



Lake Villa Historical Society's Vintage Views

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President's Letter

With members residing throughout the United States from Bethesda, Maryland to Los Angeles, California and from Allen, Texas to Denver, Colorado, we want to thank you to all for your support in 2015. Thanks to modern technology, we can stay well connected. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2016, it's time!! Membership forms have been mailed. If you missed yours, you can find one on our website: www.lakevillahistory.org.

In case you were wondering who won the Private Dinner for Twenty, it was Vicki Westergaard, formerly of Lake Villa. Vicki Westergaard and husband Doug will be the guests of honor at Lehmann Mansion this month as Eddie Bauer from Bauer's Catering, prepares and donates a gourmet dinner for them and their guests.

For those of you who live in or around Lake Villa, it's a new year and a great time to become more involved with the Lake Villa Historical Society. Maybe one of these cold winter days, you could find photos and/or mementos from a high school junior prom that you attended. Yearbook photos are welcome-either copied and dropped off at the Village Hall or scanned and sent by e-mail to LVHS@lake-villa.org. Students in and around Lake Villa attended high school in Grayslake, Fox Lake and Antioch for many years. We would love to feature all three

schools with our display at the upcoming LLV Chamber of Commerce Springfest, March 19-20th.

Sadly, the Lehmann Mansion replica float has been retired. It served us well for many years through many parades, even if people thought it was "the White House". You will still see LVHS represented in Lake Villa parades.

Have you visited our museum? Karen Martin Curtis and Dan Botts, both born and raised in Lake Villa would love to see you and show you around on a second or fourth Sunday between the hours of 1:30-4:30pm. We are also open on Thursday afternoons 1:30-4:30pm.

You might be inspired to look in your attic for Lake Villa memorabilia!!

Sue Cribb, President

Welcome New Member(s):

Bonnie Walker, Lake Villa; Ruth M. Barnard, Lake Villa

Our Sympathy To:

LVHS member Allene Nelson on the death of her son Dale Alan Nelson on November 17, 2015.

LVHS member Karen Curtis on the death of her sister, Jaclynn Vos on January 20, 2016.

LVHS member Brock Milsop on the death of his father, Chase Milsop in January 2016.

The family of LVHS member Ellen Petersen, a life-long resident of Lake Villa who died January 26, 2016.

**Congratulations to:
Lehmann Mansion Dinner Raffle
Winner:**

Vicki Westergaard, formerly of Lake Villa, and husband Doug Westergaard will be the guests of honor as Eddie Bauer prepares and donates a gourmet dinner for this lucky couple and their guests.

**And To Breakfast With Santa Raffle
Winners:**

"Birds" Christmas Tree	Lexi Norris
"Chicago Bears" Christmas Tree	Jill Loeing
"Fruity" Christmas Tree	Lisa Behnke
"Santa" Christmas Tree	Lexi Norris
Princess Luncheon	Fenwith Family
(2) Milwaukee Bucks Tickets	Burris Family
Disney On Ice Tickets	Bill Dowling
(4) Blackhawks Tickets	Laura Davis



Photos from the 2015 Breakfast with Santa. See our website www.lakevillahistory.org for more photos.



Do You Have Something For Us??

Lake Villa Historical Society and Museum is dedicated to linking the past to the future by preserving, clarifying and disseminating information about history specific to the Lake Villa area and by encouraging participation in our local programs. We have great interest in acquiring objects that will promote our mission. If you believe you have an item that would enhance the collections and would like to donate it, please consider the following. We will be most likely to accept your donation if:

- it has a clear connection to the museum's mission;
- it doesn't duplicate objects already in the collection; and
- it is sufficiently well documented that we can interpret it useful for the public.

To help us better assess your proposed donation, we ask you to complete and return a [Donor Information Form](#) available at the Village Hall and at the Lake Villa Historical Society and Museum at 223 Lake Avenue, Lake Villa. The more accurate information you can give us about an item, the better we will be able to understand its significance and interpret it for the education of the public.

Your artifact donation may be tax-deductible. However we cannot appraise proposed donations. We are not qualified appraisers,

and even if we were it would be a conflict of interest to appraise a potential donation.

Recent Donations:

Michael Nader:(Items that belonged to his father Ralph Nader): Boy Scouts of America Official First Aid Kit, 1941 Boy Scout Calendar, 1941 Boy Scout of America Achievement award, 1942 Official Diary Boy Scouts of America; admission card for Picnic at Sherwood Park/Cedar Lake, ILL Ph. 3081; Standard First Aid card issued by Lake Villa Rescue Squad April, 1967, Lake Villa, IL; Letter of Appreciation to Cpl. Ralph E. Nader from Secretary of the Army dated 18 February, 1952, small handwritten receipt for Ralph Nader from Lake Villa Lumber and Coal dated July 3, 1950.

Ainsley Wonderling: 1909 white glass calendar plate printed for Kerr and Avery Hardware and Plumbing business in Lake Villa;

Kirby Wagner: 12 page copy of 1924 Bell Telephone Directory for Lake Villa and nearby communities;

Janice Sacramento: (items from her mother Louise M. Jankowiak)
Glass amber beads and earrings, white ceramic candy dish with gold trim, glass nut chopper with red lid, metal measuring scoop, miniature glass basket, cut glass vase, round tangerine colored wicker needlework basket made in Barrington, IL with lid and inside storage for spools of thread and bobbins plus miscellaneous sewing kit items

Jay Cribb: Sequoia yearbooks from Antioch Community High School from 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1957; Directory from Lake Villa United Methodist Church, 1982.

Village of Lake Villa: Standing safe formerly housed in the Village Hall and Police Department;

Shirley and James Duncan: desk, 2 chairs, bookcase and oak wastebasket/coal bin circa 1940s.

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; 2nd and 4th Sundays, 1:30-4:30pm.**

Tue. February 16 – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Program: Old Time Games Revisited

Sat. March 12 - Lake Villa St. Patrick's Day Parade

Tue. March 15 – Bonnie Walker will share the story of the Walker Family in Lake Villa;

March 19-20 – See us at LLV Chamber of Commerce Springfest at Lakes High School. Our display will feature "Proms from the Past"

Please share copies of your prom pictures and any memorabilia that we might display.

April 19 – Lake Villa Fire Department (Watch for updates on our website for more information on this and other upcoming programs

History on the table:

By Sue Cribb

I bypassed recipes when I found the following *Miscellaneous Hints* listed before Vegetables in the “**Treasured Recipes**” cookbook printed by the Lake Villa Memorial Auxiliary to Post 4308. Date published is unknown. However officers at the time were:

President: Ann Votino
 Senior V. President: Laura Machleit
 Junior V. President: June Savage
 Treasurer: Ruth Bocox
 Chaplain: Doreen Lagoni
 Conductress: Helen Keisler
 Guard: Alice Spiller
 Trustees: Betty McBride, Luella Coon, and Nancy Reichardt
 Secretary: Racheal Royce
 Patriotic Instructor: Frances Barnstable
 Flag Bearer: Evelyn Whitmore
 Banner Bearer: Betty McBride
 Color Bearers: Terry Meyers, Bonnie Marshall, Sharon Noll, and Lillian Sorenson

Miscellaneous Hints (for laundryday)

To whiten laces, wash them in sour milk.

When ironing a man's shirt, button the sleeves together. That way they do not touch the floor. Clothes do not freeze on a wire clothesline if first wiped with kerosene cloth.

Insert a teaspoon in the toe of your nylons when hanging them on the line to prevent blowing and snagging.

A little vinegar added to the water in which you rinse silk stockings will increase their elasticity and make them practically run proof.

Put a small amount of cologne in the water to be used for sprinkling clothes. Makes ironing pleasant and freshens dresser drawers and closets.

When storing linens, leave them unstarched as the starch rots them.

Colored cotton fabrics, which have been soaked overnight in strong salt water, will not fade.

PAGE FROM THE PAST

Angola Cemetery 1840 – 2016

by Sue Cribb

Angola Cemetery is one of four cemeteries in Lake Villa Township and the only cemetery within the Village of Lake Villa. People ask, where is Angola Cemetery? Located just 0.3 mile south of intersection of Rt. 83 and 132, it's a little bit hard to see, as there is a grassy embankment in front of the cemetery. The only signage is a small bronze plaque on the gateway in memory of John K. Cribb, Jr. which indicates that the cemetery dates back to 1840 when the first person buried there was John Parker.

When early settlers died they were placed in family or community burying grounds. The burying grounds for Angola was part of the property owned by three Parker brothers, John, Oren and Abel. The first recorded burial was that of Fannie (Mrs. Abel) Parker who died in 1842. Extensive records were kept in ledgers that included names, ages, dates and cause of death. Very common causes of death in the nineteenth century were old age, kidney disease, consumption, accident, gangrene, cancer, killed at ice house, childbirth, stillborn, typhoid disease, measles, struck by lightning, dropsy, pneumonia, burned and infantile paralysis to name a few.

Angola Cemetery has three sections with approximately 236 lots. A Potter's field was designated primarily to bury infants without caskets and lots were free for war veterans who could not afford to buy a lot. Families assumed

responsibility for the care and upkeep of cemeteries.

In 1898 the State of Illinois required licensing and the Angola Cemetery Association was established. The fee was \$10. Henry Sherwood of Avon, Ill signed off on the certificate. *FYI: the Secretary of State in 1898 was James A. Rose.* Bylaws were written providing the association with guidelines to raise funds to defray expenses of improving said cemetery. Monthly dues were \$1.00 per meeting for men and \$.25 for ladies. Cemetery lots were \$5.00 each. By 1923, improvements included a driveway and a well house with electricity and running water. Paul Avery sold a pumping outfit to the Association for \$100. That was the same price at which he bought the apparatus from Augusta Lehmann. He installed the pump at no charge. Also donating efforts was F.M. Hamlin who secured labor at half price to build the (service house) garden shed, which still stands. A wrought iron fence and flagpole were added.



Photo of garden shed in Angola Cemetery

Fundraisers included events such as festivals, oyster suppers, sociable nights, card parties, strawberry festivals and bake sales.



Farrow grave stone from early 1900s

By the 1940s it was clear that "Trust Funds for Perpetual Care" of the cemetery were necessary. It was voted that half the proceeds from every parcel of land sold should belong to the Trust Account and be invested for Perpetual Care of the cemetery to take effect June 1, 1944. The Board of Directors unanimously consented to raise price of lots as follows:

Single lot	\$35
2 grave lots	\$60
4 grave lots	\$85
5 grave lots	\$115

Meetings of the Association dwindled as older members died. Unused graves were given back to the cemetery by family, for resale and perpetual care. Members willed \$100 for the trust account and dues were taken over by family members. Special meetings were called when there were serious repair issues.

In 1979 all the lots had been sold. The Board of Directors no longer needed to meet. President Jeanne Cribb Mack, Secretary Gertrude Zenor and Trustees Gail Mack and Pearl Reinbach were designated to deal with any future cemetery business. In 1980 the cemetery was declared to be in good condition.

Care and upkeep continued to be handed down from generation to generation. In 1996 B. Jay Cribb, Jr. was President and Donna Wagner Rosenberg was Secretary-Treasurer. These two persons continued to work with the funeral homes and grave digger when there were to be burials at Angola. In the last ten years (2005-2015) there have been 10 burials.

However in those same ten years there was damage to the pillars at the entrance, bills for

flagpole and tree damage due to high wind, a car accident which damaged the wrought iron fence and in 2014 numerous dead trees caused by the Emerald Ash Borer.

By 2015 the time had come when the cost of maintaining a cemetery outlived family members available to do so. Interest rates on the CD designated as perpetual funds was not enough to pay for basic expenses like mowing and insurance.

The Angola Cemetery Association officers went to the Lake Villa Township Supervisor and Board of Directors requesting they assume the role of caretaker for the historic Angola Cemetery. They agreed. Already they are doing a magnificent job. The dead trees were removed in November and December. Take a look when you drive by!!