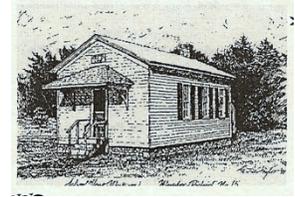


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New Year Greetings to Members & Friends!

My name is Drew Saur, and I am the new President of the Honeoye Falls-Town of Mendon Historical Society. It's not an understatement to say that I have some big shoes to fill, following **Barry Quinn's** 15 years in the role. Many thanks to Barry for all he has done to keep the Society vibrant, relevant, and stable. It is a community institution that I am proud to be a part of, and that is due to the people who came before. I hope to get to know all of you better in the coming months and years as we gather at our meetings and community activities!

We are at a turning point in our history. Our former leaders have spent considerable time and energy in their roles, and they have expressed a desire to hand the reins over to some new blood. My transition to the President role is the first of these changes. However, these dedicated leaders will not abandon us; they have agreed to serve in "shuffled" leadership positions until other volunteers can step in to fill their shoes. Former Treasurer **Wayne Menz** has agreed to serve us as Vice President, and Barry has agreed to serve as both Treasurer and interim Secretary. **Bill Lane** will also continue in his role as Interim Curator. Throughout 2017, I will be making an appeal to members to help us find new blood to help us fill those positions for 2018 and beyond. The Society is a well-oiled machine, so if the idea of taking on one of these roles is at all of interest to you, I suspect you will find great enjoyment in helping us out. Please see me at a meeting or call me at 624-5148 to discuss your potential involvement, or the involvement of someone who you recommend we reach out to.

### **Report on 2016:**

- We accepted a new conservation assessment from **Gary Albright** that detailed a number of recommendations, including a review of the humidity and temperature controls throughout the museum.
- Performed the first part of an audit of the Society's financial records, which revealed no material issues.
- Received a \$500 grant from the **Maletta Foundation** to use toward improvements for our Museum and facilities.
- Accepted design sketches from the **HF-L Art Department** for a new schoolhouse sign. The design will be finalized in 2017 and be mounted in the coat room (entry) of the schoolhouse.
- **Bill Lane** donated new items of interest to the museum: three original plats relating to the Rochester and Honeoye Valley Railroad (R&HV RR) and the Honeoye Falls Mineral Spring Company dated 1892, and an original plat showing the water plan for Rochester Junction dated 1915.
- The Society co-sponsored the Festival on the Green during Fathers' Day weekend and opened the Museum during 3 movies in the park (staffed **Jaren Miner**), Girl Scout Pumpkin Fest and the Community Band concerts.
- Our schoolmarm, **Mary Lynne Parmelee**, hosted 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Classes from HF-L and other districts at the School House and Museum; a summer school session was held.
- **Bill Lane** and **Jaren Miner** also hosted the HF-L 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes at the museum.
- Museum volunteers **Kathy Eastman** and **Kiran Rajamani** further documented our collection.
- Approved the Society's 2017 Budget; there is no change to our membership dues for 2017.

**Goals for 2017:**

- Install devices to monitor the temperature and humidity at various locations in the museum over a one-year period. Data from this study will help determine future environmental needs within the museum.
- Collect recommendations to expand our Historical Society website. Please contact me to offer your thoughts and insights.
- Continue indexing our archival materials and donations of artifacts to the Museum
- Continue to actively seek and engage a volunteer to become the Curator of our Museum, and look for new volunteers who will consider serving as Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- Finish a confirming audit of the Society's financial records in early 2017.
- Conduct a Museum information and orientation session for our Docents
- Finally, we have a wonderful set of programs planned for 2017, as detailed in the accompanying program guide. Please mark these on your calendars. I hope that you, like I, consider these part of your evening nourishment on the first Thursday of each month.

We extend our appreciation to **Douglas Morgan** for serving a term as a Society Trustee. **Charles Woolever** stepped in to replace Doug's position on the board for the balance of 2016, and continues with us through 2017.

As noted above, the **financial budget for 2017** was approved at the quarterly Trustees Meeting on December 7. Membership dues are being kept at the same amounts that were set in **2002**. The dues support our program expenses and enable keeping our Museum open to the public.

— If this sentence is highlighted, you did not remit your 2016 dues. —

Please fill out the enclosed **membership renewal form** and return it with your dues payment. Remember to **include your e-mail address** to receive timely and detailed notices of Historical Society program meetings and other events of interest. Any questions, please call me at 624-5148 or e-mail me at [dsaur@macorchard.com](mailto:dsaur@macorchard.com).

Finally, if you haven't already, please visit our new website: [www.hfmhistorical.org](http://www.hfmhistorical.org). **New for 2017:** the website contains a link to a handy, single iCalendar file that will populate your e-calendars (Outlook, Gmail, mobile phone, tablet, etc.) with **all ten** 2017 programs automatically.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



Drew D, Saur, President

Enclosures: 2017 Program Brochure, Membership Renewal Form