

Notes
from the

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WINTER-SPRING-FALL 2021

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President's Message

I would like to invite and welcome each of you to attend the Wayne County Retired Teachers' Association Luncheon on Wednesday, October 6 at Sodus Bay Heights Country Club. Since we haven't met in 2 years, it will be nice to see everyone again.

Kathy Grandjean, Bill Lesniak, myself and a few others have worked hard for several years to try to keep our organization going, and we would encourage you to become involved in the association to help with this work. We need several officers which will be outlined at the luncheon. If help isn't forthcoming, our next step would be to dissolve the association. We have approached the executive committee of the Central Western Zone on the procedure for this, should it be necessary. My phone number and my email address are on this page. I would be happy to give you details on any of the available positions. Please contact me to help us out. We need YOU to make us strong!

Joyce Pittenger
President WCRTA

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW RETIREES!!

We hope you will join us when we are able to get together again.

Gananda: Rhea Castle, Tracey Indiano, Michael VanDeMar

Lyons: Mickey Fitzgerald, Tammy Maddock, Maryanne Whyte

Marion: Terrie Crane, Dean Davis, Linda DePoint, Trena Fisher, Doug Grab, Jeanette Hernandez, Denise Paley

Newark: Scott Briggs, Michael Clement, Donna Hamlin, Susan Moak, Ann Pollot, Lori Reed, Robin Uveges, Jacqueline Zaganiaczyk, Kathleen Zappia

North Rose Wolcott: William Bona, Sally Brown, Linda Harper, Sue Lasher, Teresa Matteson, Kent Sparnon, Stephen Vigliotti, Lisa Williams, Kimberly Youngman, Carolyn Youngs

Palmyra-Macedon: Ronald Albert, Desiree' Dion-Fix, Eleanor Kinsman, William Ward

Red Creek: Charles Cook, Todd Kacur, Daryl Prosser, Kathryn Rodrick, Susan Stanistreet

Sodus: Chana Bearce, Julie Beckens, Anneliese Bopp, Deborah Brown, John Campbell, Lena Johnson, Kimberly Ludden, Susan VanAcker

Williamson: Deanne Ginett, Scott Kingsbury, Diane Luke (2nd retirement!), Christina Sharp, Barb Tomeno

Current members are asked to reach out to these people so that they will feel comfortable joining us.

We have not received the names of any retirees from Wayne or Clyde-Savannah. If you can help us with any of this information, please contact me: kgrandjean@rochester.rr.com or 315-333-1113.

Community Service – Elaine Leasure

June, 2021

This has been such a strange time in our history. I hope you have all found ways to help out your community during the past year. Because we

had no meetings, we were unable to make group contributions to our community organizations, but I know many of you continued to work with your own personal causes.

During the month of December, the Central Western Zone donated \$500 to each county to be distributed to their local food banks. The executive Board of the Wayne County Retired Teachers added \$500 from our Treasury and were able to give each of our ten food banks a \$100 gift. All were greatly appreciated.

When we all get together in October, we would like to collect toys for children ages birth-12 years. These can be a book, game, stuffed animal, or any small toy. We will be donating these to the Newark-Wayne Community Hospital for their pediatric patients. See you in October.



Joyce Pittenger, president of the Wayne County Retired Teachers' Association presents the Barrie Fleegeel Grant award to Ella Hotchkiss.

The Barrie Fleegeel Award is given to an active educator who is furthering his/her education. Ella is an ENL teacher in Sodus. Congratulations Ella!!

From Gene Bavis:

Wayne County Bicentennial Committee is actively planning and developing projects. Our website is www.waynecounty200.com On the website are monthly newsletters which we call "Bicentennial Bytes." We urge everyone to take a look.

We have many projects in various stages and could use MORE volunteers. If anyone has an interest, please contact me or Rosa Fox.

(I have included the latest info on the next two pages)

WELCOME!

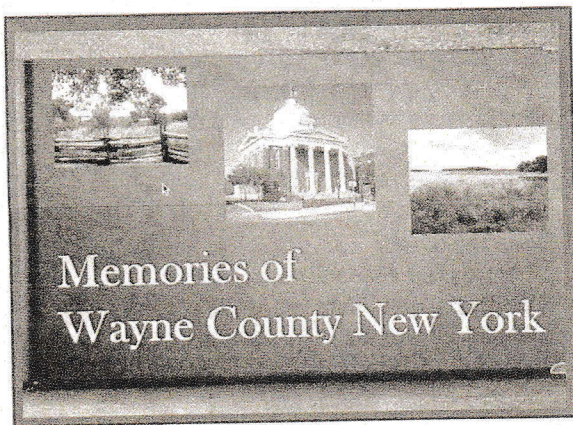
I have been tasked with helping to keep committee members (County and Town), volunteers, and members of the Board of Supervisors apprised of our efforts as we prepare for the Bicentennial celebration on April 11, 2023.
 - Patti Holdraker,
 Member, Steering & Souvenirs Committee

We urge you to share this newsletter with your networks

MEMORIES BOOK

To date, the Memories Book committee has received 31 submissions. Most of the submissions have been written with only a few including pictures/photos/artwork. We are hoping to get more images and will be reaching out to historians, historical societies, and local artists for specific work to accompany the writing. Most towns have at least one submission, however, there are several that do not. Tentative deadline for submissions is 12/31/21.

Subject matter has ranged from growing up on a farm to memories of specific places and people. There are poems about the canal, volunteering for an ambulance service, and migrant workers. The committee would love to see more stories representing each town's distinctive qualities. Please consider what makes your town special and help us get those stories in the book. We have writers who are willing to help write the memoirs if you have material we can work with or people to interview. Memories Book Committee Chair, Amber Linson is available to run ideas by if you think of something but are not sure if it will fit. Call Amber at 585-402-3393 or email amberlinson@gmail.com.



DONATIONS

On June 11, we kicked off a funding campaign for Bicentennial activities and projects. While the Wayne County Board of Supervisors has budgeted funds that can be used for some projects, not all activities and projects can be cov-

ered with county funds. Our partner, the Wayne County Historical Society, has agreed to help by maintaining a special Bicentennial Account. Money going into this fund will come from DONATIONS (from individuals), SPONSORS, GRANTS, and SALES. Our first major expenses will be the cost of printing the commemorative calendar and ordering some souvenir t-shirts. As income from the sale of these items begins to come in, we will be able to fund other projects.

We expect to provide several free and reduced cost events thanks to the fundraising efforts that our committee will be engaged in. Your donation to support the bicentennial will enhance the community celebrations, special events, bicentennial projects, and help make the Wayne County Bicentennial truly historic.

To donate - go to www.waynehistory.org. Select "Donation Campaigns" in the menu. By selecting "Donate Here" you may contribute any amount. A "special level" to commemorate Wayne County's 200 years is available - the "Wayne County 200 Club." When you select "Join the 200 Club" you will receive a special bicentennial commemorative gift.

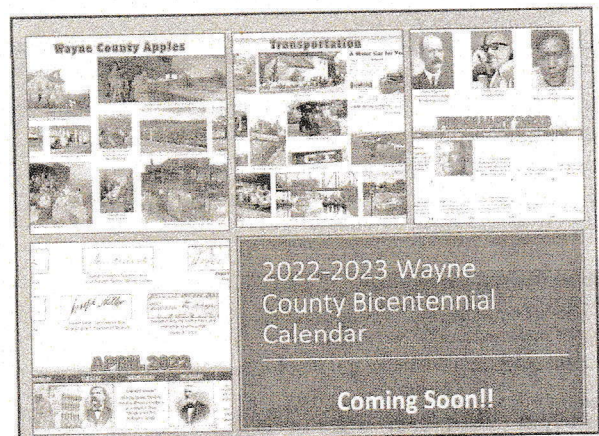
You may also send a donation to the Wayne County Historical Society, 21 Butternut Street, Lyons, NY 14489. Be SURE to clearly mark it WAYNE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL FUND.

Thank you for your generous contributions!

CALENDAR

We are ALMOST there! Phase one of the design is complete and we are now doing the final proofing. It will go to press VERY SOON. We will be partnering with local historical societies to help sell the calendars. A portion of the proceeds will be shared with the historical societies for some of their projects.

If your historical society is interested in being a distributor for Wayne County Bicentennial items, please contact Gene Bavis at genebavis71@gmail.com.



**Some of the TENTATIVE plans for 2023
in Wayne County (subject to change)**

*April 11, 2023 is the OFFICIAL date
of Wayne County's establishment as an
independent county in New York State.*

- There will be a CEREMONY in Lyons (the County Seat) to "kick off" the year-long celebration.
- April 28, 2023 – Arbor Day – Tree planting?
- May 2023 – Apple Blossom Festival & Parade in Williamson
- May 2023 – Bicentennial Ball
- June 19, 2023 – Juneteenth Celebration
- July 2023 – Independence Day Celebrations
- July 2023 – Cycle the Erie
- July 2023 – Peppermint Days in Lyons
- July 2023 – Walworth Festival in the Park
- July 2023 - Taste of Wayne County
- July 2023 – Boat Show/Race/Activities at Sodus Bay (Tentative)
- August 14-19, 2023 – Wayne County Fair celebrates the Wayne County Bicentennial
- August 14-18, 2023 – Torch Relay and perhaps Cycling Event over the same route
- August 18, 2023 – Wayne County Fair Parade
- August 31-September 5, 2023 – Towpath Volunteers Host an International Fife & Drum Corp Event in Macedon
- September 2023 – Canaltown Days in Palmyra (including Parade)
- September 2023 – Family Fun Day
- September 2023 – Cider Festival
- October 2023 – Wayne County Apple Tasting Tour

PLACES TO GET INFORMATION:

www.waynecounty200.com

www.waynehistorians.org

As always, if you have any suggestions, questions, etc., please contact Gene or Rosa.

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Gene Bavis & Rosa Fox

Co-Chairs, Wayne County Bicentennial

**The Wayne County
Bicentennial Committee**

LEADERSHIP:

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Co-Chair – Rosa Fox, Huron Town Historian

County Historian – Peter Evans

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Wayne County Youth Advocacy Program

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Wayne County Historical Society

Christine Worth, Director

Wayne County Tourism

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!!

Our spring meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022

REMINDER: If you see an article or obituary regarding a retired Wayne County Teacher, please send it to our Unit Historian, Rita Lesniak. Her address is: 7449 State St., Sodus, NY 14551. Her email is:
NYToyLady@aol.com

Please Note

Our Treasurer's position is still open. Joyce has been doing the banking and I am doing the record-keeping. Please let me know if you think there is an error with your dues.

The year after your name on the address label indicates the year through which your dues are paid.

Please remember that our membership decided that if someone doesn't pay dues for 5 years, their name is dropped from the mailing list.

Kathy Grandjean

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