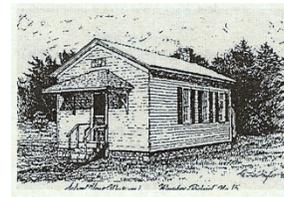


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New Year Greetings to Members & Friends!

As I reflect on 2017, I can say without hesitation that we had a wonderful year, filled with *incredible* “first Thursday” programs that were well-attended, and that I hope you enjoyed. Our program committee has done another bang-up job for 2018, as you will see in the enclosed brochure.

In 2018, our emphasis will be on recruiting a new generation of leadership for the Historical Society. As we mentioned in a recent edition of the *Sentinel*, we are focused on finding individuals who can step up and serve as Society **Treasurer**, **Vice President**, and **Schoolmarm**. Right now, the people serving in those roles are serving in a temporary capacity until we find permanent replacements. We also need individuals who can help us organize our **Annual Holiday Social**. I’ve said it before, and I will say it again: our Society is one of the smoothest-running organizations I have had the pleasure to be involved with. If you choose to get involved, I suspect you will find great enjoyment in helping us out, and we will provide you with the support that you need. 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.

Here are some highlights from 2017:

- Continued implementing the recommendations set forth in **Gary Albright’s** 2016 conservation assessment by:
 - installing humidity monitors throughout the Museum;
 - adding new shelving to raise boxes off the floor;
 - transferring several items from cardboard to archival storage boxes.
- Finished an audit of the Society’s financial records, which revealed no material issues.
- Received a second \$500 grant from the **Maletta Foundation** to use toward improvements for our Museum and facilities.
- **Paul Worboys** donated two porcelain telephone signs (Bell Telephone and Independent Telephone). We have a picture in our collection showing a similar Bell sign hanging on the Harnish Drug store in the 1920s.
- **Charles Woolever and Drew Saur** donated Lehigh Valley Railroad plats showing the Rochester to Hemlock route.
- **Charles Woolever and Drew Saur** also donated an antique ice saw that will be used in an upcoming ice harvesting display at our Museum.
- The Society co-sponsored the Festival on the Green during Fathers’ Day weekend and opened the Museum during all three “Movies in the Park” (thanks go to **Jaren Miner** for also staffing one of the movies), as well as during the annual Girl Scout Pumpkin Fest.
- Our schoolmarm, **Mary Lynne Parmelee**, hosted classes from HF-L and other districts at the School House and Museum.
- Museum volunteers **Kathy Eastman** and **Kiran Rajamani** further documented our collection.
- Approved the Society’s 2018 Budget; there is no change to our membership dues for 2018.

Goals for 2018:

- Work with the Village of Honeoye Falls to improve the heating system in the museum.
- Data from our recently-installed humidity and temperature monitors may indicate a need for additional insulation and better environmental controls inside the Museum.
- Continue to 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.
- As stated in my introduction, we have a wonderful set of programs planned for 2018, 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.

As noted above, the **financial budget for 2018** was approved at the quarterly Trustees Meeting on December 6. 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 2017 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.

Finally, if you haven't already, please visit our new website: www.hfmhistorical.org. **As with 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** 2018 programs at once!

Thank you again for your ongoing support. We hope to see you on the first Thursday of each month to enjoy our programs. May your 2018 bring you great joy!

Sincerely,



Drew D, Saur, President

Enclosures: 2018 Program Brochure, Membership Renewal Form