



Lake Villa Historical Society's Vintage Views

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President's Letter

Happy Spring!

As our weather improves, I hope you are looking forward to our upcoming programs this summer. Our next program will be Diana Dretske from the Dunn Museum presenting "Bonds of War" to be held at the Lake Villa Library on June 21st at 7pm. Our business meeting will start at 6:30 with our annual elections. See the calendar of events in this newsletter for more details. The annual election for Lake Villa Historical Society Board members at the June 21st meeting that will be held at the library at 6:30 p.m.



There will be a vacancy on the Board, as Barb Venturi will be stepping down as her term ends. Are you interested in helping preserve history? Please contact one of the Board members or

e-mail lvhs@lake-villa.org for more information. Board members meet once a month to plan for the operations and events of the historical society. Thank you to Barb Venturi for her years of dedication to the Lake Villa Historical Society Board. She will be missed. Hopefully we will continue to see her at Historical and local events!

Congratulations to Allendale on their 125th anniversary. Did you know that they started here in Lake Villa? Learn more about the Foundation during their "Autumn at Allendale" event on September 30 – October 1st. Details will be updated in our August newsletter and social media.

Sincerely,
Lori Heitman, President

Museum Hours

Lake Villa Historical Society is open every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 – 4:30pm. Volunteers are present to help with answering questions, doing research, accepting donations and showing artifacts and files from our collection. Stop by to spend time in the museum or just to chat about Lake Villa's history. Are you unable to come during those hours? Call or email us to set up a convenient time.

Thank You

Many people are needed to keep LVHS operating.

- Gene Chumbley for once again helping out by cleaning and painting a base coat on the west wall of our building in preparation for a mural to be painted. More information to come on this exciting project.
- Dave Bogenschutz for disconnecting old computers and running cords properly for the newer equipment.

Amazon Smile: Ongoing Fundraiser

Amazon Smile is an easy way members and friends can help with fundraising efforts. If you order from Amazon .5% of your eligible purchase will be donated to LVHS. It's easy to do. Here are the steps:

From your computer:

1. Log into smile.amazon.com
2. Log into your Amazon account
3. In the menu (the 3 horizontal lines) scroll down to Your AmazonSmile
4. Choose your charity - type in Lake Villa Historical Society

From your mobile app:

1. Choose - menu
2. Choose - Gifting & Charity
3. Scroll down to AmazonSmile
4. Type in Lake Villa Historical Society

That's all there is to it! Be sure to shop at smile.amazon.com so that purchases will be credited to LVHS. Please ask your family and friends to also shop using this method if they use Amazon. Every donation helps!

Recent Donations

Thank you to the following people for donating artifacts for preservation: *Maurice Hartnett* for sharing St. Patrick's Day events; *Village of Lake Villa* and *Lake Villa District Library* for historical artifacts of Lake Villa, neighboring communities and Lake Villa Township including oral histories; plus the award recognizing the Tnemec Tank (water tower award). Also of interest were the memories of *Warren Sheehan's* political and civic career in Lake Villa as shared by daughter *Janet Sheehan Eppers*. The Sheehan subdivision is an ongoing memorial. *Peggy and Dave Bogenschutz* donated a deck of custom made Peacock Camp playing cards. *Bob Schenk* shared a Lake Villa School photo from 1953; newspaper clippings including the businesses located on Cedar Avenue in 1913.

Our Sympathy



Rosella McCarthy.



William Richards

Our sympathy is extended to the families and friends of long-time LVHS members and supporters Rosella McCarthy and William Richards.

Quoting from their obituaries:

Rosella M. McCarthy nee Ricke passed peacefully at home on March 30, 2022. Rosella was born in Menominee, IL on February 15, 1922. She joyfully celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends in person and through video chats. She was a longtime Lake Villa resident and was active in the community, including Lake Villa Township Chapter AARP, Women's Auxiliary of VFW and other area senior groups. She was a founding member of Prince of Peace Church in Lake Villa. Rosella loved her family, she enjoyed outings and camping with them. She was a strong role model and the rock of the family.

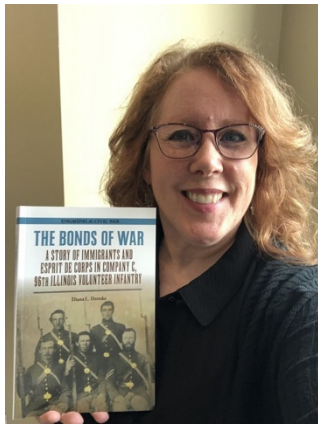
William G. "Bill" Richards, age 74 of Lake Villa, IL, passed away peacefully on March 22nd. He was born on May 9, 1947 in Chicago. Bill never allowed his wheelchair to dictate his zest for life. He loved being on the water whether it be swimming, sailing, scuba diving, kayaking, power boating or fishing. Bill was a long time member of the Hastings Lake YMCA and incredibly proud of swimming over the 800 mile mark. He also loved bowling, target shooting, being a scout leader, piloting the skies in his Cessna aircraft and being a member of the Lake County Historical Society. He was a very proud Grandpa and Dad. He loved a good conversation, always willing to share a chat with friends new or old.

Coming Events

Please **mark your calendar** for these coming events. Noted that times and locations for the programs change.

June 21st Diana Dretske and LVHS Election

Meet Lake County historian and author Diana Dretske on June 21st, 7pm at the Lake Villa



District Library. Diana is curator at the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County, and has lectured extensively on local history. This evening, she will be discussing her recently published book, *The Bonds of War: A Story of*

Immigrants and Esprit de Corps in Company C, 96th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Several years ago, the Dunn Museum acquired a tintype picture from the grandson of one of the soldiers featured in her book. This picture sparked Dretske's curiosity and led to the research and publication of this book. The story centers on immigrants from the British Isles who wished to be citizens of a country in the midst of a civil war. Far removed from their native homelands, they found new promise in rural Illinois. Join us for this fascinating presentation and book signing from Lake County's foremost historian.

Lake Villa Historical Society will hold a *business meeting and election* at 6:30pm prior to the presentation. Board members are elected for 3-year terms. Currently on the ballot are:

Rob Frank

Sue Cribb

Open Position

Please contact LVHS at (847)265-8266 or email LVHS@lake-villa.org if you have some time

and energy to devote to helping preserve our community's history for future generations.

September 20th

East Fox Lake Cemetery Walk

Join us for an enlightening walk through East Fox Lake Cemetery, Monaville Rd. in Lake Villa. Learn about the original settlers of Monaville, a town that time (and the train) forgot. As we step back in time, we will meet such notables as Stuart Hoehne, Helen Stratton Cremin, a "WAC" in WWII, Eva Cockran, Richard Best, and of course a Hucker, Atwell and a Barnstable. We'll be meeting at the cemetery at 2pm on September 20th.

"The East Fox Lake Cemetery is more than a testament to the hundreds of individuals interred there; it is a testament to a lost community, to the people who were forgotten by the train."

--Joseph Brysiewicz, Lake Villa Township

October 1st Autumn at Allendale

Vintage postcard of the chapel and cloister garden at Allendale



The Lake Villa Historical Society will partner with Allendale Association in celebration of their 125th anniversary. More details will follow about this landmark event!

Saturday, December 4th Breakfast With Santa

He's back!! After a two-year hiatus, we will once again host our "Breakfast with Santa" at the beautiful and historic Lehmann Mansion. Tickets will be available online beginning in late October.

Lake Villa's Beautiful Parks

Spring has sprung in Lake Villa! It's time to enjoy the beautiful outdoors, and as you do, consider the history and namesake origin of each of the Village's five parks.

Lehmann Park

Originally called Lehmann's Grove, Lake Villa's flagship park was deeded to the Village

by the Lehmann family in 1921. The deed states there shall be no commercial ice harvesting on Cedar Lake, or the land shall revert back to the family. You will find two Veteran's Memorials, a rose garden in memory of Edith Kotowicz, a monument honoring the 75th anniversary of the Lake Villa Volunteer Fire Dept. and a clock tower erected in 2001 to commemorate the Village's 100th anniversary. Rest under the shade of trees planted in memory of Robert Streicher, David Harms and Arlyn Popp, or enjoy the views of beautiful Cedar Lake from the Fred Popp Sr. bench.

Steven L Sherwood Park

Tucked away between Oak Knoll Drive and Kevin Avenue, this memorial park was



built in the mid 1970's in honor of Steven Lloyd Sherwood, son of Delbert and Shirley Sherwood. He was killed in a car accident in 1970 at the age of 18.

Frank M. Loffredo Park

Located in front of the historic Lehmann Mansion, this park was dedicated in 2010 to beloved and longtime Lake Villa Mayor, Frank Loffredo. The walking path around the park follows the same ½ mile footprint originally used as a racetrack for E.J. Lehmann's prized racehorses. Relax on the June Crichton bench and enjoy the view of a 300-year-old Oak tree (Bud Osmond's favorite).

Lake Villa Baseball Park

Led by Glenn McCollum and accomplished by an army of volunteers, this is truly Lake Villa's "Field of Dreams". Completed in 1999, the four fields in this park bear the names of principal players in the funding and construction of this complex. Field #1 honors project manager Glenn McCollum and committee president, Rich Coles. Field #2 is named for Cubs All-Star 3rd baseman, Ron Santo, who made numerous fundraising appearances at the ballpark. Field #3 remembers the Raymond Scarpelli family and the generous financial backing they provided. Field #4 commemorates the late State Representative Tim Osmond who worked securing construction grants for the park.

Glacier Park

Referencing the glacial origin of Deep Lake, this Village park was built in 1988 by the developers of Waters Edge Apartments.

Page from the Past:
Lake Villa Schneider Family

Howard "Duke" Schneider, currently of Tarpon Springs, Florida, wrote a history of his family in Lake Villa. Here is an excerpt of his recollection, edited for length. The entire essay can be read at Lake Villa Historical Society.

My Father (Howard) was the oldest son and was born in Jamestown, North Dakota on January 1, 1914. He has five brothers (Willard; Leonard; Bernard; Maynard; Richard) and one sister (Doris) who were also born in Jamestown. Richard was the last child born in Jamestown and that was on February 10, 1924. Two sons (Walter, Jr. & Millard) as well as two sisters (Arlyn & Joyce) were born in Lake County, Illinois between March 4, 1928 and February 1, 1936.

In my mind there was always a question why the Schneider Family left Jamestown, North Dakota. Grandpa (Walter) had family in Milwaukee. I guess they began to consider settling in Southeastern Wisconsin or Northern Illinois. Well, the choice was definitely Lake County Illinois, and to be specific, Lake Villa. Early residence for the family was at the curve along the South side of Grand Avenue and West of Wedges Corner.

Construction took place for building, what we called, the 'Big Garage' during 1936. The building had three truck bays, the two North bays had concrete floors. The South Bay remained a dirt floor, so if a piece of equipment, taller than the door opening, needed to be moved into the building, dirt could be removed to allow passage into the building. On the extreme South Side of the building was a machine area, containing a drill press, a metal saw and steel work benches with vices for use holding and working on various items. The area also contained a metal barrel stove and numerous storage bins of all shapes and sizes.

The business began to evolve around trucking and excavation. Millard was learning to operate the Bay City Crane since Leonard's health was

deteriorating after he returned from serving in the Army during World War II.

Howard married Frances Caroline Mols in Round Lake on June 20, 1936.

Some of the sons took employment elsewhere. Richard and Millard worked for Schneider's Trucking with both Bernard and Maynard working off and on at Schneider's Trucking. Harold Pullen worked for Schneider's Trucking for many years. Often on Saturdays, Fred Teltz and Fred Popp would drive truck.

My mother (Frances) and Father (Howard) divorced in May 1942. My mother and I moved to Waukegan where my mother took employment at Heinz's Department Store. When I spent time with my father, while my dad worked, I hung around Schneider's Trucking and Lake Villa.

My mother went on vacation to Florida and enjoyed herself enough that we moved to Tarpon Springs, Florida in 1949.

My dad owned a home located at Grub Hill, which is the intersection of Fairfield Road and Old Rollins Road. The house was at the foot of Grub Hill located on the East side of Fairfield Road. I remember walking that gravel road to Lake Villa to get a haircut at Reinbach's Barber Shop. While hanging out in Lake Villa, there was fishing, swimming in Cedar Lake or baseball in Lehmann Park. Highlight of the time were the summer movies which were shown on the Lake Villa Bank outside north brick wall.

While I was in high school, I would travel to Illinois to spend summers with my father. During the summer vacation of my junior and senior years I drove truck. Before returning to Florida near the end of the 1955 summer, Grandpa Schneider called me to the living room where he relaxed in his easy chair. He asked what I thought I should be paid for the work that I performed. I said how about \$2.00 per hour. His response was that nobody is worth \$2.00 per hour. I remember him giving me \$200.00 for my summer salary.

History on the Table

The following are recipes found in the LAKE VILLA PTA COOKBOOK, Issued 1957.

Corn Pone

Mrs. Russell A. Douglas

One egg, one-quarter cup sugar (very scant), one cup sweet milk, one and one-half cups cornmeal, one tablespoon butter, one teaspoon baking powder, one half teaspoon salt. Beat egg, add sugar, salt, melted butter, milk and meal. Stir baking powder into flour and add this just before baking. Bake in gem pans in hot oven fifteen to twenty minutes. This makes one dozen.

Television Snack Dips

Mrs. Gordon Martin

1. Use equal amounts of cream cheese and blue cheese. Mash and soften with sour cream or cream. Spice with chopped olives.
2. Mash liverwurst; add grated onion juice and moisten with salad dressing.
3. Mix ground cooked ham with finely chopped hard cooked eggs; add a bit of chopped sweet pickle and mayonnaise to moisten

Creamy Cucumber Salad Mrs. Winsor Dalgaard

1 pkg. lime jello	1 tsp. minced onion
½ c. hot water	½ c. milk
1 tsp. vinegar	½ c. cottage cheese
¾ tsp. salt	½ c. chopped cucumber
½ c. mayonnaise.	3 T. chopped green pepper

Dissolve jello in water; add vinegar and salt. Stir in mayonnaise, onion and milk; beat and chill. When slightly thickened, fold in cottage cheese, cucumber and pepper. Mold and chill.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome new members to Lake Villa Historical Society. They are:

Michael Nader

Daniel Cardinell

Bob & Sharon Lorang

Mike & Deb Effinger

Grand Realty Group: Jim & Dawn Cacioppo
Also thank you to Lori and Glen Heitman for the donation included with their renewal.

Lehmann Mansion Tours

We are excited to announce that Rob Frank will once again offer tours of the Lehmann Mansion before Music in the Park when it is held at the Mansion on June 1 & 15 and July 6 & 20. This is free and open to all. Donations are appreciated. Come enjoy a look into this historic piece of Lake Villa history as well as some good music and fun with neighbors.

Live MUSIC 2022
In The Parks
Wednesdays 7-8:30pm

Lindenhurst/Lake Villa Community Partners

6.1	Feel Good Party Band-Lehmann Mansion
6.8	Cadillac Groove-Parkman Pavilion
6.15	Hi Infidelity-Lehmann Mansion
6.22	Classical Blast-Parkman Pavilion
6.29	American English-Caboose Park
7.6	Boy Band Night-Lehmann Mansion
7.13	Student Body-Parkman Pavilion
7.20	Serendipity-Lehmann Mansion
7.27	Hillbilly Rockstars-Parkman Pavilion
8.3	Good Clean Fun-Lake Villa District Library

Caboose Park-37908 N. Fairfield Rd. Lake Villa
Lake Villa District Library-140 N. Munn Rd. Lindenhurst
Lehmann Mansion-485 N. Milw. Ave. Lake Villa
Parkman Pavilion-2200 E. Grass Lake Rd. Lindenhurst

Follow us on Facebook @lindenhurstparks.org for the latest updates on concert happenings!

Congratulations



Elaine Teltz, one of LVHS' biggest supporters and most loyal and hard-working volunteers, turned 90 years old. She is active, going strong and continues to volunteer each Thursday.

Glenn McCollum retired from the Village of Lake Villa. He is also a big supporter of LVHS. He was always on the lookout for artifacts for our collection.



LVHS Happenings

Here is a glimpse of some of the events of the last three months.



Carl Powell described life growing up at Camp Hastings.

Rob Frank drove for LVHS in the St. Patrick's Day parade.



Kyle Wenzel, an owner of Harbor Brewing, presented all about beer.

One More Look at Camp Hastings

In February, the LVHS enjoyed an informative program from Carl Powell detailing his experiences and memories growing up as the caretaker's son on the Camp Hastings YMCA property in Lake Villa. Here's one last bit of trivia about that storied and colorful place...



"In the turbulence of early 1968, while the Democrats were planning their National Convention in Chicago, a group of young activists were making plans of their own. Leaders of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam met at the Camp Hastings YMCA campground in Lake Villa to decide on methods of protest during the convention; and how to manipulate the media into drawing attention to their antiwar rallies. It must have been a shocking site- Abbie Hoffman in full Indian headdress, Rennie Davis, Jerry Rubin, Tom Hayden and others; black and white, long-haired and crew-cut, bell bottoms and chinos, beads and blazers, sandals and penny loafers. In the end, the conference failed to find a united front, in part due to the differing beliefs of the members and in part because of the infiltration by undercover agents.

---Candace Saunders, *Lake Villa Then and Now*, 2001)

From Our Collection

This stylish swimwear was worn by Betty Slazes, wife of Lake Villa Fire Department chief Frank Slazes while taking part in Lake Villa Days ladies' water fights in the 1960's. The original owner is unknown.

It is based on swimwear from the early 1900's when women wore heavy suits that limited their movement and weighed them down in the water. It was fashion-forward to have a one-piece suit with the blouse and trousers attached. The mid-calf length was to detract from a woman's figure while the dark colors kept wetness from showing through.

In the 1920's women could be fined if their swimwear was too short.

Who is ready to hit the beach and pool?

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