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JANUARY and FEBRUARY PRESENTATIONS

PLEASE PUT THESE 7:00 p.m. DATES AND TOPICS ON YOUR CALENDAR.
MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE GREECE TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007

THE BLACKSMITHS IN 19th CENTURY AMERICA

by Jim Nicoll

The program by Jim Nicoll will give a brief history of the beginnings of blacksmiths and tinsmiths in Europe followed by comparing and contrasting blacksmiths and tinsmiths in early America up to the present time.

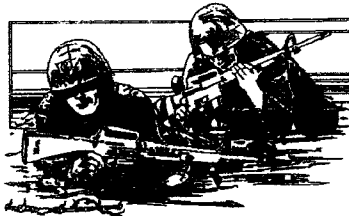


7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2007

ROCHESTER'S INDUSTRY DURING WWII

by Bob Marcotte

Mr. Robert Marcotte, Greece Resident, will discuss with us how Rochester and Monroe County played a vital "home front" role in manufacturing military weapons and supplies during World War II. Bob will also discuss the challenges of conversion, the role of women, and their ripple effects on society.



VISITORS ARE WELCOME EVERY SUNDAY FROM 2:00 UNTIL 4:30 p.m.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU AT THESE ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AT REGULAR MEETINGS, AN ADMISSION DONATION OF \$1.00 IS APPRECIATED FROM NON-MEMBERS

SERVING GREECE FOR OVER 35 YEARS

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PLEASE SUPPORT
OUR BUSINESS &
PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERS

HELP PRESERVE THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE

From the Desk of the Executive Director

As we start the new year of 2007, we have much to be thankful for. As usual, hope springs eternal. We still need help!

First, our membership needs to grow. Members are a big asset and we have room to grow. We can tell that people appreciate the work of the Society by the large numbers of attendees who enjoy the monthly programs on the second Tuesday of each month. Many of them are guests! Wouldn't it be nice if they would join? They comprise one-third of each audience, which ranges from 75 to 200 people. Many advisors have suggested raising the dues but that might result in a loss of loyal members. There should be helpful ideas that you can send in to us.

Secondly, small jobs which require time and patience to do. My list is short, but pesky. Please call me if you can help in this area.

Our second "Book Signing" by a local author on December 9 was a huge success. During the three hours, about 100 people strolled through our beautifully decorated house and museum to the strains of Christmas music. They enjoyed dozens of homemade cookies and fudge ala **Mary Lou Hartley**. Our Gift Shop was lively. **Sally Valentine's** book, "**The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse**," was taken home by many people. It is a great book for child readers and adults too.



Ann Esch's new book "**Pawing Through Rochester**" starring Spike, her dog, premiered. What great gifts and fun!

Thank you all for continuing to support the mission statement of the Greece Historical Society, which reaches out to all the community to preserve the past for the future. Thanks to all our members.

Please read the column in the "Greece Post" called the "Historical Notebook." It appears monthly and it gives me a space to talk about history.

Call 225-7221 if you would like to help or advise us.

Lorraine Beane, Executive Director



**NOTES FROM THE
HISTORIAN OFFICE
OR WHAT YOU MEMBERS
SHOULD KNOW IS HAPPENING**

**DONATIONS to the SOCIETY'S
MUSEUM COLLECTION – 2006**

Several important donations were received for preservation in our museum archives during 2006. A complete WAC (Woman's Army Corp, World War II) uniform, including the raincoat and duffle bag, was donated by the owner, a longtime Greece resident. The family of another Greece resident gave a uniform of the U.S. Army Air Corp from the early 1940's. Our collection of vintage wedding gowns was increased with an early 1950's wedding gown in immaculate condition, plus a portrait of the bride.

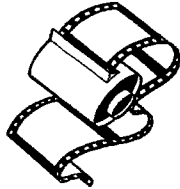


Our intrepid cataloger, **Betty Fetter**, has been busy for a number of weeks accessioning a bounty of "goodies" from the Buckman Dairy. We were offered this collection by a friend of the Society. Just a quick scanning of the cache includes bottles and waxed containers for milk, ice cream dishes, menus, small signs of various vintage, labels, and promotional material. Betty has worn out several marking pens, but she will soon have every item marked, cataloged, and ready for storage or possible display.



SHAKIN' the DRAWERS and SHELVES in the HISTORIAN OFFICE

After many, many years of storing important documents, colored slides, ledgers, diaries, and numerous letters in dilapidated department store boxes, plastic kitchen organizers, and shoe boxes, the collection is now heading toward a much needed reorganization and preservation. Through the past year I have purchased archival boxes for most of the important items mentioned above. In the coming year, every box will have a plastic sleeve on the outside containing a list of the contents. Our extensive slide collection of Greece is now housed in binders. Each binder holds several hundred slides, housed in archival sleeves, each holding 24 views. The binders have been loosely divided by subject for easier access. A goodly portion of the slide collection was photographed by our former Town Historian, **Virginia Tomkiewicz**.



Several early Greece families have generously allowed me to copy important photographs from their farming past. Not only are most of the farms gone, the barns and silos have been torn down. Even the farmsteads are being altered beyond recognition.

Along with a portion of the Buckman Dairy collection which came to the Historian Office, there was also another smaller group of papers dealing with the early development of the future Park-Ridge Hospital, its construction, dedication, etc. Our small display case in the rear hall of the museum houses just a tiny portion from this group. Directly below the case is one of the shovels used to turn the ground when the Hospital Project was started in 1971.

Many of the items that come into the museum and historian office need cleaning, repairing, etc. before they can be displayed or archived. Volunteers behind the scene do all this, as time permits. If you have talent with a needle,

hammer, glue, or whatevergive the Society a call....even if it is just a one-time volunteer job... we might even offer you a cup of coffee or leftover fruit cake....we'll THANK YOU....and you'll feel good!.... Try us.....

Alan Mueller, Historian Office



GIFT SHOP OFFERINGS

The Museum Gift Shop can supply your needs for

books well. New books and popular books as well as



Greece shirts, Greece mugs, and other great shopping ideas are awaiting you.

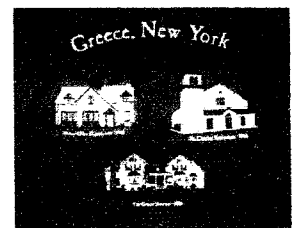
The regular **Gift Shop** hours are **Sundays from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.** and during office hours on **Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.** Call **585-225-7221** for an appointment for any other times.

"Eight Miles Along the Shore—An Illustrated History of Greece, N.Y." continues to be one of our best selling books.

See you soon. The Gift Shop Staff

New Sweatshirt Design

Our new sweatshirts feature pictures of the Barnard Fire House and the old St. Charles Borromeo Church on a denim colored shirt. Be the first on your block to wear one! Come to enjoy the exhibits too.



This is an interesting time to visit your Museum and to enjoy the new exhibits

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

DEWEY – STONE EXHIBIT

The “Dewey – Stone and Beyond” exhibit is a great success with many visitors on Sundays. Please come to visit the Museum to see what it’s all about. Even though it has been decided to keep this exhibit open until June, 2007, please come to see it early. You may wish to come a second time.



Featured is a model dollhouse made to specifications of the houses on Strathmore Drive in the 1930’s. Also, on display are pictures and articles about the original St. Charles Borromeo Church (see above) and the Bethany Presbyterian and Hope Lutheran Churches. Also for Barnard School, Barnard Fire Department, St. Joseph’s Villa, Northgate Plaza, Garage Houses, and stores around the Dewey – Stone area. “Then and Now” photos will be available also. This is one of the earliest commercial areas in the Town of Greece. See how it compares to the new Dewey corridor now under review by the Town.

Phyllis Brown, Committee Chairperson

If you have questions, contact **Phyllis Brown** at (585) 865-4168 or 225-7221



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE -- IN REVIEW



Keith and Judy Kroon, with others in our lovely living room.
Photos courtesy of **Bill Sauers**



Cindy Shevlin discusses the delicious holiday food selection

The 2nd Annual Christmas Open House at the Greece Historical Society Center / Museum presented another delightful, festive evening for the many Society members who attended. Thanks to all of the volunteers who made it look easy.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Bill Sauers, our Program Chairman, has some exciting programs lined up for us. Mark your calendars now so you won’t miss any of the Tuesday presentations at the Greece Town Hall.

- Mar. 13 -- Prohibition & Lake Ontario Rum Runners by Steve West
- Apr. 10 – Don’t Tell Anyone I Told You – 1890’s Gossip by Fran Carisi-Paxton

WANTED



*Example Only
Style may vary*

DONATE !
*What is hiding in your
basement or attic?*

TAX DEDUCTION !

1940's or 1950's

Small Kitchen Table and Chairs Set

4, 5, or 6 Chairs (not a bulky type)

Formica Top (any color but red) Table with

Drop-down Aluminum Border

Table and Chairs with Straight Metal Legs

Call 585-225-7221 to ask questions

or to make arrangements to donate.

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BOOKS, Greece Historical Society, P.O. Box 16249, Rochester, NY 14616-0249

_____ "Manitou Trolley" @ \$10.00, incl. Tax (Shipping: \$2.00 for one; \$0.50 each add'l.) \$ _____
_____ "8 Miles Along the Shore", Std. Cover, @ \$26.81, incl. Tax and Shipping \$ _____
_____ (From Book List) Plus Shipping - Call 225-7221 \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

(please print)

DATE _____

NAME _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

ADDRESS _____ PHONE: (____) _____
(Street) (City/Town) (State) (Zip Code + 4)

See <http://historicalsociety.greeceny.org> for additional information.

Membership Application

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

New Application Renewal Upgrade

(please print)

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NAME _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.) (Spouse, if Family Membership)

ADDRESS _____ PHONE: (____) _____
(Street) (City/Town) (State) (Zip Code + 4)

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student - Senior (65 & over) \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$12.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Contributing \$35.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Professional \$50.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Supporting \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$150.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Members (Each) \$500.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$75.00 |

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(Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive your membership card.)
OR BRING COMPLETED FORM TO THE NEXT MEETING