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6:00 P.M.

Picnic for GPS members
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June GPS Update

By Richard English

This month marks the beginning of what promises to be a great summer here in the foothills of the Adirondacks. After a long, cold winter we can enjoy the many outdoor opportunities available in the surrounding area and in our own backyards.

Our May program was an engaging presentation on the renovation of the Gere House on Sacandaga Road, which is currently the home of Jeff and Kathy Gordon. We heard speaker Jim Collins, a previous owner, describe the extensive renovations that he performed in the early 1960's. As an engineer, he undertook several structural improvements that drew upon his professional skills, including jacking up the house by the main beams to excavate the basement and reinforce the foundation! Our sincere thanks to the Gordons for being such gracious hosts. They opened their home for tours after the presentation and made everyone feel

quite welcome.

During the meeting, we also elected officers for the coming year. The slate included Richard English (president), Mary Cuffe Perez (vice president), Martha Brandow (secretary), Linda Carpenter (treasurer), and Carol Schweizer (trustee). Margie Hall and Mary Lynn Kopper will continue to serve as trustees. Our officers and board members are supported by a cast of committee members who generously volunteer their time throughout the year to make GPS a valuable community resource and an educational and enjoyable social experience for all of its members.

Last month we also participated in Memorial Day festivities by marching in the parade, selling copies of our book, and providing information about GPS to interested community members. Many thanks to Virginia Sawicki for co-ordinating our participation and to Ron and Sue Surdyka for decorat-

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ing the gazebo for the event.

Our annual members' picnic will be held at Galway Town Hall on Monday, June 1st, starting at 6:00 p.m. (please note the time change from our regular meetings!). We will start with a very brief business meeting followed by the main event. If you haven't signed up yet to bring a food dish to share, please contact Sue Surdyka. Note that paper plates and plastic tableware will be provided by GPS, so there is no need to bring your own. We will also hold our annual auction during the picnic. Members are invited to bring one item (with historical or Galway significance a plus!) to donate. Items will be available for preview prior to the sale.

As far as summer activities, the next Board of Trustees meeting will be Wednesday, July 8th, at 7:00 p.m. at Galway Town Hall. As always, members are welcome to attend. GPS is also responsible for watering several flower barrels located throughout the village this summer. If you are able to take responsibility for a one-week shift, please contact Virginia Sawicki. Lastly, there will be no membership meetings until September 14th, the first Monday after Labor Day. Until then, have a great summer!

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