

# SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## *SALUBRIS*

### President's Message

Work has continued this winter on the interior of the Legion to finish the wood work and floor. There will be additional landscaping to do in the spring. Also we will be completing the parking lot project with final landscaping this spring.

My thanks to **Paul Calkins** for his work as Chairman for these projects and thanks to everyone on the committees or who worked on the projects! A great job by all!!

We are also working on the application and approval of an Absolute Charter from the State of New York Board of Regents. We will have the museum audit in May. My thanks to **Gerry Treichler** for leading the work on the Absolute Charter.

We also have an exciting project to implement, an audio tour for the Farm Museum. This is a big step to improve the visitor experience at the Farm Museum.

As you will see in this newsletter we have a busy year of activities and events planned.

The work by our Board and all our members who work so hard on our activities and projects are what makes us so successful. Thanks and let's have another great season this year!

*Bill Read, President*

### **Your Board of Trustees (Museum Ph 731-4708)**

(Board Meetings are held at the Museum on the 3rd Tues at 7:00 PM )  
(MUSEUM ADDRESS- 2822 Niagara St, PO Box 172, Sanborn, NY 14132)

President- **Bill Read (870-6263)**; Vice Pres-**Paul Calkins (471-4422)**; Recording Sec-**Ruth Pirinelli (471-4677)**; Corresponding Sec- **Gerald Treichler (731-9510)**; Treasurer-**Glenn Wienke (731-5982)**.

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**Farm Museum Curator- Bonnie Haskell- (990-6909)**

**Schoolhouse Curator- Elaine Timm (471-2217)**

**Tuscarora Indian Nation (Reserved Position) ..... Kenneth Patterson (417-7764)**

**Tn. of Lewiston Historic Preservation Comm. (Reserved Position) .... Michael Rhoney (731-9726)**

**BUILDING COMMITTEE, Paul Calkins,  
Chairman**

The **Parking Lot Project** is all but complete with the remaining funds to be used for landscaping.

The **Church-Legion building** interior work is nearing completion and looks beautiful inside



**Church/Legion Building at night**

and out. This has been a long project to keep within budget. Our own people and the Sheriff's work program workers have helped tremendously to keep the cost down. We thank **Gary Townsend and the late Glen Wendt for doing the grading around the building; Dave Schmidt, Paul Beecher and Gary Townsend** for doing the wiring of the building; and the **Sheriff's Department workers** for removing the wainscoting pieces and turning them over and preparing them for reuse; removing the floor covering and nails in the main hall floor, painting and other tasks as needed on this project. We also thank **Bill Read, Fran Haskell, Gary Townsend, Paul Calkins, Joan Shaw, Glenn Wienke, and Gerry Treichler and others** who monitored the Sheriff Department workers and provided information and materials needed to get the job done. The outfitting of the hall is on hold until we receive funding. Town Supervisor Steve Broderick has indicated that this year's allotment from the relicensing of the Power Authority has been filled by other needs. Other sources of funding are being looked into.



**Church/Legion Building inside**

**FARM LANDSCAPE & CONSERVATION:**

**By Joan Shaw, Chmn- (731-5653)**

On this cold March day we are still blessed with sparkling white snow! Yet, underneath its cover, snow drops and daffodils are heeding longer daylight hours and have begun to poke up through remnants of dried leaves lingering from last fall. Spring is here!

Over the winter Paul Calkins has been diligently working with contractors at the Legion/Church building to keep interior work projects moving along. The inside is shaping up to be as lovely as the outside! You will not be disappointed.

Soon spring landscape projects will begin. Existing flower gardens will be prepared for summer annuals. New memorial trees will be planted on the west side of the Townsend Hall. Many shrubs and flowers will be planted around the Legion/Church building this year to set it off to perfection!

We have also discussed plantings for the north side of the parking lot and around the new sign at the road.

To accomplish all of this we hope a few good volunteers will come forward to lend a hand and help get these projects under way.

Please contact Joan Shaw if you can help out. Thank you and happy spring!

**FARM MUSEUM, Bonnie Haskell, Curator  
(990-6909)**

With spring in the air we are getting ready to start another season on the farm. Much work is needed to get things back on track. We need your help as before in cleaning and moving items back in place for our April 18<sup>th</sup> opening and preparing for the use of our facilities for the Cars Parts Swap Meet on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Farm Museum hours are all Sundays from 2 PM to 4 PM and Wednesdays 1 PM to 4 PM from April 18 to October 14. Contact **Bonnie** if the museum is needed to be opened at a special time or if you have any questions. Many more exhibits have been added so look around during our activities or stop in with your friends during normal visiting hours. Again, we thank all who help make our farm a great place for all to visit and enjoy. **PLEASE NOTE-** A new key has been passed out to those in need fitting all doors of the Townsend Hall. Tumblers of the locks will be changed soon. The security code remains unchanged.

#### **SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM- Elaine Timm, Curator (471-2217)**

Visiting time for the Schoolhouse Museum will be every Sunday of the month between 2 to 4 PM beginning April 22 or by special request. Contact **Glenn Wienke** if you have a special request for opening. The museum exhibits are updated as new artifacts come in so stop in for a visit & bring your friends.

The Sanborn American Legion Post 969 members hold their regular meetings at the Schoolhouse on the first Monday of the month for April & May and their Auxiliary on the third Monday of the month for April through June. Also, the Sanborn Business & Professional Association is allowed to hold their board meetings at our Schoolhouse Museum.

#### **TOWNSEND HALL USAGE, Bill Read Coordinator**

The Board has approved usage of the **Townsend Hall** by **Sandy Pluff** for a bridal shower on April 21, 2018, the **Friendship Club** to hold their meetings on **June 19, July 3, July 17 and July 31**, and **Bill Read** for a family reunion on September 22. A committee comprised of **Paul Calkins, Jim Ditzel, Paul Jackson, Bonnie Haskell, and Bill Read** has been formed to prepare a procedure for use of Townsend Hall and our other facilities and establish a price for their use.

#### **PROGRAMS- Glenn Wienke, Chairman**

We will have our 17th annual **potluck dinner just prior to our April 24th meeting. This is for all members and friends** that want to participate by bringing their own table service and a dish to share. This could be a food dish and/or a dessert. Rolls, butter, and beverage will be furnished. We will start to eat promptly at 6 PM so that we can start the regular meeting at 7 PM. **The doors at the Fire Hall will be open at 5:30 PM** so come early to select a spot and set up. The evening program will be **“Niagara County Sheriff K9 Police Abilities”** presented by the Sheriff’s Dept.

The program for May 22 will be **“My Life in England during WW2”** by SAHS member, **Valerie Dumpleton**.

We continue to **thank Glenn Wienke for the great programs and Ruth Carmer, Fred Robertson, Don Thompson and Marilyn Wittkowsky** for making the meeting reminder calls that helps us to maintain our attendance around 70. We also thank **Valerie Dumpleton and her helpers** for continuing to secure and serve the goodies after the program and you, our members, for furnishing the goodies and attending the program.

#### **NIAGARA-SANBORN ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE- APRIL 14 & 15**

**Bonnie Haskell, (990-6909) Chairperson with Pat Thompson, (731-2666)**, in charge of the Basket Auction. Our 15th Antique Show and Sale will take place at the Wheatfield American



**Basket Auction Setup at Wheatfield Legion Post**

Legion Post #1451, 6525 Ward Rd. (Rt. 429). The event will be held 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. A Basket Auction will run concurrent with the Antique Show with the drawing taking place at 4 PM

### FEDERATION/WNYAHA MEETING, May 5- Elaine Timm (471-2217)

The combined annual meeting of the Federation of Historical Societies of Niagara County and the Western NY Association of Historical Agencies will be held Saturday May 5th from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Niagara Co History Center, 215 Niagara St, Lockport NY. The public is invited to the meeting that includes 3 guest speakers: **Jim Boles** will be presenting “Mineral Springs of Niagara County”, **Heide Ziemer**—“Big Picture-Basics for Preserving Photos and Collections”, and **Ann Marie Linaberry and Elaine Timm** – will present Research Resources, using the internet to show you how to find some great information.

The cost for those attending is \$25 that includes a catered lunch. Please contact **Elaine by May1** if planning to attend so that she can take your order for lunch.

### FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL, July 28 & 29, Bonnie Haskell (990-6909) - Chairmen

Our 14<sup>th</sup> annual festival will be held Saturday July 28 and Sunday July 29 from 8am to 4pm both days. Our first committee meeting is planned for Thursday, April 26 at 7 PM at the farm. **Bonnie needs** all of her helpers that came out in support of last year’s event and any new ones that can help out. Many of the long lead tasks have been completed such as letters to sponsors and tractor people and letters and contracts to food and flea market vendors. Our **Sanborn Fire Company Band** has agreed to play again this year. We plan to bring back for **both days, Randy Green with the Native America Niagara River Dancers.**

We are having a **money raffle** again this year with first prize: \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$250 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$100, to help us defray expenses of the Farm Festival. Please purchase the book of tickets provided with this newsletter by filling out and sending in the stubs with your payment to

SAHS at our PO Box 172. Your purchase of tickets is optional.



Contact our Chairmen **Bonnie Haskell** for general information, **Bill Read** at **870-6263** for Tractor and Equipment exhibits. More information will be provided in our July newsletter.

### AUDIO TOUR OF SAHS FARM MUSEUM

**UniGuide of Washington, DC** has offered to set up a **free Audio Tour** of the farm museum complex including signage at the various stops. SAHS is to prepare brief descriptions of each of several stops we designate to be on the tour.



Sign at Medina Railroad Museum

Realizing that 150 words represented one minute and that SAHS is only allowed 60 minutes for the entire tour, we will have to keep the audio for each stop between 1 to 2 minutes or 300 words max. Pictures and script for the tour will be sent to **UniGuide** for processing into the App that can be loaded onto a smart phone or tablet for use by visitors to our Farm Museum. **Paul Calkins, Elaine Timm, Bonnie Haskell, Jim Ditzel, and Gerry Treichler** visited the Medina Railroad Museum that has a working audio tour to get ideas for our audio tour set up.

#### **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE-**

Please call **Gerry Treichler, 731-9510** with names of those members needing "**Thinking of you**" or **their families that need "Bereavement"** cards so they can be signed at our meeting and sent out or sent out directly. **John Knox and Jim Fronczak** passed away since our last reporting.

#### **RODS & CUSTOMS CLUB, CAR PARTS SWAP MEET**

SAHS is hosting the **Car Parts Swap Meet at the Farm again this year on Sunday May 6, from 7 AM To 3 PM.** We are told to expect over 100 Car Parts Vendors with hundreds of followers. This is a great project for SAHS and the **Rods and Customs Club.** The club has a place to hold their event with SAHS receiving some of the proceeds from the \$1 charge for public parking for the event as well as a portion of the fee paid by the parts vendor. SAHS also has the food concession for breakfast, lunch and snacks in between. SAHS can also Show Case their Farm Museum. The crowd that attends loves the mix of the car parts vendors and seeing our museum.

#### **LIBRARY/COLLECTIONS, Jane Schultz, Chairperson (731-9404)-**

Helping Jane are **Joan Shaw, Valerie Dumpleton** and museum secretary **Pat Kopolinski, Elaine Timm and Gerry Treichler with the Schoolhouse and Farm Museum Curators.** Work Times at the Schoolhouse Museum are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9 to 11 AM, to accept and log-in artifacts, take pictures, etc. Please call **Elaine Timm (471-2217), School House Curator** or **Bonnie**

**Haskell (990-6909), Farm Museum Curator,** if you have any artifacts to donate.

Since our last report we have received items donated by:

**Bill and Janice Treichler-** 5ea 5 inch high antique ceramic Santa Clauses; 1 Holiday classic ferris-wheel; 1 hand crocheted Christmas tree skirt; 1- 1890 –1910 glass square-shaped covered compote; 5 wood pounce pots for blotting ink (with note on history); Momma and Papa Christmas stuffed bears; Stuffed Christmas Frog; Stuffed Christmas honey bear; 1880's restored pine table 28" W x 20"D x 28" H with pine top; and 1939 "Gone with the Wind" electric hurricane lamp, red with hand painted roses, 22" high.

**From Janice Treichler-** 1 WWI hand knit afghan; 1 early 1900's child sized hand muff; 1 early mahogany settee – 43"wide x 22"deep x 33"high – with 3 pillows that match; 1930's mahogany game table, Duncan Phyfe style – 33" square x 29" high.

**From Barb Diebold-** 2 Children's books on Erie Canal- Milo and His Magic Boots and Erie Canal Sal.

**From Wally Schultz-** 1960 and 1989 Official Guide of the Railways

#### **SANBORN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOC, Bonnie Haskell, Pres-**

The SB&PA has selected owner **Kevin Mearbell's "Innovative Card Solutions"** as Sanborn's Business of the year. He will be honored at the Thursday April 19 Gala by the **Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce.** **Bonnie** reports that planning is also under way for **Autumn Fest in Sanborn** scheduled for Oct 6 & 7 at the farm.

#### **MEMBERSHIP, Shirley Simrell, Chmn (417-9767)**

We thank those that renewed their membership or joined as new members. To date for 2018, we have a **total membership of 317** including 23 new members and 12 Patron & Businesses as we stride to reach last year's membership of 423 members.

We appreciate the support of our members near and far and hope you enjoy our quarterly newsletter. We encourage our new (and old) members to take advantage of our monthly pro-

gram meetings held at 7 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Sanborn Fire Hall. We have a short business meeting of about one half-hour reporting on activities of the previous month and then get into the program. After the program we have refreshments and fellowship. Please join the fellowship. There is no charge but donations are accepted. We have no regular membership meetings June, July, August and December. We welcome first time members since our last reporting: Evelyn Buffone, Michelle Hastings, William & Gloria Mayes, Kathy Strong, Linda Trevena, and Walter Yaro.

**Our Patrons and Businesses** that have donate \$100 or more to SAHS:

**Patrons to date for 2018: Brent & Ann Mank, Brian & Cheryl Rotech, Gerry Treichler, Errol Zuch, and Sally Knox & Lloyd Ziemendorf.**

**Businesses to date for 2018: LaSalle Contracting, Gorge Travel, Gross Plumbing, William Davis Insurance, H A Treichler & Sons Greenhouses, Wagner's Market and Jay Wendt Construction.**

#### **SALE OF PEARL ST. LOT**

SAHS is in discussion with Fred Blue of Great Lakes Real Estate for the sale of our 50ft x 150ft Pearl Street building lot. As noted in our January Newsletter, the new price is \$9,900 or best offer with board approval. This lot is the same size as other lots on the Pearl St.

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SOCIETY**

Please consider the Sanborn Area Historical Society as part of your tax-deductible, long term as well as short term giving program, in your memorials and in your will or for special recognition and endowment gifts. Your generosity will help assure the completion of our goals and the long-term viability of our historical society and our museums

#### **ABSOLUTE CHATER- Gerry Treichler.**

As required by the chartering process for an Absolute Charter, a two-hour on site review meeting is scheduled for Monday May 14, 2018 to begin at 9:30 AM at our Schoolhouse Museum.

#### **MUSEUM SITTERS-**

We again thank interim chairperson, Glenn

**Wienke 731-5982 for coordinating the sitters for both the Schoolhouse and Farm museums. We still need someone to relieve him. Won't you please call him and signup to sit our museums?**

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Antique Show & Sale with Basket Auction, April 14 & 15-** See earlier write-up.

**Federation Congress/WNYAHA Meeting- Saturday, May 5 from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Niagara Country History Center, 215 Niagara St, Lockport.** See earlier write-up for cost & speakers.

**Rods & Custom Club- Car Parts Swap Meet at Farm Sun May 6-** See earlier write-up.

**Pancake Breakfast at the Farm, On Sunday June 10, from 8 AM to 1 PM.**

**Old Sanborn Days- July 14 and 15 are the dates for Old Sanborn Days** sponsored by the Rotary Club at the Sanborn fireman's field. Plans are to have our booth setup and manned both days. Chmn **Bill Read (870-6263)** needs your help

**Farm Museum Festival, July 28 and 29-** See earlier write-up.

## SAHS NEEDS YOUR HELP FOR DEBT REDUCTION



**36ft x 48ft Storage Building constructed 2016**

SAHS had the unexpected debt of \$40,000 in 2016 for construction of our new storage building. Our storage greenhouses were destroyed due to the winter storm. Time limitations did not allow us to seek grant funding. We are presently paying \$300 per month or \$3600 annually to pay off this debt. This, together with the decreasing support from the Town of Lewiston for the last 2 years of \$4100 each year left treasurer **Glenn Wienke** scrambling for funds to pay the bills earlier this year. He had to transfer funds from our small savings account to help pay them until funds were received. from our dues and other sources.

**AT THIS TIME WE HAVE AN ANONYMOUS DONOR THAT HAS OFFERED \$5000 AS MATCHING FUNDS FOR EACH DONATION BY OTHERS TO PAY OFF THE \$10,700 OUT STANDING DEBT remaining on the Storage Building.** This means that with the \$1000 that Gerald Treichler has donated for **debt reduction**, our debt will be reduced by \$2000 resulting in **\$8700 still owed.** **When completely paid off, SAHS will have \$3600 more annually to help pay its bills.** If there are donor funds left over after paying off the storage building, they will go into our savings account as a safeguard in case of other such emergencies. **PLEASE PROVIDE WHAT EVER YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THIS FUND TO HELP US REMAIN SOLVENT.**

The following form can be used. Please mark "Debt Reduction" on your payment. If you include your stub from your raffle ticket, \$5.00 will be placed in the Farm Festival fund and the remaining going for Debt Reduction.

### **DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENT: *Sanborn Area Historical Society***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount for **DEBT REDUCTION** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check for receipt ( )

(Make checks payable to: Sanborn Area Historical Society, PO Box 172. Sanborn, NY 14132)

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**SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**  
(All at the Sanborn Fire Hall- 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM Unless noted otherwise)

**PROGRAM**

Antique Show w/Basket Auction ... April 14 & 15 at Wheatfield Legion, Ward Rd  
Potluck Dinner Mtg - April 24 ..... Potluck doors open 5:30 PM (See below)  
Regular Meeting - May 22 ..... "My Life in England During WW2"  
June, July and August ..... No Regular Meetings

Program for the April 24 Mtg:  
7:00 PM (after potluck dinner)

**Niagara County Sheriff's Dept.**  
**"Presentation on K9 Police Abilities"**

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[allabouthistoriclewistonny.com/Festivals](http://allabouthistoriclewistonny.com/Festivals)

**Membership Application & Donations: *Sanborn Area Historical Society***

**(Annual Dues are \$15 for Family; \$10 for Individual; \$100 for Patron, Business, Professional)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Classification ( ) New Member ( ) Renewal

**Donation Amount to NEW STORAGE BLDG \$\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Rcpt Requested Date \_\_\_\_\_**

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