



MARCELLUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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EXCITING EVENTS PLANNED FOR OLDE HOME DAYS 1997... *by Bill Reagan*

The Marcellus Olde Home Days Committee has been working hard all winter, lining up events which will make this summer's celebration of the historic event one of the best ever!

Scheduled for June 6 - 8, Olde Home Days kicks off with festivities at the Marcellus Park on Friday at 6 PM with carnival rides, games, concession stands and a performance by the Senior High Jazz Ensemble. Saturday's events begin with the Marcellus Free Library Market Day at 9 AM. Dozens of booths will line both sides of Main Street and will feature arts and crafts, food, games, face painting, and many other items of interest.

Our Historical Society will have an open house at its museum above the village hall from 9 to 3. We will be working all Spring setting up new displays on business, people and photographs which will include many of our most recent acquisitions. Our new museum gift shop will also be open. The official Marcellus Afghan will be available from the gift shop along with the Society's latest publications, which include the third printing of the "Centennial History of Marcellus" and "Marcellus Through The Years". This is our biggest open house of the year, and we will be open rain or shine.

Fireworks will light up the Marcellus skyline for the first time in many years on Saturday, June 7th at 10 PM. Nojaims Market, Ultimate Goal and Saunders have generously joined forces to sponsor the fireworks, which will be visible from Marcellus Park. Something else new this year will be horse and wagon transportation between the village and the park.

Other events at the park Saturday will include a tennis tournament, the Butler Irish Dancers, the band Slo Ride, and many children's games and activities. The annual parade through the village will begin at 3 PM and the Grand Marshall will be Judge Kevin Mulroy. On Sunday June 8, an Ecumenical Church Service will be held at noon, and rides and games will continue at the park from 1 to 6 PM. An antique car show will take

place in the lower portion of the park, and the Stan Collella Orchestra will perform in the upper park from 2 - 6 PM.

The annual Duck Race, which was a whole lot of fun last year, will be held at 4 PM on Sunday. First prize is a trip for two to Ireland for seven day! Second and third prizes are a trip to Las Vegas and Toronto respectively. Tickets for the race are available at some area merchants now, but the big ticket sale day, known as "Duck Day," will be May 10th. Volunteers willing to help sell tickets that day should meet at the Alvord House at 11 AM. Hamburgers and drinks will be provided to those who volunteer.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer or participate in Olde Home Days events can contact Cathy Marsden, 673-1175, Tom Dillon, 673-2167 or John Curtin 673-3660. ■

DATE CHANGED FOR DRIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL TOUR

The date of our Historic Tour of the Driver Middle School has been changed from April 26th to Saturday May 3rd at 1:00 PM. Constructed in 1936-7, the Chester S. Driver Middle School in Marcellus is one of the finest school buildings of its era. The free tour is being held in honor of its 60th anniversary and will begin in the auditorium with a presentation on the history of the building which will feature film of the corner stone being placed and original copies of the Marcellus Observer from 1935-7 which contain articles relating to the new school. Those wishing to take the tour should enter through the (west) Reed Parkway entrance. ■

CORRECTIONS

In our last issue; two numbers were transposed in the article on Kathryn Heffernan. Heffernan came to Marcellus in 1941 and was an educator here for 44 years. In the article about St. John's Episcopal Church, the church building was moved using large poles as rollers and teams of horses to pull it. ■

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT — *Bill Reagan*

Wow! Over one hundred and twenty more people have joined our Society since our last newspaper went out six weeks ago. This is truly amazing! We now have 586 members in 16 States! At this rate of growth, one out of every ten current Marcellus residents will be a member by June 1st! The support of our community has been really great and I wish to thank everyone!

A couple of items came to light as a result of our last issue and I would like to address them here. Like all newspapers we have deadlines. Our main deadline is about seven days before this paper appears in your mailbox. Some pages are finished and set prior to that. As a result, the names of some of the people who may have recently joined or donated an item to the Society may not appear until the next issue. Please be patient with us. Everyone involved with this newspaper is a volunteer and we write, fold and mail approximately 2,600 of these papers every two months. If you are concerned about an item which did or did not appear in this paper, please call me. If you have anything to contribute, like birthdays, anniversaries or announcements, please let us know.

A membership item also came to light as a result of our last issue. Membership in the Marcellus Historical Society is based on the calendar year, January 1 - December 31. Regardless of what month a member may have first joined, dues are to be renewed at the end of each year. The only exception is if a new member joined after October 1st, their dues are good until December 31st of the following year.

One can avoid all of this by joining the Society for five years at a time, as is now possible. Our executive Board has approved new membership categories, levels and dues. The membership categories are now; Single, Senior, Student and Family. A senior is anyone 60 and over, and a student is anyone in grades K - 12.

The new membership levels are Basic and Sustaining. Basic Members join for one year and Sustaining Members join for five years. The advantage to Sustaining members is that they don't have to worry about renewing their membership every year and they don't have to be concerned about any increase in dues for five years. The advantage to us is that we don't have to try and collect so many dues every year. These changes take affect immediately and the dues for each can be found on our membership form.

I hope everyone enjoys our projects and events! It is your support that makes it all possible! Once again, I wish to thank all of our

members for making us the biggest historical society of any town in NY! ■

Bill Reagan

THIS 'N THATS

Cub Scout Den 5 and some of their family members visited our museum on Tuesday March 11th. The kids showed a tremendous interest in our local history and enjoyed seeing all of the artifacts.

Our newest book, "Marcellus Through The Years, A Chronological History," is selling well! Containing many old photographs and dates of important Marcellus events, the book is available through our gift shop on page 8 of this paper, and at the following merchants:

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Plans for our Marcellus Historic Homes Tour, scheduled for September 20th, are progressing well! Several homes are signed up and many fun activities are being planned in conjunction with the tour. We need volunteers to participate as guides and to help out at the starting point of the tour. All proceeds from the tour benefit the new museum fund. Anyone interested and willing to help out can call our home tour chairpersons Maureen Kantor, 673-2462 and Arlene Milne, 673-3386. ■

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

We wish to thank the following people for donating historic items to our museum collection: Mary Woods for a clock and violin which belonged to Edward Woods. Dr. Bruce Widger for a membership button board which was used by the Citizens Club many years ago. About twenty of the buttons are still on the board and each states the member's formal name and nickname. Russell Striffler for a 10" color TV set. Bill & Peg Bell for a historic photo of the village. Mike Plumpton for a Civil War bugle. Florence Pottinger for donating many historic photographs of Marcellus views and people. Mr. & Mrs. George Schmidt for film of the Driver Middle School corner stone being placed in 1936. Charlene, Joyce and Lucille Woods for postcards. ■

THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to Hollis Abbott for donating his services to repair and clean our Phillip Smith clock, the clock which was in Steven Hunt's store and the clock which was in the Corner Store. The Smith clock was manufactured right here in Marcellus in approximately 1833. A very valuable museum artifact, Hollis has it looking and running great! Anyone can see all of our clocks at our June open house!

And a special thank you to Laurie Branson for repainting our museum sign, which is once again hanging above our entrance on the village hall. ■

Test Your Knowledge of Marcellus History

- A) A village water supply was acquired in 1899, 1909 or 1919?
- B) Howlett Hill Road was first paved in 1916, 1926 or 1936?
- C) Construction of the first bus garage on the school campus was approved in 1920, 1930 or 1940?
- D) The Tuscarora Golf Course was constructed in 1924, 1934 or 1944?
- E) The first gathering of the Marcellus Senior Citizens group was in 1958, 1968 or 1978?
- F) Rural mail delivery began in Marietta in 1885, 1905 or 1925?

Answers: a) 1924 b) 1926 c) 1920 d) 1934 e) 1968 f) 1905

PHOTO SEARCH

We are looking for photos of the following historic events or scenes in Marcellus to add to our collection. If you have any which you can donate, or loan to us to copy, please call Bill Reagan.

- Old photos showing Marcellus homes, inside or out.
- Parades going through the village.
- Any street or scenic views.
- Pictures of church interiors.
- Moving pictures! Any old home movies which show views of Marcellus.

WISH LIST

These items will assist the historical society in its on-going projects and preservation efforts. If you can help us obtain any of these items, new or used, please call Bill Reagan at 463-4160.

- A carousel type slide projector.
- A VCR in good working condition for presentations.
- Wooden picture frames.
- 4' by 8' sheets of Plexiglas.
- 6' step ladder

MARCELLUS HISTORY CONTEST

Jamie Hanley of Masters Road solved our last riddle with the correct answer of "The first paper manufacturing machine / mill," and received a gift certificate for a free pizza compliments of Brian's Creekside Inn.

How to play: Read the riddle printed below. If you can solve it, mail your answer to Bill Reagan, c/o Marcellus Historical Society, PO Box 165, Marcellus, NY 13108. Entries must be postmarked by May 31, 1997. The winner, drawn at random from all correct entries, will be announced in our next issue and will receive a gift certificate for a spaghetti and meatball dinner from the Creekside Inn.

This issues riddle: Its founder was a man, whose name was Edmund Reed. One hundred and eighteen, Its stories you can read. ■

(Hint: Answers to the riddle can be found in our publication "Marcellus Through The Years.")



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NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS - WE NOW HAVE 586 MEMBERS! -

In our last issue we printed the names of all of our members. Unfortunately, several names were left off the list inadvertently. They were Jean Forster, Linda Wilson, Homer & Betty Hunt, C. Albert Sabin, and Elma Steadman. We apologize to each of these members for the error.

Since our last newspaper, the following people have renewed their memberships or joined the Society for the first time: (As of 4/20/97)

Katherine Arthur; Craig & Jennie Baker; Bill & Peg Bell; Michelle Cappelletti; Dorothy & Chris Christensen; Jack & Elsa Church; Victoria Morrocco Clark; Randall T. Crawford; Frank & Jan Debevic; John F. & Regina Dillon; Mary Jane Domurat; Joseph & Lynwood Duffy; Renee & Bill Dwyer & family; Gary & Jean Eichelberger; Fred & Pat Eisenberg & family; Esther Marie Forster; Kathleen Forster; Susan Forster Fraser; Jim & Becky Freeland & family; Alan & Phillis Gammon; Maureen & Gary Germain; Jim & Peg Girard & family; Scott & Valerie Grimshaw & family; Terry & Beth Hoey; Charles & Helen Hopkins; Ed & Maureen Kantor; Kay Kershaw & family; Tyrone & Sylvia King; Zilpha Lambert; Liz & Clayton Lathrop; Scott Lawson; Elaine Lyon; Joan A. Mallia; Dorothy Martens; Mary Ann McElroy; Jim & Peg McNally; Stanley Munro; Edward Murphy; Hans Nichols & Carol Reagan; John Nicholson; Harry & Susan O'Tier; Henry & Maria Palmowski; Levi Seymour & Mildred Parsons; Don & Anne Pelchy; Richard & Doris Phillips; Cindy Piekiet & family; Shirley Pierik; James & Donna Quinn & family; Jenny E. Randall; Bernard & Ruth Ann Reagan; James V. & Margaret Ryan; Art Scotti; Lewis & Elizabeth Selover; Martin & Dorothy Sennett; Don & Betty Sherman; Tom & Lucille Slater; George & Betty Stapleton; Joe & Nancy Stopyro; Doug & Patricia Tucker & family; Eugene & Evelyn VanCamp; Sherri Wagner, Chris Parker & family; Kim Winter; Carl Wood; Mary Stalker Woods; Robin Wysokowski. ■

HELLO MARIETTA!

Every two months, we mail 2,600 of these newspapers to every household and business in the 13108 zip code and to all of our members elsewhere. With this issue, we mailed an additional 1,000 copies to every home in Marietta (zip code 13110). We hope that our friends who live in Marietta, most of which is in the Town of Marcellus, will join over 500 other Marcellus residents in supporting our Historical Society. Your membership will support our drive for a new museum, our many projects and this newspaper! We cannot currently afford to mail this paper to

everyone in Marietta every two months. So, if you live in zip code 13110, join our Society and you will receive the Marcellus Historical Society News bimonthly. A membership form is on the last page. ■

MEETING SCHEDULE

The tentative speaker and presentation schedule for our upcoming meetings is as follows:

May 4th 2:00 p.m.
Mike Plumpton will provide a history of the Marcellus Grange. Historic Grange items will be on display at the meeting.

June 7th 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
We are hosting an open house at our museum on the second floor of the village hall on Slocombe Ave. Many new displays will be featured including a special display of Marcellus Postcards.

Wednesday, July 9th 7:00 p.m.
(Program to be announced)

Wednesday, August 13th 7:00 PM
(Program to be announced)

[Meetings are held at the Marcellus Fire House]



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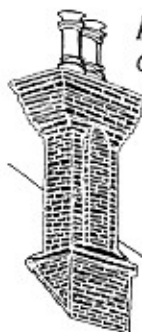


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