



Lake Villa Historical Society's Vintage Views

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President's Letter

Thinking of how times have changed, I hope you will take a moment to read the instructions listed under *History on the Table*. While we rush from task to task, looking for the fastest way to complete them, there are certain times during the day that we could stop, take a deep breath, be grateful we have food in front of us and enjoy the nourishment rather than rushing through the task of eating. While these instructions were written long before meals arrived in a paper bag or cardboard box. (the instructions were recorded circa 100 years ago), some bear repeating.

As a chaperone a few years ago for fifth graders experiencing two to three days and nights at an Outdoor Education facility, taking turns setting the table was one of the assignments. It was clear these ten year old students didn't know how to set a table or to pass platters of food. The platter sat in the student's lap as he served himself more than a generous serving, forgetting that there were several people yet to be served from that same platter. . . . before an adult intervened.

Eddie Bauer reviews serving procedures with the LVHS Board of Directors before we serve the annual five course gourmet "Dinner at The Mansion" to raffle winners. No, I won't be looking for employment as a waitress, but it is a gentle reminder of the simple yet genteel

pleasures, enjoying our food, the people surrounding us at the table and the few minutes without TV or phone interruptions!!

Meals don't have to be gourmet to be served and enjoyed with a certain amount of decorum. Enjoy mealtime, just for old times sake.

Sue Cribb, President

Welcome New Member(s):

Leonard Mattson, Antioch; Jennifer Fox, Lake Villa

Our Sympathy To:

Alyce Brownlee on the death of her brother, Eugene Shea, March 31, 2015, in Hollywood, Florida.

Jack and Anna Krupka, Lidia and Jerzey Olesky on the death of Pola Pelc and **thank you** for designating LVHS as a memorial. Donations have exceeded \$1,000.

Debbie Hudson on the death of her mother, LaVerne Nourigat, May 3, 2015.

Congratulations to:

Rodger Gruchot, Boy Scout Troop 188 who was honored Sunday, May 3, 2015 for his project of mounting the Sand Lake School Bell at Peacock Camp. The bell is on perpetual loan from the LVHS. It was donated to us by the Swansons in 2010.



Pictured above are the Swansons with the Sand Lake School Bell that they donated to LVHS. The bell has now been installed at Peacock camp.



Roger Gruchot and Parents, Todd and Meg

Recent Donations:

Helen Grenus and Ernie Scheitel – Auditor's Reports Town of Lake Villa and Fire District, 1948, 1949 and 1950; Crooked Lake Oaks 1948 Directory, Lake Villa;

Dan Slazes – canvas apron from Lake Villa Lumber and Coal;

Roy Reidel – photos of Jack Chope driving John Deere tractor and of Clydesdale horses in 2001 Lake Villa Centennial Parade; framed aerial photo of Weber Duck Farm, May 1980;

Georgia Reidel Ellis – plaque honoring Henry R. Reidel for 43 years of service at Weber Duck Farm; article and photos of Weber Duck Farm in the Chicago Daily News Pictorial Section, December 23, 1944;

Nancy Cribb Tesch – Trifold pamphlets, Bus Time Table Route No. 4 Waukegan to Antioch, effective May 13, 1946 and Bus Time Table Route No. 3 which serves Chicago, Fox Lake to Antioch effective May 27, 1946; sepia photo of brothers Ben, Harold and Frank Cribb, circa 1914; photo of Jay Cribb wearing Boy Scout uniform, circa 1950;

Michael Nader – (Mike’s Dad) Ralph Nader’s Boy Scout uniform shirt and two neckerchiefs from Troop 84; and BSA handbook (Troop 84 met at Lake Villa Methodist Church); New Testament Bible belonging to Ralph Nader which he received when he entered the US Army during WWII.

Kelly DiDonato – 8” x 5” wooden box with colorful scenic label and ad on lid from “THE FAIR”, containing Lyons California Glace Fruits, San Francisco. (Great find Kelly from a recent garage sale!!!!)

Edward Lehmann (continued) – photos of Otto Lehmann (1885-1953), photos of Ernst E. Lehmann (1887-1930); photos of Mildred Peacock Haerther (1885-1968); Christmas Catalog, 1887; “Cinderella’s Visit to the Fair” booklet, 1989-1884; The Fair – Our Presidents: Compliments of E.J. Lehmann; newspaper ads for The Fair, program for 3rd annual Picnic for Employees, Certificate of Copyright for 40th Anniversary Book 1875-1915 “Since 40 Years Ago”, The Fair’s Silver Jubilee, ledgers and assorted documents from The Fair Store;

Alyce Brownlee –booklets from the Miss Lake Villa Pageant, 1992, 1993 and 1995;

Village of Lake Villa – Feb. 28, 2015 News Sun article reporting the designation of the privately owned David Hall House located on Fox Lake to the National Register of Historic Places. The property was known as the Howard Willet Estate, (as published in Townsfolk, 1945).

Elaine Teltz - photo of Georgia Reidel at her 9th birthday party at Sand Lake, Weber Duck Farm, Lake Villa, 1938.

Calendar of Coming Events:

Membership meetings are held the **third Tuesday of each month** (except January and July). Business meetings will be held at 223 Lake Avenue at 6:30p.m. followed by programs at 7:00p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Mon. May 18, 2015 – 10:00am LVHS Board Meeting

Tues. May 19, 2015 – Local author David Lester shares details from his new book “Fox Lake and Chain of Lakes Boating.”
Refreshments: Elaine Teltz

We will be selling popcorn, candy and 2015 Raffle Tickets for the Lehmann Mansion Dinner for 20 at the June 6th and June 13th events listed below. Ticket prices are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00.

June 6 - Art In The Park - Hrs. 10:00am-5:00pm

June 13 - Celebration of Summer – 2:00-4:00pm and 6:00-9:00pm (Antique Car Show, Rib Fest, Fireworks)

June 15 – 10:00am LVHS Board Meeting

June 16 – 6:30pm Membership Meeting 7:00 pm Bill Kiddle, from Raupp Museum in Buffalo Grove will present “Lake Villa and the coming of our modern world as viewed from 1913-1918. Refreshments: John and Joan Delisi

June 28 - Hometown Hootenanny, Lake Villa District Library Parking Lot 1:00-5:00pm

July – NO MEETING

History on the Table:

Before you put that paper bag of fast food on the kitchen table, please note the following instructions for “**Setting of Table and Serving of Meals**” found on page 13 of the Community Club Cook Book, Grayslake, Illinois. The cookbook was donated by Jean Culver Wooley. While there is no date noted, there was a page from the 1913 Watkins Almanac and a postcard from Merchants & Farmers Bank, Grayslake, Illinois dated January 1, 1915 tucked inside the cookbook.

“Always arrange a table as neatly and attractively as possible. The appearance of table and method of serving meals have an important effect on palatability and digestibility of foods.

The table may be covered with a silence cloth and tablecloth. Or for breakfast or lunch the bare table may be arranged with doilies at the individual places, and for all dishes of food, or with a lunch cloth or table runners. The tablecloth is always used for dinners. In putting on the cloth see that the center crease is exactly in the center of the table and ends and corners are even. A centerpiece of fresh flowers or small plant adds to the appearance of the table.

General rules for placing silver are: Fork or forks at left of plate; knife or knives at right with sharp edge toward the plate; spoons at right of knife. All silver is placed one inch from edge of the table. The napkin may be placed at left of fork. The water glass is placed at right end of the knife blade. The bread and butter plate is placed at the left, near the end of the fork. Cups should be placed so handles are turned in right direction.

All food must be passed to the left so that the person may use the right hand more conveniently in taking the food.

In clearing the table first remove all the dishes containing food, then the dishes from each place. All dishes pertaining to one course must be removed before the next course is served. If there are crumbs on the table, remove these between courses. In filling a water glass, remove it from table.”

*“If the grass is greener on the other side, water your grass.”
(Anonymous)*

PAGE FROM THE PAST



Left: Lake Villa Historical Society Member, Paul Stenzel

Thanks to LVHS member Paul Stenzel for sharing his experience as a Vietnam Veteran on the October, 2014 Honor Flight trip to Washington D.C. Paul Stenzel served with the 101st Airborne Division, 1st Brigade in the Central Highlands, Vietnam in 1967-1968. Here is his story:

I was fortunate to be chosen as a Vietnam Veteran to be part of the Lake County Honor Flight’s third trip to Washington D.C. I was picked up October 4, 2014 at my sister Shirleyann’s house in Grayslake, by “Sarge” of Metrocab at about 3:45AM and driven to Veterans Memorial Park of North Chicago, but not before we stopped for coffee and an Egg McMuffin.

Our group of 19 Veterans from WWII, Korea and Vietnam were each provided a Guardian

(some were their family members) for the entire trip. After a briefing and distribution of flight packages we boarded our bus at 5AM and were provided police escort by North Chicago, Lake County Sheriff and Wisconsin State Police to Mitchell Field in Milwaukee for Southwest Airlines flight #4337 departing at 7:20AM for Baltimore, Maryland. As the plane taxied on the tarmac, two fire engines shot streams of water in an arc over it and with the sunrise a rainbow appeared.

We arrived at Baltimore's BWI airport about two hours later where they duplicated the rainbow effect. We assembled to load on a Shore Motor coach bus which took us to the US Navy Memorial where we had a box lunch. Our next stop was the **World War II Memorial** with its "Roll Call of the Nation" and Freedom's Wall" with 4000 gold stars commemorating the over 400,000 Americans who gave their lives in the war. A group picture was taken there.

A few miles from there we visited the **Korean War Veterans Memorial** and the **Vietnam Veterans Memorial** where I had only enough time to find a cousin's place on "The Wall" and a friend I knew from his grade school days. Several others I served with also have a place there.

We then went to the **Lincoln Memorial** which we first got a glimpse of from the WWII Memorial. Another group picture was taken there, after which we boarded our bus which took us to Fairfax, Virginia for a dinner hosted by the American Legion Post #177. We also witnessed the ritual of a **POW/MIA ceremony** there.

Our day ended with a meeting in the Jefferson Room of the Crystal City Marriott in Arlington, Virginia where we spent the night. After an early breakfast and checkout on October 5, we boarded our bus for the **Pentagon 9/11 Memorial**. In my opinion this was the most

impressive of all the sites by design and function. We then spent about two hours at **Arlington National Cemetery** which included the **Changing of the Guard ceremony** and pictures were taken with our guardians. Then we visited the **Air Force Memorial** where we had another box lunch.

Our next stop was the **US Marine Corps War Memorial** and another group picture was taken before the bus took us to the **Women in Service for America Memorial**.

Our final stop was the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial** which became a tradition from Lake County Honor Flight's first trip when a veteran asked to be present at the unveiling of his statue, located between the **Lincoln Memorial** and the **Thomas Jefferson Memorial**.

The bus then took us to BWI airport arriving at 5PM for the return trip on Southwest Airlines Flight #1784 to Mitchell Field and a late evening Welcome Home Ceremony at **Veterans Memorial Park** of North Chicago.

Portions of this trip were posted on line.

Websites are:

LAKECOUNTYHONORFLIGHT.ORG

FACEBOOK.COM/LAKECOUNTYHONORFLIGHT



Photo from the Lake County Honor Flight facebook page



Photo of Paul Stenzel (right) from the Lake County honor Flight facebook page October 5, 2014.

Thank you to Paul and all of our Veterans for your service!



Lake Villa VFW Post 4308 and Boy Scout Troop 323 host Memorial Day Parade in Lake Villa on Monday, May 25, 2015. Parade begins at 12:00p.m. Memorial Services following parade in Lehmann Park.

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