



### CHAMBER TO SPONSOR WINTER WEEKEND

The Hague Chamber of Commerce will again be sponsoring the Annual Hague Winter Weekend on February 13 & 14, 2009. The weekend will be kicked off with the HVFD breakfast buffet followed by the Fred Lapann Memorial Run. In the afternoon, Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks will have a community day with children's crafts as well as the climbing wall. The Mary C. Beste dinner will be catered by Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks and it will be held at the HVFD along with a Rotary club silent auction.

On Sunday morning snowmobile rides will be given at the Hague Fish & Game Club and the Costello Family will be at Roger's Rock Campground offering cross country skiing and snowshoeing. At 2 pm the ever-popular Polar Bear Plunge will take place at The Trout House Village dock.

Following the plunge the Third Annual Chili Bake-Off will be held at the HVFD. Music will be provided by Loose Connection. Anyone wishing to enter a chili needs to pre-register by calling Katy Wells 543-3006 or Pat Hintze 543-6502. Chilis can be delivered from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm in foil half pans. No crock pots.

### HAGUE FISH & GAME CLUB EVENTS

The Hague Fish & Game Club invites football fans to the Club's annual Super Bowl Party on February 7, 2010 at the Clubhouse. Come watch the game on our new HDTV flat screen and root for your favorite team. We'll have plenty of food and refreshments available and it's still only \$10 to join in the fun!

The Club will hold the 51st Anniversary Northern Lake George Ice Fishing Tournament on February 27 & 28, 2010. This local event has grown into the LARGEST contest on the Lake. With our co-sponsors, the Hague and Ticonderoga Chambers of Commerce, and with Lake services provided by the Hague Sno-Goers, this year's contest will prove to be the best ever.

A new feature to the event will be a "kids and novice" ice fishing clinic on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 8 am at the Hague Beach. Strikemaster and Clam Ice Fishing Pro, Shawn Hayes, will be the instructor and the clinic is open to all ages. Here's your chance to "Learn to fish like the Pros!"

Again the Tournament will feature SUPERIOR prizes for 1st place in each of our 4 categories: Lake Trout, Perch, Salmon and Northern Pike. Lucky winners will take home a Strikemaster Magnum Power Ice Auger, a Clam Kenai Ice-shelter or one of 2 Vexilar Cold-Snap Parka and Bib sets. As an added feature, the registration for Juniors (16 and younger) and Seniors, 65+, will be FREE. Mark down February 27 - 28, 2010 for two fun days of fishing.

### CROWN POINT BRIDGE

On December 28, 2009, a cloudy, snowy day, the Crown Point Bridge was blown up. Well, sort of. There is still an enormous amount of debris which has to be taken out of Lake Champlain and hauled away. A giant crane picks up the slabs of concrete and deposits them on a barge.



The entrance to the old bridge juts out into open space.



The NYS and Vermont Departments of Transportation have decided to rebuild the bridge and hope to have it done by 2011 - quite a feat if they can do it. Plans are for a ferry that will take cars from the campsite area next to the bridge in Crown Point to a road near the intersection of Routes 17 and 125 in Addison, VT (near the Bridge Restaurant). New entrance roadways and docks have been built for the ferry. The target date for beginning the service is the end of January.

In the interim, Hague residents who need to get to Burlington or other nearby areas in Vermont, have to drive to Essex, NY and take the free 20 minute ferry to Charlotte. The other route is to drive to Ticonderoga, then down Route 22 to Whitehall and into Vermont. Either way, significant time has been added to any trip to Vermont.

For additional information on the entire project see <[www.nysdot.gov/lakechamplainbridge](http://www.nysdot.gov/lakechamplainbridge)> and there are videos of the demolition also on <[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)>. ... Judy Stock

### HELP WANTED

Anyone interested in being a lifeguard or a park attendant should contact Councilman Rudy Meola at the Community Center (518-543-6161 or PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836).

# HAGUE MEMORY TREE

DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING:



*The Hague Memory Tree began in 1987 when Imogene Frasier approached the Hague Chamber of Commerce to sponsor her in requesting donations for the Hague Ambulance Fund in memory of her son, Dale. She continued the Memory Tree for the next 23 years to help the HVFD purchase equipment for the ambulances. When Imogene died in 2009, her daughter, Diane Trudeau continued the tradition in memory of both her brother and mother. The names of those for whom donations have been made are put on a "Memory Tree" at the Community Center and are published in The Hague Chronicle.*

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## SENIOR CLUB NEWS

It is that time for New Year's Resolutions once again and we have a suggestion for you to add to your "Plan To Do List" - Join the Hague Senior Citizens Club! Membership begins at 50 years old and dues are still only \$5 for the year.

Our monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Community Center. You will find these gatherings very informative with regards to Senior living, often entertaining, and always filled with a friendly welcome atmosphere. The activities also include outings, sponsorship of Hague's Memorial Day Celebration and opportunities to volunteer for our fundraising efforts.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 26, 2009 at 1:30 pm. The members will vote on the new slate of officers, followed by the swearing-in ceremony. The nominated slate includes Pat Hintze for President, Kathi Ramant for First Vice-President, Ray Snyder for Second Vice-President, Gladys Graser for Treasurer, Cathy Christiansen for Secretary, and Ron Hintze for Trustee. Madeline Pelkey will pass the gavel to the new president.

It is going to be another great year! Hope to see you there.  
... Christine M. Ianson & Madeline Pelkey

## FREE TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE



FREE taxpayer assistance is available for people living in Hague and Ticonderoga. AARP's local Tax-Aide program assists low and middle income retired and non-retired taxpayers. Volunteer counselors, trained and certified by the IRS, prepare and electronically file federal and state basic returns. The counselors are trained annually to assist with credits and changes that are new for Tax Year 2009 (including first time homebuyer credit, new vehicle taxes deductions, education credits, and residential energy credits).

Last year, the local volunteers prepared over 100 returns. In all, they assisted about 180 people, many of whom simply needed answers to questions. Nationally, more than 34,000 specially trained volunteer tax preparers working at 6,500 sites, assisted more than 2.6 million taxpayers.

The services are offered free of charge. The AARP Foundation and Internal Revenue Service are national sponsors and the Hague Chamber of Commerce sponsors the local program. You do not have to be a member of AARP for this service.

FREE tax help is available in Hague, Mondays and Wednesdays from February 1 through April 15; or in Ticonderoga on Thursdays, February 11, February 25, and March 11. Contact the Hague Community Center at 543-6161 to schedule an appointment in Hague or Ticonderoga with the AARP Tax-Aide Program.  
... Jan Whitaker

## HVFD - 2009 IN REVIEW

2009 was a year of significant progress both in personnel and equipment advances. Engine #344 was completely refurbished and put back in service early in the year, saving the possible expense of a new purchase. That was followed by the acquisition of a new Marine Fire and Rescue Boat which was equipped and put into service in the spring. Four new ice and water rescue suits were purchased to replace worn 20 yr. old suits. Light weight forest and brush fighting pump and turnout gear were also acquired.

In addition to our usual ongoing training, two all-day seminars were held in conjunction with the Hudson Valley and Upstate Fire Police Associations, covering such topics as K-9 search and rescue, Bomb Squad and Dive team Demos, Haz-Mat, Mass Casualty Incidents and Eco-Terrorism.

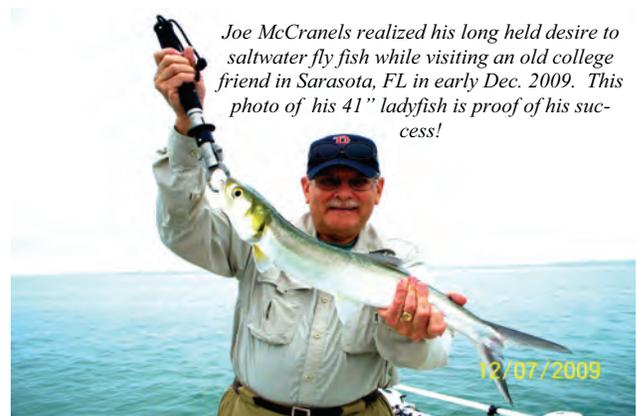
In 2009 there were a total of 145 Fire calls using 1,844 man hours and 117 Ambulance calls using 1,278 man hours. So that this type of response capability is always there, it requires not only a significant effort on the part of the men and women of the department, but the very generous support of you, our neighbors, without which none of the above would be possible. We sincerely appreciate that you have always been there for us, as we hope to be for you.

On a social note, a karaoke nite was held at the Fire House in conjunction with the Holiday in Hague to benefit the Jason Laundree Fire Training Fund. It was a great success and the contest winners were 1-Alyssa Rodriguez, 2-Jocelyn Fischer and 3-Tom Haskell, Jr.

At our annual Christmas Party there were recognitions given as follows: Fireman of the Year - Jason Laundree (post humously), accepted by his parents; Fire Policeman of the Year - David Snow; EMT (retiring after 22 years) - Lu Megow. Brandon Johnson from the Chestertown Dept. was recognized for the many ways in which he has helped us. An excellent buffet was prepared by "Katering by Katy" and Linda Mury.

At the Election of Officers for 2010 held at our December meeting, the following chief officers were elected: Chief - Ray Mury, Captain - Shawn Perry, Ambulance Captain - Renee Swinton, President - Linda Mury, Chairman, Board of Directors - Martin Fitzgerald, III.

At this writing there are places where ice is said to be safe, and places where it is not; so if you don't know, don't go !!  
... Joe McCranel



*Joe McCranel realized his long held desire to saltwater fly fish while visiting an old college friend in Sarasota, FL in early Dec. 2009. This photo of his 41" ladyfish is proof of his success!*

**TOWN BOARD – YEAR END MEETING – 12/29/09**

All Board members were present for the final meeting of the year to finish up 2009 business and take necessary measures to balance the books.

A moment of silence was held for Joe Reynolds, Jim Clark and Irving Bailey.

The Board accepted the high bid from Village Truck & Sales, Inc. of \$7,490 for the 2000 Ford 550 truck 4 x 4 with side dump and sander. Proceeds from this sale will go into the Highway Equipment Fund.

A motion was approved to continue the employment of Bob Rafferty in the Community Center working 20 hours per week.

**TOWN BOARD – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – 1/5/10**

The organizational meeting was held to pass the annual resolutions necessary to set up official business for 2010. Approval was given for TD Bank, Bolton Landing, to remain as official depository for the Town Funds. Glens Falls National Bank was added as an alternate choice. The Glens Falls Post Star was designated the official newspaper for legal advertisements; mileage reimbursement rate will be the same as Warren County rate; petty cash accounts were established and agreements with local organizations were approved.

Several individuals were again appointed for special responsibilities. Debbie Manning will serve as Records Management Officer,. Dan Belden will continue as Budget Officer, Cathy Clark for Zoning Enforcement Officer, David DeFranco as Town Naturalist, Bertha Dunsmore as Community Center Coordinator, Edna Frasier and Bertha Dunsmore for the CARE program and Rudy Meola for the Warren County Youth Board.

EJ Siwek was reappointed Chairman of the Planning Board and Bruce Clark for a six-year term on the Board. Robert Goetsch was reappointed Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals and George Ianson for a six-year term.

Dominick Viscardi was appointed Attorney for the Town, Edna Frasier will serve as Deputy Supervisor and Richard Myers will be the Deputy Highway Superintendent. The two-person members of the Town Board committees were also approved. The procurement policy was adopted which outlines specific requirements for purchases by the Board. The salary schedule outlined in the budget for 2010 was approved.

**TOWN BOARD MEETING - 1/12/10**

Supervisor Dan Belden and Board members Dick Gladu, Mark Martucci, Rudy Meola and Edna Frasier were all present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was held for William Beach Lambert.

Jennifer Holden, from the (Warren/Washington) Council for Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Inc., spoke to the board about their programs. She also encouraged formation of a community group for abuse awareness with organizational help from the Council. They work heavily in school districts, with peer leadership groups and have also worked with Seniors

to talk about prescription drug abuse. More information has been left at the Community Center.

Jan Whitaker, coordinator for the AARP Tax Aide program, reported on the success of the 2009 program where over 100 returns were done. She thanked Bertha Dunsmore and Diane Trudeau for their help in setting up schedules and appointments. Supervisor Belden expressed thanks to Jan and all the other volunteers.

**Committee Reports (Committee members indicated):**

1. Assessor & Justice (Gladu/Meola):

Councilman Gladu reported that the Assessor is working on documented property transfers for 2009.

2. Buildings & Grounds/Enhancement (Martucci/Frasier):

Councilman Martucci reported on contracting projects for the Community Center.

3. Finance & Insurance (Frasier/Martucci):

Councilwoman Frasier reported that Diane is finishing the financial statements for 2009.

4. Fire Department (Gladu/Martucci):

Councilman Martucci reported on the activities of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) including the upcoming Fireman’s breakfast on February 13, 2009 for winter weekend.

5. Highway (Martucci/Gladu):

Councilwoman Frasier reported that it is required to have an employee designated to be trained about alcohol abuse. Superintendent Don Smith and his Deputy, Rick Myers will attend the training. Smith also noted that they are already looking into the use of a breathilizer and will get more information at the training.

6. Museum & Historian (Frasier/Martucci):

Councilwoman Frasier reported that the Historical Society will have a program on “Collections” on January 31, 2010 and a program on hotels in June.

7. Personnel (Frasier/Gladu):

The position of Dog Control Officer/Animal Control Officer is open and applications should be in by January 28, 2010.

8. Planning/Zoning/Stormwater (Gladu/Meola):

ZEO Cathy Clark reported on the proposed APA regulations on boathouses and articulating docks.

9. Recreation, Promotion & Youth (Meola/Martucci):

Councilman Meola reported that he has been dealing with the Warren County Office of Tourism and has been trying to get dates for Hague events to be listed. The Chamber has not been able to help and Donna Wotton is working with Meola to get all events together.

10. Sewer Districts #1 and #2 (Belden/Frasier):

Bill Lamy, Warren County engineer working on the sewer project, will try to have final figures by the first week in

February.

11. Town Park (Meola/Martucci):

Councilman Meola would like to consider using students from Eastern Europe as Park employees next summer if the Town cannot find anyone locally. Anyone interested in being a lifeguard or a park attendant should contact Councilman Meola at the Community Center.

12. Transfer Station (Gladu/Meola):

Councilman Gladu would like fencing put up at the Transfer Station to prevent dumping at the cleaned out area.

**Under Unfinished Business, the Board:**

Appointed Michael Cherubini to the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) for a term to expire 9/30/14.

**Under Communications & Petitions, the Board:**

Received a thank you letter from Janet Kennedy on behalf of Lakes to Locks Passage.

**Under New Business, the Board:**

Approved the Swift maintenance contract for one year to clean the Community Center building biweekly for \$150 per week.

Discussed the County tax situation. Councilman Gladu described the significant budget problems at the County level. He asked why the window of opportunity was missed for the plan to reduce Hague taxpayers county bill by leaving an additional \$160,000 of sales tax revenue with the County. The Town left \$300,000 originally as it has done for the past several years. They budgeted an additional \$60,000 with the understanding that when the final County numbers were known that an additional \$160,000 (thereby adding \$200,000 for a total of \$500,00) could be budgeted. The County budget officer would not take the additional money because the deadline came before it could be done. Councilmen Gladu and Meola urged that the commitment be made early so that it doesn't happen next year. Supervisor Belden noted that Hague will lose about \$350,000 - \$400,000 in sales tax revenue for 2010.

Changed the criteria for who can attend the Association of Towns meeting in New York City and have expenses paid. Their original motion limited it to Town officials but they decided to apply the definition to "anyone who is either elected or appointed who makes a decision that affects residents." They then included the Attorney for the Town as an official as well as members of the Planning or Zoning Boards. Councilwoman Frasier questioned why the Town should pay for the attendance for the Attorney when he already gets a salary from the Town as well as for being the Attorney for the sewer project.

Received the year-end financial statement for 2009 from the Senior Club. Supervisor Belden remarked that it was very well done and will send out a notice to organizations about what is wanted in financial reports with the Senior Club statement as a model.

Heard a suggestion from Councilman Meola that the Town form two citizens committees - one to look at the Comprehensive Plan and another to look at all the real property that the Town owns. Councilman Gladu said they could ask the Planning Board to take a look at the Comprehensive Plan but Councilman Meola noted that the plan was done by a citizens com-

mittee and should be looked at by a citizens committee.

The Board then went into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

**PLANNING BOARD – 1/14/10**

Present were EJ Siwek, Dick Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald, Sr, Pam Peterson, Bruce Clark, John Brown and Mike Cherubini.

MANN (43.13-1-20) 34 Bayberry Lane (TR-1)

The applicant would like to enlarge an existing deck by 120 sq. ft. that is 42 feet from the shoreline. Approval was recommended to the ZBA.

JANKOSKI ( 42.12-1-20) 2 Lake Forest Lane (TR-1)

The applicant is applying for an after-the-fact approval for a multi-family dwelling. The owners have made a basement apartment in a single family home on a .33 acre lot which had been advertised for rental. The cooking facilities have been removed from the apartment. The Board recommended that the ZBA deny the request.

**NORTH COUNTRY TRIATHLON**



The 4th North Country Triathlon will again be held in Hague in June. Preparations are well underway and registration is open. According to founder, Randy Engler, "North Country Triathlon has been fortunate to work with many sponsors and supporters. It derives much of its financial support from the combination of brand sponsors like Green Mountain Coffee, to local businesses and organizations like Silver Bay YMCA, the Town of Hague, and the Hague Chamber of Commerce. If your business is interested in becoming a part of this effort, we would love to talk to you about different opportunities to work with you. It can be something as simple as placing an ad in our yearly race program, becoming a title sponsor, or sponsoring with 'in-kind donations of time or products.'"

To register, volunteer or become a sponsor see more information on <northcountrytri.com>.

**SILVER BAY SPIRITUAL LIFE PROGRAMS**

- Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast – Friday, February 5, 2010 at 7:30 am in Brookside Community House.
- Women's Monthly Prayer Lunch – Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at noon in Brookside Community House.
- Weekly Community Prayer – Every Wednesday from 9 - 10 am at the Spiritual Life Center.
- Bereavement Group – Every Monday from 11 am - noon at the Spiritual Life Center.
- Bi-monthly Reading Group – Friday, February 5 and 19, 2010 from 9:30 – 11 am in Trinity Lounge.

For more information on these and other Spiritual Life Programs, please contact Bev Hudak at 543-8833, ext. 293.

## SILVER BAY COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks is offering a Community Membership through March 13, 2010 and local residents can access Silver Bay for free. To sign up stop by or call the Front Desk (543-8833, ext. 214) during office hours Mon-Fri 8 am - 5 pm and complete an application.

Use of the fitness center and yoga classes are among the activities offered. The fitness center hours are Mon, Wed & Fri from 9 - 10:30 am and on Tue & Thu from 5-6:30 pm. Yoga Classes are held on Wed. from 2:30 - 3:40 pm. Other activities include ice fishing access, snow shoes to borrow, trails to hike, and the library. [To access the gym at other times sign up for a Full Annual Membership at the front desk.]

## SILVER BAY DINNER AND A MOVIE

On Friday, February 12, 2010 at 6 pm in the Brookside Community House the monthly dinner and movie will be held. The featured movie is "The Queen" [Rated PG-13] starring Helen Mirren in an Oscar-winning role.

A donation of \$5 is suggested. Please RSVP with Chip Devenger at 543-8833 ext 215 or <cdevenger@silverbay.org> by 2/11/10.

## TICONDEROGA ARTS, INC. TO MOVE

Ticonderoga Arts, Inc. operates an arts gallery "for the purpose of fostering creativity and artistic excellence and providing exhibition space to local artists working in the visual arts." They had 8 exhibiting artists in the first year, 2008 and last year the exhibiting artists had grown to 18 with over 30 members.

The Ticonderoga Arts gallery closed for the season in December and will relocate to the Hancock House with a grand opening in the spring. They will utilize the Assembly Room which is on the basement level providing side-door direct access. Both Ticonderoga Arts and the Ticonderoga Historical Society are enthusiastic about this collaboration since both organizations are strong advocates of arts and culture and hold a clear understanding of their direct relationship to local economic development.

The Ticonderoga Arts, Inc. Board of Directors has issued a statement, "We are grateful for the invaluable community support, patronage and membership which have provided our growth and advancement. Thank you! In the spring, when we welcome you to our new gallery in our new home, we will make you proud!"

## CHORALE RESUMES REHEARSALS

The Champlain Valley Chorale announces resumption of rehearsals for its upcoming Spring concert. Weekly rehearsals will be held each Tuesday evening at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, Wicker Street, Ticonderoga. Rehearsals begin February 2, 2010, and continue to the concert presentation in early June. New singers in all sections are welcomed, and no audition is necessary.

For further information, please contact Bill Westervelt at 585-6548.

## Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

### Hague, December 11, 2009 - January 15, 2010

The Winter Solstice occurred on December 21, 2009 at 12:47 pm EST. What is a Winter Solstice you might ask? Basically it is the shortest day of the year. The earth tilts 23.5 degrees as it travels around the sun. On Dec. 21, the top half of the earth (Northern Hemisphere) tilted away from the sun. This gave us the shortest day of the year- about 9 hours of daylight. Everyday, until June 21, we will add about a minute or so of daylight until we reach the maximum of 15 hours on the Summer Solstice, June 21. Think of it as the countdown to summer. Be happy that you do not live at the North Pole where the sun sets in October and is not seen until March.

One more earth science lesson about the moon: On New Year's Eve, December 31, there was a rare "Blue Moon". A blue moon is the second full moon in a month. The moon is not actually a blue color. The first full moon occurred on December 2. A full moon occurs every 29.5 days. There will not be another New Year's Eve full blue moon until 2028 (19 years). A regular blue moon will occur every 2.5 years, the last one being May 2007.

The North Country missed the huge snowstorm/blizzard on Dec. 19, 2009, that buried 12 states with 1-2' snow---Hope Hague residents were not too disappointed.

*The Post Star* in Glens Falls reported the accumulated seasonal snowfall as of January 1, 2010 was 13". Our total precipitation for 2009 was 41.22".

Did you watch the Crown Point Bridge blow up on December 28? It was televised but visibility was not good that morning as 4" snow fell. We have had "nuisance snowfalls" of 1-4" on 12 of the last 30 days. I totaled it up to about 20" but most melted or packed down to less. Small snowfalls just make it sloppy under foot and tire.

We had our share of bitter cold days and wind chills below zero. There were 2 days in the 40's back in mid-December. The weatherman promised a mild end to this week, Jan 14-16. Today, January 14, the high was 33.

There has been ice in the bays on Lake George. The Waltonian Islands had quite a bit of ice formation on January 12 but it all broke up. Ice fishermen, be patient!

## ROAST BEEF DINNER

The monthly Public Roast Beef Dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F.&A.M., and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served Friday, January 29, 2010, at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House).

Take-outs will be available from 4:30 - 5 pm., and dine-in is 5 - 6:30 pm in the downstairs dining hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children (12 years old and under) and will be available both by advanced sale by members of the Masons and the Stars, and at the door.

# Looking Back



## *Researched by the Hague Historical Society*

In a 1964 edition of The Lake George Association's *News and Views*, found recently in our archives, was the following poignant piece:

Karl Abbott, one time owner and operator of the Sagamore Hotel at Bolton Landing, tells a haunting story about Adolph Ochs, famous publisher of the New York Times and for many years a Lake George summer resident. Mr. Ochs owned "Abenia," a part of which is now Sunnybrook Acres. Abenia was built by Colonel Walter Price and later became the property of George Foster Peabody before Mr. Ochs' ownership. Both Mr. Ochs and Mr. Peabody were long time members of the LGA . . .

There came a summer when the aging publisher was ill and had to remain in New York. One late autumn afternoon Mr. Abbott, still at his hotel, was told that Mr. Ochs wanted him on the telephone. He picked up the phone and Mr. Ochs answered from his sick bed. "Karl," he said, "I want you to do a piece of reporting for me. I can see you sitting there in your office by that big picture-window, looking across the lake. I just want you to describe what you see. Don't leave anything out. Have the leaves begun to turn over there on the point? It's about four o'clock now, and, if there's a breeze, the ripples will be dancing about now in its reflection. How high did the hemlocks grow this year down by the boathouse? Just look out of the window, Karl, and describe everything you see for me."

Karl said he must have talked for a half hour, fulfilling the sick man's request. He described the trees, the clouds, the sky, the turning colors. He said it was the strangest request he had ever had, but he kept talking until he told the whole story.

Mr. Ochs thanked him warmly, said it had all been wonderful and hung up. When the papers came up from New York the next morning, they carried the news that Adolph Ochs had died at eight o'clock the previous night.

Mr. Ochs was apparently one more example of someone with a love of our Lake George. You can enjoy his view of the Lake if you eat at The Boathouse Restaurant which was indeed Ochs' boathouse. Be sure to listen for the whistle from the passing steamboats!

## **HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

There are no winter doldrums for the Historical Society – we kicked off the month with a work session to get our January newsletter out, to lay-out a modest exhibit on Hague Regattas in a Museum showcase, and to catch up on a myriad of other small projects that had been set aside over the holiday season. In addition to our regular board meeting, we had our initial meeting for hotels research. So don't be surprised if one of our "researchers" contacts you with questions about Hague hotel life! If you'd like to offer information, stories, or copies of photos and other hotel memorabilia, just give us a call at 543-6725 or email us at <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com>.

We'll wind up the month with a program you can all participate in – it's all about "Collections". Bring whatever it is you collect (thimbles, tea cups, old hand tools, postcards, fishing tackle, arrowheads, spoons, books, etc) to the Community Center on Sunday, January 31st, at 2 pm. We'll have tables set up for you to display your collectibles. If you want a little time to set up before the public arrives, feel free to come in at 1:30 pm. We'll be there to help. It should be an interesting and entertaining afternoon.

We are very happy to welcome Pam Carney Bresett to our Board. Her addition to the Board returns us to a full team and she brings a deep interest in local history that will enrich our efforts.

Don't miss a chance to be part of this organization! Membership dues of \$5 can be mailed to PO Box 794, Hague, NY, 12836 or you can pay them at the January 31st program. Hope to see you there!  
... Pat McDonough

## **ONE LOCAL COLLECTOR**

Bill Cobb needed to find a hobby when he retired from International Paper. It happened that he learned about model trains from a collector in Warrensburg and decided to pursue that as his hobby. Bill not only collects model trains but he makes most of the associated buildings in his display. He has also built some fabulous model ships.

In his train display, Bill has created an entire village with lots of activity - from men working on a roof to a canoe being paddled on a small lake in front of a mountain cabin. Some of the displays include a gas station, a church, homes, a skating rink, a ski mountain complete with skiers and a gondola, a ferris wheel, a roller coaster and even a Burger King. The trains run through the entire area and there is activity in many sections such as ice-skaters moving on a rink, the gondola at the ski area going up and down the mountain, and the ferris wheel going round and round. If one looks carefully, tucked in among the trees can be found deer, moose, a cougar, a bear and other special items of interest.



We hope to see more of Bill's handiwork at the Historical Society's program, "Collections."  
... Judy Stock

## ~SOUNDINGS~

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Sarah Van Patten, granddaughter of Martha and Grant Van Patten of Silver Bay, who has been named in *Pointe Magazine* as giving one of the 12 favorite performances of 2009. Sarah is a principal dancer with the San Francisco Ballet and was singled out for her striking performance as Odette/Odile in *Swan Lake*.

**GOOD WISHES:** To Nelson and Dottie Waters, formerly of Hague, who are moving to a new location. After leaving Hague they went to Biggs, CA and now will be moving to Chowchilla, Dottie's hometown. Their new address is 1005 Danielle Street, Chowchilla, CA 93610.

**DIED:** William Beach Lambert, 98, of Silver Bay, on January 4, 2010. Beach was born in Ticonderoga, the son of the late John H. and Alice (Beach) Lambert and lived in Silver Bay most of his adult life. He was the oldest living resident in the Town of Hague and some of his recollections were featured in the February 2007 issue of *The Hague Chronicle*. His grandfather, John Lambert, was co-founder of Ticonderoga Pulp and Paper Company.

Beach attended the University of Michigan, but his time was cut short by the Great Depression. Upon his return to Lake George, he and his brother, John, formed an ice-cutting company which provided ice to the large hotels on the Lake. These were the days before refrigeration and ice was stored in ice houses for summer use. They earned the reputation of the best ice cutting team in the area.

In 1945, Beach built Watch Island Cabins which he ran during the summer months, along with a gas station, and he worked the winter months at International Paper Company in Ticonderoga where he was a supervisor for A.B. Dick Company. He also was a Hague Assessor, member of the Hague School Board and worked for the Town, plowing the roads. He was the creator of the Bloomer Valley Hunting Club in Sabbath Day Point.

He was predeceased by his wife, Florence (Frazier) Lambert; and by one daughter, Josephine L. Braisted; one sister, Elizabeth Lambert; and one brother, John H. Lambert. Survivors include two daughters, Hague Postmaster Jacqueline L. Fort of Silver Bay and Jill L. Stull of Hague. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**DIED:** Dorothy Harris Earl, 96, of The Nottingham, Jamesville, NY on January 10, 2010. Dorothy spent her summers in Glenburnie on Lake George and was a member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club, where her late husband, Ralph, was a former Commodore. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Earl of Taos, NM and Susan Earl Klebl of Portland, OR; three grandchildren, Christopher Klebl of Heber City, UT, Catherine Klebl of Portland, OR and Caroline Klebl of San Francisco, CA; and one great-grandchild. Services and burial will take place next summer in Ticonderoga, NY.

### SEMBRICH FREE WINTER FILM SERIES

The Sembrich Winter Film Series continues on Tuesday evenings at the Bolton Free Library. "Shakespeare in Love" will be shown on February 10, 2010 at 7 pm with free admission. For more information or to make a reservation, please call the Sembrich office at 644-2431.

## HISTORIC TICONDEROGA IN PICTURES



*First railroad depot circa 1891*

On Friday, February 19, 2010 at 7 pm at the Ticonderoga Community Building, the Ticonderoga Historical Society will present "Reflections of our Past" highlighting historic Ticonderoga through pictures. Moderated by Bill Dolback, this program is a benefit program to support the 2009 Celebration Champlain Legacy Monument Project as part of the 2009 Quadricentennial. Bill will present a slide show of history, depicting the evolution and growth of Ticonderoga during the late 19th Century to the mid 20th Century! His collection of old photographs of people and places represent the Commercial, Industrial and Social aspects of Ticonderoga. Suggested donation is \$5.

### CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS OPEN

The cross country ski trail system at Rogers Rock Campsite is now open and ready for public use. Conditions were excellent at this writing. Maintained through the joint collaboration of the Town of Hague, Warren County and N.Y.S.D.E.C., use of the trails is free of charge. Grooming and general trail maintenance are now provided by the Hague Sno-Goers, for the approximately 6 km of groomed trails. Most of the south loop is lighted until 11 pm for night skiing. As a matter of record and for safety sake, all users are asked to register at each visit. A trail map and general information board are posted next to the registry box.

As in the past, motorized travel, except for grooming is not permitted on the trails. An access road to the beach area allows fishermen to reach the Lake once hardwater season begins.

For information or to report any concerns please call 585-9890 or 543-6161. Think snow! ... Joe McCranels

### POPSICLE STICK BRIDGE BUILDING CONTEST



*Graham Bailey, mentor, with participants in the Kiwanis 2nd annual Popsicle Stick Bridge Building Contest.*

## Nature News by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

### The Natural Life ~ Quantity and Quality

I've had some interesting reading come across my path recently, and I'd like to share the synchronistic experiences of how it affected me. Several years ago I was overweight, out of shape, depressed and diagnosed with dangerously high blood pressure. The blood pressure thing forced me to decide if I was going to choose to live or opt out this time around, but I needed to make some serious changes in my lifestyle if I was to choose to stick around. I decided to give it a whirl. I changed my diet to a healthy one (not **on** a diet, but **changed** it), and had to start exercising. I am **not** a "meet-me-at-the-gym-on-the-treadmill" kind of person, so I had to find something that worked for me. I began walking outdoors every day and soon found that not only was my blood pressure going down, but so was my weight and my depression lifted. I lost 35 pounds, blood pressure has been great (no meds) and have joyfully been cookin' along for the last three years. Until recently, that is. Over the past year a few pounds crept back and my exercise walks morphed into more meditative, photographing, foraging forays into the forest ~ not exactly aerobic exercise. In mid-November I was horrified when the scale announced I'd put on ten pounds and my BP had gone from "great" to "good". I decided to cut back on food, and although I was still eating healthy foods, I ate less. A month later, nothing changed except my demeanor!

Then, the first important book fell into my hands. *Younger Next Year* by Chris Crowley & Henry S. Lodge, M.D. is an inspiring and easy read, explaining in layman's terms the physiology and genetics of how we can live to be strong and fit into our 80's and beyond. Mammals (in which we humans are included) are designed to move. It's how we survive as a species, not just as individuals. We developed this way over millennia and these last couple of generations where a sedentary lifestyle has permeated the American way, is not going to change how our bodies work. When we are sedentary, the chemicals released into our bloodstream signal the body to go into hibernation, metabolism slows, fats are stored for emergency use and the naturally deteriorating cells in our body are not repaired or replaced. If we never come out of "hibernation" and remain sedentary in lifestyle, then our genetic DNA signals the body that this is not a member of the species that is going to survive and it proceeds to decay, hence disease. By eating less I was only making things worse! So, I began to eat **more** of the good foods and changed my walk outdoors to an aerobic one where I kept up a good pace, still enjoying being out in the natural world. The holidays came and went, I ate more with attention to good foods (I didn't deprive myself of holiday treats at all, had plenty of cookies!). I went out walking or snowshoeing almost every day, had more energy and lost 5 pounds ~ over the holidays! This was working!

A second book came my way while I was in Juniper Design doing some holiday shopping. Owner Sally DeLarm-Rypkema pulled me aside and said she had a book to loan me that was right up my alley: *Doc, Orra A. Phelps, M.D., Adirondack Naturalist and Mountaineer* by Mary Arakelian. Born in 1895, Orra Phelps graduated from John Hopkins Medical School, summered in Silver Bay, bushwhacked the high peaks, made a 100-mile Adirondack botanical hike in 1928, wrote the

first ADK trail guide to the Adirondack High Peaks and in 1978 hiked the last section of the Northville-Placid Trail ~ at age 83! She climbed to the 4,000-foot mark on Mt. Marcy to keep her Forty-Sixer status current ~ on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday! A fascinating woman who studied wild plants wherever she went, Orra Phelps was a mentor to naturalists and botanists throughout her life. Laura Meade (our first Hague Chronicle Nature News writer) is mentioned as one of those who studied with her! She remained active and in remarkable good health well into her 80's, inspiration to continue my forays into the woods.

Most recently, I read about the life of Clarence Petty in the Jan-Feb issue of *Adirondack Explorer* magazine. The Adirondack Park's most noted woodsman and champion of conservation; he laid the groundwork for the protection of a million acres of wilderness and 1,200 miles of rivers inside the blue line. Wilderness guide, pilot, conservationist, he remained vibrantly active well into his later years. A photo of him is in this issue, at the top of Whiteface Mountain in 2003 ~ he was 98 years old! He just passed in November at the age of 104, still writing letters and articles about conservation of the land he loved, the Adirondacks.

Despite the weather today ~ warmed to the mid-thirties and a bit rainy ~ I went out for my 2-mile trek on the snow-packed trail. I made myself go because I wanna be 80 and still doing it. I got my exercise and my nature fix too ~ I saw four deer a-leaping and a partridge in a pine tree!



### 4-H PROGRAM IGNITES OUTDOOR INTEREST

The 4-H Adirondack Guide Program orientation meeting will be held Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7 pm at the Cornell University Cooperative Extension Education Center, 377 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg, NY. The 4-H Adirondack Guide Program is an exciting and unique program designed for boys and girls (12-18 years old) who would like to explore, in depth, natural resource related topics. The program gives teenagers an opportunity to gain knowledge in the biological sciences and develop teaching and leadership skills.

Activities include field trips and classes, canoe and hiking trips, and community service projects. Topics taught include map & compass reading; canoeing; tree, plant, flower and wildlife identification; environmental teaching techniques; woods lore and safety; first aid and lifeguard training; outdoor clothing and equipment; wilderness trip coordination, and global positioning systems (GPS).

Participants have the opportunity to work with licensed Adirondack Guides, Forest Rangers, Fish and Wildlife Biologists, Foresters and skilled woodsmen and can advance through Guide levels to full Adirondack Guide status. The program is conducted in an informal atmosphere, conducive to building confidence and self-esteem.

For more information, or to register, please call the CCE office at 623-3291 or 668-4881. For further information, please ask to speak with John Bowe.

### HAGUE CALENDAR

#### JANUARY

- 26 1:30 pm Senior Club Meeting
- 28 Final date for Dog Control Officer application
- 28 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 31 2 pm Hague Historical Society Program, "Collections"

#### RENTALS

A reminder that we will publish rental listings for next summer in our March issue as a service to our readers. If you plan to rent your home next summer, send us the information at <haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com> and we will include it - edited as necessary.

#### FEBRUARY

- 1 – April 15 AARP Taxpayer Assistance Program
- 4 7 pm Planning Board
- 7 Hague Fish & Game Club Super Bowl Party
- 9 6:30 pm Town Board Meeting
- 12 6 pm Silver Bay Dinner & Movie
- 12 News deadline for February issue
- 13 – 14 HAGUE WINTER WEEKEND
- 14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY 
- 15 PRESIDENTS' DAY
- 15 – 19 Ticonderoga Schools Winter Break
- 18 *The Hague Chronicle* mailed out
- 19 7 pm Ticonderoga Historical Society – Ticonderoga in Pictures

#### HAGUE ARTS FAIR

Vendors of handcrafted items are being solicited right now for the 39th Annual Hague Arts Fair sponsored by the Hague on Lake George Chamber of Commerce. The dates for this year's event are August 7th, 10-4 pm and August 8th, 10-3 pm.

All vendors are invited to participate at a reasonable cost. The show is held at the Hague Community Center, Route 8, Hague, New York. Both inside and outside spaces are available.

For further information please call or contact: Judy Schultz at 543-6769 or email at <hagueartsfair@yahoo.com>.



Note from Stan: Idea for cartoon from Madeline Pelkey

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