

# SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## *SALUBRIS*

### President's Message- **HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

I have appointed the following to Committees for the year 2018:

- Farm Museum- Bonnie Haskell, Curator
- Schoolhouse Museum- Elaine Timm, Curator
- Legion Bldg Modification, & Parking Lot- Paul Calkins, Building Committee Chairperson
- Landscape & Conservation - Joan Shaw, Chairperson
- Library/Collections- Jane Schultz, Chairperson, assisted by Joan Shaw, Valerie Dumbleton, Pat Korpolski, Elaine Timm, and Gerry Treichler
- Membership- Shirley Simrell, Chairperson
- Antique Show & Sale- Bonnie Haskell, Chairpersons  
with Basket Auction Sub-Chairperson- Pat Thompson
- Finance, Programming & Publicity- Glenn Wienke. Chmn (Includes Monthly Programs)
- Farm Museum Festival- Bonnie Haskell, Chairperson with Antique Engine, Tractor & Equipment Exhibits-Bill Read; & Basket Auction- Pat Thompson
- Ways & Means Fundraiser Chairpersons- Various (See Event Schedule on page 6 herein)
- Christmas at the Farm- Bonnie Haskell, Chairperson
- Newsletter, Website, & Nominating Committee - Gerry Treichler, Coordinator
- Sunshine Committee Chairperson- Gerry Treichler
- Representative at Federation Meetings- Elaine Timm
- Prog. Refreshment Chairperson- Valerie Dumbleton w/ Jane Schultz & Rosemarry Warren

I thank everyone for filling the above committee positions and the Board of Trustees positions in 2018. In addition, thanks to those who worked on these committees in 2017 and I hope you will continue your work on the committees in 2018. Others willing to work on these committees please let me or the committee chairperson know. I also want to thank those that continue to help out whenever needed.

*Bill Read*, President

### **Your Board of Trustees (Museum Ph 731-4708)**

(Board Meetings are held at the Museum on the 3rd Tues at 7:00 PM )  
(MUSEUM ADDRESS- 2822 Niagara St, PO Box 172, Sanborn, NY 14132)

President- **Bill Read (870-6263)**; Vice Pres-**Paul Calkins (471-4422)**; Recording Sec-**Ruth Pirinelli (471-4677)**; Corresponding Sec- **Gerald Treichler (731-9510)**; Treasurer-**Glenn Wienke (731-5982)**.

Trustees-at-Large- **Paul Beecher (731-9627)**, **Jim Ditzel (433-7439)**, **Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)**, **Lynn Hoffman (731-2491)**, **Bill Hooter (731-3874)**, **Gwen King (704-2961)**, **Jane Schultz (731-9404)**, **Joan Shaw (731-5653)**, **Elaine Timm (471-2217)**. **Pat Thompson (731-2666)**.

**Farm Museum Curator- Bonnie Haskell- (990-6909)**

**Schoolhouse Curator- Elaine Timm (471-2217)**

**Tuscarora Indian Nation (Reserved Position) ..... Kenneth Patterson (417-7764)**

**Tn. of Lewiston Historic Preservation Comm. (Reserved Position) .... Michael Rhoney (731-9726)**



**SAHS FARM COMPLEX– 2017**

### **ANNUAL ELECTION**

The annual election was held at our Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting. Incumbent members **Lynn Hoffman & Glenn Wienke** were reelected and **Jim Ditzel, Gwen King & Pat Thompson** were newly elected for a 3-year term to replace outgoing board members **Dave Miller, Wes Miller & Dave Schmidt** maintainig our board of trustees at 15 members. Our duly elected officers for 2018 were **Bill Read, Pres; Paul Calkins, VP; Glenn Wienke, Treas.; Ruth Pirinelli, Recording Sec; & Gerry Treichler, Corresponding Sec.**, each to serve for 1 year. Your officers as well as the Trustees making up the Board are presented on the previous page herein. President **Bill Read** had appointed **Ruth Pirinelli** at our October Board meeting to replace **Joan Shaw** who had asked to step down as **Recording Secretary** but still remain on the Board.

### **BUILDING COMM.- Paul Calkins, Chair**

Much has been accomplished by the Building Committee at the farm this year under the talented leadership of Chairman Paul Calkins and his committee Bill Read, Joan Shaw and Gerry Treichler. They worked with the architect to have a drawing prepared suitable to be presented to the Town of Lewiston Planning Board for approval of open items on the original site plan prepared at the start of construction of the Townsend Hall in 2010. After receiving approval of the Planning Board the committee prepared work descriptions and received quotes from various contractors. The low bid/winners were **Cooper Sign Co.** for the roadside sign; **Delorenzo Electric** for installing electric to sign and parking

lot lights; **Ken Young Paving** for installing a 90-car stone parking lot, a 50ft road entry and a 10-car macadam area, widening and dressing all farm roads to 20ft width; **John Plumbing and Lasalle Contracting** for sewer installation; **Ventry Concrete** for sidewalk; and **Jay Wendt Construction** for installing street lights along the sidewalk.

The Building Committee is also monitoring the continuing work done on the schoolhouse by **Jay Wendt Construction** and Sheriff's work program workers.

**The Parking Lot Project** is 99% complete with the recent installation of street lights along the sidewalk between the Legion/Church Building and the Townsend Hall In the spring we will do landscaping to complete the project.

**Legion/Church Building:** The outside of the building is complete and looks beautiful (see below)



**Legion/Church at Christmas time**

For the inside, we have received an estimate from **Jay Wendt Construction** on the wood work, trim and attic stairs work to be done this winter. The work to be done after **Jay** is finished is sanding and refinishing the floor in the main hall and installing new floors in the two smaller rooms. Also, we are attempting to get funds to setup the inside with our artifacts so that we can have our grand opening.

**LANDSCAPE & CONSERVATION by Joan Shaw-731-5653**

In 2006 SAHS initiated its memorial tree program whereby members could donate funds for a tree to be planted in memory of a loved one. An inscribed granite stone is placed at the base of the tree. Since then, twenty one trees have been planted in memory of loved ones. Ten Linden trees line the West entry road, five Oak trees grace the service road near the buildings, three Crab Apples grow in front of the Read Building, and two Red Maples highlight the Legion/Church building. Two tree donations are waiting for spring planting in front of the storage building. In addition we hope to plant two more trees there which will be available for donations in 2018. In years to come these beautiful trees will provide shelter for birds and shade for people during SAHS outdoor events.

A 2008 conservation agreement with the Niagara County Soil & Water District is due to expire in May 2018. Bill Read, Gerry Treichler, and Joan Shaw met with Mark Seider from the NCSW to discuss a plan for future maintenance of this acreage. SAHS will continue the maintenance program outlined in the agreement and will continue to monitor the pond and address the issue of invasive non- native reeds that have gained a foothold around it. The picture shows



Ron Hubbard looking for cattails among the reeds by the pond.

This summer meadow wild flowers were

beautifully abundant in some areas, but others still need a boost. Wildflowers are essential to attract pollinating insects, butterflies, birds, and small wildlife. With this in mind, wild swamp milkweed has seen fit to plant itself in the west side garden at the Read

building. It has flourished there for the past 3 summers and is poised to keep on spreading. There is evidence that Monarch butterflies have discovered it and are laying their eggs on the underside of the leaves.

Major construction at the Legion/Church building is complete. Soil has been graded around the building, and a new walkway has been installed to connect the Legion & Townsend buildings with four attractive lamp posts to light the way. To complete this picture, new shrub and flower bed landscaping around the Legion Bldg. will commence in the spring. Additional landscaping will enhance the Museum sign and selected areas near the parking lot.

Meanwhile, SAHS has much to look forward to in 2018. We are always looking to harness fresh energy from new and long-time members to carry on the work of the museums. Your unflagging support over the years has enabled the SAHS to accomplish great things in a short period of time! Every hour spent in this endeavor is important. Every contribution is heartily appreciated. These gifts to SAHS are irreplaceable. Thank you everyone! It's been a great year!

**FORMING of Town of LEWISTON-1818**

The Town of Lewiston was form from Cambria 200 years ago on February 29, 1818. The village of Sanborn in the Town of Lewiston was named after Ebenezer Sanborn in 1864. SAHS member Amy (Sanborn) Owen purchased two trees to be located in front of our Storage Building. One was in memory of her father Jere Lee Sanborn, and the other named in memory of her uncle, Lee Randall Sanborn Jr, all descendents of Ebenezer Sanborn.

**CHANGE OF KEYS TO TOWNSEND HALL**

While we are preparing to rent out the Townsend Hall, we are having new keys made and distributed to members in need of getting into the hall. The keys will be numbered for better monitoring of who has access to the hall.

**SALE OF PEARL ST. LOT**

**Bill Read** signed a new contract with **Fred Blue of Great Lakes Real Estate** for the sale of the 50ft x 150ft Pearl Street building lot at a reduced price of \$9,900 or best offer with board approval. This lot is the same size as other lots on the Pearl St.

**GRANT REQUEST FROM SENATOR ROBERT ORTT**

A letter application was sent to **State Senator Robert Ortt** requesting \$10,000 for living history

sheds and \$60,000 for adding a shed on the side of the barn for tractor/equipment storage and for repairing the entry way to the cold storage building so the building can be used as an apple processing display.

#### **ABSOLUTE CHARTER- Gerry Treichler**

Our "Emergency/Disaster Plan", " Code of Ethics" document, and our updated "Bylaws" have been submitted to Albany for an Absolute Charter. A 2-hour on-site review meeting has been set up for Monday, May 14, 2018 to begin at 9:30 AM at our School-house Museum.

#### **NIAGARA-SANBORN ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE, Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)--Chair,**

The Antique Show and Sale will take place April 14 & 15, 2018 at the Wheatfield American Legion Post #1451, 6525 Ward Rd. (Rt. 429) in Wheatfield. The event will be held 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturday



#### **War of 1812– Local History by J MacSwan on 11-21-17**

A special thanks goes to Glenn who continues to secure these fine programs. We thank Refreshment Chairperson Valerie Dumpleton with helpers, Jane Schultz and Rosemary Warren for coordinating the refreshments after the program. Our thanks also go to those who sign up and furnish the treats enjoyed by all. Our sincere appreciation goes to Ruth Carmer, Fred Robinson, Don Thompson, and Marilyn Wittkowsky who are making the reminder calls for our monthly meetings.

#### **MEMBERSHIP- Shirley Simrell (417-9767)**

Year 2017 Membership ended at 396 members including 23 new members. We now have 159 members including 16 new members and 6 Patron/Business members for the calendar year 2018. We thank those that have paid their dues and continue to support SAHS. **WE CONSIDER THIS NEWSLETTER YOUR 2018 BILLING FOR MEMBERSHIP.** We ask those that have not done so to please renew their membership (\$10 individual, \$15 family, & \$100 for Patron or Business) by the middle of March **USING THE FORM ON THE LAST PAGE** and also invite others to join. You are now able to pay your dues using your credit card on our web site [www.sanbornhistory.org](http://www.sanbornhistory.org) or on Facebook. As before, members will receive this newsletter on a quarterly basis, will help support our programming and receive the benefits of the museum. We welcome first time members since our last reporting- **Tim Filer & Janet Beenau, Victor Eydt, Pat Guthrie Family, Marjorie Haggard, Jim & Marie Neiss, Ruth Pirinelli, Pat Summers, Dave & Lori Trane, and Jim & Joan Wilkesmore.**

**Our Patrons and Businesses** that have donated \$100 or more to SAHS will be provided in this listing each quarter for the year paid to show our sincere appreciation:

**Patrons to date for 2018: Brent & Ann Mank, Brian & Cheryl Rotech, Gerry Treichler, and Sally Knox & Lloyd Ziemendorf. Businesses to date for 2018: LaSalle Contracting, and Gross**



#### **Previous Year Basket Auction**

and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. A Basket Auction will run concurrent with the Antique Show and Sale with the drawing to take place on Sunday at 4 PM.

#### **PROGRAMMING- Glenn Wienke, Chair (731-5982)**

Glenn reports that the program for the **Jan 23, 2018 meeting** will be **Denise Reichard of Getzville** portraying "**Babe Didrikson Zaharias- Her Olympics & Life**"; and the program on February 27, will be **Karen Sherwood of Lockport**, on "**School Houses of Yester Year**". The program for March 27 is to be determined. Won't you please join us for our monthly meetings and programs at 7 PM at the Sanborn Fire Hall?

## Plumbing,

### TOWNSEND HALL USAGE

Our members are requested to contact Pres. **Bill Read** for use of the hall in accordance with our "Member Hall Rental Agreement". The Board has authorized **Bill Read** use of the hall Sept. 22, 2018 for a family Reunion.

### FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL- **Bonnie Haskell-Chairman-**

Plan now to attend our 14th Farm Museum Festival that will take place on July 28 & 29. The contracts for the Flea Market & Craft Vendors will go out soon.

### LIBRARY/COLLECTIONS- **Jane Schultz, Chair Person (Ph.- 731-9404) Assisted by Joan Shaw, Elaine Timm, & Valerie Dumpleton.**

The full collections committee that also includes the **Farm Museum Curator Bonnie Haskell; Schoolhouse Curator Elaine Timm; Office Secretary Pat Korpilinski and Gerry Treichler** will meet as necessary. They meet to review the items submitted on the Data Accession form for acceptance based on the Acceptance Criteria noted on the form. Final approval for acceptance rests with the Board of Trustees.

**Work Times will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month from 9 TO 11 AM at the Schoolhouse Museum.** Please call Jane if you have any artifacts to donate and she will go over the procedure with you. Items received since our last reporting are **early baptismal and wedding clothes from Barbara Treichler Huber; two children's rocking chairs from Lucinda Applegate; a bow saw and cross cut saw from Carol Force; military items from Corliss Decker; and an Allis Chalmers tractor from Norm Human.**

**MUSEUM SITTERS-** We again thank interim chairperson, **Glenn Wienke, 731-5982** for coordinating the sitters for both the Schoolhouse and Farm museums. We still need someone to relieve him. We also thank those who act as sitters.

### **SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM Curator, Elaine Timm (471-2217)-**

The winter visiting hours of our School House museum are the first Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 PM or by special request. Come and see us with family and friends.

### MATT JACKSON- EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT



**Matt Jackson (Center above) with his parents Jennifer & Dave Jackson at the right & Grandfather Paul Jackson & SAHS Pres. Bill Read at the left**

**Matt Jackson** was honored as an Eagle Scout of Troop 841 at a Court of Honor held in Niagara Falls on Jan. 2nd, 2018. His Service Project was to plan, organize and supervise a memorial gazebo on SAHS property in honor of his Grand mother, **the late Linda Jackson**, who had been SAHS Curator for 9 years. **A great job, Matt!**

### **SANBORN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION-Bonnie Haskell President**

The SB&PA held another great **Autumn Fest in Sanborn** at the farm in October with SAHS having



**Autumn Fest Food Tent and vendor spots along side the Townsend Hall**

the food concession. This brought in many visitors to our Farm Museum. They also had a fine Christmas display on the corner of Rte 31 & 429. The **SB&PA** hosted a community **Christmas Carol Sing-a-long with a Sweet Adeline Quartet program** at the farm museum with 45 in attendance.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

Please inform **any board member** with names of those members needing **“Thinking of you” or “Bereavement”** cards so they can be signed at our meetings. **Sue Kerrison and Marilyn Miller** passed away since last reporting.

**WEB SITES**

**Jay Krull of Lockport** is the **Web Master** for our “[www.sanbornhistory.org](http://www.sanbornhistory.org)” website. We are also on **Facebook**. **Jay** is continuing to update the site as we feed him information, including information about our activities. You will note that this and other of our quarterly newsletters are on the web site. You might pass this information along to family members so that they can follow along with our activities and possibly **join SAHS** themselves and support our society. Our **Web Master** has set up means to allow you to pay your dues by credit card on-line at our web site [www.sanbornhistory.org](http://www.sanbornhistory.org) or on Facebook. He has also provided means for our vendors to pay on line their charge for setup at our Antique Show and Farm Fest.

Don’t forget that we are included on the “[allabouthistoriclewistonny.com](http://allabouthistoriclewistonny.com)” website. Visit that web site to see videos of our museums and festival activities. If you have any concerns or questions please contact **Gerry Treichler** at [sanbornerry@gmail.com](mailto:sanbornerry@gmail.com) or 731-9510.

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

We thank **Bonnie Haskell, Rodney Michalak, Ray Fegley** for chairing portions of our fundraisers and **Pat Thompson** for the taking the lead on the basket auction. We also thank all those that helped and those that showed their support by providing their goodies as needed and attending our fundraisers/activities this past year.

Funds from these events are used to augment the funds received from the Town of Lewiston to meet our budget. **Next year’s schedule is shown below:**

**SAHS 2018 EVENT SCHEDULE**

Sat-Sun April 14+15 Antique Show  
with Basket Auction

Sunday May 6 Car Parts Show  
 Sunday May TBD Tea & Vintage Fashion Show  
 Sunday June 10 Pancake Breakfast  
 Sat-Sun July 28+29 Farm Museum Fest  
 Sunday September 16 Country Breakfast  
 Sat-Sun October 6+7 Autumn Fest  
 Sat-Sun December 8+9 Christmas at Farm

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SOCIETY-**

Please consider the Sanborn Area Historical Society as part of your tax-deductible gifts short term as well as long term giving program, as memorials, in your will or for special recognition and endowment gifts. Your gifts and generosity will help assure the completion of our goals and the long-term viability of our historical society and our museums. We thank **Gloria Carlisle** for her gift of \$3000 in December to help us with purchasing a new dish washer that was on our wish list or as we see fit.

**OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS at the FARM-  
Bonnie Haskell**

We had another great Christmas at the Farm Museum this year that so many of you put so much work in to. We had a large attendance bringing many children ages up to 8-years old to sit on Santa’s lap and receive a present and to see Olaf.



**Bonnie thanks Larry Balch for being Santa Claus, Valerie Dimpleton, Mrs. Santa Clause, Pat Gawlik Santa’s helper, and Mike Cushman for portraying Olaf from Frozen,** and all of the numerous members and their families and towns people that came out to make that event the success that it was.

## HISTORY OF THE SANBORN AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING

(Prepared by Gerald E. Treichler and reviewed as being accurate by Hope Methodist Church Historian and former Town of Lewiston Historian, Marcia Rivers.) Updated Dec 30, 2017

The Sanborn American Legion Post #969, Department of New York met with the Sanborn Area Historical Society (SAHS) and worked out an agreement to donate their property to SAHS. After 59 years of ownership and the aging of their members, the Legion decided that it was time to downsize. The office of Attorney Joseph Leone Jr. prepared a deed finalizing the transfer of this property at 5866 Pearl Street effective March 15, 2012.

Research shows that this historic building was built in 1825/26 on a lot just south of the late John and Mildred Folmar's home at 5050 Townline Road located by the present Pekin Cut. It was built for use as a meetinghouse of the "First United Society of Methodist Episcopal Church of the Towns of Lewiston and Cambria" who had formed earlier on Dec. 18, 1824 when Pekin was known as Mountain Ridge. Documentation shows that the trustees sold the building to Philedus VanSlyke on June 19, 1856. This was about the time that the new stone "Methodist Episcopal Church" (now the Hope United Methodist Church) was constructed at the corner of Grove Street and Upper Mountain Road in Pekin. Both D. G. Beer's maps of 1860 and of 1875 show the Presbyterian Church on this lot. A manuscript on the history of Sanborn written circa 1936 by W. H. Daley states, "In 1865, an association was organized to procure a hall". A decision was made to secure the old wooden structure previously used as the early Methodist Church and later as a Presbyterian Church in Pekin. The steeple was removed and the building was moved to Sanborn. The building was called the Sanborn Union Hall. SAHS member, Janet (Hoover) Latham, reports in her Genealogy book that her great-grandfather, George Hoover, was part of a group instrumental in moving the building to Sanborn. She reports that the structure was possibly loaded onto log rollers and pulled by horses to its present location at 5866 Pearl Street in Sanborn.

A review of the Search for the Legion property shows that in 1875 a lot on Pearl St where the structure was placed was purchased from Lee R. Sanborn by the Sanborn Union Hall Association. According to church records, the First Methodist

Episcopal Church of Sanborn was organized on Feb. 8, 1868. Prior to the time that their new church was dedicated, on Sept. 20, 1874, they initially used their homes and then used the Sanborn Union Hall until their church was ready. This would mean that the building for the Sanborn Union Hall would have been moved on location prior to the 1875 date shown on the search records. The search also shows that the Reformed Mennonite Church of Williamsville owned the building for 48 years from 1888 when they purchased it from the Sanborn Union Hall Association until they sold it to the First Baptist Church of Sanborn in 1936. SAHS member Jeanette (Calkins) Hoffman remembers the Mennonite's from Lockport, North Tonawanda and other areas driving their buggy's and parking them out back of the building by a covered shed to attend church. Member Don Calkins remembers his father teaching a boy's Sunday school class in the building when it was owned by the Baptist.

The search shows that Gertrude M. Kline purchased the property from the Baptist Church on June 12, 1940. We have been informed that after the Sanborn American Legion was gifted the structure from the estate of Gertrude M. (Hoover) Kline in 1953, they had the front steps removed and extended the building 16 feet to house a kitchen and restrooms. This addition had a cellar under it to accommodate a furnace and a side entrance at grade level with steps inside leading up to the meeting room. The Legionnaires operated the building as a community hall providing a meeting place for their own members, the Lions Club, Friendship Club, Scuba Divers Club, Cub and Boy Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts, and other groups as well as for community and family functions as the need arose until they donated it to SAHS in March of 2012.

**We are fortunate to be able to save this historic building that has serviced 5 churches and numerous civic groups over the past 192 years! SAHS has moved the building to its Farm Museum property at 2660 Saunders Settlement Road on October 2014 and restored it with a church steeple and steps and doors at the front of the building to replicate it like it was before being moved to Sanborn. We have also raised the floor to one level and added a ramp at the side door to make it handicap accessible. SAHS is now ready to setup the inside to house a church area and a veteran and other historical exhibit areas.**

**SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**  
(Regular Meetings, all at the Sanborn Fire Hall- 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

PROGRAM

- Regular Meeting - January 23, 2018 ..... (See Below)  
Regular Meeting - February 27, .... "Schoolhouses of Yester Year"  
Regular Meeting - March 27 ..... To be determined

Program for the:  
Reg Meeting:  
At 7:00 PM

**"Babe Didrikson Zaharias-her Olympics & Life"**  
Portrayed by Denise Reichard

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**(Annual Dues are \$15 for Family; \$10 for Individual; \$100 for Patron, Business, Professional)**

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(Make checks payable to: Sanborn Area Historical Society, PO Box 172. Sanborn, NY 14132)

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