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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE TOWN OF WARWICK

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2017 Annual Meeting Report



From the President by Cathryn Anders

Thank you for attending. My apologies for not being with you in person, but an important family event unfortunately corresponded with this date.

Given the presence of a full time Executive Director, the society has made progress on a number of hoped for goals. News of our activities and events has regularly been in the local and regional papers. It is interesting to note that special events, such as Festival of Toys, have been more attended by people outside the town than within.

The society has partnered with a number of other organizations on specific events and continuing projects that are mutually beneficial. HERoes In Deed has cleared the debris as well as dead and dying trees from the back of the Baird Tavern property and will landscape the area as a passive nature park for the enjoyment of the community. The society both more actively participated in the New York "Paths through History" weekend and opened Baird Tavern for the "Tavern Trail", as well as providing access to the archive for the research on Iron Forge Inn and Chateau Hathorn. Several of our board participated

in the society's first time in the village Memorial Day parade, some riding in vintage cars. This year, weather permitting, there will be more cars and an opportunity to view them on Church Avenue preceding the parade. We will be tabling at the village farmer's market every 2nd Sunday beginning in May; volunteers to help man the booth are greatly needed. The society continues to participate in a number of village sesqui-centennial conversations and activities, including the recent egg roll in Lewis Park.

The above are selected activities, not including the society's regular calendar of presentations on various subjects and other annual activities. Last year Under the Tent's format was changed to include seating and a silent auction with a successful outcome. This year, look forward to our "Party in the Park" on August 26th.

The society initiated an historic plaque program to document and mark structures in the Town of Warwick. We expect to have a grand public kickoff in the near future. Information and applications are available from the office.

Progress at Shingle House was

steady until the winter weather set in, and preparation of the shingles for application continued unseen at the facility of our contractor in the spring. The discovery of extensive, though thankfully inactive, termite damage around the front door added unforeseen work and cost to the project. We still expect the exterior to be completed in the near future.

The most important initiative is the lease of the main floor of Baird Tavern to become an active working tavern. While this does mean that floor will not be available for tours, it will be open to the public and will generate a much needed income stream for the society, which is necessary for us to survive. The second and garget floors will remain available to tour during the day. We also feel that opening the tavern for use will attract a different audience who may then choose to become more involved in the society. We hope that all of you will understand and support this activity.



Education Committee Report by Mary Ann Knight

The Education Committee is a vibrant group of 13 members who are providing a wide array of programs to students in local school districts and to Town of Warwick citizens of all ages. Successful projects underway during 2016-17 include the following:

Committee Member Bonnie Kunert is chairing the most popular program, Traveling Trunks, and training new committee members to provide the Trunks program to all Grade 1 students at the Warwick Valley, St. Stephen's, Florida and Greenwood Lake Schools. Students learn about the artifacts and lifestyle of Warwick residents 100 or more years ago. In addition to the Traveling Trunks, ongoing school programs include the Lenape Lessons, Revolu-

tionary Era Walk-Abouts, Historic Building Tours, Festival of Toys Transportation Lesson and Document Detectives.

The Teacher Team has been conducting conferences and on-line training in the use of primary sources for the Warwick Middle School and High School teachers of social studies and English. Members of the team are Dr. Richard Hull, Ivy Tulin, Sharon Halper, Mark Kurtz, Sue Gardner and Mary Ann Knight. The program is affiliated with a Library of Congress grant, and the Teacher Team has earned \$11,000 for the Historical Society through their services. The program combines use of local documents and artifacts with educational tools and the vast array of artifacts available

digitally through the Library of Congress website.

The Committee is also affiliated with the I Love New York Pathways through History program to promote knowledge of New York State history. Teachers provide summer and fall Revolutionary Era walking tours that are advertised state-wide.

Recently, the Education Committee has partnered with the Friends of Hathorn House in establishing a living history group to provide re-enactors in authentic clothing for local history events. Already, re-enactors have presented lessons at the Warwick Middle School, and will be participating with the Warwick Historical Society in the Memorial Day parade. Sue Gardner is the organizer of the living history group.

Treasurer's Report by Robert E. Krahulik

Fiscal Report July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

The report of revenue and expenditures of the period of July 1, 2016 to December, 2016 is attached.

Revenues for the period ending December 31, 2016 reflect gross profit of \$130,724.66. Revenues for the period ending December 31, 2015 reflect gross profit of \$119,043.41, a gain of nearly 41%. In spite of this growth in income, sustaining revenue fails to meet the Historical Society's ordinary operating expenses and therefore, grant monies and a strong capital campaign will be necessary to meet the organization's long term financial needs.

Expenditures for the period ending December 31, 2016 amount to \$285,223.82 representing a loss of \$154,499.16 for the period. Much of this loss is attributable to the Shingle House restoration project and it is anticipated that some of this expense will be recaptured through grant reimbursement monies from the State of New York. This extraordinary loss however, highlights the Historical Society's challenges going forward. The organization has investigated strategies to monetize assets and particular its various real estate holdings which require substantial expense to maintain, but offer little in the form of sustaining revenues. To this end, we are seeking rental opportunities for the UAME Church and have recently entered into a lease of Baird's Tavern which will provide much needed revenue.

The balance sheet reflects assets as of December 31, 2016 of \$441,735.37. As of December 31, 2015, the balance sheet reflected assets of \$420,565.12. This is largely attributable to a decrease in both the organization's capital account and investment account spent down to fund operating expenses as well as the restoration of the Shingle House. Although the organization's cash position is still relatively strong, the organization's financial condition continues to face long term financial challenges absent the receipt of grant monies from New York State on account of the Shingle House restoration, and absent increases in both the organization's capital campaign and operating revenues.

Clothing and Textiles By Candy Ahrenholz

Committee: Candy Ahrenholz, Rosella Schaefer, Ines Weber, Susan Winstanley, & Dot Zwerin

Meet: Friday afternoons, 1:00 - 4:00 PM Number of Clothing Articles Accessioned: 1,200

Last year at this time we were preparing for our Summer Exhibit, Grand European Asian Tour. The exhibit was set up in the Buckbee Center from July 1st-September 1st. It was quite an impressive exhibit! In fact it was featured in the, Orange Sullivan Journal. The show consisted of garments worn by American tourists traveling by ship during the 1920's & 1930's and again during the 1950's. We also displayed clothing from our International Collection, that the American tourist would have collected abroad. The countries represented in the display were from Eastern and Western Europe, Japan, China, and the Middle East.

The Committee assisted in setting up the display in Baird's Tavern for the Festival of Toys. Rosella, has done an amazing makeover of our 1916 Doll House. We now have more than 30 dolls in the collection!

Volunteer, Ines Weber, has an astute eye when it comes to the restoration of clothing to prepare them for shows. The upcoming Summer Exhibit she had to reconstruct a 1912 dress in order for it to be suitable for display.

Dot Zwerin and Susan Winstanley patiently and efficiently work on the computer to keep the ever growing collection documented.

The word is spreading throughout the county about our department. We have lent garments to other Historical Societies, in Woodbury and Chester. We supply examples from the collection for our Education Committee to incorporate into the, Traveling Trunk Program, which reaches out to Warwick, Florida, and Greenwood Lake School Districts.

Our major Summer Exhibit for this year will be Women's Suffrage, to help celebrate the Village's Sesquicentennial Program. It also celebrates the one hundredth anniversary for women gaining the right to vote in New York State. This showing will occur in the Buckbee Center beginning August 1st. There will also be a display related to women freeing themselves from those restraining undergarments!

News from Development by Amy Noteboom

This past year was a challenging year for fundraising and increasing membership to the Society. New revenues sources and partnerships with other community organizations is a way forward through the challenges of difficult fundraising climate. A complete overall of fund/friend raising events has been completed since Lisa Ann has been hired as Executive Director. This process has helped focus efforts on events which will give us the most benefits.

Our August Under the Tent Party was an overwhelming success in both attendance and money raised. Planning is already underway for this year's party which is sure to dazzle!

While we continue with our popu-

lar events such as Wassail and Tavern Night, we have added some new fund/friend-raisers such as Spirits of Warwick, Yoga in the Park, Wine & Design in Lewis Park and an Ice Cream Social at Ketchum House to name just a few.

Grants have been received from the following: William Pomeroy Foundation, Stewart's Shops, Arts Mid-Hudson, Humanities NY, Orange County Arts Council, Orange County Tourism Arts Grant, and the Warwick Savings Foundation.

We have been getting an amazing amount of press coverage. Since our last meeting well over 40 press releases have been distributed with everyone of them being picked up by at least one media outlet. Rarely a week goes by without WHS in the news.

As you may have noticed we have changed our web address to www.whsny.org. The site is now managed by Peter Hall who updates it daily. We have an active Facebook presence and the Shingle Diggers have even created a blog.

A membership campaign is planned to showcase a completed exterior of Shingle House as well as the opening of Baird's Tavern. Monthly sustaining membership levels will be added and benefits increased. Additional tavern membership will draw community members to the Society who we have not attracted in the past and may also bring some new volunteers to our doorsteps.

The Society will continue to look at all possible revenue streams including rental incomes, community partnerships and grants.



Meet New Board

Member Chris Olert

A Warwick resident since 1992, Chris Olert is founder and sole proprietor of New Age Olde Media, a public relations-media consulting firm, focusing on Warwick-area businesses. He also specializes in voice overs for Websites and radio ads.

He is the former assistant director, media relations, Con Edison of New York, overseeing daily operation of the utility's media outreach and response in New York City and Westchester County. He also has written for Con Edison Solutions.

Chris was a reporter for the Associated Press, New York City bureau, and a frequent contributor to AP Radio.

His media experience includes a stint (seven years) at the New York Post, where he covered City Hall, the NYPD, MTA-NYC Transit and suburban train systems. Chris was at the Staten Island Advance for 10 years where he was City Hall bureau chief.

He earned a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University, and a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Loyola College, Baltimore.

He is a member of the Warwick Valley Rotary, The Inner Circle, a political writers' club, and The New York Press Club.

His hobbies include walking, reading, attempting to play golf, working out at Intrepid Strength-Conditioning, Warwick Crossfit.

He says with the greatest pleasure: "My late Wife loved Warwick; some days more than me."

Building & Grounds Report by Jack Ellis

Shingle House

On October 10, 2016, Salem Preservation, LLC and contractor Dave Gengo began work on Phase 2 of Shingle House Restoration project. We continue to receive regular updates from Dave regarding his original projected timeline for the completion of Phase 2 work which included 4-6 weeks built in for inclement winter weather. If weather and supply factors cooperate, the contractor hopes to complete this phase of the project by mid-May.

To date, extensive work has gone into shoring up the East Wall in preparation for the new shingles. The contractor must complete studding the East Wall before installing the shingles. Extensive termite damage was found around the front doorway on the West Wall and damage was also uncovered in the supporting beams for the West wall leading into the interior of the building. The damage to the interior beams appears to minimal. However, the work to correct this latest problem will result in additional costs for the project.

The initial order of shingles to be used for the project have been received by the contractor who is texturizing them for installation at his work shop in CT. Because of the termite damage to the West wall, additional shingles had to be ordered. The texturized shingles have been delivered and are being stored in the Sly Barn.

As previously reported, examination of the building's original window sills by contractor Dave Gengo has determined the sills were extensively over sanded by the previous contractor. Thus, at least 2 of the window sills are damaged beyond repair and the others will require extensive work to repair them. This will result in an increase in the contractor's original estimate of \$200 per win-

dow to repair them. Mr. Gengo said he is still working on a new estimate for repairing the window sills which to some extent will be determined by how many need to be replaced.

Payments to the contractor continue to be made in accordance with the payment schedule worked out and agreed upon by the contractor, WHS and the Architect. Monthly on site progress meetings will continue to be held with the contractor and with Stephanie Reinert, Architectural Designer and the engineer for Stephen Tilly, Architect; and NY State Office of Restoration Projects. Lisa-Ann and I remain the points of contact for the WHS between the contractor, the Architect and their engineer.

Buckbee Center

The canopy over the front door is still in need of repair and modification because. Lisa-Ann has obtained architectural pictures from Joe Irace regarding a proposed brick or wood pillar and brick columns to support a new canopy for the entrance that would blend in nicely with the architecture of the building. Estimates have been obtained and are in the \$7,000 range. Discussion regarding tearing down the existing structure has also been proposed. That does not seem to be a cost-efficient proposal. We will continue to explore our alternative canopy proposals with the Board's input.

Extensive repairs have been made to the building's heating system.

UAME Church

Lisa Ann has been approached by donor(s) who are willing to pay for heating and air conditioning for the building and the materials to build a ADA restroom and a kitchen area in the back of the building. O&R must first install a

gas line to the building before such work can begin.

The UAME building is being rented to Paul Ellis representing Actors Workshop Ensemble for a series of workshops and performances.

OSBMH Building

The building hosted 6 weddings in 2016 and 7 have been scheduled for 2017. We have several requests for a Handicapped accessible ramp for entry to the building by those interested in leasing the building. Lisa Ann has received an offer from one of the prospective lessors to build and donate a removal handicap ramp.

Lewis Park

Wright Brothers Landscaping was awarded the contract for Landscaping/Lawn Services and Snowplowing for our properties except for the Ketchum House. Evergreen Lawn Service continues to service Michael Bertolini and the Ketchum House.

Volunteers from Key Bank painted a portion of the fence on Main Street. We hope finish painting this Spring.

A large Maple Tree bordering the property was removed by Artistic Tree Service over the summer. The Society worked closely with our neighbors the DeCesare's to accomplish this safely.

Working with the Village of Warwick, funding has been awarded to replace the sidewalks along High St. and at the corner of High & Main Streets. We hope work will begin in late spring.

Baird Tavern

During the past year, a new \$40,000 roof was completed on the Tavern, an Eagle Scout landscaping project was completed, and installation of an outside

B&G Continued

and installation of an outside irrigation system is proposed for the Spring. The Baird family was honored in a special event to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Tavern.

Most notably plans are underway to convert the First Floor of the Tavern to a functioning Historic Tavern. The Society is working with local business owner Adam Powers on this project. We have negotiated a favorable lease with Mr. Powers, he is willing to invest a couple hundred thousand dollars in renovations to the Tavern which would include upgrading the bathrooms, handicap accessibility ramp in the back and a Bar which would be built offsite and installed in the Tavern as a piece of furniture. Joe Irace has prepared a plan for the proposed renovations. The Historical integrity of the building would not be compromised. Mr. Powers plans to sell memberships to the Baird Tavern Club which would entitle the individual to a copper beer mug with their name and/or family crest inscribed on the mug that will be hung at the Tavern Bar. Profits from the sale of the membership mugs would go to the WHS along with the person's member information. The Tavern would be open to the public and membership would not be required, but encouraged. The proposal was presented to the Village Planning Board on Thursday, February 16th and was favorably received by the Planning Board. As the report was being written packing and moving of items on the first floor was underway. The Public Hearing is scheduled for April 20.

1810 House

The roof, fascia's and soffits of the Main House and the Yankee gutter that connects the back porch to the house roof is rotted and in danger of collapsing. Work is estimated at \$35,000. No action can be taken now due to the present financial conditions.

Building Committee

Lisa Ann and I are working on a set of detailed fact sheets regarding each of the WHS properties. Real-estate agents Regina Wittosch and Kim Starks are assisting us with this project. They have also agreed to join our Buildings & Grounds Committee.

This is a summary of the work being done or needs to be done. I am continuing to learn more about our buildings and grounds and the maintenance work required. I am open to any suggestions and help. As you can see, along with the Shingle House restoration, the WHS's responsibly for maintaining our properties continues to be the source of a huge drain on our limited financial resources.

Meet New Board Member

Corrine Iurato

Corinne was born and raised in Warwick and is a graduate of Warwick High School.

Corinne is an member of the Warwick Chamber of Commerce and is an active member of the Merchant's Guild. An integral part of Warwick's vibrant downtown, she has run very successful Ladies Night Out and Sidewalk Sale events for the Merchant's Guild. She has been

an active volunteer at the Warwick Historical Society since she can remember.

Corinne is the manager at Peck's Wine & Spirits where she has worked for twenty years. Her mother and father, Bill and Deb Iurato purchased the business in 1987. Corinne is following a family tradition, as her mother Deb also served on the Board of Director's.

When not at the store, Corinne is either travelling or taking long walks around the region.



Meet New Board

Member John Johansen

John has lives in Warwick for over 40 years with his wife Barbara and four children.

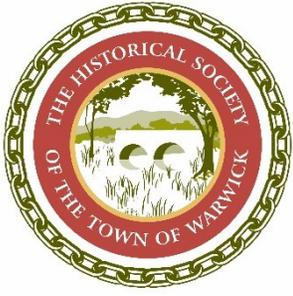
He was an Engineering Manager for Emerson, Inc and retired in 2006 from the corporate world to form his own consulting firm, designing, programming and installing control systems.

John was also an adjunct professor at Steven's Institute of Technology and NJIT.

John formed Longhouse Creek Design, building high end furniture and custom woodworking and is currently restoring historic building in Warwick.

John and Barbara purchased the Iron Forge Inn in 1998 and turned the business over to his son Erik in 2014, but us still actively involved.

John is very active in the community having been a member of the Warwick Ambulance Corp, Past-President of the Jaycees, member and co-chairman of the Warwick Conservation Board for 12 years, Chairman of Cub Scout Pack 177, and he coached little league from t-ball through the majors. John is currently a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and served as the Committee Chair for the 2016 Festival of Toys.



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PARTY IN THE PARK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2016 - 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M., LEWIS PARK, WARWICK, NEW YORK

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