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“HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO JARVIS ROWLAND ON FEBRUARY 21ST”

If you would like to send him a card or note, his address is: Fairview Park, 544 Harrison Bridge Road, Simpsonville SC 29680

This newsletter is sponsored by Joan Rowland, to celebrate her uncle's 100th birthday.

CALENDAR

Feb. 19, 2019 – Tuesday, meeting 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Greenfield Center. **Program:** *Show and Tell Night* – bring an old object or photo and take a few minutes to talk about it.

March 19, 2019 – Tuesday, meeting 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Greenfield Center. **Program:** *Lauren Roberts*, our county historian, will speak about *Harnessing Nature: Building the Great Sacandaga*.

April 16, 2019 – Tuesday, meeting 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Greenfield Center. **Program:** *Michael DeMasi* is a journalist who worked at the Post Star, Daily Gazette and Albany Business Review, and has recently written a book called *What They Said: 25 Years of Telling Stories*, a collection of his favorite and most significant stories.

May 21, 2019 – Tuesday, meeting 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Greenfield Center. Program to be announced.

Everyone is welcome, admission is free, you don't have to be a member to attend and refreshments are served after all programs.

Meetings Cancellations

If schools are closed due to weather, our meeting will be canceled. A message also will be posted on our website and on our Facebook page.

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FEBRUARY NOTES

by Mary Vetter

We were so lucky to have Teresa Alger speak about her family business, Saratoga Crackers, and how it got started in our town. She started as a mom who wanted her family to have snacks that were both tasty and healthy. On their homestead in Middle Grove, she has gone from a small kitchen in her home that she primarily ran herself to a new building that will hold their new baking facilities. As the business grew, her husband and her children have become active in the business and growth has been steady. They not only supply local businesses with product but through Internet sales, they supply the country. Teresa and her family may not realize it, but they are carrying on the tradition that has personified the average Greenfielder through the history of this town. Greenfielders have traditionally made their own way. Families have created their own livelihoods and chased success by their own labor. It is nice to know that self-sufficiency and hard work still pay off.

Teresa was kind enough to bring some samples and they were quickly sampled. I can tell you that they were delicious and can be found locally or ordered on their website, <https://saratogacrackers.com/>. We wish the Alger family much success with their future endeavors.

Remember, our next meeting is Show and Tell. Join us with your stories and bring any items you wish to show. I am really looking forward to this meeting. It will be fun to hear what you have to say.

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Recently, a member of our society passed away. His name was Ralph Federiconi and it was his wish that people mark his passing with donations to our society. When his wife, Elizabeth Huntley, contacted me about his request, I was humbled. Often we do not know how our work affects the people who come in contact with us but here is tangible proof that preserving and promoting the history of our town is seen as valuable. We thank all of the people who donated on Ralph's behalf. They have been most generous. In accordance with his wishes, the money will be used to further our work of making our history accessible to all through exhibits and programming. We extend our condolences to his family and know that this man's rich life will always be a source of inspiration and comfort to them.



Our January Program

Teresa Alger talked about their family business, Saratoga Crackers, and how it got started in the Town of Greenfield. She also brought us lots of samples to taste.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

by Ron Feulner

Happy winter, and I hope that cabin fever hasn't set in too badly yet. At least the days are getting longer and hopefully that will translate to warmer weather.

I have finished the 2018 annual report for the historian's office, and it looks as if we had another good year. Most of my faithful volunteers have stuck with me for another year, however, Marie Ahl who has been with us since near the beginning of my tenure as historian has moved and as a result has decided not to join us anymore. She put in many faithful hours of volunteer work and much of our organization of data is a direct result of her labors. I cannot say enough about what she has done for me and the historian's office. I hope she remains active and happy in her new surroundings. She along with all the past volunteers remain welcome to join us for lunch or just a visit anytime. Once a volunteer, always a volunteer is our motto.

As historian, one of my main functions is to provide historical information to the public. This past year, we received 71 requests for information. Considering the fact that we work one day a week (Wednesdays) this keeps us busy answering these requests (and we have many other responsibilities in addition to this).

The requests range from tracking down someone's ancestor who once lived in the town to finding when a pre-existing road was abandoned. My goal, as historian, has always been to organize the large amount of information in our archives and make it more easily searchable, so that when a request comes in, we don't have to say, "There is probably some information here, we just don't have the time to find it."

With the above in mind, my faithful office volunteers (Joyce Woodard, deputy historian; Mary Vetter, Ruth Ann Assman and Joan Rowland) help me every week keep up with the many projects that we are working on. Joyce was deputy historian under the previous historian

and has always been my primary source of information. As a result, she handles most of the requests that I mentioned earlier. Mary Vetter is our resident computer expert. Since we all have computers and are trying to develop data basis of searchable information, Mary keeps everything running smoothly and helps us set up new programs when appropriate. Right now, we are trying to convert our files to a new software program called Laserfiche that will make everything searchable. Ruth Ann is our "do whatever has to be done person." Right now she is scanning documents into the new Laserfiche program. Joan Rowland has been working on a huge project of reorganizing Clayton Brown's book "Greenfield Glimpses." The book is out of print and the town clerk has sold the last copy that we had, so Joan is trying to develop a new manuscript with an index (this time) so that we can have more copies printed.

Last year, 2018, these volunteers, including Marie, put in a total of 652 hours on these and other projects. I thank my lucky stars every day to have such a friendly and dedicated group of individuals to work with.

With this in mind, I now have room for one additional volunteer. If you are comfortable with computers and, or willing to learn, I could use you. The rule here is that you come and go as you please on Wednesdays. I am here by 9 and work until about 2. The volunteers come and go on their own schedules although they usually come in most Wednesday, and they all seem to enjoy the work environment and communion with each other.

If you think that you might be interested, call me at home (518-893-0620) or come in on a Wednesday and spend a little time with us and see if it is something you want to do. Bring a sandwich and stay for lunch. There are no commitments. Occasionally, one of the volunteers will come in mid-morning and say, "Sorry I'm late." I always respond with, "You can't be late as a volunteer because it is a physical impossibility."

Next month, I will try to continue with my Greenfield history series.



SARATOGA SPRINGS – **Ralph Natale Federiconi**, 73, died peacefully in his sleep at Saratoga Hospital, Monday morning, Dec. 17, 2018. Born on Dec. 25, 1944, in Eritrea, Africa, Ralph was the second child of the late Bruno and

Aurelia Federiconi. The family moved to Torino, Italy, when he was four years old, living there until he was 18, and working in the electrical field. He immigrated to Boston, MA, in 1962, where he worked his way up in the service industry, beginning as a busboy, then as a waiter, captain and manager, in various restaurants throughout the city. He was drafted in 1967 and proudly served in the United States Army with distinguished honors at both Fort Monmouth, NJ, and Fort Meade, MD. Following his 1969 discharge, Ralph married Luciana Spirito, with whom he had two children, Bruno Federiconi and Sonia (Brian) Wylie. After their divorce, Ralph moved to Amsterdam, NY. He married Elizabeth Huntley of Schenectady, on April 2, 1989, and they had two children, William Carlo Federiconi and Katherine Lee Federiconi. Ralph ran a successful business of renting a number of family-owned properties and had a keen eye for construction and design, always looking for the next housing project. He loved going to antique stores and estate sales with his wife and maintained a number of collections, including playing cards, ceramic tiles and coins.

Mr. Federiconi served on several committees in the Town of Greenfield, including the Planning Board, Environmental Committee and the Greenfield Center Historical Society. He also was a member of the Italian American Club in Saratoga Springs. He had an incredible work ethic, and spent the last years of his life working as a waiter at the Hilton in Saratoga Springs. He is survived by his loving family, including his wife and children, and sister, Laila Ianniello; brother, Carlo Federiconi (Anna Maria Giaconia), as well as nieces, Simona and Emanuela Ianniello.

Donations in memory of Ralph may be made to The Town of Greenfield Historical Society, PO Box 502, Greenfield Center, NY 12833. (The donations will be used according to the family's wishes.) Online remembrance can be made at:

www.tunison.funeralhome.com or

www.lastingmemories.com/ralph-natale-federiconi.

Thanks to the refreshment volunteer for January, Robert Roeckle, and serving for me. He made Raspberry Cheesecake, Butterscotch Pie and Blueberry Crumble.

Refreshment volunteers for February are JoAnn Rowland and Patty Schwartzbeck.

Janet Jones, Refreshment Chairperson

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Jan. 18, 2005 – Members and Their Childhood Toys

Photo credit: Coral Crosman



Back l. to r.: Janet Jones, Bill Hinckley, JoAnn Rowland, Frank and Mary Max. Front: Joan Rowland, Earl Jones, Margie Jones, Nancy Homiak and Bob Dake.

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My Favorite Doll

by Florence Breitback

[Florence was unable to attend our last meeting (in 2005) when favorite toys were presented, so she wanted to share her memories of her favorite dolls.]

My favorite doll was Betty, probably because Mother arranged to have it purchased for me when she went into a Washington hospital for the last time. On the Antique Road Show, they said anything made by Shoenhut was valuable today.

Mother's doll, Fidelia, had a porcelain head and her black hair was molded in. I have a magazine article that says she is now worth \$1,100. I sold both dolls for \$25 each when I moved to Coy Road as my space there was limited (no attic or cellar).

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My Memories of Our Daketown Farm

by Harold F. Jones

My sister, Helen (Jones) Woods, and I, Harold Jones, were raised on the farm, which surrounded the District #8, Town of Greenfield schoolhouse. We are the remaining members of the Arthur L. and Nina E. (Hathaway) Jones family. Our other sisters were Neva (Jones) Thompson, Gladys Jones and Arlene (Jones) Butler.

We have enjoyed reading the newsletter for the past three or four years. Each and every issue brings back memories for me as various names are mentioned. When those names relate to people who lived in the Middle Grove, Daketown, Chatfield Corners and even Porters Corners areas, I gradually remember who they are and something about them. Also, I will tend to think of the “Crik” road and the “Mountain” road as reference points from my youth.

Helen provided me with a copy of Ron Feulner’s book [King of the Mountain] about his family, especially about his father, Fred. Of course, I had only known Fred as Fritz, who along with the Marcellus boys were known as expert and competitively fast woodsmen. One of the first issues of the newsletter, which I read, included an article by Ruth Johnson about Freeman Jones of Middle Grove. He was our grandfather (also Bob Dake’s grandfather!). The last issue referred to Andrew Kubicka. The Kubicka farm bordered our farm on the north – I remember working with my Dad repairing the fences on those pasture fields, which bordered their farm so that our young cows would be contained.

Thus, I will recall herein names of people, which lived in our neighborhood, primarily in the ’40s and ’50s. Helen’s recollections go back another 10 years into the ’30s as well.

Our house and barns were 300-400 feet west of the District #8 schoolhouse. At that time, Daketown Road, a dirt road, went along in front of the school, westward between our house and barn, down a steep hill, across the bridge (3 ton limit), and soon up a longer hill, past the Fred and Maude Carp place. The next house was the Charles V. Dake farm, and then next was the stone block house, which belonged to Percy Dake. Those were the only houses in that direction until one came to the “Mountain” or “Lake Desolation” Road. Across the “hard” road was the Irving Lewis farm. North on the “Mountain” road was the Ord place. This was across from the Coy Road intersection. Mr. Ord had a combination gas station, convenience store and barbershop. Haircuts were 50 cents.

The fields on both sides of Daketown Road east of the school were the eastern most part of Dad’s farm. Daketown Road continues east and goes past an area where the Dakes had set out a number of blue spruce trees. I believe that this may have been the original Stark Dake place. Near the northern end of the spruce trees was/is an old house foundation, perhaps of the Dake’s home.

Just west of the house, over in Dad’s field, was a barn foundation (where we picked raspberries). This was the far right back corner of the field, which was northeast of the school. Dad called it the schoolhouse lot – and we recall that he had purchased this land from the Dakes. As other articles have indicated the schoolhouse had been established by the Dakes, on their farm.

Daketown Road continued southeast of the area where the blue spruce had been established, to a fork in the road, continuing to the right as Daketown Road or going left as Sand Hill Road. The Paul Vanna farm driveway also came out near this fork. Lizzie Dake lived in a house just east of the fork, on Sand Hill Road. There was another house just east of that one, just before the road turned north to go up over the “sand hill.” Just east of that point was a sometime beaver dam. Clarence and Pearl Jones lived in the first house over the sand hill. They are parents of Zelda Rhodes. Only recently have I learned that we were related, all being descendants of Phineas Addington Jones. Dad’s farm included part of that sand hill, which was north of the blue spruce area. One of my 4-H projects in 1949-1950 was to set out 1,000 pine trees on that sand hill.

South on Daketown Road, beyond the fork with Sand Hill Road, there were, in 1945, no more houses, just the bridge across the Kayderrosserus and up to that hard road, known as the Porters Corners Road or just as the “Crik” road. Arthur Perry lived south of there a little ways further up the dirt road. Going left on the hard road took you past the Potters, the Rhodes’s and the Wilsey’s.

Much of the year one could see all these houses when standing in front of the school, though they were nearly a mile away. One could also easily see the Paul Vanna farm, it was just across our pasture field and their pasture field. This farm was sold to the Tom Cochran family in about 1948 after Mr. Vanna had died. The Cochrans were from Beaver Falls, Pa. They stayed only a few years before Percy Dake bought the farm and had a fish pond there. Dad purchased a Ford 9N tractor from the Cochrans about 1950.

The farmhouse in which we lived was old, perhaps built in the 1800s. I recall that it had been owned by the Morehouse family, but I am not sure. Perhaps there had also been a gristmill down by the creek, down the hill from the house. A hydraulic ram was also in that location which provided running water to our house and barn. Our Uncle Raymond was involved in establishing that water system, including the dam across the creek just upstream from the bridge. I recall that electricity was added in about 1939-1940. I remember collecting the “coins” as the electricians punched out the knockouts from the junction boxes. Our first electric appliance was a refrigerator. Our Zenith radio was powered by a car battery (6V!). We used that same battery with our saw rig. Thus on August days, when we were sawing wood to fill the wood shed, no radio broadcasts. The saw rig was powered by a Fairbanks-Morse single cylinder engine, perhaps a 6-inch diameter piston. The engine had to be hand cranked! Our first telephone came after WWII, perhaps in 1946-1947. There were 12 homes on one party line. Number Please! Our number was 798 M2! Indoor plumbing was added in about

1950. Well water and central heating were added in the mid '60s.

Our father was born in 1889. At that time, the Freeman and Mary Jones family was living on the Coy Road in a place which I have known as the Arbib place. In 1910, the family moved to the farm on Daketown Road. Our parents were married in 1920. Freeman and Mary moved out going to the place in Middle Grove, nearly across the road from Stedmans Post Office. They lived there until 1939 when our grandfather died at the age of about 88. Remaining at the Daketown Road location in 1920 was our Uncle Raymond and Mary's brother, Daniel Randall. Our father lived in the house from 1910 until he died in 1968.

Our mother, Nina, was from the Town of Easton in Washington County. She came to Town of Greenfield sometime between 1915 and 1920. She was the schoolteacher at Chatfield Corners. She roomed in the house owned by Truman and Irene Kilmer, atop the hill, on the dirt road directly south of Chatfield Corners. She came from a Quaker family that can trace their ancestors back to arriving in the Tauton, Mass. area in 1635.



Arthur and Nina Jones, August 8, 1920 (wedding photo)

More about the Freeman Jones family. Their children were Clarence (who lived near Round Lake), Clara (married Eugene McKnight and lived in Porters Corners), Eva (married Will Loomis and lived in Victory Mills), Eunice (married Avard Dake and lived in Middle Grove, later in Saratoga, and is the mother of Bob Dake), Harry (who lived in Middle Grove, Mountain Road and later in Rock City Falls), Dad, and Walter Raymond (who lived in Scotia).

Freeman Jones was the son of Joseph Stafford Jones – who was the son of Phineas Addington Jones – who was the son of Phineas Thomas Jones – who was the son of Captain Thomas Jones. Captain Jones was killed in the first day of the Battle of Saratoga, 9/17/1777, fighting as a Tory or Loyalist in Burgoyne's Army. The Saratoga Battlefield Exhibit describes the scene! Most of the Thomas Jones family escaped to Canada.

We know only a little about Phineas Thomas Jones except that he was a teenager in 1777 and did not need to go to Canada. We know more about Phineas Addington Jones. He came to Corinth area from Vermont and was married to Nancy Rhodes on July 6, 1806. We have recently obtained papers, which relate to his application for pension from War of 1812. He served six months in the Army at Sackett's Harbor. He received two land grants as a pension and later an \$8 per month pension. We do know that he lived in the Town of Greenfield. Clayton Brown's book shows Phineas Jones as the oldest living resident in the Town of Greenfield in 1887. We also know that he and Nancy are buried in Hutchings Cemetery on the Coy Road. Question, did he live his later years with Freeman Jones? Were the land grants at all connected with land along the Coy Road?

We do know that another son was the grandfather of Clarence Jones of the Sand Hill Road. And another son was the grandfather of Harry Lewis of Middle Grove, the father of Alonzo Lewis. Among other things this means that Zelda (Jones) Rhodes has the same great-great-grandfather as Helen and me!

Our farm and home was occupied by the Freeman Jones family in about 1910. Our father, Arthur, would have been about 20 years old at that time.

Editor's Note: This information wasn't in the original article. I'm connecting my parents to the author's family. Some of this information came from the Jones Family Bible.

Phineas [b. 1786, d. 1883] and Nancy (Rhodes) Jones

[b. Rhode Island 1787, d. 1869] had 12 children:

1. Sally Ann (Jones) Sage [b. Corinth 1808, d. 1884]
2. Maria E. (Jones) Bortle [b. Corinth 1810 d. 1872]
3. John A. Jones [b. Corinth 1812, d. 1886] *see info below*
4. Anna (Jones) Merrick [b. Corinth 1814, d. 1871]
5. William Jones [b. Corinth 1816, d. 1891?]
6. Joseph Stafford Jones [b. Corinth 1818, d. 1897]
7. Elisha Jones [b. Corinth 1821, d. 1871]
8. Elsie Ann Jones [b. Corinth 1823]
9. Oliver Jones [b. Corinth 1827, d. 1848]
10. Benjamin Frederick Jones [b. Corinth 1829, d. 1855]
11. Marilla (Jones) Keyes [b. Greenfield 1832, d. 1919]
12. Eunice Marian (Jones) Miller [b. Greenfield 1835]

John A. Jones – wife, Eliza (Reeves) Jones had 3 children:

1. Amanda Maria Jones
2. Harvey Jones
3. Henry Jones – wife, Louisa (Bortle) Jones had 10 children:

1. Charles Otis Jones
2. Adelbert Warren Jones
3. Florence E. (Jones) Mott Billings
4. Rosella (Jones) Pulling
5. Estella Louise (Jones) Carpe
6. Cora E. (Jones) Lewis
7. Zeldia M. (Jones) Lewis (son, Alonzo)
8. Clarence Jesse Jones (daughter, Zelda)
9. Lawrence Elmer Jones
10. Franklin Jones – wife, Viola (Jones) Jones [Doherty] had 2 children:

Franklin Earl Jones – wife, Margie (Atwell) Jones
Estella Evelyn (Jones) McLaren

2019 Greenfield Seniors Trip Schedule

The Town of Greenfield sponsors trips for senior residents and provides the coaches. When available, seating will be offered to members of other senior groups (who are not town residents) and other folks residing outside the town. Payment should be made a month in advance of the date of the trip unless otherwise stated. If you find you cannot go after signing up, please notify the trip coordinator in case there is a standby list. Any questions, call Sandy Ovitt at 518-584-8943.

The Greenfield Seniors meet at the Town of Greenfield Community Center at 1 p.m. every second and fourth Thursday, president, Sandra Kanar, 518-893-7445.

Meal site location – Town of Greenfield Community Center, 25 Wilton Road, phone 518-893-7644 for reservations. Free bus transportation from medical and legal appointments. For reservations, call 518-884-4100.

ALL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO GREENFIELD SENIORS

Country Legends – Log Cabin, Holyoke, MA

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

- 8 a.m. Bus reports to load at Greenfield
- 8:15 a.m. Depart Greenfield, stop enroute (1/2 hour)
- 11 a.m. Arrive Log Cabin, hors d'oeuvres
- Noon Lunch: Plated meal, signature bread, fresh garden harvest spring chicken and baked scrod, chef's choice potato, vegetable, dessert, coffee or tea
- 2 p.m. Show: Legends of Country Music, an incredible Tribute Concert – Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline and Merle Haggard. An amazing show packed with country music mega hits.
- 3 p.m. Load bus and depart, short stop on way home (1/2 hour)
- 6 p.m. Estimated return to Greenfield
- Cost \$58 No refunds. Money due by Feb. 28

Turning Stone – Verona, NY

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

- 6:45 a.m. Bus reports to load at Greenfield
- 7 a.m. Depart Greenfield, short stop enroute
- 10 a.m. Arrive Turning Stone Casino. Enjoy your time relaxing, playing the games or Bingo. The bonus is controlled by the casino. Upon arrival there will be a welcome ambassador that will greet the bus. Each passenger can choose if they want the casino package or bingo package. At this time the casino package is \$25 free play and \$5 meal ticket the Bingo package is \$20 Bingo and \$5 meal ticket. Also on Wednesday's you are eligible for a 100 point bonus and a U spin bonus. If you do not have a player's card you will need to sign up for the player's card to get the extra bonus.
- 3:45 p.m. Bus is available to load
- 4 p.m. Load bus and depart, short stop on way home (1/2 hour)
- 7:30 p.m. Estimated return to Greenfield
- Cost \$2 No refunds. Money due April 25

Strawberry Festival Johnny and June Cash – Summit View, Holyoke, MA

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

- 8 a.m. Bus reports to load at Greenfield
- 8:15 a.m. Depart Greenfield, stop enroute (1/2 hour)
- 11 a.m. Arrive Summit View Banquet and Meeting House, picnic luncheon at the Summit View (huge outdoor covered pavilion) BBQ luncheon: BBQ ribs, baked mac and cheese, hot dogs, hamburgers, corn on the cob, potato and macaroni salad, strawberry shortcake, lemonade and ice tea. There are strawberries for sale. Entertainment is Johnny and June Cash impersonators.
- 3 p.m. Load bus and depart, short stop on way home (1/2 hour)
- 6 p.m. Estimated return to Greenfield
- Cost \$53 No refunds. Money due May 9

Grease – Mac-Hayden Theater – Chatham, NY

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

- 9:45 a.m. Bus reports to load at Greenfield
- 10 a.m. Depart Greenfield, no planned stop
- 11:30 a.m. Kozel's restaurant for a buffet lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Arrive Mac-Hayden Theatre
- 2 p.m. This household favorite returns to take us down memory lane once more with the gang at Rydell High. This time we are adding in all of the hits from the film to make this new Grease even more memorable. "Hopelessly Devoted," "Greased Lightning" and "You're the One That I Want" are just a few of the record breaking hits that make this show such a rockin' good time.
- 5 p.m. Load bus after show is over, short stop on way home (1/2 hour)
- 7 p.m. Estimated return to Greenfield
- Cost \$57 No refunds. Money due by June 13

Oktoberfest – Callicoon, NY

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019

- 6 a.m. Bus reports to load at Greenfield
- 6:15 a.m. Depart Greenfield, stop enroute (1/2 hour)
- 10:15 a.m. Arrive Villa Roma. Welcome coffee and cake upon arrival. While at Villa Roma, feel free to participate in the daily activities. There is an indoor sports complex with bocce, shuffleboard, ping pong table and video games, an indoor pool, jacuzzi and fitness center.
- Noon Lunch: Fruit cup and lentil soup. Please choose entree when signing up: Sauerbraten with potato pancakes, bratwurst with German potato salad, turkey with stuffing. All are served with red cabbage, dessert is chef's surprise. Complimentary beer during lunch. The rousing performance of the fantastically popular Alex Miexner Band.
- 3:30 p.m. Load bus and depart, short stop on way home
- 7-7:30 p.m. Estimated return to Greenfield
- Cost \$45 No refunds. Money due by Aug. 8

Crooning the Classics – Plantsville, CT**Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019**

- 7:15 a.m. Bus reports to load at Greenfield
 7:30 a.m. Depart Greenfield, stop enroute (1/2 hour)
 11 a.m. Arrive Aqua Turf – Crooning the Classics.
 Complimentary coffee, donuts and door prizes
 Noon Lunch: Salad, pasta, beef burgundy, pan seared salmon, rice pilaf, vegetable and dessert.
 All entrees are served family style.
 Complimentary glass of beer or wine.
 Entertainment: Crooning the Classics.
 Dave Colucci and his musical guests will regale you with songs from artists like John Denver, Neil Diamond, Barry Manilow and more. (No dancing)
 3:30 p.m. Time to reboard the motorcoach, short stop on way home
 7-7:30 p.m. Estimated return to Greenfield
 Cost \$47 No refunds. Money due by Oct. 10

HERITAGE HUNTERS

Heritage Hunters of Saratoga County meet at 1 p.m. at the Town of Saratoga Town Hall, corner of Rt. 4 and Rt. 29 in Schuylerville. Public is welcome.

For information, call Ginny at 518-885-9309.

Feb. 16 – “The Lonely Child” presented by Rochester author Susan Moyer, will take us through her journey to find her biological family. Her suspicions were confirmed when she turned 16, that she was adopted. Susan’s story relives her 30-year long process. She searched for and found her biological family in the Capital District.

March 16 – David Lowrey, manager of Local Government Advisory Services at the New York State Archives, lesser known area government records.

April 20 – John Scherer, Clifton Park Historian, “Remembering the Departed: Tombstones, Hair Wreaths and Mourning Customs.”

May 18 – Lauren Roberts, Saratoga County Historian, LaRue Collection of documents from the 1700s and 1800s.

June 15 – Greg Vietch, Saratoga Springs Police Chief and author of “All the Law in the World Won’t Stop Them,” a local history of crime through the Prohibition era.

Updating Historic Sites Map in the Town of Greenfield

We invite our membership and readers of this newsletter to share with Dan any historical information about an interesting person, place, structure or event within our town. Dan reserves the right to proof read and edit submissions, but he will be very happy to add your information to our map. We are always looking for historical information to add to and enhance the map, which we consider to be an ongoing work in progress. Please email Dan Chertok at Chertok@LCYLAW.com or write him at: Dan Chertok, 58 Ormsbee Road, Porter Corners, NY 12859

Daketown School Mug*by Joan Rowland*

Here is a little history of the school at Daketown.

The 1856 Geil Map shows a school on this site, but we don’t know when the school was built. In December 1876, the school burns to ground. January 1877, a resolution passed to build a new school.

The photo on the mug was circa 1880. We know that in May 1915, the back window was shifted so the blackboards could be installed. In May 1930, the school was moved back about 10 foot and new sills were installed. In May 1937, the district voted to install electric lights. May 1954, the district was consolidated. June 1956 school closed. Students are to be sent to Porter Corners School. This property becomes a private residence (photos where school is painted red). In 1991, Bill Dake purchased school and donates the schoolhouse to the Town of Greenfield Historical Society. In 2004, Historical Society has school restored to its original condition under the supervision of John Munter and Munter Enterprises. Currently, up keep is in the TOGHS annual budget.

The students on this mug are from left to right:

Arthur Deyoe
 William Wilsey Jr.
 Benjamin C. Dake
 Harvey Deyoe
 Mable Wilsey
 Anne Webb
 Edith Dake Ellsworth
 Fanny Pendrick – teacher

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