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Lake Villa Historical Society's

Vintage Views

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President's Letter

While reviewing all the activities of the Lake Villa Historical Society in 2014 to prepare my Annual Report, I was reminded that it was a very productive year!! It was fun for the LVHS board members to serve as waiters at the gourmet dinner prepared and donated by Eddie Bauer Party Masters Catering to our Private Dinner for 20 winners, Bob and Ainsley Wonderling. Looks like history will repeat itself as Bob and Ainsley were winners of the 2014 Private Dinner for 20 at Lehmann Mansion drawn at the conclusion of the 3rd Annual Breakfast With Santa held Sunday, December 7, 2014.



Photos of Raffle winners Ainsley and Bob Wonderling at their Private Dinner Party for 20 at the Lehmann Mansion donated by Bauer's Catering.

Finishing touches to the renovation at 223 Lake Avenue were completed in time for a LLV Chamber of Commerce Mixer in May and an official Grand Opening in June.



Our display for the LLV Chamber of Commerce represented "Elections Through The Years". As of 2014 we also have a feature in their quarterly newsletter in addition to our quarterly Vintage Views.



Election through the Years booth. From left is Judy Filipowicz, Tom Weber, and Sue Cribb.



Photo of the ribbon cutting for LVHS new home at 223 Lake Avenue, Lake Villa. Left to Right are Lori Heitman, Deb Hudson, Joyce Dever, Jim McDonald, Sue Cribb, J.R. Halek, Elaine Teltz, Alyce Brownlee, Julie Stanley, Betty Burns, and Frank Loffredo

Members attended the closing ceremonies at Pleviak School in June and accepted the time capsule representing this historical landmark built in 1910. In September we had a display at the Lake Villa District Library of "Old Time Schools in Lake Villa" in recognition of the closing of the many one room school houses and the iconic school building where Lake Villa students were educated from 1910-2014.



Photo of the closing ceremony of Joseph J. Pleviak School

Third grade students visited the museum in the fall as part of their tour of the town, which also included the Fire Station, Police Department and Village Hall.

Students from Grayslake North and Lakes Community High Schools have contacted us for assistance when working on research projects. We have also been pleased to include students from these two high school's music departments in our programs and events.

In September, we also participated in the Lake County Historical Alliance's "Historic Corridors" project. This was a bus trip that included visits to Antioch, Lake Villa, Grayslake and Buffalo Grove historical societies with narration on the bus of the area's Wisconsin Central railroad train history.

LVHS participated in all the parades in town, usually with Rob Frank behind the wheel pulling the Lehmann Mansion float. We sold Twisted Cow ice cream at the 2^{nd} Annual Art in the Park and at Celebration of Summer.



Lake Villa Historical Society Booth at Celebration of Summer in June. Left to right are Barb Venturi, Joyce Dever, and Elaine Teltz.

Getting back to business, IDOT installed signs on Rt. 83 to make it easier for folks to find us. We joined the Illinois Association of Museums and the Lake County Genealogical Society. We were fortunate to have visitors during the year with strong family ties to Lake Villa. Each of

these families donated an assortment of artifacts and photos. Volunteers will be working well into the spring of 2015 to complete the accession process on these donations which we are proud to own and eventually display. We have also been fortunate to have shelving and file cabinets donated to store these items. Programs have been varied and interesting.



Tom Weber on right giving history of the Weber Duck Farm

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE OUR THIRD ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA A SUCCESS!! We couldn't do it without all of our wonderful volunteers!!



Pictured above are from left to right Santa Claus, Sue Cribb and granddaughter Lucy.

Remember to like us on Facebook (thank you Julie Stanley). It's a Happy New Year for the Lake Villa Historical Society!!

Sue Cribb, President

Welcome New Members:

Dr. Lynnette Hamlin, Saco, ME; Nancy and Bill Bringer, Lindenhurst, IL; Betty Ann Hoelters, Salem, WI; Andy Lentine, Lake Villa, IL; Kim Henning, Lake Villa, IL; Roy Reidel, Beach Park, IL Dan and Joanne Dugenske, Antioch

Our Sympathy To:

Lois Hartman and Donna Rosenberg on the November 12, 2014, death of their 95 year old aunt, Dorothy Sharp, who was also a LVHS member. (Dorothy was a sister to the late Charlotte Wagner, long time village Clerk of Lake Villa.)

John Hamlin and Marilyn Jeffries on the death, November 28, 2014, of their brother Bob Hamlin. An article written by Bob about his memories growing up in Lake Villa was featured in the Spring 2011, Volume 23 Vintage Views.

Jean Mueller on the recent death of her son.

Recent Donations:

Allene and Bruce Nelson--- Polaroid One-Step flash camera that once belonged to Martha Ida Wilson (mother).

Jay and Sue Cribb---From the estate of Laura Walker: pewter plate given to her in recognition of 20 years service, August 1989, College of Lake County; Lake Villa United Methodist Church Directory, 1994; directory of the People of the Community Methodist Church, Lake Villa, IL.

Elaine Teltz---A mirror printed "First Reflect Then Re-elect Robert W. Churchill, State Representative, Republican." Paperback, <u>A History of Monaville</u> by Joyce Proper. Paperback, <u>The Thompson Indictment</u> by Van Bone.

Donna Rosenberg---2 color pictures taken at Philip and Charlotte Wagner's 50th Anniversary, 1987. A Methodist Church, Halcyon Club Halloween Party photo with all participants listed.

Barbara Konitzer---Hair brush and clothing brush both yellow gold, from France, belonging to Barbara's mother. A metal bar that says "Lake Villa 60 years – Our Story Continues". Prince of Peace Catholic Church community directory, 1999.

Gayle Cummings Horst---Kadette Drill Team boots, white with purple design on cuff, leather, circa 1950's.

Julie Adriansen--- Scrap book of news articles of Mary Atwell showing dates from 1906 to 1975. Typewriter, noiseless, manufactured by Underwood Elliott Fisher Company that belonged to Mary Atwell. Villa Woods Subdivision in Lake Villa 1924, plats on waxed linen.

Jane Wolff Taylor---Eva Wolff wedding dress (on loan at LVHS displayed in Museum Room).

Robert Samuelson—3 B/W photos showing the Witte Family and the Little boy holding a flyer advertising Lake Villa Days, August 11-12, horse show, steeple chase race and horse pull.

Sharon Slazes Johnson---A 1913 colorized post card of a scene on Cedar Lake, Lake Villa, IL.

Joan Tanner Kopanke (and sisters)---Paperback, <u>My Life</u> – Louis Tanner, autobiographical, completed by children after his death in 2008.

Mary Wolff Hacker---Herman Wolff, Lake Villa Fire Department formal uniform hat.

Edward Lehmann---Lehmann family photos:

Ernest J. Lehmann Artifacts: a) Last Will and
Testament of Ernest J. Lehmann, b) photo of
Ernest J. Lehmann, c) photo of Earnest J.
Lehmann and wagon. Photos of Augusta Handt

Lehmann 1854-1918 "Black Hand" extortion letters to Augusta, 5 pages 1910. Photos of Meta Lehmann (sister of E.J Lehmann 1846-1882; Photos of Emelie Lehmann 1873-1929: Photos of Edward John Lehmann 1877- 1954 Group photos with Edward John Lehmann: a) sepia photo of Otto, Edward John on bicycles, Photos of Augusta E. Lehmann 1880-1942 Newspaper articles and photos of George Neise, father of Florence Neise Lehmann 1852; Photos of Florence Neise Lehmann, 2nd wife of Edward John; Photos of Florence with young George and Robert; Photos of Robert Owen Lehmann 1916-1985

Kirby Wagner---Harpoon full size hay fork with a weight of 7 lbs. with a price in 1897 of \$1.25.

History on the Table:

With long winter days ahead, pastry recipes have been selected from "OUR FAVORITE RECIPES" cookbook compiled in 1962 by the LAKE VILLA MEMORIAL AUXILIARY to POST 4308, Lake Villa, Illinois. Enjoy!!



APPLE COFFEE CAKE

HELEN PAGE

1 c. scalded milk 1/3 c. sugar

¹/₄ c. lukewarm water 1/3 c. butter/margarine

2 eggs, well beaten ½ tsp. salt about 3 ¾ c. sifted enriched flour 1 cake or 1 pkg. granular yeast

Add sugar, butter, salt to scalded milk. Cool to lukewarm. Soften yeast in lukewarm water and add to cooled milk. Add eggs and flour, enough to make stiff batter. Beat vigorously until smooth. Cover and let rise until mixture doubles in bulk. Cut down, beat thoroughly and spread 3/4" thick in a greased pan. Brush over with melted butter. Add apple topping and let rise until light. Bake 30 minutes at 350. Serve hot, cut in squares.

ORANGE DOUGHNUTS

MARIE KAITIS

3 eggs 3/4 c. sour cream
1 1/4 c. sugar 1 1/2 Tbsp. shortening
4 c. bread flour 2 tsp. baking powder

1/4 tsp. cinnamon 1/2 tsp. nutmeg 1 tsp. soda 1/2 tsp. salt juice and grated rind of 1 orange

Beat eggs well, add sugar and beat. Add cream and shortening. Add flour with dry ingredients. Mix until blended. Add juice and rind. Roll, cut and fry in hot fat until brown on both sides.

A Page From The Past:

"I love the newsletter & reading all the stories. I wondered if you've ever tried or thought of a column that was comprised of short memories from different people, Snippets of life in Lake Villa "(Patty Prosise Schumer)

Here we go, from Patty Prosise Schumer:

You know you are from Lake Villa if you remember:

The biggest thrill of 8th grade was having the old building all to ourselves;

Mr. Hucker sitting outside his car dealership on a folding lawn chair giving us kids a nickel for an ice cream cone at the drugstore;

When the library moved down the street on Cedar Avenue, many of us kids piled books into our little red wagons to help;

Mamie Hamlin used to sit on her front porch sewing and teaching us how to crochet;

Mrs. Zenor walked her little dogs every night at the same time;

Amy Prosise rang a big old dinner bell every night for the Prosise kids to come home!!



Cheerleading Photo: Back Row: Julie Eckdahl, Shanda Wells, Nancy___ Lynne Rolin, Patty

Prosise, Sue Nielsen

Front Row: Leslie Schick, MaryLou

Needstein(?) Marilyn Bennecke, Penny Nader,

Patty Dibble

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Editor's Note: We urge other members to share their memories of Lake Villa. We would love to feature them in future newsletters. Thanks!!

Calendar of Coming Events:

Membership meetings are held the <u>third</u> <u>Tuesday of each month</u> (except January and July).

Business meetings will be held at 223 Lake Avenue at 6:30p.m., followed by programs at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Feb. 17 - Annual Business Meeting with Election of Officers; Program: "Show and Tell" with members and visitors bringing items from home with a story and recollections of how the item was used.

March 14 – St. Patrick's Day Parade in Lake Villa 12p.m.

March 17 – "Everything you ever wanted to know about St. Patrick's Day, but were afraid to ask" will be our program. Join us for a fun evening.

March 28-29 – See us at the LLV Chamber of Commerce SpringFest Expo at Lakes Community High School. We will be featuring the History of the Weber Duck Farm with the help of the Weber Family.

April 21 – "Abraham Lincoln Goes to Waukegan" presented by Ty Rohrer, Supervisor of the Waukegan History Museum.

May 19 – Author David Lester shares his new book "Fox Lake and Chain of Lakes Boating"

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