



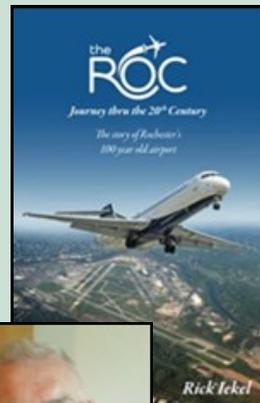
Sunday, August 14, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at the Greece Museum

***The ROC* - The Story of Rochester's 100-Year-Old Airport**
book signing with Rick Ikel

In this newly shared tale of Rochester, New York's airport, discover why the City originally purchased Britton Field in 1921, how Charles Lindbergh's 1927 visit impacted community leaders and why Monroe County became involved in 1948. Read about some of Rochester's flying pioneers and how the center of activity relocated from Scottsville Road to Brooks Avenue in 1953.

This fresh piece of Rochester's history will both inform and entertain. The reader will find "inside-the-fence" stories that will amuse and amaze. It is a trip down memory lane with the author, a 28-year veteran of work at the Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester International Airport, to a time when visiting the airport was fun, to memories of meeting guests at the gate, to Sunday car trips that ended along the edge of the runway. The airport's history, its beginning and its growth during the 20th century, affirms the contribution it has made to the success and vitality of our City for 100 years.

Books are available for \$20.



On June 26 **JoAnn Ward Snyder** was at the Shops on West Ridge selling our *Pioneer Families of Greece* book. This past month she has also taught a genealogy class at Orchard View Senior Apartments and presented a program to the Kiwanis Club of Greece



Sunday, June 22, at the Greece Museum, **Dave Kunz** entertained a number of guests in our living room with his version of Grandfather stories. Guests commented that it was a perfect setting to hear his stories.

Bicentennial Gifts

We have items with the Greece Historical Society logo celebrating our Town's Bicentennial. These items are available **ONLY ONLINE**. We do not carry them in our museum gift shop!

Order men's and women's t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies (*many colors and sizes*), pillows and mugs!



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"President's Message"



Monday, June 20 was a perfect day for our 46th annual strawberry festival and thanks to Greece Town Supervisor Bill Reilich, it was held at the Town Hall Pavilion. Over 500 of our members, friends, and neighbors came out to enjoy strawberry shortcake and other dessert samples. There were community displays, a live DJ, kids activities, including the Grease Paint Alley Clowns and special guest R2D2.

Throughout the afternoon more than 20 door prizes were given out to lucky winners. Door prizes from local businesses included: Master Seafood, Special T Cakes & Desserts, Carbone's Pizza, Clubhouse Miniature Golf, Van Puttie Gardens, Tim Hortons, Bill Gray's and The Shops on West Ridge.

The museum shop raffle of a \$50.00 gift certificate to Red Fedele's Brook House was won by **Samantha Miller**. Winners of the Pick a Prize auction were: YMCA membership, **Anne McNed** - GCV&M passes, **Tammy Marthage** - Firestone oil changes, **Tom Linhart** and **William Whitehair** - Seabreeze passes, **Carl Anslinger** - RMSC tickets, **Kay Headley & Herb Speares** - OFC Theater, **Anita Wegman** - George Eastman Museum, **Diane York** - Forest Hill Restaurant, **Jeff Morrow** and **Kathie Firkins** - Carbone's Pizza & Wings, **Sue Weezorak** - Brook House Restaurant, **Diane Iorio**.

As most of you already know the construction of the Community Center expansion project precluded us from using the area at our museum to hold our festival. We thank Town of Greece Supervisor **Bill Reilich** for hosting the event and especially the Town crew for their work setting up all the tables and fencing off the area for us. Many thanks also to all our incredible volunteers for their work in making it the success and the community who came and had a great time while supporting the GHS.

We are going to take somewhat of a break for the next couple months starting with this combined July-August issue. The museum will still be open on Sunday afternoons but we are not planning any special activities or lectures in July or August except for one book signing event on August 14 (see page 1). Enjoy your summer everyone!

Bill Sauers, President



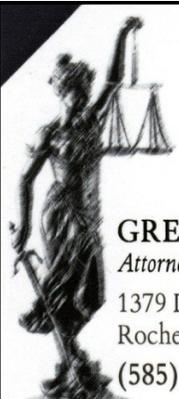
Bicentennial Snapshots Schedule

We hope you have been enjoying our Bicentennial Snapshots. There has been 15 so far, since beginning on March 22, on the Society's Facebook page, website, and YouTube channel, all researched, written, and narrated by **Maureen Whalen** and assembled and produced by **Pat Worboys**.

Continuing weekly on Tuesday mornings during the bicentennial year, each Snapshot video will give a brief look at a particular aspect of Greece history, covering people, places and events that comprise the vibrant history of our Town from its earliest days to the present. Bicentennial Snapshots are found on our Facebook page or website at <https://greecehistoricalsociety.org/200-years/bicentennial-snapshots/>

Snapshot Schedule for July and August:

- July 5 Ada (Long Pond & Ridge Roads)
- July 12 South Greece/Henpeck
- July 19 Henpeck, Hoosick, and Hojack: What's in a Name? Part 1
- July 26 Henpeck, Hoosick, and Hojack: What's in a Name? Part 2
- Aug 2 West Greece/Hoosick
- Aug 9 Samuel Beach Bradley
- Aug 16 North Greece/Jenkins' Corners
- Aug 23 The Mystery of the Larkin Hotel
- Aug 30 The Hotel of Many Names



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"Museum Shop"



Our Strawberry Tastings Festival was a great opportunity for us to spend time with our members and friends and display some of our publications and items that we sell in our museum shop. More than 250 people entered our museum shop raffle for a \$50.00 gift certificate to Red Fedele's Brook House. It was won by **Samantha Miller**.

For those of you who did not purchase an item from our shop table, your ticket has a \$1.00 coupon, good on any purchase in our museum shop through August. Just stop by on a Sunday when we are open.

Check our on-line store for GHS Bicentennial merchandise.
www.greecehistoricalsociety.shop.

Stop by on Sundays 1:30-4:00.

Wendy Peck
Shop Coordinator



Our Calendar

The Museum is open Sundays 1:30 -4:00 p.m.
Office hours: Mondays 10am -Noon
To make an appointment send an email to:
greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

Sunday, August 16, **Book signing with Rick Ikel**
Sunday September 4, **Museum Closed**
Tuesday, September 13, **Story of Cobblestone Buildings**
Sunday, September 18, **Pasta Dinner**

Check our website or Facebook page prior to any event as COVID protocols may have changed.

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Pioneer Families at GHS

Honoring Pioneer Families

by Jo Ann Ward Snyder

In this Bicentennial year, the Greece Historical Society is honoring our town's pioneer families who lived in the early days of the town of Greece and persevered as it emerged out of the wilderness and developed into the town we know today.

One way we are acknowledging these early settlers is through a series of poster presentations in the Museum's dining room. New posters on individual pioneer families are put up every two months. We encourage our descendant families to come in and visit. Among these family visitors are those who contributed information and photos found in both the *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece* book and on these posters. We are very grateful they chose to share their stories helping the Society to preserve the early history of the town and its families. As families come in, it has also given us an opportunity to take photos of the newest generations of pioneer descendants.*



The HOGAN, FLEMING and CONNELLY FAMILY:
Colleen O'Keefe Payne and Jim Payne.



The VOLKMAR FAMILY: Scott Kerhaert, Ryan Holmes, Wendy Holmes and Carolyn Kerhaert



The FARNAN FAMILY: Front: Doug Everling and Charlotte Farnan Everling. Back: James Farnan, Kathleen Farnan, Kim Farnan, Lisa Farnan, Steve Farnan, Heidi Farnan Everling and David Farnan

Poster Schedule for remainder of 2022:

July/August: Beatty, Britton, Cole, Denise, Janes, Kenyon, O'Neil, Reilly and Johnson
September/October: Bemish, Lane, Latta, Mitchell, Upton, Veness and Wilder
November/December: Janes, Lowden, Butts, Burns, Kirk, Newcomb, Baker and Veeder

**If your family comes in to see your poster, please take a photo and send it to us or have a docent take your photo.*

Everyone who visits our museum is expected to adhere to all stated safety protocols, which are subject to change and may be adjusted for consistency with the latest guidance.

Lay Family Visits the Greece Museum

On Sunday, June 5th JoAnn Ward Snyder, one of the authors of our *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece* book arranged for several members of the Lay family to visit us. The Lay Family is one of our pioneer families featured in the book. It was such fun to meet them and hear some of their stories.

Ages ranged from around 80 years old down to a 10-year-old and a 14-month-old. I told them the history of the house and had them tour the museum. Many of them did not know the original location of the house. The 10-year-old was fascinated with the fire wagon and the blacksmith tools. His biggest interest was the dial phone we have in the kitchen. I had him dial his mom's cell phone and then use her phone to call our number. He had not done anything like that before. His comment was that it takes too long.

After the tour, some stayed for a bit and I answered their questions. I showed them the names of families that owned the house. It was a very interesting day. I hope that more pioneer families will take the opportunity to visit us.



The LAY FAMILY: Daniel Ras, Leslie Ras with Lincoln Ras, Mathew and Karla Ras, author Jo Ann Ward Snyder, David and Juliann Ras, Max Ras and Tamera Ras Joensen. (Jo Ann is a cousin on the Ras side of the family)

Kathie Firkins, Tours/Education Coordinator

Greece History

Greece Special Police, the Former Civil Defense Auxiliary Police

by: Special Police Chief **Michael DiCataldo**

The Special Police Unit of the Greece Police Department was also known as Auxiliary Police. In 1951 the Federal government passed legislation that civil defense would be a vested joint effort between the federal government and states, to protect against communist government attack of the United States with atomic bombs or other radiological weapons. New York State created the Defense Emergency Act of 1951 which required each county to create a civil defense plan to control traffic, crowd control, assist and manage fallout shelters and have many other entities like medical and construction units available to manage, control, and rebuild in event of an enemy attack

The County of Monroe instructed each town to create a defense plan which included Auxiliary Police. They had to train and equip the auxiliary police to control traffic and perform other police/civil defense functions as may be required during and after an attack.

The Greece Auxiliary police was formed in 1951 and they were trained to assist with Civil Defense needs such as traffic control, crowd control, shelter security, and more as needed. As the years went on the Auxiliary Police Department stayed active in Greece assisting with traffic during parades, carnivals, and other large gatherings where additional police manpower was needed. Auxiliary Police personnel assisted with traffic control at polling stations and several churches in the town during the 1960s and early 1970s. Through the years the Auxiliary Police Unit picked up addition responsibilities such as issuing parking tickets and patrolling town parks and schools, while still providing traffic control for special events within the town.

In 1997 the County of Monroe disbanded Auxiliary police for Monroe County. This meant the Town of Greece would have to adopt a new law to create a Special Police Unit which would be under the control of the Town Board and the Greece Police Department. Since then, we have continued to support the Town for all special events and emergency situations caused by serve weather and man-made events.

The members of the Special Police unit are all certified New York State Peace Officers. All members have attended an Academy which involves 160-plus hours of training. They have the authority to enforce laws and have powers of arrest. Their goal is to continue to assist the Police Department with public safety. They have additional responsibilities such as ATV and snowmobiles, patrol as needed for nuisance complainants in the town, and they continue to provide an extra set of eyes and ears for the force, along with providing a police presence within the Town as they patrol the town's parks and schools.

The office of the Special Police is located at 647 Long Pond Road. The Unit is a volunteer organization which has 35 active members. We are always looking for qualified candidates. This Unit is a great opportunity for young people interested in law enforcement or established individuals in our community who want to volunteer in this capacity. Anyone interested should visit our website www.greecespecialpolice.com or call 585-581-6325.



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Greece Special Police, Dec. 2021

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~David McCullough

Happenings at GHS

Several scenes from the 46th Annual Greece Historical Society's Strawberry & Dessert Tasting Festival



Photos by Steven Wendell, Bill Sauers, Doug Worboys, Patrick Worboys and Angela Liu Sauers

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