

Sunday, April 8th, 2018 Greece Museum 2:00 pm

History of the Erie Railroad in the Rochester Area

by Dave Shields

Dave will present a program on the history of the Erie Railroad in the Rochester area, including a comparison on how railroads worked in the past versus the present and a history of the Rochester and Genesee Valley Railroad Museum.

Dave Shield is a trustee and the trip chairman of the Rochester and Genesee Valley Railroad Museum as well as a member of many railroad organizations.



The Corinthian

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM

PASTA DINNER

Sunday

April 15, 2018

5:00-7:00 pm

Barnard Exempts

360 Maiden Lane



Tuesday, April 10th, 2018

Greece Public Library 7:00 p.m.

George Eastman's Healthcare Philanthropy Legacy in Rochester

by Kathleen Connor

George Eastman's generosity is well known, but did you know that his philanthropy also extended to healthcare? His commitment to Rochester may be seen on the campuses of several hospitals as well as other healthcare organizations and programs.



Kathleen A. Connor is the Curator of the George Eastman Legacy Collection. She has been at the George Eastman Museum for 36 year and is responsible for the care and maintenance of George Eastman's Colonial Revival style mansion and all aspects of collection care and interpretation for the collection.

"President's Message"



As nearly everyone is aware, the Greece Historical Society is a private non-profit 501-c3 educational organization chartered by the N.Y.S. Education Dept. We own and operate our historic center at 595 Long Pond Road on land leased from the Town of Greece. We receive no local government funding. All expenses to operate the building are paid by us including any maintenance, all utilities, insurance, and security monitoring. Because the Town of Greece is our landlord, they maintain the driveway and parking lot and cut the grass.

Throughout the year we offer outstanding lectures at the Greece Public library, Sunday afternoon programs at the museum, tours to nearly 500 students and other groups, create educational exhibits, and maintain an archive of local history. All this is funded by your generous donations, memberships, attendance at our fundraising functions, and sales in our museum shop.

To help keep our doors open and the heat on, we have scheduled a Spring Pasta Dinner for Sunday, April 15th. Please join us; for ticket information see page 6.

Don't forget to renew your membership! To help spread the word about our wonderful organization, you may copy the form (or use the one on our back cover) to give to a friend or neighbor.

Bill Sauers, President

"GHS Events and Programs"

Museum and Museum Shop hours:
Sundays 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.
and during office hours Mondays 10 a.m.- Noon

**The Greece Museum will be CLOSED
Easter Sunday, April 1 and Mother's Day May 6**

Sunday, April 8th, History of the Erie Railroad in the Rochester Area, Greece Museum, 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10th, George Eastman's Healthcare Philanthropy, by Kathy Connor *

Sunday, April 15, Pasta Dinner Fundraiser, Barnard Exempts 5:00 p.m.-7:00p.m.

Saturday, May 5, Free Scanning Day, Greece Museum, 11:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, May 8, Albert Stone Photo Collection by Glen Galbraith *

Monday, June 18, Annual Strawberry Festival, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Sept 11, History of WXXI by Norm Silverstein *

Tuesday, Oct 9, Buried Treasures at Mt Hope Cemetery by Richard Reisem *

* Tuesday programs are at the Greece Public Library, 2 Vince Tofany Blvd., 7:00 p.m.

Quote of the Month

"History is who we are and why we are the way we are."

~ David McCullough

We greatly value and appreciate your donations*.

*Tax deductible per Section 501(c)(3) of the
Internal Revenue Code

"Museum Shop"



The *Barns of Greece, NY* book by Jane Grant has been so popular we sold out. We can have more printed if we have enough people interested. Just call or come in to our Museum Shop and leave your name with us so we know how many to order.

Our museum shop was gifted a large collection of costume jewelry from an estate. We are selling all items for \$1.00 each while supplies last! Stop by and purchase your selection.



We also invite people interested in history to come volunteer with us. We are open most Sundays 1:30-4:00; closed for holidays. Just one day a month would be great. (We can never have too many volunteers!)

Wendy Peck, Museum Shop Coordinator

Museum Shop hours: Sun 1:30-4:00 ~ Mon-Tue 9:30-12

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A Life Remembered, Lives On.

This newsletter is published monthly by the editor for the Greece Historical Society and Museum.

Cyndie Shevlin, Editor

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter

Last month **Congresswoman Louise Slaughter** passed away. She served Monroe County on a local level as well as more than 30 years in Congress. In December 2016 she took the time to visit our museum, spending over an hour visiting with us, exploring our many exhibits and even stopping to enjoy some homemade cookies. Realizing her busy schedule, we were honored that she took the time to visit us. A week later we received this letter from her. This was her way of connecting with her constituents. No matter how small an organization, we all seemed to matter to her. Rest in peace, Louise.



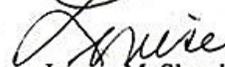
Thank you so much for the tour of the museum and the beautiful book! I was pleased to visit the Greece Historical Society last month and be reminded of our area's rich history. From the old fire truck on display to the strict guidelines for teachers in one-room schoolhouses, our community certainly has changed drastically!

The Greece Historical Society has meticulously documented the evolution of our area from the Iroquois nation to the Erie Canal and beyond. Additionally, I was pleased to meet the staff and volunteers who are dedicated to preserving our area's contributions for future generations. I am confident that your organization will continue to serve as a vital resource for local historians and educators.

Thank you again for your hospitality and passion for our region's rich history.



Sincerely,


Louise M. Slaughter
Member of Congress

Pasta Dinner, April 15th, 2018 5:00-7:00 pm
Barnard Restaurant & Party House (*Barnard Exempts*)

Join us for our next Pasta Dinner fundraiser on Sunday, April 15th from 5-7 pm. at the Barnard Restaurant and Party House (Barnard Exempts). Please help us with this major fundraiser by ordering your tickets now and your tickets will be waiting for you at the dinner (see order form on page 6). Tickets may also be purchased at our museum during normal open hours or call 225-7221.

Although walk-ins are welcome, we appreciate pre-orders, as we need to guarantee a minimum number to reserve the facility.

Every ticket ordered before April 5 will be eligible for a drawing to win a Historic Greece, N.Y. 36" x 48" coverlet.



On Sunday, March 11 our guests enjoyed a program by **Raymond Frank** and **Paul Forsay** of the Genesee Valley Treasure Seekers Club. They talked about their club and exhibited hundreds of artifacts they found, including items dating to the 1600s. If you are interested in having them explore your property give Ray a call at 424-0509 or visit their webpage at www.gvts.org.

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Museum Happenings

Free Photo Scanning and Preservation Event

Saturday, May 5th, 2018, Greece Museum, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Back by popular demand, this is the third year Greece Historical Society is hosting a free photo scanning event. Local members of the **Association of Personal Photo Organizers** and experts in scanning and preserving photos will be on hand – **Kate Jacus**, The Photo Curator; **Bruce Holroyd**, Digital Scan Solutions, and **Nancy Carr**, Preserve a Photo – will be using professional scanners at each station. Visitors can stop by any time during the day with up to 50 photos or slides. Be sure to bring your own USB memory stick or card.



It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

May 1st through April 30th is our membership year in the Greece Historical Society and Museum. To renew for 2018-2019 we will send a reminder letter with a form and return envelope, but you may use the form on the back of the newsletter. Please make your check payable to Greece Historical Society.

You may also pay your dues online with Pay Pal by going to our web site at <http://greecehistoricalsociety.org/join-us/membership/>. Fill out the form and click on the Pay Pal button. A donation button is on the site also for those who like to add a donation to their dues.

The Greece Historical Society truly appreciates your support as it is about one third of our yearly income. To those of you who have already paid your dues, we have sent you new membership cards. Thank you all for your help in keeping our community's history and sharing it through programs, publications, and social media.

We hope you will continue to enjoy being a member of the Greece Historical Society. When you renew, please consider upgrading your membership. Your generosity will help us do even more in the coming year.

If you are uncertain about your membership status, give us a call at 225-7221 or email us at greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com and we will check our records.



What Is It?

Congratulations to **Dave Pandina** for identifying the "What Is It?" item that was featured in our March Corinthian. The correct answer was a **vegetable spiral slicer**.



PASTA DINNER
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Although walk-ins are welcome, we thank you for your pre-orders so we can plan the dinner. Every pre-ordered ticket will be eligible for a drawing for a door prize. Call (585)225-7221 or email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

ORDER FORM

_____ ADULT Tickets @ \$10.00 each _____ CHILD (age 5-12) Tickets @ \$5.00 each _____

Name _____ Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Pre-paid tickets can be picked up at the dinner... Space is limited! Please purchase by April 5, 2018

Make your check payable to Greece Historical Society and mail to:

Check Enclosed Total Amount \$ _____	Total number of tickets ordered _____
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Greece Historical Society - Dinner Tickets
 PO Box 16249
 Greece, NY 14616

Photos from page 7 story:



"ANY ICE TODAY LADY ?" *

Nearly a hundred years ago this cry in the hot summer months was common in city and suburban districts, such as Charlotte and Barnard Crossing on Dewey Ave. It wasn't from a casual peddler, but a regular tradesman who sold cakes of ice by the pound from his wagon. Most families had an "ice-box", some small, others quite large which needed blocks of ice to keep perishables cold. The households that were regular customers had a square card that the "ice-man" gave them to put in the window with the pounds wanted that day in large black numerals, 25, 50 or 100 lbs. The various pounds each had a different background color.

Two local brothers, Seymore and Mahlon were from a large Greece – Charlotte family. They learned and acquired the ice business from their father, James Kintz, who died young. Some of their ice stock came from a pond off Denise Rd, east of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad tracks. It was fed by a creek and had an ice house at the north end of the dam. That was just one of several ice houses on Greece farms and along the ponds south of Lake Ontario. The brothers were never in competition since their routes were in different areas of the town. In later years Mahlon had a farm off Latta Rd. on what is now the Latta Road Nursing Home. Again, there was a creek nearby that was dammed for ice block cutting in the winter.

The ice box on display in our museum is a typical version from the early 1920s. Models from the 1890s-1915 were often top loaders. The lavish models were made like a decorative cabinet, with shelves and a mirror. A drip pan which commonly overflowed caught the water underneath through a tube from the ice chamber. Mechanical refrigeration was used commercially before 1920 in cold storage, ice plants, restaurants, meat and grocery stores. General Electric Company and Westinghouse Co. both introduced a self-contained, electric refrigerator for the home about 1925. They were an instant hit, but still a bit pricey. Rural America still had large areas lacking electricity. The northwest section of Greece was electrified circa 1934. Sales lagged in the depression but were later spurred on by heavy advertising comparing outmoded ice boxes. Free booklets about electric refrigerators and all its advantages gave recipes for cold salads and frozen desserts, plus a new feature, two trays for 24 perfectly formed ICE CUBES!

The dripping ice wagon rumbling down the street with kids running behind, hoping a few ice chips would fall off for them, began fading from the scene. Becoming unprofitable, the Kintz brothers phased out their routes but kept farms as they had for years. Mahlon raised prized horses that ran on local tracks around western New York State while Seymour went in business with a cousin running a gasoline station.

A group of red barns on the Latta Rd. property still survive on Mahlon Drive- it's actually the west edge of the horse training track and now leads to the nursing home. The Kintz pond on Denise Rd. was drained and filled in but a hint of the Kintz presence is a narrow dead-end street, not surprisingly, named, KINTZ Street!

Gone from another time are the window signs, ice tongs, ice pick and flooded floors. There are GE refrigerators that still operate after 80 years. A dozen brands of electric refrigerators were marketed after WWII and General Electric and Westinghouse always were at the head and winners for a long period.

*Any Ice Today Lady? is the title of very popular song from 1926...

Photos can be seen at the bottom of page 6

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GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

Membership Application

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