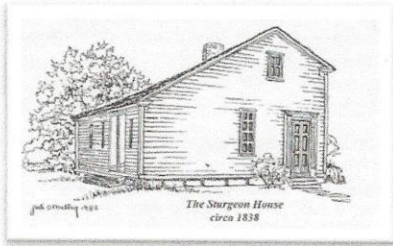


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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I would like to extend best wishes for a great and safe 2017 to all our members and friends from myself and all board and committee members.

Although it is generally thought that 2016 was not a good year, it was certainly a great one for our Historical Society, as you can see in the "recap" of our events. This would not have been possible without the help of so many who shared their time and talents. A special thank you to all those members.

Please consider how you can serve your own love and concern of our heritage by contributing in whatever capacity you are best suited. I have found that being a hostess, particularly, is such a wonderful way to reconnect with people I haven't see in (I won't say how many) years! Not to mention meeting new people with similar interests.

Please share any-and-all ideas you might have for upcoming activities and exhibits. Only then can we best actively serve you and our community.

*Kay Lynne*



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Many things are "reset" at the start of a new year. The calendar is clear at first, then fills as the days and weeks pass. Our board of directors and officers are working to present a list of activities and meetings and we list here the schedule that is set and those possibilities that are being considered. The first order of business is...

## MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

Membership renewal reminders are sent at the beginning of each calendar year and are included in this mailing. Renewal forms will be sent to everyone except Lifetime Members and those seven new members who joined in 2016 after June 1. Their memberships will be carried over into 2017.

## RECAP OF 2016

As per our revised by-laws, we did not meet every month, but held only five meetings, which included the March potluck dinner/election meeting and the August membership picnic. In April we took a field trip to St. Peter Cathedral in Erie and were given a grand tour by our own Vice President Mike Gallagher. Our September meeting was a fine review of Fairview's winning football teams led by former coach Jack Bestwick. In October the new director of the Erie County Historical Society, George Deutsch gave us a slide presentation of the newly opened (January 7, 2017) Civil War exhibit at the Watson-Curtze Mansion.

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**RECAP, continued**

The Memorial Weekend exhibit highlighted the PA 83<sup>rd</sup> Regiment in the Civil War. As is the tradition, that weekend we also hosted members of the French Creek Living History Association who camped on our side yard. The exhibit was open one other weekend in late June with an 83<sup>rd</sup> reenactment group camped on our side yard. All these reenactors are quite dedicated and we welcome them to our site.

We offered a chair caning class as a spring activity and an evening discussion on genealogy in July. Three one-weekend-only exhibits included one in July on quilts, one in August displaying our vintage clothing collection,



and one in September displaying winning football teams from the early years to the end of Bestwick's (on the left in photo) years as coach. We were pleased with the

attendance at all our events and hope to duplicate and improve on it this year. Many thanks to all who participated in one way or another, including the end-of-year activity, our **Christmas at the Sturgeon House**. Many thanks to all who baked cookies, served as hosts/hostesses, sold wreaths, sold quilt tickets, contributed baskets for the Chinese Auction, etc. Once again, it was a fine weekend.

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR 2017...**

**MARCH** - Our first meeting will be the potluck supper\* and annual elections at the Sturgeon House on March 15 at 6:30 p.m. Up for reelection are:

President – Kay Lynne Picheco  
Secretary – Carol Hanna  
Bd. Member-at-Large – Jim Bolla

To be appointed –  
Hospitality – To be announced  
Media Chair – Sabina Freeman

\*Please bring a dish to share and your own table service.

**APRIL** – Program on Girard's James & Mary Webster. Date: April 19. Time: 7 p.m.

**MAY** - Our own member Caroline Reichel, who is the "Cemetery Lady," will talk about "Millionaires of Millionaire's Row who now reside in the Erie Cemetery." Date: May 17. Time: 7 p.m.

**MORE IN MAY** – Marilyn Gallagher will chair a new quilting group to meet beginning in May. Call her, 840-4016, for details. **Quilters needed!**

**EVEN MORE IN MAY** – Memorial Weekend Exhibit, Sunday, May 28, Noon to 4 p.m. and Monday, May 29, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**JUNE** – World War II Army Reenactor Group will camp in our side yard. Date to be announced.

**JULY** – Yard Sale. Rent space for \$5.00 or rent space and a table for \$10.00. Start collecting your "treasures" for this sale. Watch for date and more info to come.

**AUGUST** – Membership picnic at the Avonia Beach Park, end of Avonia Road. August 16, 6 p.m. Bring your table service and a dish to share.

**MORE IN AUGUST** - Exhibit on "Essential Aprons & Kitchen Gadgets." Watch for more info to come.

**SEPTEMBER** – Melinda Meyer will speak on the Underground Railroad in northwestern Erie County. Date: September 20. Time: 7 p.m.

**OCTOBER** – No meeting.

**NOVEMBER** – Possible meeting, to be announced.

**DECEMBER** – **CHRISTMAS AT THE STURGEON HOUSE**, Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3, Noon to 4 p.m. ■

FAREWELL to members Paul Duberow, Jane Espy, Sally Junker, Jean Mertens and Janet Strubel who all passed away in 2016. We also say FAREWELL to special friends Mark Kulyk and Mark Seppala. *Rest in Peace.*