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May 2

GPS Meeting Galway
Town Hall

7:00-7:30 Social Half
Hour

7:30-8:00 Business
Meeting

8:00 Program

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May GPS Update

Brave green shoots are appearing in my daylily bed, and my daffodils are poised, the buds ready to go for it on the next warm, sunny, true spring-like day. They must have been shivering under this morning's snow blanket.

Kathleen Marchione, Saratoga County Clerk, presented "In the beginning...the Kayaderosseras Patent" at our April meeting. Anyone researching old deeds in this area has encountered descriptions of what part of what division of the Kayaderosseras Patent as the location of a plot of land.

May 2nd will bring us Dorothy King's program "Memories of Galway". Some of us attended a program at the Galway Library given by Dorothy King, and we found her to be an entertaining and knowledgeable speaker.

We note with sadness the death of Adrien (Bud) Gaudreau April 5th. Condolences and profound sympathy to Bud's family. Bud was our treasurer of GPS for a number of years, served on the board of trustees, and was a member of the committee that revised our by-laws.

Voting on the slate of officers for the 2011-2012 year will take place at our May 2nd meeting. Phyllis Keeler, chair of the nominating committee, will present the slate and will take nominations from the floor.

The Davids have graciously invited us back again for our annual picnic June 6th.

We will be circulating a signup sheet so you can choose what food item you would like to bring, and to ensure diversity in our menu. Seventeen desserts wouldn't be a hardship, but nutritionists among us would be dismayed. If you don't make it to the May meeting, let Carolyn Baxter know at 882-6634 that you are coming, and check with her to see what food items are underrepresented. Our annual auction will take place after the meal, so be thinking about donating a unique item. We are setting a time limit on the auction, so all the articles may not be sold. All items will all be on display to be previewed before we eat.

Upcoming events in May needing volunteer participation are:

- May 30 Memorial Day Parade and Festival in the Park. The parade starts at 10 a.m. at the Firehouse, and concludes with a ceremony at the school. GPS will be selling publications in the Park 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Marchers needed. Booth staffers needed.**
- Flower barrels throughout the Village will be planted before Memorial Day, and will need watering through the season. If you are kind enough to sign up, we can give you a list of the barrel locations. If the weather cooperates, it will rain during your selected time.

Reminiscences

By Mildred Hathaway

As I recall Phyllis Keeler, Town of Galway Historian, opened a meeting to discuss forming an Historical Society. Ed Ruman suggested it to be named a Preservation Society. It became known officially as the Galway Preservation Society with Phyllis as the first President. I followed later.

I considered June Michelfelder as the most beloved person in Galway. Returning with her from Florida we called on Mr. and Mrs. Perry along with other former teachers. It was well before my time when he was Principal. Years later I went on a trip to London with Ruth Cummings who substituted during my maternity leave. Someone in the group overheard the word Galway and asked us if we knew Mr. Perry. Small world. When we moved to Galway much later we met Brian Simmons, a well known Teacher, Librarian and Organist who also knew the Perrys.

My husband used the bonus given to Veterans to help in Cobleskill College where Carol was born. We met Henry and Eleanor Fendenz. Henry's father gave a farm to Henry if we would join him to raise chickens. We moved with a team of horses from Cobleskill through Amsterdam to Galway. We lived with them including our son Charles and my niece Georgia to raise chickens. We learned to cook many Polish dishes on a kerosene stove. Henry's brooder stove caught fire so we shared our chicks. The children attended the Galway School. Al Morris was the bus driver.

After leaving there, we moved to Ted Williams farm in East Galway on what is known as Baptist Hill which adjoined the West Milton Atomic Site. The twins were born at Saratoga Hospital. William weighed 7lb8oz. Bonnie weighed as I recall 7lb6oz. Then we moved to the Lewie Anderson Farm on what was called Anderson Road. Soon it was renamed Consaul Road which it was already called in the Charlton Township. Our dog Blueboy was afraid he would be left alone so he leaped in the car landing on

the twins.

This Farm originally was settled by Scottish Families. We moved there the day the Presbyterian Church in Galway burned to the ground. Later the congregation combined with the Methodist group and became The Galway United Methodist Church. Hank and Harry continued working at a carpet mill in Amsterdam. Rugs were in demand so Harry worked a double shift. Came home the next morning to milk the cow and do other farm chores. We raised chickens and eggs for our Amsterdam customers.

One cold and icy March the schools were closed. We had a fire in the big barn. I called the Galway Fire Department while Harry dashed to a nearby barn to rescue veal calves one by one carrying them in his arms. I opened the stanchions and the cows fled to the woods. The children were huddling in their beds frightened.

We met Agnes Donnan for the first time when they came to see the twins with her grand daughter named Bonnie Donnan. She was a baby also. I joined the WCTU. Took Jessie Folster and Agnes to Chautauqua Institute for a Convention.

We met Eugenia Cook, became a close friend and she depended upon me since she never learned to drive. Others in the community would furnish rides to town... She had retired from teaching in Amsterdam.

The twins were playing in their play pen when Mike Griffin came to ask me to teach in Galway which I did for four years. While on maternity leave for John I drove to Albany University one semester a distance of 35 miles. When it was time for finals, I arranged to rent a room. Taught Special Class in the meantime with attending College of St. Rose and Russell Sage to qualify for Special Class. Taught altogether 21 years until I retired with a good pension.

Rambling on. What I really want to say is living in Galway meeting many friends was the best part of my life. Among them is Arlene Rhodes, Herb and Mary Lynn Kopper, Elsie Maddaus, Lila Sherman, Mildred Boshart, Marion Carleton, and all the Church and Preservation Society people as well as our neighbors Smitty and wife Rita.

One summer we worked at a resort called sugar Maples in the Catskills. We had time off at sugar Maples. Harry having shipped off his nursery plants, worked in the office, Carol was the waitress, Bill a

bellhop, Bonnie in the Salad room, and I was a Chambermaid, Charles on construction, Johnny lived with my sister Margaret in Celeron. When he got homesick, I had Margaret ship him by train from Dunkirk and I met him in Hudson. He played with the paid guests. I was back to school after Labor Day to teach in Schenectady. We saw the summer stock plays from NY City in the village at Woodstock.

Spent one summer touring Antique shops in the Southern Tier of New York. Buying up chairs made by my grandparents in the late eighteenth century. They had most of them photographed in Studios. Some had the original splints, I had to refinish. Gave over twenty to relatives. I also braided rugs in our early Colonial house with three fireplaces here in Galway. I even hooked a rug the length of the stairs. We also played bridge with the Shoutis Family.

Wrote many long articles and bound them to distribute to relatives such as my "Early Memories", "Wright Chairs" and photographed the originals. Collected pictures of former pastors for Elsie Maddaus. "History of the Galway United Methodist Church." Got it ready for printing and took it to the Noteworthy Press to be offset for publication.

When Harry retired on a P.O. pension from Schenectady, we traveled first through all of the United States, parts of Canada, Alaska, and all of Mexico. With a Volkswagon we picked up in London we traveled in well over 17 countries including Yugoslavia and Bulgaria with a pup tent and a propane gas stove never once staying in a hotel. After Harry's death I went around the world twice including India, Australia and New Zealand. Took a cruise to Panama Canal and twice to the Caribbean Islands.

Son Bill got a full scholarship at RPI in Troy with a masters in astrophysics. Works now with the Satellite Hubble in the NASA program. Bonnie was graduated from Brockport, became a Probation Officer, now with State Farm.

Charles was graduated from Syracuse university, Albany State after serving in the Army. He is world traveler riding on a Motorcycle crossing the Sahara Desert with a side car. Retired as an Editor for the Schenectady Gazette and living on the farm.

Carol is a registered Dietitian employed at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit where she met her husband John Loughner. She has taken other positions in the health field and is now retired. Her husband is currently working as a Doctor of Pharmacy in the Oncology Department at Strong Hospital doing research



Mildred Hathaway
Feb. 2009

Mildred Hathaway Feb. 2009 Born October 12.1912

I reside in what is known as an all assisted living housing development which provides everything listed in the contract. With Carol living nearby meets all my other needs in spite of the depression. I couldn't ask for anything more. Whether I will reach one hundred years with a sound mind I don't know. I have the beginnings of Macular Degeneration.

Letters to the Editor

The Editorial Page Photo Credit Omission

April's issue contained a great article about Gertrude Jones. The Layout Editor forgot to give credit for the equally great picture that accompanied the article. **The picture was taken by Patricia Kay in May 2008 for the "Who are you, Galway N.Y.?" project**

Thanks to Mary for the great story and again to Patty for putting it all together with her photo. I am always in need of stories and pictures of Galway. We all have unique stories from this town and if there are pictures that go with the stories all the better. I have great pictures of the Yorker Club and would love to have a comprehensive article to go with. Thank you all for participating in and reading this publication. -ed.

Dear Kurt Johnston

I have enjoyed the many past issues of "Galway Journal" and especially the March 2011 issue Rebekah DesRoches' "About Galway Churches" !!

My brother and I graduated from Galway Central School in June of 1956, in a class of 20!

The Galway United Methodist Church, and the Rev. + Mrs. Ken Wait became central in our lives so much that I became a Methodist Pastor (despite my cerebral palsy) thanks to this clergy couple **and** the great support of a loving, caring, teaching, nurturing congregation.

"Thanks for the memories," and keep them coming.

I believe too, that I was a charter member of the "Galway Yorker Club" (aka N.Y. State Junior Historical Society) organized by our history teacher Jean Schwartz.

Gerald Sutch