



PEPPERMINT PRESS



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

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Jenifer, John, and
David Albanese

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Patricia Alena,
President

Gehrig Lohrmann, VP

Annette Harris,
Secretary

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Carol Bailey, Town
Historian

Pat Gorthy

Theresa Streb

Joan Wallis

Dear Members,

Writing to you from Florida, as we just arrived on Monday. We wanted to see the completion of the piazza at the Hotchkiss Building before we left. What a WONDERFUL donation again from Arthur Santelli to restore the courtyard in front of our museum. See the article on this restoration project in this newsletter.

Very nice fall season and very busy with LHS and the museum. We continued to give tours throughout October, our last was a couple from Canada. The Annual Dinner was a highlight of our fall season and it was very successful. Over 70 people attended and we earned \$1500 for our

treasury. Thanks again to our Dinner Committee and Chair, Priscilla Paliotti.

October brought another Bake Sale and PUMPKINPALOOZA. Our Pie Contest and Sale proved to be a delightful event with 13 pies donated. The shoppe and TV raffle brought in additional funds for the treasury and the new website.

Our October meeting featured Tracy Murphy with a very informative program on "Spiritualism". The November meeting will be our kick-off to the NYS Centennial Celebration of Suffrage and we are pleased to have Walt Gable as our presenter. Mr. Gable is the

Seneca County Historian and will speak on Women's Suffrage, a new program that he designed.

Do have a nice winter. I will be in touch and am asking your help over the winter to assist in the 2017 calendar of LHS events. Let's concentrate on the "The New York Woman and Suffrage" and the beginning of "The Heritage of the Erie Canal". Both being celebrated this coming year of 2017 and both so important to our NYS heritage!

Stay warm,

Patty



LNB's Robert Schick



Arthur Santelli



Eleanor Stearns as
Elizabeth Cady Stanton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 21- REGULAR MEETING with Walt Gable presenting
"Suffrage"

NOVEMBER 29 – "ROC THE DAY" Rochester Foundation Donation Day
to your FAVORITE CHARITY- DON'T FORGET US!!

DECEMBER 2-3- WCHS CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

MUSEUM OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, CALL 315-879-7617.



DINNER COMMITTEE:

L to R:

Priscilla Paliotti, Chair, Kay Bailey, Linda Andrews, Patty Alena, Ann Salerno and Annette Harris

OTHER PHOTOS:

L to R: Patty Alena with Ann Bohner, Bob MacDuffie, and Dorie Talbo

Gehrig Lohrmann, VP at the microphone

The Ganszs and the Albaneses

The Bilancinis



2016 ANNUAL DINNER

This year's LHS Annual Dinner was dedicated to the many benefactors that the society has. It was also the Kick-off event for celebrating NYS Suffrage with Eleanor Stearns portraying Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The dinner committee headed by Priscilla Paliotti and consisting of Ann Salerno, Linda Andrews, Kay Bailey, Annette Harris and Patty Alena did a wonderful job as the dinner was highly successful. The silent auction, LNB basket raffle and the 70 dinners brought in \$1500 for the LHS treasury.

Mr. Robert Schick, Mr. Arthur Santelli and Mrs. Ann Bohner were honored for their outstanding contributions to the Lyons Heritage Society and the Hotchkiss Museum. With their help, the building is being restored.

Thanks so much to Gehrig Lohrmann, our VP, for helping to MC the evening.

Also, honored for their time and talent were Katelyn Case, the WC summer intern, Dorie Talbo, and Bob MacDuffie as

"Volunteer of the Year"

Mr. MacDuffie has spent MANY hours as a docent and volunteer at the museum this summer. Mrs. Talbo has been assisting Patty Alena, in preparing the Resource Center and Archives and making the upstairs room more user-friendly.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped, supported and donated to our successful 2016 Annual Dinner.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE DONATED LYONS ARTIFACTS and/or THEIR TIME TO LHS:

BILL MADDOCK, CHRIS DAVIS, CAROL BAILEY, MARIANNE ARSENEAU AND RUSSELL HARRIS

ARTISTS VISIT PEPPERMINT MUSEUM

On September 23, during the 2016 Global Mural Conference, a busload of international artists toured the Peppermint Museum. Mark DeCracker, founder of Mural Mania, also quickly pointed out and elaborated on the two murals in the vicinity: the Peppermint mural and the "Towpath", which is in Dobbins Park.



Pie Judges: Ron Winter, Jack McCranels and Carol Bailey

Thank you!

A BIG THANK YOU to John Hewes for the PHOTOS!



RESTORING THE COURTYARD: Mr. Arthur Santelli funds the restoration of the Hotchkiss Building's piazza.

Many of you know how difficult it was on rainy days to battle the puddles and mud to get into the front door of the Hotchkiss Building. Well, thanks for our wonderful benefactor, Arthur Santelli, that should no longer be a problem. At the beginning of October, Arthur approached Dave and myself and offered to restore the courtyard in the front of our museum. This had been on our minds before, but other parts of restoration were

more important. We certainly accepted his most generous offer and in October, work began. What an opportune time with fewer visitors and the Leach Road Bridge out. The original Medina hewn stones were removed and stored while the area was excavated. Then, each stone was put back in place in a diamond design with gray pavers framing them. This is an amazing transformation of the courtyard! It also will help

tremendously with the drainage problem. We cannot thank Arthur enough for this wonderful improvement of the building.

I personally am thinking of the new uses for this courtyard, for instance a Clothes line Art Show or even a small café. Whatever use, it is such an amazing accomplishment in our ongoing restoration of this "gem" of a building.

THANKS SO MUCH, ART!



BEFORE



Walt Gable to Present at November Meeting

To kick off our NYS Centennial Celebration of Suffrage, LHS is hosting, Seneca County Historian, Walt Gable. Mr. Gable is presenting his new program on Women Suffrage.

The meeting will be at the Lyons Public Library at 7:00 on November 21. A business meeting and refreshments will follow.



TV raffle tickets will be available for purchase. Proceeds going towards a new website.

GRANTS RECEIVED FOR WEBSITE

After the Lyons Heritage Society Board approved, Joan Wallis, Gehrig Lohrmann, Patty and Dave Alena attended a presentation in Geneva by a website company. The LHS Board voted that if the funds for a new website could be raised, we would hire the Geneva Inhouse Company to

create one. Joan Wallis wrote two grants and was awarded \$1500 and \$2500 toward the website. In turn, Gehrig was able to secure a TV to raffle on behalf of funding the rest of the \$4900 needed. Tickets will be sold both at the

November meeting and at the WCHS Christmas Boutique.

THANKS to Joan and Gehrig for their time and effort on this specific project.



THANKS ALWAYS TO DOBBINS DRUGS for underwriting this newsletter!

Dorie in the Resource Room



Bill Maddock as a Museum Docent



SIDE NOTE:

In 2016, the LHS has been fortunate enough to receive grants totally over 3000 dollars from the Hoffman Foundation, Boehmler Foundation and Rochester Foundation "Roc the Day".

PUMPKINPALOOZA PIE CONTEST WINNERS:

1ST PRIZE: EDNA GANSZ

2ND PRIZE: SHARON YONKER

3RD PRIZE: MARIANNE ARSENEAU

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THANK YOU

**DAVID ALENA,
JR. for being
our Webmaster**

A Bit of History by Robert MacDuffie

Hiram Gilbert Hotchkiss's Early Days

Leman Hotchkiss was born on June 29, 1875 in Connecticut. He married Theodosia Gilbert on June 19, 1809 and a little after one year they had their first son Hiram Gilbert Hotchkiss on July 19th 1910. Leman was operating a general store in Phelps, New York (Vienna). Three years later a second son was born, Leman Beecher Hotchkiss on February 3, 1813. Two months and a day later their mother, Theodosia died probably as a complication,

in childbirth as was common in those days. Thus, neither Hiram nor Leman ever knew their mother. (How many of us remember our life as a three-year-old).

Faced with a new born and a three-year-old Leman married Theodosia's sister, Chloe Gilbert, on October 13, 1813 five months after the death of Theodosia. So the boys' aunt became their step-mother.



CELEBRATION 2017

At the October meeting, a tentative schedule of events for LHS was shared by President Patty Alena. She asked for help in planning the 2017 events relating to Suffrage and the Erie Canal. She also suggested that the February regular meeting be devoted to planning these events or other ideas from the membership. Maybe

Committees could be formed and some members take the lead.

Exhibits, Suffrage Tea Party, musical productions, speakers, art and essay contests are just a few ideas to consider. If any interest you, let it be known and consider going to the

February meeting. Carol Agnew has already agreed to head the Tea Party, possibly some members would join her committee. So, consider helping with an event during this very special year!

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