



Lake Villa Historical Society's Vintage Views

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President's Letter:

Hope everyone has survived winter!

Last December, we had a very good turnout for Breakfast with Santa. Many children had a chance to meet with Santa to make their requests. I'm sure they were all on the "good list." Many thanks goes to our many volunteers and sponsors, Lake Villa Township Lions Club, Bauer's Catering, Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts, that helped make this such a successful event.

In December we had a great turnout for our Christmas program at Cedar Village, where the choir from Lakes High School performed for us.

In February, we enjoyed a Lake Villa Trivia night organized by Kim McCollum. It brought back a lot of memories for some and taught us some interesting facts about our history.

With Spring right around the corner, we are looking forward to our spring programs and planning for summer outings. Some are listed on the calendar section below and others will be listed on our website: www.lakevillahistory.com as details are confirmed. We are always looking for new "old" programs, so please let us know if you have ideas.

Think Spring!
Lori Heitman, President

Sympathy to:

Alyce and Butch Brownlee for the loss of Alyce's sister, Anne Shea.

Recent Donations

Alyce and Butch Brownlee: B/W photo of Ruby Falch, Lake Villa school teacher (1896-1988) buried in Angola Cemetery; Deed to Angola Cemetery Lot 103 purchased by Joe Koelstra May 16, 1922, for \$100, authorized by Gertrude Hamlin, Angola Cemetery Association; Guest book from February 3, 2001, Lake Villa Centennial Dinner Dance at German Cultural Center.

Alice Kegley: 1776-1976 Bicentennial History of the East Fox Lake Cemetery;

Jerry Coia: framed color photo of Anthony Coia, Lake Villa Rescue Squad 50th Anniversary 1956-2006 "Honoring Founding Members"; B/W photos of Lake Villa School Band from 1962, 1963 (Thala Rush, Director); Joe Nadr's bank book with entries 1925-1928 with the Lake Villa Trust & Savings Bank, Lake Villa, ILL;



Glossy B/W photo of 15 members of the Lake Villa Rescue Squad posing with their first ambulance bought new from Huckers and dedicated in 1959 with Ray Callucio giving keys to John Schuler, Capt.; Glossy B/W photo Rescue Squad, 1961 with 11 members present;



Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Anthony Coia as an expression of gratitude for his generous service to the community in providing Lake Villa with a Rescue Squad building; signed by June Eckert, President LVTRS Builders and by Capt. John A. Schuler; Programs from 35th and 50th Anniversary Celebrations of LV Rescue Squad; Family photo Christmas cards from the 1950s-Sherry's Gift Shop, Veterans Club (Bob and Lil Clark), The Sherrys (photo of gift shop), and Dr. Calvin Midgley and Family; B/W photos of Effinger's Hardware Store on Cedar Avenue before and after remodeling in 1957.

Lois Jean (Wagner) Hartman: Six report cards from Lake Villa Grade School grades 1-6; June 3, 1955 Certificate of Promotion for Lois Jean Wagner from 8th grade to high school and round, flat, bronze American Legion School Award and certificate also presented to Lois in 1955; B/W glossy photo of the 1955 graduates included four boys and two girls: Bill Jarvis, Ronnie Mack, Jim Oilschlager, Denny Dewar, Lois Wagner and Janice Waite, plus their first grade teacher Margaret DeYoung.

Allene Nelson: red plastic key ring "George's Cedar Inn" 142 Cedar Avenue, Lake Villa, IL 847 356-7777; cotton Indian blanket with six Boy Scout kerchiefs attached with blanket stitching of green yarn.

Marvin Worchel: Snow shovel used by his father in the 1950s.

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.

March 26: (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!

April 17: History of the Lake Villa Township Baseball League and Lake Villa Baseball Park by Rich Coles and Glenn McCollum. This program will be held at the Lehmann Mansion.

May 15: Bottle collection by Bob Sobon. Bob will share information about his hobby of antique bottle collecting.

A PAGE FROM THE PAST:

By Lori Heitman

The Lake County Historical Alliance has been working on a book to commemorate the bicentennial of the State of Illinois. The book, "200 Objects that Made History in Lake and McHenry Counties" is now available for purchase at the Lake Villa Historical Society for \$15.

Several of the 200 objects featured in the book are from Lake Villa. As a member of the Lake County Historical Alliance, LVHS submitted several items that were selected by the book committee to be included in the book. Below are a few of the items :



200 Objects That Made History in Lake & McHenry Counties



The Lake County Historical Alliance
celebrates the Illinois Bicentennial

The cover of the "200 Objects" book includes a photograph of the typewriter that belonged to Olive Martin, the namesake for Olive Martin School in Lake Villa.



Soo Line Depot
1920

A 1920s photo of the Lake Villa Train station that shows the resort vehicles waiting to take passengers to area resorts.



A photo of the boat dock at Sherwood Park



A photo of a matchbook cover advertising Sherwood Park in Lake Villa. Notice the phone number of Lake Villa 2241.

Sword

This sword belonged to Otto Lehmann, third son of EJ and Augusta Lehmann. Once president of the Arlington Park Jockey Club, Lehmann had 600 acres on Columbia Bay. He called the property Chesney Farms.

Lehmann built a mansion and prestigious riding academy, including prize Arabian horses, off the intersection of Routes 59 and 132.

The estate, including the barn and surrounding property valued at 2.9 million dollars, was donated to the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1954.

The farm was subdivided after Otto's death and became Chesney Shores and Fox Lake Hills. The Church of the Holy Family occupies the converted former stable.



Horse Show Program

Otto Lehmann's collection of show horses at Chesney Farm was world famous.

The January 1923 edition of *Show Horse Chronicle* declared that Otto had "the greatest collection of show horses owned by any one person living at the present time."

This sword and program are currently on loan to Lake County and are displayed at the new Bess Bower Dunn Museum in Libertyville.



History on the Table:

Looking for new dishes to serve the family on a cold winter night? Here are tried and true recipes shared in the *1903 Souvenir Cookbook Compiled and Published By The Ladies of Lake Villa, ILL.*

ALLENDALE SOUP

George Chaffee, Mrs. Higbee, Cooks at Allendale Farm

This is made without stock, though it improves it, with the addition of meat. For four quarts:

4 T. rice	4 T. pearl barley
4 T. split peas	4 T. navy beans
1 can of tomatoes	

Boil all ingredients until very tender, strain and season with celery salt, onions and cayenne pepper. Care must be taken not to let the ingredients burn.



This photo from Allendale's History on their website is from 1903 of the North Cottage Group with Uncle Tom Captain Bradley.

BOUILLON

Mrs. H.P. Lowry

1 beef shank,
(+pieces of roasted meat and gravy if handy)
2 carrots
1 onion
2 cloves
1 gallon cold water
½ dozen clean egg shells

1 bay leaf
2 sticks celery
sprig of parsley
6 peppercorns

Boil slowly for 6 hours; strain and let stand in cool place until next day; take off fat and serve hot.

ROAST MUDHEN OR COOT

Mrs. H.P. Lowry

Skin and take breast and legs; lay in pan, put one handful of salt, two tablespoons vinegar to one gallon of water; let soak overnight; then make dressing as for wild game; put dressing in pan and lay mudhen on top then cover with strips of bacon; cover pan and bake until tender.

BEEF LOAF

Mrs. L. W. Rowling

2 pounds ground round steak
½ pound chopped fat salt pork
3 eggs
6 crackers rolled into crumbs,
salt and pepper to taste

mix well, bake in loaf; serve hot or cold. Veal is fine made in same way.

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Mission Statement

The Lake Villa Historical Society, a public emissary and educational resource, serves its community by collecting and preserving documents and artifacts that reflect the richness of Lake Villa's history; by facilitating discovery and understanding of our shared history; and by taking a responsible role in the continued preservation and historical development of the community.

Our Purpose

The objectives of the Lake Villa Historical Society are to collect, preserve, study, interpret,

and exhibit significant materials relating to the Lake Villa area and to provide related educational services for the purpose of increasing and enriching public knowledge. The acts of acquisition, accession and deaccession shall reflect the stated purposes.

Membership

The Lake Villa Historical Society is a 501c3 organization that depends on membership fees and donations to support its cause.

Please continue to support our efforts by renewing your membership for 2018. See the enclosed renewal form for details.

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