



Lake Villa Historical Society's Vintage Views

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President's Letter

Dear Members:

Happy Spring!

After a long winter, I hope you are enjoying this exciting time of year when the birds are returning and the trees and plants are budding and blooming.

Last week we bid a loving and fond farewell to Sue Cribb as she moves north to spend more time with family. Sue has been the guiding force behind the Historical Society for over 20 years. She has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to develop and preserve Lake Villa history. She has been a selfless servant and a friend to many. In 2017, the gallery in the museum at 223 Lake Avenue was named the Susan K. Cribb Gallery in her honor. Thank you, Sue, for your hard work and dedication to the Lake Villa Historical Society. We will miss you but look forward to your future visits.



We are in search of additional volunteers who are interested in learning more about Lake Villa History and help greet visitors at the LVHS museum on Thursday afternoons. We are also searching for computer-savvy volunteers that are interested in assisting with some of our data entry. If interested, please send email to Lakevillahistory@gmail.com.

Hope to see you at our events!

Lori Heitman
President

"Don't ever question the value of volunteers, Noah's Ark was built by volunteers, the Titanic was built by professionals" – Dave Glynn



Sue Cribb with the Lake Villa Historical Society's Lehmann Mansion float in one of the many parades that she walked.

Lake Villa Hospitality

Travelers to Lake Villa around the turn of the century had no less than four major hotels to choose from.



Postcard of the front view of Lake Villa Hotel



Lake Villa Hotel Veranda

The Lake Villa Hotel, originally known as the Stewart House, was owned by E.J. Lehmann and considered the *grand dame* of resort living. Patrons were promised “picturesque scenes, romantic ravines, historic hills, beautiful lakes, lovely lawns, mammoth oaks and more extensive hunting & fishing grounds than all the other advertised resorts combined.” Tragically, this landmark was lost in a spectacular fire on April 16, 1914 and never rebuilt.

Hotel Lowry, which included a livery barn, was located in the downtown Lake Villa triangle area, and became the location for the first telephone exchange office in 1898.



Jarvis Hotel

The Jarvis Hotel, originally called the Derby House, was at the corner of Cedar and Central Avenues. The structure served various purposes in later years, most notably a nursing home. It sat vacant and in disrepair for many years, and after a lengthy and expensive court battle with the Village, was finally demolished in 2005.



Grand Hotel

The Grand Hotel, named both for its size and its location on Grand Avenue, is the only original hotel building still standing today. Originally built by the Sherwood family as a private residence (they had a lot of kids!), this hotel overlooked Cedar Lake and land that would become Sherwood Park. In 1925, it became the Danube-Swabian German Aid Society, and today is known as the American Aid Society of German Descendants. It serves as a cultural center, especially well known for an annual Oktoberfest celebration each fall.

Our Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of four LVHS members.



Betty Helen Pischke, 93, of Venetian Village in Lake Villa, passed away on Saturday March 18, 2023. She graduated from the very first graduating class of

Grayslake Community High School in 1947. She was a charter member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lindenhurst where she was a member for 62 years. She enjoyed volunteering at PADS of Lake County, Meals on Wheels, and over 27 years at Village of Victory Lakes in Lindenhurst. Betty was a charter member of Lake Villa Historical Society.



William Francis Burns, 84 years old of Lake Villa, passed away on Tuesday March 21, 2023.

Bill was married to his wife Betty for 64 years. Betty was Bill's first date. Bill began a 30 year career at Abbott Medical and started his own computer company as a challenge. He was active in sports his entire life, including wrestling at his beloved Notre Dame and managing the Boston Red Sox minor league level A team. He also expanded the Waukegan Youth Boxing Club and became a national level judge for boxing. Bill was an avid golfer and managed to play in all 50 states and several foreign countries. He enjoyed sailing in the Chicago to Mackinac races and crewing sailboats across the Atlantic Ocean. Bill and Betty traveled to over 53 countries. He was a volunteer at Prince of Peace Church and a Charter Member of the Lake Villa Historical Society.



David Arthur Bogenschutz, 72, of Lake Villa, passed away on April 2, 2023. Dave dedicated his career to people with disabilities. For 22 years, he and his wife, Peggy, co-directed

Peacock Camp in Lake Villa, an overnight camp for kids with physical disabilities. As an adapted physical educator, Dave was devoted to his students at SEDOL, NSSD and Millburn School. In his retirement, Dave volunteered as a track and field coach for Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association (GLASA) where he strived to bring his Paralympic-hopeful athletes closer to their goals. In 2017, he was recognized as the Volunteer Coach of the Year from U.S. Paralympics in 2017.

Dave also found time to volunteer doing many odd jobs in the Lake Villa Historical Society building, and will be greatly missed.



Patricia Hollencamp, 75, of Evanston, formerly of Lake Villa, passed away April 4, 2023. Pat's career began in the Keebler test kitchen in Elmhurst and culminated after 24 years as a Senior Account Manager for

Quest International. One of Pat's passions was volunteer work. While in Lake Villa she was active in her church, Prince of Peace, with the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Pat was also a volunteer in the Lake Villa Historical Society until she relocated to Evanston. She supported community organizations such as Roberti Community House in Waukegan and Habitat for Humanity.



Time Machine

by Kim McCollum

Destination: Summer of 1963

- Bill Krater's new pharmacy on Cedar Ave. is about to open! Grand Opening specials include Kodacolor film for \$1.15/roll, ½ gallon of ice cream for .69, and a carton of cigarettes (any brand) for \$2.18. Free balloons & candy for the kiddies.
- New highway lights are in store for Lake Villa at the intersection of Grand Ave. & Rt. 21. Four new mercury vapor lights will be installed in all directions and will cost the Village \$12.92/month to operate.
- The residents of Oak Knoll Dr. have hired an attorney to sue the Village in protest of being recently annexed into the town limits. "Oak-Knollites" would prefer to keep their original street name of Cottage Grove Rd. and they would prefer to remain unincorporated.
- Due to record crowds, the Village will close the gates to Lehmann Park daily at 10pm and a policeman will now be stationed at the park on Sundays to keep out non-residents.
- The Lake Villa Royal Neighbors will hold their annual picnic July 10 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Botts. A salad bar luncheon and card party is planned.
- Looking for a night out? Now playing at the Antioch Theater: *Donovan's Reef*, starring John Wayne and Lee Marvin (in color). Enjoy dinner at Pregoner's Resort & Marina, Sabatini's, Manning Resort, Johnson's Resort on Deep Lake or Korpan's Landing.
- Approximately 4000 people crowded Lehmann Park recently on 7-14-63 for the kickoff of the Countryside Hospital fund campaign. The Cole Brother's Air Show was the highlight of the day as the troupe performed daring aerial feats over Cedar Lake. Lake Villa Police Chief, Paul Bocox, reported that 30 pieces of black powder explosives were stolen during the event. Chief Bocox says that the two young boys reported to have stolen the explosives will not be prosecuted if they are returned before there is a tragedy.
- Over in Lindenhurst, Ray Parpan is anxious to start a club for boys after Little League is over. He'd like to get them interested in wood crafts, but he must have the parents interested too! This club will be for boys age 9-15, and will be held at the Civic Center. If enough parents call, the club will be formed, otherwise, Ray will figure the people don't want it.
- The United States Postal Service has just launched a new "zip-code" system. All letters and packages must now include a 5 digit numeric code in the address line.

Event Calendar

June 20th 7p.m. Marie Roth will present a Flag program

August 15th 7p.m. John Rouse will present a farm/barn program. Location to be determined.

October 7th 1p.m. Cemetery Walk – Milburn Cemetery

December 3rd Breakfast with Santa at Lehmann Mansion

New Members

Welcome New Members

Judith K. Bock, Joe Brysiewicz, Stephen DeRue,
Dan & Karen Lincoln, and Cindy Miller-
Lusignan

Recent Donations

Many thanks to the following people who have
donated items of historical significance to Lake
Villa:

Allene Nelson: Navy Uniform and Lake Villa
Fireman uniform of Alan Nelson

Madison Bolt: CDs of church services at Lake
Villa United Methodist Church

Ramiro Tovar: Lake County Atlas 1958

From Our Collection

Can anyone guess what purpose and where the
tools in these two photos were used? Find the
answer in the next issue of Vintage Views.



History on the Table

Three Sisters Soup

*(a traditional recipe of the Lake County
Potawatomi Indians)*

1# ground elk or venison
1 chopped onion
3 c. cubed winter squash
2-3 c. hominy
2 bay leaves
3 c. chicken stock
3 c. beef stock
Red pepper flakes, salt & pepper
Cooking oil

In large pot, cook onions in oil until translucent.
Add meat & seasonings, then add hominy,
squash and stock. Cook on medium until
squash is soft. Serve with fry bread.

A Page from the Past

Lake Villa Checkers

(reprinted in part from the Lake Villa Record, July 1963)

Baseball isn't confined to those with beards and brawn. Case in point is Lake Villa's Checker's, a 13-woman squad that plays 12-inch softball against any other local girls' teams. According to Checker second base-woman, Carol Bartlett, she and her teammates are running out of competition this season...the Checkers have totaled 120 runs in only six contests and have never been defeated.

The Lake Villa girls defeated the Antioch Darts three times by scores of 15-5, 19-14, and 8-5. They romped the Antioch Oldstylers 24-2 and 19-9.

Bartlett says she and her mates run out on the field with complete uniforms, lipstick included. The Checkers wear colored shirts with sponsor names on the back, white Bermuda shorts and white tennis shoes.

"We always look real nice", Carol commented. Besides looking nice, the girls play their hearts out. All of them love baseball, and the statistics back them up! Some of the girls are batting well over the .500 mark. The Checkers, coached by Bernie Schneider, managed by Fred Bartlett and consisting solely of Lake Villa women, have only one bad statistic against them...they've committed 17 errors in 6 games.

According to Mrs. Bartlett, the Checkers could beat a men's softball team if the men batted left-handed. The Checkers' only encounter with men so far was a match against some Little Leaguers. Carol said, "I came to work the next day with a black eye from those Little Leaguers...they play too rough!"

Each player on the team has an individual sponsor. The name 'Checkers' was drawn from a hat.



The 1963 squad roster includes Marge Murphy, Sandy Schneider, Carol Bartlett, Roberta Armstrong, Betty Schneider, Arlyn Popp, Donna Wagner, Lois Hartman, Jackie Vos, Joyce Sheehan, Audrey Simmick, Carol Mortensen, and Enid Bartlett.



Lake Villa Checkers front row, left to right, Alyce Brownlee, Carol Bartlett, Arlyn Popp, Lois Hartman, Sandy Schneider, Betty Schneider and Donna Michael. Back row Roberta Armstrong, Jean Hling, Jackie Vos, Carol Mortensen, Mary Westin, Joyce Sheehan, Donna Wagner and Loretta Gravelie.

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? Contact us and we will gladly open at other times!

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