

At the Grange

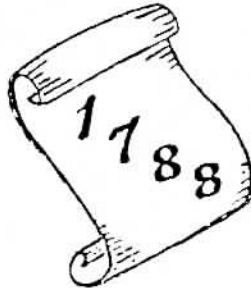
FRIDAY OCT. 1

* NEXT MEETING *

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Community Day Success

A wet beginning followed by a great afternoon - Community Day. Thanks to a bunch of hard working members who made this year's Community Day work. But also thanks to the Thorpe's, Emil Schoch, his cousins from Germany and other Lions for the setting up, Don Estes and his great parade, and the enthusiasm of Karen Hicks during her management of the children's games.

Music by Bill Paroli and master of ceremony duties by Len Kinney kept the day moving along. And speaking of moving, what about that team of Jim Hosie, Rosemary Lee, and Macy Sherow who cooked and served french fries at lightning speed. Jim Hosie donated the potatoes, use of his commercial fryer, and his skill. The french fries were delicious, and happy customers added \$200 to our Museum fund....Thanks, Jim!!

Two of our members, Craig Marshall and Jim Montross were everywhere and so busy that they saw very little of the day. Special thanks to those two. Just taking it easy that day were two others, Linda & Bill DiFrenza who were squirreled away on the second floor of the Grange building. They had earned the right to sit, having mounted that wonderful craft exhibit on the two previous nights. We gave them an immediate reward - we asked them to do a bigger one for the Christmas holidays. If the response to their call for exhibitors is good they will make this one a show and sale.

Craig Marshall made sure Society members did not go unnoticed - how could one in those straw hats he provided. Members Eleanor Rogers, Edie O'Shea, Doris Sherow, and Glenda Schwarze covered the flea market table prepared and priced by Sue and Jeff Hoffman. Bill Benson and his step-daughter covered our Society booth. The work of the group above gave the Museum fund an add'l \$170. And the popcorn Hans Hanaburgh provided added another \$87 to the Museum fund. Charlotte Mark and her friend took complete responsibility for the raffle from beginning to end during her vacation.

A special thanks to Charlotte who is now back at work with the circus, and her friend. Our thanks also to Mary Marshall, Barb Cleary, Sue Hoffman, and others who donated very desirable items for our raffle. Thanks also to new town resident Bronwon McWilliams, who volunteered her artistic skills to draw portraits free of charge.

The Society was well represented in the Float Parade with a 'house' symbolizing the Clinton community built with building blocks (organizations) of 53 groups in our town. Thanks go to Barbara and Jack Cleary and Craig Marshall who not only constructed the float, but staffed it during the great parade...the airborne candy was a big hit!

And behind the scenes were others who did the planning, the legwork and dealt with all the details - Joan Zelinski, Rich Thompsett, Fran Mark, Donna Calkins, Lisa and John Lacey, Maryann Thompsett, Dave Thompsett, Mark Tallardy, and Louise Mc Dermott, together with several others noted above.

(Editor's note: this event wouldn't have been so successful, or even HAPPENED, without Bill's dedication. Thanks, Bill, from all of us!!)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - The First -

Hans Hanaburgh has initiated monthly pancake breakfasts to be held the third Sunday of each month. The first one will be on October 17 from 8 AM to noon. Let's make this one of our traditional get-togethers.

Hans intends this to be one method to support the expenses of running a museum. And once again Hans is right on target. Rather than ask for donations the Society intends to offer activities of this kind through which it can earn a little money while providing a good time for its members.

Let's have a great turnout.

MUSEUM ADDITIONS

THE CONCERT - RAVE REVIEWS !!

1. A new state-of-the-art Cam-corder for our oral history and other programs. Funded by IBM through a grant request by Craig Marshall. This unit is made for low light conditions (indoors, slide shows, etc) and the improvement in picture quality is remarkable.
2. Mark Tallardy once again adds a good reference - "Index to the Commemorative Biographical Record of Dutchess County." The index makes this publication easy to use.
3. Toby Riccardilli donated a crock marked "P. Sweet - Bullshead." This is an unusual find and makes a fine artifact which will add a great deal to a future exhibit.
4. A.W. Keefe donated an early IBM electric typewriter which will serve in two capacities, an example of an early IBM product and for now will be our only functioning typewriter.
5. Ray Oberly donated a glass ash tray with a place to store matches. Yes, its a 20th century object but have you seen one lately? Hey, folks this is 1993. Soon this century will be "history." Then we will be upset we didn't put a few of these items aside for the museum. Let's check those attics. Give us the chance to determine how something you may not think much of actually fits our museum collection.
6. Margaret Marquez, past president of the Hyde Park Historical Society, contributed one of the most unusual items we have seen. It is an album of many (100?) samples of woven hair from residents who lived in Clinton and nearby in 1849. We suspect the writing under each is a signature of the woven hair sample.

**** THANKS !! ****

"Outstanding" "Wonderful"

Those were just some of the comments heard at the end of the Mid-Summer Concert held in the Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church on August 13. Flute, piano, violincello, and soprano combined to bring the music of Handel, Schubert, Mozart, and others to an appreciative audience of 100 people in a very delightful country church setting. This event, the first of its kind in Clinton, was held to benefit our new town Museum...proceeds reached \$550 ! Thanks go to Sherri & Paul Trusz, their daughter Christina, Edna Lachmund, and Carol Valentine for developing this program, and to Christina, Carol, Julie Domeier, and Alan Gross who were the enthusiastic musicians. Thanks also to those who provided and served the tasty intermission snacks. Pastor De Rodgers sent us a note afterward inviting us to hold future Society events in the church. Could this concert be an ANNUAL EVENT? We certainly hope that Carol and her team can (with help) make this a town event to look forward to every year!

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At the Grange

Don't miss this one!

Friday, October 1 at 7:30 PM
at the Grange in Clinton Corners

"Town of Clinton Fire Departments"
Hans Hanaburgh, Oscar Burkowske and
Donald Cookingham(if he is not away)

With West Clinton approaching its 50th anniversary, charter members of these fire departments will share memories, tell stories, and present the history of these community assets. The presentation will be informal - off the top of their heads - and the reminiscences will be warm, serious, and sometimes funny. This is oral history at its best in a community not far removed from the origins of its most important service, providing fire protection and emergency service to the ill.

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**"CLINTON FIRE
DEPARTMENTS"**

by

Hans Hanaburgh

Oscar Burkowske

Don Cookingham

Travel accounts sometimes tell about life during earlier times, but they are not always accurate. Here is one by Rev. Andrew Burnaby from Connecticut. What do you think?

"The inhabitants of New York... much resemble the Pensylvanians: more than half of them are Dutch, and almost all traders: they are, therefore, habitually frugal, industrious, and parsimonious. Being, however, of different nations, different languages, and different religions, it is almost impossible to give them any precise or determinant character. The women are handsome and agreeable; though rather more reserved than the Philadelphian ladies. Their amusements are much the same as in Pennsylvania; viz. balls, and sleighing expeditions in the winter; and, in the summer going in parties upon the water, and fishing, or making excursions into the country. There are several houses pleasantly situated upon East River, New York, where it is common to have turtle-feasts: these happen once or twice in a week. Thirty or forty gentlemen and ladies meet and dine together, drink tea in the afternoon, fish and amuse themselves till evening, and then return home in Italian chaises, a gentleman and a lady in each chaise. In the way there is a bridge, about three miles distant from New York, which you always pass over as you return, called the Kissing-bridge; where it is a part of the etiquette to salute the lady who has put herself under your protection."

WISH LIST

Tax deductible donations of goods and services help the museum control expenses. Many of you have made thoughtful donations of items or services. We thank you.

At present we are in need of a copier and a functioning VCR or a person able to repair a non-working VCR.

Also, we must install a burglar and fire security system in our museum building. Until this is installed it will be difficult to mount exhibits. In fact, an anticipated craft fair and sale considered for the holidays will probably require someone to sleep in the building to protect the craft exhibit items. Donation of a system or the wherewithal to purchase one will be appreciated. Perhaps there is someone in the community who could install such a system, if we were able to acquire the materials.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST !

SUNDAY OCT. 17

-- 8:00 AM --

At the Grange Hall

Proceeds to Museum

MARK IT DOWN !