



Lake Villa Historical Society's Vintage Views

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President's Letter

The beginning of a new year is typically a time we reflect on the past year and continue to plan events for the new year. As I step away from serving the LVHS as President the past 12 years (2005-2017), it is with a satisfaction that this organization has grown in many ways. In 2005, LVHS operated from a file cabinet at the Village Hall, volunteers accessioned donations on Thursday afternoons, membership meetings were held at the Village Hall. Also in the Fall of 2005, Vintage Views Volume 1.0 was published by Lori Heitman and sponsored by the Lake Villa Community Bank. In 2006 we held an Open House and Grand Opening for the LVHS at 113 Cedar Avenue, in conjunction with the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Photo of 113 Cedar Avenue

The Lehmann Mansion float was visible in local parades to increase LVHS visibility.



Photo of Mansion float in a St. Patrick's Day Parade

We quickly gained access to the internet, Bud and Joanne Osmond created our website and Julie Stanley added Facebook .

We hosted Civil War reenactments at Lehmann Mansion from 2005-2011. This was a successful fundraiser each year except 2008 when torrential rains basically washed the event away. Eddie Bauer stepped in at that point offering to donate "A Private Dinner for 20" as a fundraiser for LVHS to compensate for the lost revenue. The drawing of a winner for the annual raffle of this gourmet dinner continues to be a much anticipated event each winter.



Photo of past winner Michael and Cynthia Haran celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in 2013

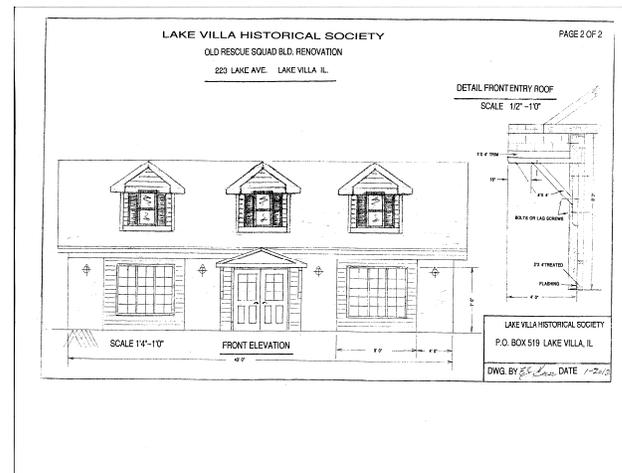


Photo of some of the serving staff at the Mansion Dinner
Left to Right: Deb Hudson, Alyce Brownlee, Barb Venturi, Lori Heitman, Sue Cribb, and Joyce Dever

November 1, 2011, the Lake Villa Township Rescue Squad donated the original Lake Villa Rescue Squad building located at 223 Lake Avenue to LVHS providing much needed space for display of Lake Villa artifacts, a meeting place, storage and parking. With the financial obligation to renovate this building, the Board of Directors voted to discontinue hosting the Civil War Days. Smaller fundraisers were needed which were less labor intensive for our small membership, but which would provide necessary funds for day to day operation and the remodeling project at 223 Lake Street.



Photo of 223 Lake Avenue before remodeling



Façade remodeling plans by member, Earl Beese



LVHS new home after remodeling

Thanks to the tradesmen who volunteered their time and expertise completing electrical work, painting, plumbing, etc. we were able to move in during the Summer of 2013. The kitchenette and cabinets would be added in 2014.

Breakfast With Santa has been going strong since 2012 when the Lake Villa Township Lions Club offered to co-host a pancake breakfast. As a community service project, they would cook the breakfast (and provide the Santa). Hosted in the Lehmann Mansion beautifully decorated for Christmas, it is a fundraiser we hope to continue for many years.

And so, we find ourselves in January, 2017. Membership has grown to 173 members and 6 businesses. Congratulations to the Board of Directors and membership for their hard work and dedication to the success of the Lake Villa Historical Society.

My heartfelt thanks to the Lake Villa Historical Society Board of Directors for their dedication and hard work as we continue to serve the community by collecting and preserving documents and artifacts that reflect the richness of Lake Villa's history Thanks for the memories!

Sue Cribb

Proposed changes to the LVHS Bylaws:

The LVHS Board of Directors is proposing to change the bylaws for electing Board of Director positions. The thought is to change the length of terms from 2 years to 3 years so that terms of Board Members would be staggered to avoid the potential of losing half of the Board in a single year. Another proposal is to change the process that members would vote for Board of Directors

positions, and then, the Board of Directors would elect the officers such as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer each year. The hope is that Board Members are more likely to commit to a one year officer appointment versus having to commit to 3 years. The new bylaws would change the date of the election to the April meeting instead of the February meeting, when the weather tends to deter attendance and meetings have the potential to get canceled.

We hope that these changes will help encourage more involvement in the LVHS, resulting in a more sustainable organization.

The proposed changes will be e-mailed to members. Paper copies will be available in the Village Hall and at LVHS for members to pick up.

Welcome New Member(s):

Jan Cummings, Willowbrook, IL, Marcia Sheehan O'Day, Pleasant Prairie, WI, Jennifer Evans, Lake Villa, IL, Greg Kos, Lake Villa, IL.; Roger Pretzel, Lindenhurst, IL; Tom and Kim Hucker, Lake Villa, IL; Debbie and John Andrews, Lake Villa, IL

Our Sympathy To:

LVHS members, Robyn Ringa, RJ Ringa III and Andrew; wife and sons of Robert J. Ringa, 67, who passed away on November 10, 2016. The Ringa family is well known in Lake Villa as owners and operators of the Ringa Funeral Home.

LVHS member, Shirleyann Russell whose husband Raymond Edward John Russell of Grayslake passed away December 11, 2016. Mr. Russell is also the brother-in-law of LVHS member Paul Stenzel.

LVHS member, Barbara Goetzelman on the death of her aunt Helen R. (nee Buchta) Modlin on December 16, 2016. Helen was the first daughter of Leo and Anna Buchta and grew up on the Edward John Lehmann Estate, also known as Longwood Farm, where her father was superintendent.

Recent Donations:

Bob and Joan Streicher – antique sleigh which has been loaned to LVHS to display during Breakfast With Santa for the past five years has now been donated.

Village of Lake Villa – a variety of posters of Village officials and volunteers planning for the 90th anniversary of Lake Villa including Mayor Joyce Frayer, a letter of Congratulations from President George H. Bush, and community members attending the dinner at the Antioch Golf Course.

Henrietta Pons – two boudoir lamps with green metal bases purchased at the Lehmann Estate sale in 1966; a hand painted gold Pickard plate with fruit and flower trim; 3 gold demitasse cups and saucers; hand painted china bowl with handles.

Calendar of Coming Events:

Membership meetings are held the **third Tuesday of each month (except January and July)**. LVHS Board meetings are held on the Mondays preceding membership meetings. Business meetings will be held at 223 Lake Avenue at 6:30pm, followed by programs at 7:00pm, unless otherwise noted.

Museum hours: Thursdays, 1:30-4:30pm;

February 21 – Lake Villa District Library
Barb Venturi will give a presentation on the new Library plans

March 21st – To Be Announced

History on the table:

The following are unique stick to your ribs recipes for cold days, found in Lake Villa Memorial Auxiliary To Post 4308 cookbooks. “Treasured Receipes”(sic) is undated, “Our Favorite Recipes” is dated 1962.

SOUTHERN FRIED BRAIN SANDWICH from Marge Campenalla

Page 17 in the Treasured Receipes if you wish to verify

1 pt. fresh calf brains

¾ c. pancake mix

1 c. milk

Make a thin pancake batter. Soak the brains in strong salt water to remove membrane.

Combine the brains and pancake batter. Drop in hot grease (about the size of a hamburger bun).

CHICKEN WIGGLE

from Ann Rezmer

¾ lb. veal steak

grated American cheese

¾ lb. pork steak

1 can chicken broth

1 pkg. medium cut egg noodles, cooked

1 can white corn

1 green pepper, cut fine

½ pimento, cut fine

Cook chicken in little water until tender. Cut into small pieces. Butter casserole. Alternate in layers, noodles, meat, corn and peppers, grated cheese. Pour chicken broth over. Cover top with bread crumbs browned in butter. Bake about ½ hour, until thoroughly heated and some liquid is absorbed. Add a little of the meat liquid if chicken broth is not sufficient.

DRIED BEEF-MACARONI CASSEROLE

from **Elsie Popp**

5 oz. dried beef
 ¾ c. grated cheddar cheese
 3 T. shortening or margarine
 2 c. cooked macaroni
 3 T. flour
 6 T. finely crushed corn flakes
 1 ¾ c. milk

Melt shortening or margarine in saucepan. Stir in flour, add milk and cook stirring constantly until thickened. Reduce heat, cook 5 minutes longer. Remove from heat, add cheese and stir until melted. Add minced, dried beef and cooked macaroni. Pour into 1 ½ quart casserole. Top with corn flakes mixed with melted shortening. Bake in moderate 350 degree oven for 25 minutes.

PAGE FROM THE PAST:

By **Lori Heitman**

Thanks for the memories...

Reading the message from President Sue Cribb, it is amazing how fast time marches on. Under Sue's guidance the Historical Society has accomplished so much in the past twelve years. Although Sue is stepping down from her role as President, she will still be on the ballot to be on the Board of Directors. Alyce Brownlee and Elaine Teltz will leaving their positions as Vice President and Secretary. These three ladies have contributed so much time and hard work to building the LVHS. Thank you all, for the memories...or should it be said, for the history.

They say a picture paints a thousand words, so let's take a look at some of the activities that they have participated in over the last 12 years:

Civil War Days



Below: Barb Venturi, Tracy Kiederlen, Elaine Teltz selling refreshments at Hootin Annie Event





Above is LVHS Board circa 2014 Left to Right
 Front row: Elaine Teltz, Frank Loffredo, Alyce Brownlee, 2nd Row: Betty Burns, Barb Venturi, Lori Heitman, Deb Hudson, Joyce Dever, Jim McDonald; Back Row: Robert Frank, Sue Cribb

Below: Lake Villa Rescue Chief JR Halek turning over keys to 223 Lake Avenue to Sue Cribb



Selling ice cream at Summer Celebration Left to right: Barb Venturi, Ms. Bovinary (the cow), Joyce Dever, Elaine Teltz



Photos of Springfest Booths: Above: Alyce Brownlee, Sue Cribb, and Paul Stenzel with display of history of the rescue squad

Below: Pat Hollenkamp and Sue Cribb with Prom display



Photo of displays at LVHS 223 Lake Avenue home





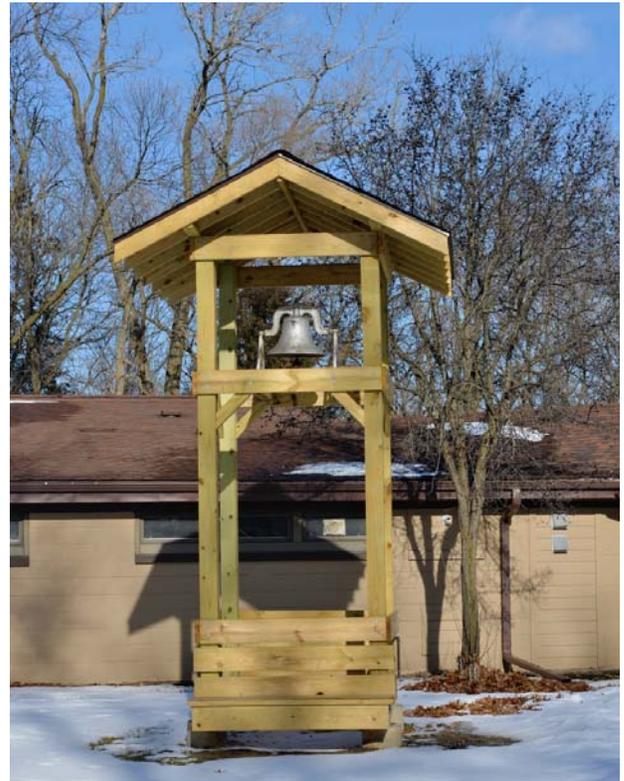
Robert Frank and Elaine Teltz taking a quick time out for pancakes at Breakfast with Santa



Sharing secrets with Santa



Above: Sue Cribb with daughter, Amy and granddaughter Lucy at Breakfast with Santa



Sand Lake School Bell displayed at Peacock Camp



Santa, Sue Cribb and Lucy making requests at Breakfast with Santa



Raffle Dinner at the Mansion 2014



Springfest display of Election L to R: Judy Filipowicz, Tom Weber, Sue Cribb



Elaine Teltz and Joyce Dever working at Springfest booth

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