



# Lake Villa Historical Society's Vintage Views

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## President's Letter:

Dear Members:

Those of you who attended our summer outing to Old Mill Creek enjoyed a great performance of the Lipizzan horses.

About 80 people enjoyed our Brick by Brick program that was hosted at the library in September. Erik Wright, an Education Specialist from the National Museum of the American Sailor, taught the audience about the history of the Great Lakes Naval Base.

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Sue Cribb will give a presentation that features historical landmarks of Lake Villa. The presentation includes landmarks of the mid 1800s – the early 1900s. So, while that Thanksgiving bird is thawing, join us for this great program at the Historical Society building.

The LVHS Board Members have been busy planning for our annual Breakfast with Santa at the Lehmann Mansion. Tickets, \$10 each, for the December 3<sup>rd</sup> event are available on-line at [www.lakevillahistory.com](http://www.lakevillahistory.com), at the Lake Villa and Lindenhurst Village Halls, or at Bill Stanley's American Family office on Cedar Avenue.

Have a few hours on Thursday afternoons? Looking for ways to volunteer? We could always use an extra hand. Send us an e-mail to [lvhs@lake-villa.org](mailto:lvhs@lake-villa.org) to get more details.

Happy Holidays!

Lori Heitman, President

*Volunteers don't get paid because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!*  
*Thank you to our LVHS Volunteers.*

## 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 convene at 6:30pm at 223 Lake Avenue followed by a program at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted.

Museum Hours: Thursdays 1:30-4:30pm or by appointment by e-mailing [lvhs@lake-villa.org](mailto:lvhs@lake-villa.org).

**November 21:** "Historic Landmarks of Lake Villa" Sue Cribb, charter member and past president of the Lake Villa Historical Society, will give a presentation that will feature established businesses, schools and a church that have been part of the community since the mid 1800s before it officially became Lake Villa in 1901.

**December 3:** "Breakfast with Santa" at the Lehmann Mansion.

**December 5:** Lakes Community High School Choir will be performing at **Cedar Village**

**January: No meeting**

**February 20:** "Lake Villa Trivia Night" Come join us for a fun-filled night of Lake Villa trivia.

**March 19: (Monday)** Join us at **Reflections Restaurant** on Deep Lake for a program by Jack Krupka. Jack will give a little history on his family owned resorts and share their extensive collection of historical photos of Lake Villa. With a little coaxing, he just might play his accordion for us too!

## A PAGE FROM THE PAST:

As we plan for Breakfast with Santa, I thought it would be fun to take a look at some of Lake Villa's Santas from the past. Perusing through old newspapers, seeing some of the Christmas ads brought back a lot of memories.

Who remembers the Lake Villa Variety Store that was in the building at 57 Cedar Avenue between the Post Office and Laundromat that

were where the Village Hall office has since expanded. I remember picking out my school supplies. What do you remember?

Although he looks good in that 1940s convertible, it looks like Santa prefers to arrive in Lake Villa aboard a fire truck. Regardless of his mode of transportation, it looks like he is always very popular!

Take a look at some of the photos and ads we found from the 1940s, 1960s, 1970s, 2000s, and 2010s. Do you recognize anyone you know? Please share your memories of these events or businesses with us.

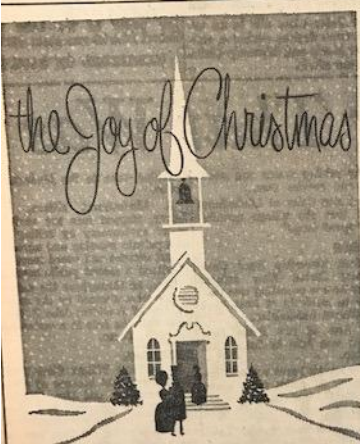
The photo below looks like Santa arriving in a late 1940s Chrysler Imperial in front of Huckers Garage and across from the IGA Super Market and the Drug store.





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the Joy of Christmas



Christmas is a time for joy and hope and peace. We hope your days will be filled with them all.

**Schneider Excavating**  
CONTRACTORS  
Grand Ave. Lake Villa **1963**


1963



It's a joy to greet our friends. A merry Yule all.


**EFFINGER'S**  
Hardware  
Cedar Ave. • Lake Villa

**JOY TO THE WORLD**




**KELLY'S LOUNGE**  
GRAND AVE. LAKE VILLA

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



**Fred H. Nielson, Jr.**  
Gen. Contractor  
LAKE VILLA EL 6-9893

**PEACE**



to you and yours at Christmas

**HUCKER'S GARAGE**  
CEDAR AVE. LAKE VILLA

**The Merriest Christmas**



It's a joy to send greetings to our good friends and neighbors. Merry Christmas.

**1963**

**DALGAARD'S IGA**  
SUPER MARKET  
Grand Ave. Lake Villa



1963

To wish you every joy and a very merry Yule.

**NATALIE and ELEANOR**  
**LAKE VILLA VARIETY**  
Next to the Post Office  
LAKE VILLA, ILLINOIS



**JOY TO ALL**  
at this holy time

**BEN CRIBB**  
Contractor  
GRAND AVE. LAKE VILLA

**CHRISTMAS TREES**



**FOR SALE BALSAM and SCOTCH PINE**

These Trees Were All **FRESHLY CUT**  
By The V.F.W. Post Members

**OPEN EVERY NIGHT AND WEEKENDS**  
**LAKE VILLA V.F.W.**  
POST 4308  
Grand Ave. & Railroad Ave.  
At the Post Home • Lake Villa

**Merry Christmas to You**



It is a real pleasure to say "thank you" and wish you the happiest of holidays.

**LAKE VILLA LUMBER & COAL CO.**





#### Getting Santa ready for his day

To look his best for the holidays and, especially, his big night ahead, Santa Claus stopped by the Linden Plaza Barber Shop, Lindenhurst, for a trim at the deft hands of affable owner John Miller. Santa said it is important to keep up his image and appearance for all of those who believe and, even, those who don't.

50 Lakeland Newspapers







### History on the Table:

With the intention to create a cookbook, these recipes were collected from Lake Villa residents during the Village's Centennial celebration in 2001. The cookbook was never made, and the recipes made their way to the Historical Society. Here is a recipe that was submitted:

### *Christmas Shortbread – For the Birds* *By: Elaine Teltz*

½ c. vegetable shortening  
2 c. flour  
½ c. packed brown sugar  
½ c. nutmeats  
½ c. cranberries or raisins

Cream shortening. Add Flour and sugar. Stir in fruit and nuts. Mixture should be crumbly. Add water if needed. Cut into cookie ornaments for outside tree or pat onto cookie sheet for crumbling. Bake at 350 until lightly brown. 15 minutes.

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