those wreaths – and soon my brother would be as well. Each year since then I've purchased wreaths for the cemetery.

This is a wonderful way to honor our veterans at another time beside Memorial Day and Veterans Day. It's especially true for those who may have loved ones or know someone buried at the National Cemetery. As a side note,

each year for the past several years, the Town of Hague generously donated a Christmas wreath to be placed at our Veterans Memorial.

The town also provides flags for placement on veteran's graves in the Community Cemetery on Route 8.

To learn more about the program, visit WreathsAcrossAmerica.org [HERE](#).

To purchase wreaths and flags specifically for the Saratoga National Cemetery, visit [the Capital District Chapter of AUSA HERE](#).

You can write a check for the number of wreaths you want to donate (\$15 per wreath), payable to CDNY Chapter-AUSA. Send you check to CDNY – AUSA, C/O Bob Van Pelt, 59 Meadow Rue Place, Malta, NY 12020.

Your generosity will help us continue to honor and remember our veterans who gave so much for us. ■

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

As you may have read, the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) is proposing regulations for the inspection and maintenance of septic systems. This will identify systems that need to be repaired, upgraded, or replaced, and are thus endangering the water quality of Lake George. The public is invited to comment on the draft regs until November 14. A public hearing will be held at Fort William Henry at 4 pm on November 9. You can read the draft regulations on page 9 of the [September 7 State Register HERE](#). Here are some of the highlights:



- Septic systems within these areas will be inspected every five years to ensure they are functioning properly.
- The inspections will require a pump out (paid for by the property owner) by a registered septic hauler.
- Inspections will include, at a minimum, a review and diagram of the septic tank, distribution box, and fixtures discharging to the system, and may include a review of the number of bedrooms or applicable commercial units, as well as accepted methods for system performance evaluation (i.e. dye testing).
- For any septic system found to be failing, the property owner will be afforded a reasonable time to bring the system into compliance, not to exceed six months from the documented failure. Any system found to be substandard will be required to be upgraded within five years. "Substandard" would include septic tanks that do not have enough capacity for the property

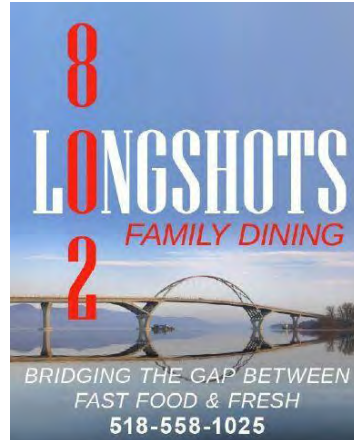
it is serving; absorption areas located less than 50 feet from the lake or tributary; or absorption areas with less than 75% of required capacity.

- The cost of the inspection will be prorated over a five-year period. Residential properties will pay \$50 per year and commercial properties \$100 per year.

Property owners can apply for financial assistance to help with system replacement. [Visit Warren County Planning Department HERE](#). For more information, see the [FAQs](#) on the LGPC website [HERE](#). You can submit comments on the draft regulations until November 14. Mail them to Dave Wick, Lake George Park Commission, 75 Fort George Road, P.O. Box 749, Lake George, NY 12845, or email: info@lgpc.state.ny.us. For more information on how you can get involved in protecting Lake George, please visit the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee on Facebook or contact one of our Steering Committee members: Al Rider (Chairman), Lance Clark, Ginger Kuenzel, Steve Ramant, or me. ■

NEW 802 LONGSHOTS RESTAURANT IN TICONDEROGA

Bridging the gap between fast food and fresh, 802 Longshots restaurant has opened its doors in the former Bodette's Barbecue on Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga, next to Aubuchon's Hardware. The eatery offers an all-American menu of homemade favorites as well as themed dining nights with specialty options. Hours are Thursdays 4 - 8 pm, Friday and Saturday noon - 8 pm, and Sunday noon - 6 pm. To learn more about 802 Longshots, call 518-558-1025, email 802longshots@gmail.com, or visit them on [Facebook](#). ▣



LAKE GEORGE LAND CONSERVANCY EVENTS

Paint & Sip with Patrice – Join Patrice on **October 4, 2022 from 5 - 7 pm** for a fun painting session inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe's Lake George in autumn. All ages and artistic abilities welcome. \$25 per person; supplies are included. [More Info and Registration](#)



October 8th from 9-11 am – Observe how Adirondack plants and animals prepare for winter. Includes a stop at the overlook. 1.6 miles round trip. [Click HERE for more information and registration.](#)

October 15th: Fall foliage hike at Cat & Thomas, from **8:30 am to 2:30 pm**. John Crist will lead this seven-mile round trip, moderately challenging hike to both summits. [Click HERE for more information and registration.](#)

October 15th: Changing trees at The Pinnacle - Bradley's Lookout, **9 to 10:30 am**. Observe how the local trees are changing before winter, and learn some tree ID. 1.2 miles round trip, following the trail to Bradley's Lookout. [Click HERE for more information and registration.](#) ▣

LGA SEEKS EDUCATION FOR ACTION DIRECTOR

The Lake George Association (LGA) is looking for an energetic, creative, collaborative, and flexible individual with a passion for Lake George to serve as the Education for Action Director.

This individual will play an essential role in leading the development and delivery of world-class environmental education programming for the LGA. [Click HERE to learn more.](#) ▣

INCREASE THE IMPACT OF YOUR DONATION TO THE LGLC

There's still time (until November 30, 2022) to significantly increase the impact of your pledge to the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC). Earlier this year, Manning and Ginny Rowan Smith offered to repeat their [Challenge for the Future of Lake George HERE](#) to benefit the LGLC's conservation efforts.

The Smiths will donate \$5,000 to the LGLC for every new legacy pledge received, regardless of method, amount or designation, up to a total of \$300,000. At the time we went to press, just \$50,000 of that pledge had been met. Thus, if you're considering donating, your contribution will be even more impactful if you make it before November 30th. Download a [pledge form HERE](#). Learn more about [the work of the LGLC](#) in permanently protecting the land that protects Lake George [HERE](#). ▣



LGA ELECTS PETE MENZIES AS CHAIRMAN

The Board of Directors of the Lake George Association (LGA), has elected Pete Menzies as chairman, succeeding Jeff Killeen. As chairman, Menzies will work with LGA President Eric Siy and staff to execute the organization's multi-faceted lake-protection strategy.

This strategy includes the LGA's Lake Protector Program, which educates, inspires and empowers property owners across the Lake George watershed to take direct actions on their properties to protect water quality.

A second pillar of the strategy is education, which utilizes the LGA's Floating Classroom and other programs to educate area school children, property owners, and other members of the public about water quality protection.

Menzies has been involved with the LGA as a volunteer, board member, and former chair for the past 30 years. "We have an incredible team of lake protectors on our board, our staff, and throughout the region who are committed to working together for the sustainable protection of Lake George."

To learn more about the LGA and how you can become a lake protector, visit <https://lakegeorgeassociation.org/>. Hague is home to three of the LGA Board members, who would also be very happy to speak with you about the work of the LGA: Ginger Henry Kuenzel, Ken Parlin, and Sally Thurston. ▣



LOOKING BACK

A Strong Legacy

by Stuart Kelley



At two hours past noon in June of 1921, Edith Strong nervously stepped down a shifting gangplank from the steamboat Horicon that brought her south from Ticonderoga to Silver Bay's steamer dock to begin her first summer as a Silver Bay Emp.

Forty-two years later, on that same dock, Edith's son would court a fellow Emp whom he would later marry. Twenty-four years after that, Edith's granddaughter, an Emp, would bask in the sun on this same spot chatting with her lifelong girlfriends about the boy, also an Emp, who took her to the movies the previous night, and whom she would marry in just a few years. This year, thirty-four years after that, Edith's two great-grandsons are working as third-year Emps.

Edith's few steps down the gangplank may have felt insignificant to an excited Syracuse University student who had learned about Silver Bay through the university's YWCA club, and who had traveled that day by buggy, train, and steamboat from her home in East Warren, VT to this remote, beautiful spot. But those few steps grew ever-branching trails that led her descendants to many of their happiest moments and the most consequential relationships of their lives.

That summer of 1921, Edith waitressed (that's her pictured in her uniform, right). Two years later she was back as a housekeeper in Forest Lodge (Hepbron Hall). In 1924, again a housekeeper, she was active in plays in the auditorium. The friendships she made those summers lasted throughout her life. While an Emp, Edith took a photograph from the steamer dock (ERC) looking north. Unknowingly, she had just photographed land she would purchase thirty-five years in the future.

A decade after Emping, she met and married fellow teacher and Olympic hopeful, Clair Kelley, who played football on the same Shippensburg, PA team as Harold Kline, long-time Silver Bay program director. In northern NJ, Edith and Clair raised two boys, Scott and me, and when we entered our teens, Edith began scouting out sites for a summer camp, quickly zeroing in on Silver Bay. In 1956, Edith and Clair bought the property in Edith's 1921 photograph, and the following summer built a cottage there. They spent their summers in that cottage well into their nineties, loving the beauty of Thomas Jefferson's, "Queen of American Lakes," and entertaining their close friends.



Scott Kelley's daughter, Jessica, laddered through the children's programs at Silver Bay, and was an Emp. Her newborn son, Carrick, has just spent his first summer at Silver Bay.

I participated in teen programs at Silver Bay and was an Emp in the early '60s. I dated Melissa Sutton, a fellow Emp, who was guided to Silver Bay by the wife of the then-Executive Director, Doc McConaughy (The subtitle to

Doc's photo in the 1962 Baylights prophetically reads, "Where you meet your life's companion."). Melissa and I married and raised son Brooks and daughter Laura. The two children delighted in making new friends at Silver Bay's children's programs while we renewed friendships with many former Emps who returned to summer at Silver Bay. My Silver Bay friends are my best friends and my family agrees.

Brooks Kelley was an Emp in the '80s. His son Avery and daughter Taryn are active in Silver Camp each summer.

While an Emp in the '80s, Laura dated fellow Emp Jeff Buell. Jeff, whose mother, Joyce, was introduced to Silver

Bay by her Highland Park, NJ neighbors, the McFeelys, comes from a family of former Emps and summer residents living on and near Silver Bay's campus. Laura and Jeff were married in Silver Bay's Hughes Chapel, whose construction was begun in Edith Strong's first year as an Emp. They have two sons, Lucas, and Sam, who rose through the ranks at Silver Camp. Both attend West Virginia University. Lucas is an Eagles' leader. Sam works at the boathouse, and wowed us with his aerial videos of Silver Bay's dramatic surroundings, captured by his drone. In the photo above, Lucas is on the left, and Sam is on the right.

This summer, the two Emps, Lucas and Sam Buell, mark a milestone. It is now one hundred years since their great-grandmother, Edith Strong, took those few steps down Horicon's

gangplank to begin Emping, steps that have enriched so many lives for so many years.

Edith and Clair's family, four generations of Emps now, is grateful for the opportunities Silver Bay has granted us, for the lessons we learned during our formative years, working under gifted mentors, especially for the brilliant staffing that provided us with such exceptional co-workers (and spouses), and for the Silver Bay team spirit that nurtured intimate and enduring friendships here among the purple mountains' majesty surrounding this bright, shining inland sea.

What would you like your "Strong Legacy" to be a century from now? ▣

HAUNTED HANCOCK

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will celebrate the Halloween season with a free program entitled "Haunted Hancock: Ghostly Tales of Champlain" on Friday, October 22 at 7 pm at the Hancock House, 6 Moses Circle, Ticonderoga.

"We will be taking a look at the darker side of the Adirondacks and Lake Champlain region," said program presenter Diane O'Connor. "Our area is rich in history and the supernatural is woven throughout that history in a powerful way. The evening's tales will include local spirits of soldiers, trappers, witches and otherworldly beings."



The program will be held outdoors around a campfire. Attendees should dress warmly and bring their own lawn chair. Reservations are strongly encouraged as this program is one of the museum's most popular. Reservations may be made by calling 518-585-7868 or via e-mail to tihistory@bridgepoint1.com. Refreshments will be served. ▣

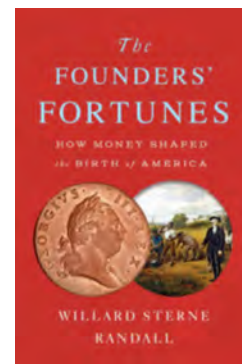
MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A roast turkey breast dinner, open to the public, will be served Friday, October 28, 2022, from 4:30 - 6:00 pm at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). The dinner is sponsored by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F.&A.M., and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star. Take outs will also be available. Tickets, sold at the door, are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 years old and under. Parking will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House parking lot. ▣

AUTHOR SERIES AT FORT TICONDEROGA

The Fort Ticonderoga Author Series features presentations by authors of books related to Fort Ticonderoga's history. The next presentation, which is virtual, will be on Sunday, October 23 at 2 pm. The book is *The Founders' Fortunes: How Money Shaped the Birth of America* by historian Willard Sterne Randall. The book investigates the private financial affairs of the founders, illuminating how and why the Revolution came about. *The Founders' Fortunes* uncovers how these leaders waged war, crafted a constitution, and forged a new nation influenced in part by their own financial interest.

To learn more about the event and to register, [click here](#). ▣



TICONDEROGA AREA BACKPACK PROGRAM

"When local kids are hungry, we have their backs." This is the mission statement of the Ticonderoga Area Backpack Program, which provides food to hungry local school children on weekends and during the summer, when they do not receive free breakfasts and lunches through the school. The program is funded through donations. From now through the end of November, any donation you make will be matched by the Cloudsplitter Foundation. For more, [click HERE](#).

This is the time of year when the days grow shorter and many of us enjoy meals of steaming autumn stews, accompanied by a loaf of crusty bread. But not everyone is so fortunate. Our area has a very high rate of poverty. Twenty-eight percent of school-aged children live in households that struggle to get by on incomes below the Federal Poverty Level. For a family of four, this means trying to survive on an income of \$23,500 or less. Childhood hunger stemming from low family income can be a major inhibitor to learning. The nutrition provided in the backpacks can help these needy children reach their fullest potential.



The Backpack Program is an all-volunteer organization, which enables them to spend 100% of all donations received on the food used to fill the backpacks. A donation of only \$228 will support one child in the program for one full school year. To make a tax-deductible donation, send a check, payable to the Ticonderoga Area Backpack Program, to John Bartlett, 10 Temperance Point, Ticonderoga, NY 12883. Through the end of November, you can double the impact of your donation, thanks to a generous matching grant from Cloudsplitter Foundation.

Learn more about the national backpack program [HERE](#). ▣

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CALENDAR

October 2022

OCTOBER

4	4 pm	Special Town Board Meeting	15	9 am	LGLC Fall Foliage Hike
	5 - 7 pm	LGLC Sip and Paint	22	7 pm	Haunted Hancock House
6	6:30 pm	Senior Club Game Night	23	2 pm	Ft. Ti Author Series
	7 pm	Planning Board	25	Noon	Senior Club Halloween party and meeting
8	9 - 11 am	LGLC Falling into Winter	27	7 pm	Zoning Board
	9 am - 3 pm	HVFD Townwide Garage Sale	28	4:30 pm	Mason/Star Turkey Dinner
11	6 pm	Town Board	29	3 - 5 pm	Trunk or Treat Hague Community Center

TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

Wednesdays 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm