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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Due to the ongoing Covid crisis, we will not have a March meeting. And May looks in doubt. We will keep you posted.

Patsy Collins died in November. He was the long time owner of the Burton Hotel, where everyone went to get their first (legal) drink. He also bought the Club 17 and renamed it the Other Place. His son-in-law, Dan Gleason managed it, and then bought it in 2001. The Burton was sold to four former St. Bonaventure students, but it's still the Burton. Dan Gleason manages it and Patsy's son, Chuck, is behind the bar. It has had a big Bona Wolf painted on the Fifth Street side of the building, and continues to be a village landmark. Check out our Allegany Memories page on Facebook to see a picture of the Bona Wolf.

Patrick Premo died last July. He was the husband of one of our Trustees, Kathy Premo. Pat taught at St. Bonaventure for 36 years. He will be missed.

The Michigan mystery has been solved! The items came from Ann Pierce. Her late husband and my late husband Bob went to school together in Allegany. George knew Bob went to Michigan and married a girl from Michigan. George never went to Michigan but that was his team. He knew more about the sports teams than I ever did. He apparently collected items from Michigan, and Ann has, in a round about way, been passing them on to me. Thanks, Ann, I really appreciate it.

I had no response to my Help Wanted ad for a newsletter editor. We still need a new editor!! Please consider doing this, as I am not getting any younger. All kinds of help will be available to the new editor. All you really need to be able to do is type.

Your annual dues were payable last October. If, for some reason, you forgot them, it's not too late to pay them now - \$15 – single membership - \$20 – family membership; \$25 or more – patron membership. You get no benefits for being a patron, just our thanks for your generosity.

One of our members discovered, while cleaning out, that she has a complete set of our newsletters. She offered them to us but we also have a complete set. She doesn't want to toss them. If any of our members would like them, contact us at Alleganyheritagecenter@gmail.com with your name, address and phone number, and we will put you in contact with her to make arrangements to getting them.

Ray Jonak died in December. He was very active in the Allegany community and in village politics. He and his wife, Joyce, were also always available to help at the Heritage Center. Our sympathy to his family.

George Schreiber, Jr died in December at the age of 101. He had a long full life. He went into Europe on D-Day plus one at Utah Beach. He came back to raise over 6,000 chickens, and had an egg vending machine in front of his house. We will re-publish the oral history Wes Martin did with him in our May newsletter.

Francie Potter, President

THE DOCTORS OF ALLEGANY

This is the first part of an article by Margaret Green that appeared in our November 1997 issue. Enjoy.

We are well aware of the dramatic advances in medical care that have taken place in the 20th century, particularly since World War II. However, advances in medicine have generated new problems and challenges - impersonality of modern practice being one of them. In earlier times, the family physician was a real friend with strength and wisdom who appeared at your home to deliver a baby, reduce a fever or set a broken leg. He prescribed a remedy, which he often took from his little black bag, and offered a comforting word. The new way of conducting medicine on the whole has been beneficial, but the average American misses the personal touch that meant so much in the old days. The cost of the services these days has become astronomical. Government financed programs of Medicare and Medicaid have since 1964 relieved the elderly and poor, but new problems arise to confront doctors as well as patients. This article will take us back to a time in the 20th century when the doctors of Allegany were family physicians, who were general practitioners and well known to their patients, for the most part.

One such doctor was **Dr. Edward Torrey**, who was born in Tuiner, Maine in 1847. He was a graduate of Bowdoin College, later graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia in New York City. He interned in Portland, Maine, practicing in Maine for a short time before coming to Allegany in 1870, where he practiced until 1906. He then moved to Olean where he continued his practice. He was active in the affairs of the village, serving on the school board as president, and was a health officer for the town. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. He died in 1921 at the age of 74, and is buried in the Allegany Cemetery.

Dr. Jacob S. Hicks came to Allegany in 1897. He was born in Colborne, Ontario in 1869, graduated from Trinity Medical College in Toronto and practiced medicine in Alberta, Canada for five years. He served the people of the Allegany area for 35 years. Many news items appeared in the Allegany Citizen giving us further information about Dr. Hicks. "Nov. 25, 1899 – Dr. Hicks moved his office from his residence to the second floor of the Charles Spraker block next to the bank where all calls – telephone of otherwise – instructed to him will be properly attended to." "Dec. 1899 – The drug store and business heretofore conducted by E. Emmons, Main Street, has been purchased by Dr. J. S. Hicks of this city, who has taken possession December 1st and will continue the business. The Doctor will replenish and brighten up the stock. He hereby extends a cordial invitation to the general public soliciting a share of the patronage and trade in the drugs, medicine, perfumery, candy, and toilet articles, school supplies, etc. Prescriptions compounded with the utmost care. The doctor will continue his profession as physician and surgeon in connection with the drug business, with his office at the store next to the post office." "June 2, 1900 – Dr. Hicks has changed his residence to the Karl house on Day Street. (This street is now called Third Street and houses the Piranha Pond store in the basement). "August 1900 – Mr. Stanley Dickinson of New York City, a graduate of the Albany College of Pharmacy, has accepted a position in Dr. Hick's Central Pharmacy and will be pleased to meet people generally." "September 1900 – Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Hicks rejoice in the arrival of a pair of twins." Dr. Hicks served as one time president of the village and on the Board of Education and also as School Director. He was a member of the Allegany Lodge, IOOF, the Masonic Lodge, and Buffalo Consistory. He was affiliated with the Allegany Presbyterian Church. Dr. Hicks died in January 1932 at the age of 63 and was buried in the Allegany Cemetery.

Dr. Lee-O-Nett-O was not a general practitioner. As stated in her obituary, she died December 13, 1939 and was a well-known Indian medicine doctor. She was born in Canada, April 9, 1844. She came to the U.S. in 1869 and was a descendant of the St. Francis Indian Tribe of the Macgalloway River in Canada. The doctor located in the village about 1914 and was active in her profession until 1937. She treated the sick with herb medicines of her own composition, attaining a great degree of success in her patients' illnesses. Dr. Lee-O-Nett-O lived in the house that was torn down to build the present (Five Star) bank in Allegany on Main Street. She died at age 95. The obituary made mention of her love for animals. She took pleasure in breeding canaries and parrots of which she had many in her spacious home.

She was buried in Allegany Cemetery.

Dr. Joseph A. Wintermantel was born in Buffalo in 1897. He graduated from the University of Buffalo Medical School in 1921. In 1922 he arrived in Allegany in a Model T Ford with his new bride, the former Jeannette Walldorf, also from Buffalo. They moved into the Park Hotel, which was owned by Maude and Henry Forness, and Dr. Joe opened his office at 79 West Main Street. At that time Dr. Hicks was the local physician and his two sons, Harry and Harold, lost no time in calling on Jean and informing her that their father was the Doctor in Allegany and her husband should leave right away. Their next move was to buy the American Legion building (4 East Main Street). They were both Legionnaires, Jean having served as an Army nurse during the 1st World War. Dr. Joe's office was on the first floor with the entrance on the west side next to a vacant lot. The upper floors were used as family quarters. Many a night with the office full, there would be 15 to 20 people waiting on the lot next door for their turn. At that time, an office call cost \$1.00 and usually included whatever medication was needed. For \$50.00 you could get a baby delivered, and this included pre-natal and post-natal care. If it was a boy, an extra 15.00 took care of his circumcision. In his early days there were very few telephones in homes outside the village. People had to rely on someone taking a message to the Doctor, asking him to make a house call. Most of these he had to make after his evening office hours. Thus, he was in his Model T Ford going up the Four Mile, or Five Mile, or Nine Mile or Ten Mile starting at 10 or 11 at night. Some nights he would be very unfortunate and skid off a muddy road. This meant he would have to wait until an early bird farmer came along and helped him get his car out of the mud. Sunday morning after church was another time set aside for house calls. He was very happy when St. Francis Hospital was built. It did save a lot in traveling time. Dr. Wintermantel served as a director of the First National Bank of Allegany, former Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery at St. Francis Hospital and a member of the staff at Olean General Hospital. In 1942, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Wintermantel gave a flag and the flag pole that was erected in the town hall park beside the honor roll, the honor roll being a gift from Dr. Forbes, the local dentist. Dr. Wintermantel discontinued his office in Allegany in July, 1955. Dr. Joe and Jean celebrated 50 years of marriage in 1972. He died in 1973 at the age of 76, and she passed away in 1979. They fell in love with Allegany and passed this love on to their children, both of whom live in Allegany. Three of their six grandchildren also live and work in the village.



Dr. Joseph A, Wintermantel

Photo courtesy of Mikel Wintermantel

HISTORICAL PLAQUES PROJECT

The Association decided that any money donated during Cattaraugus Gives would be used to begin to mark additional historical places in the village and the town. Currently, we are in the beginning stage of investigating what type of plaque and where to purchase them. We are also discussing how to decide what places to designate. One suggestion already, is to mark the three abandoned cemeteries in the Town of Allegany as we did for the Horton Cemetery many years ago. There are also buildings, houses, and businesses that are well over 100 years old. We have just over \$900.00 so far to start! So, this will be an ongoing project for us. If you would like to make a donation, just send a check to us at PO Box 162, Allegany, NY 14706



TREASURER'S REPORT**October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020**

This report is presented to give you an understanding of our sources of income and expenses. AAHA receives no public assistance from Village, Town or State.

INCOME:

Books, Maps, Postcards, Yearbook Sales	801.90
Christmas Cookie Sale (2019)	1248.00
Donations	595.00
Donations/Memorials	1630.00
Membership Dues	3400.00
TOTAL	\$7674.90

EXPENSES:

Citizen Printing	340.80
Dues Paid to Other Associations	75.00
Fire Extinguishers (Ganoung)	37.00
COACC (Gifts: Forness & Swatt)	75.00
Insurance (Erie & Niagara)	879.65
Landscaping/Mowing	400.00
Maple Leaf Construction (Siding)	3500.00
National Grid	750.48
NYSEG	2142.29
Post Office (Box Rental, Mailings, Permit Renewal)	451.00
Security (Austin Alarm Annual Service Contract)	419.40
Yearbooks (New)	81.56
TOTAL	\$9152.18

***PAID FOR FROM GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED/DEPOSITED IN AUGUST 2019 SPECIFICALLY FOR SIDING** (shown as income in Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2019 Treasurer's Report)

TREASURER'S REPORT**OCTOBER 1, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021****INCOME:**

Books, Maps, Postcards, Yearbook Sales	1315.50
Donations	1805.00
Memorials	3255.00
Membership Dues	3000.00
TOTAL	\$9375.50

EXPENSES:

Banking (Safe Deposit Box)	34.56
Citizen Printing	1798.50
Dues Paid to Other Associations	120.00
Insurance (Erie & Niagara)	894.81
National Grid	787.44
NYSEG	2325.11
Post Office (Box Rental, Mailings, Permit Renewal)	571.00
Security (Alarm Contract, Repairs, Batteries)	1409.69
Window (Plexiglass Repair)	459.71
Yearbooks (New)	61.56
TOTAL	\$8462.38

Memorials

In memory of Pat Premo:

By Sue and Bob Kalman

By Hans and Char Sendlakowski

By John P. Walsh

By Kathy Premo and the Premo Family

In memory of Peter Wintermantel:

By Margaret Nuss and the Hesse Family

By John P. Walsh

In Memory of Gene Quinlan:

By Margaret Nuss and the Hesse Family

In Memory of Rosemary Ryan:

By John P. Walsh

In Memory of Carol Hakes:

By John P. Walsh

In Memory of Patsy Collins:

By Bill Wing and the Wing Family

In Memory of Eunice Schiferle:

By Clair Schuman

In Memory of Julie Hall Kellogg:

By Sharon Blair

In Mamory of Helen McCully:

By the McCully Family (Don, John, Dean, Jean and Joan)

In Memory of Ray Jonak:

By Hans and Char Sendlakowski

By Sue and Bob Kalman

By Clair Schuman

By Edwin Hardiman

In Memory of George Schreiber:

By Kathy Premo

By Sue and Bob Kalman

By Mike and Martha Nenno

By Bill Wing and the Wing Family

In Honor of Francie Potter:

By Linda Potter and Family

By Mary Pendl and Family

By Bruce and Heidi Potter and Family

By David and Eva Potter

By Linda Potter and Michael Catanzaro

DONATIONS

By James and Juanita Reid

By David and Marge Vitale

By Beth and David Deitz

By Joan Gollaher

By Kathy Premo

RESIGNATION



I have decided to resign as President of AAHA. I have been the President for 25 years, mostly because nobody wanted the job. It has been a real pleasure but I am rapidly getting to the point where I cannot physically be of much use to work at the center. Nobody told me about bad knees but I know a whole lot about them now! Char Sendlakowski, our Vice-President, is stepping into the job, and I know she will do a marvelous job. Thank you all for your support over the years.

Francie Potter

November 1997

Election of Officers

At the Annual meeting held on October 8, these officers were elected for two-year terms:

**President
Francie Potter**

**Vice President
Marjorie Geise**

**Secretary
Vernon Field**

**Treasurer
Alice Altenburg**

**Corresponding Secretary
Marion Zink**

**Directors
(for three year terms)**

**Daniel Wintermantel
Margaret Green**

We welcome Francie Potter as president. She served as president during the years 1983-85 and has been active in the association since its organization in 1982. We are happy to have the other officers serve another term as well. Margaret Green is a new director this year.

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C. Livingston	89	154	131	
F. Potter	111	100	115	
L. Hastings,	105	118	122	
A. Ball	88	97	129	
	426	482	497	1404

**Bowling score from Allegany
Citizen, January 1960**

FRANCIE,

The Board of Trustees on behalf of the membership of AAHA and the community of Allegany wish you well on your "retirement" as President.

You won't have to think about any of these things anymore (although we know you probably will):

- Is the heat on?
- Does the snow need shoveling?
- Is there water in the basement?
- Will the alarm go off tonight?
- Did the gutters overflow?
- Are there enough cookies and fruitcake?
- Will people come to buy cookies and fruitcake?
- Are the displays done?
- Is anyone coming to the next program?
- I need to finish transcribing that interview!
- Is there another skunk in the furnace?

But you won't get to

- Sample all the cookies
- See our newest donations
- See our wonderful volunteers who will also miss you

Your 25+ years of involvement have brought us to where we are today. Please, feel free to visit us at the Center anytime – even if it is to give us a good kick!

THANK YOU



Francie & Alice Altenburg at Heritage Days 2006

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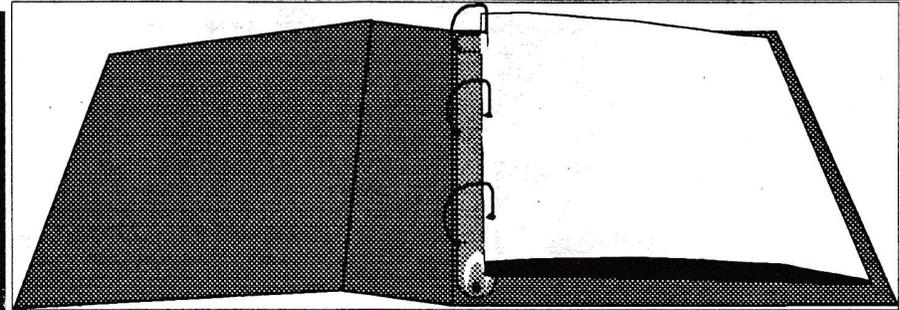
January 1998



**Francie at the Heritage Center
- date unknown**



**Dedication of Historical Marker
at Five Mile Cemetery, 2018**



President's Letter

By the time you read this, we will have had our Christmas Cookie Sale and our annual Community Christmas Service. Special thanks goes to all the members and friends of A.A.H.A. who worked on the sale and who furnished us with such delicious Christmas goodies to sell. This is a big fundraiser for us and we couldn't do it without a lot of support. The thanks of the entire membership go to Ann Boser for her dedication and energy in putting together our Community Christmas Service each year. It is very heartwarming to see the community come together at this special time of year, and Ann is the one who pulls it all together for us.

On Sunday, April 19, 1998, we will have a dedication ceremony and reception when we unveil the plaques honoring our generous contributors to our Roof Fund. Thanks to their strong support, we were able to have a complete new roof put on our Heritage Center. We should be in good shape for years to come. We picked a later

date than planned to allow all the "snowbirds" who gave so generously to be back in the North and to be able to attend. More details will be forthcoming in the spring, but for now mark your calendars for April 19.

As you may have noticed at our meetings, we are an "aging" group. We need new members if we are going to be able to continue into the future. Why don't you ask a friend or neighbor to come to our next meeting to hear our speaker and to see what we are all about. It would be a real tragedy if we had to close up shop for lack of working members. Everyone appreciates our efforts in preserving the history of the Allegany area, and maybe your neighbor or friend is only waiting for a personal invitation to be part of our action. Spread the news about the "hysterical members."

Francie Potter, President

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