



IN SYMPATHY:



**JOANNE PICK
FORMER PRESIDENT & BOARD
MEMBER**

NEW OUTSIDE LAHS SIGN



We thank Rick Homerding for his artistry and donating our new outdoor museum sign. Beautiful! Check it out!

**LEMONT STREET FAIR
SEPT 21 10am-4pm.
Vendors needed – Let's help to
make this year's a success! Vendor
Application enclosed.**

Cornerstone

Lemont Area Historical Society
306 Lemont Street Lemont IL 60439
lemontahs@sbcglobal.net
www.lemonthistorical.org

**JULY 23- 6PM.
DINNER/PROGRAM ON RR#66
CHICKEN BASKET \$30 per person**



2013 Baseball Raffle Winners

“Dear Members,

We would like to thank the LAHS for sponsoring the Crosstown Classic Raffle also a short note to our friends, Don & Martha Sundquist of Tenn. (the real winners but who were unable to attend) for giving their prize to us – two tickets and parking for one game at Wrigley Field & one game at the Cell.

Thanks again for a great time at both ball parks.

Marge, Dieter, & Eric Michaelsen
(Sox) (Cub) (Cub) Fans

**LEMONT AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
EXHIBITOR APPLICATION – SEPTEMBER 21, 2013**

Full Name _____
Business Name (if applicable) _____
Mailing Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone No. _____
E-Mail Address _____

I agree to exhibit in the LAHS' 6th Annual Street Fair. Enclosed is my check for \$25.00. I acknowledge that my space will be 10' x 10', I need to supply my own tables/merchandise displays and that this is a non-refundable payment.

Refund Policy. LAHS seeks to provide a safe, clean and attractive environment, but provides no guarantee. Your payment for space rent is non-refundable. The show takes place rain or shine.

Signature

Please call Susan Roy (630) 888-5259 if you have any questions or concerns about setting up for our Fair. You can also call Susan Donahue at (630) 257-2972 during Museum hours.

Applications can be mailed or dropped off:

Lemont Area Historical Society
306 Lemont Street
Lemont, IL 60439

Museum hours are

Tuesday and Friday	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Or you can drop them off at
Smokey Row Antique Shop

President's Message .



Dear Members,

Hope all is well with all of you and your families and you are enjoying the summer!

I am sure by now all of you have heard of the passing of our former President and Board Member Joanne Pick. She fought a long and hard battle with cancer and now is at peace! We all express our deepest sympathy to her family and especially her sister, Carol Garibay. Please keep her family in your prayers at this time. Joanne was a friend and supporter of the Historical Society up until the very end. She will be greatly missed!

A special thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with our Tag Days! We really appreciate all of your time and effort that you gave to help us with this important fundraiser.

Hopefully, you will all be able to join in the Heritage Fest activities. The Historical Society again will be running the Bingo games and taking old time photos.

On **July 23rd**, we will again be having our **General Meeting** at **Del Rhea's Chicken Basket** for their wonderful fried chicken and to listen to Route 66 Historian, John Weiss talk about the **history of Route 66** along with relating amusing events about this famed highway. We hope you can join us. The meeting and dinner will begin at **6:00 p.m.** and John's talk approximately 7:00 p.m. The **cost is \$30 per person** for the all

you can eat soup and salad bar and a half chicken dinner with mashed potatoes and green beans, dessert and coffee.

Only two more home games for The Lemont Quarrymen – July 20th at 1:00 p.m. and August 4th at 1:00 p.m., 127th & Covington Knolls Drive. Let's try to show some ginger and get out and support them. It is always a relaxing and fun afternoon!

Also, we are calling all artists, antique and collectible dealers, crafters and anyone else that might be interested to participate in our Street Fair on September 21st. If you know anyone that is interested, please have them contact me at smokeyrow@sbcglobal.net or 630-888-5259, or they pick up a registration form from Susan at the Church.

The Board and I wish you and your families all the very best for a fun and safe rest of the summer!

Best regards,
Sue

ATTENTION: NOVEMBER EXHIBIT WILL COMMERATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY – THE EXHIBIT COMMITTEE REQUESTS ITEMS TO SHOWCASE – PLEASE SHARE ANY ITEMS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THIS EVENT IN HISTORY - WE WILL MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS HAVE TLC UNTIL THEY ARE RETURNED TO YOU!

NOTE: We now have Sonia Kallick's Book, "Lemont & Its People" at the museum for sale – if you know someone who would like the book please let them know. Thank you!

Genealogy Corner



By Barb Bannon

Summer Sleuthing

There are many Genealogy magazines published every month with some very interesting articles covering topics related to internet sites, software, or researching in specific countries. I don't subscribe to any one magazine but I will usually pickup either Family Tree Magazine or Family Chronicle when a cover article catches my eye. Since I'm always trying to find ways to develop younger family historians I couldn't pass up the article entitled "Engaging Children in Genealogy".

School has been out for weeks now and there are probably more than a few kids uttering those words parents dread hearing over and over, "I'm bored". I remember as a parent, hearing those words and as a child, uttering those very same words. Summers weren't always only one month long (as they seem to us now) kids sometimes feel they have absolutely nothing to do as the days go on forever!

Family history can be an interesting distraction, and parents can either be very involved or just get the ball rolling. Relating to their life today, kids will be attracted to stories like "When your grandma was young there was no TV in their house" or "Uncle Bill loved to play baseball just like you". Any number of everyday events can trigger an interest in finding out more if presented as through a child's eyes.

Genealogy research isn't just looking through old records, it's talking to relatives, finding out the different skills, interests or in what organizations they were involved. There were many suggestions in the magazine about introducing kids to the concept of family history and family

relationships using family trees of current characters kids like such as Harry Potter or the Simpson Family which can be found online. Family photos can be turned into a customized version of a "Concentration" memory game online at matchthememory.com, myheritage.com or on a smart-phone by using Photo Memory Game in the app Store (printed versions are also available at these sites).

Use Facebook, the most popular networking site, for "meetings" to keep in touch with the younger family members. Naturally keep the site private by having it open to family members only. Update it with photos, stories, documents or add family related riddles like "Who had three daughters all get married on the same day?"

Children can actually be learning while having fun through family history research. Finding the day of the week on which they or their parents were born involves an introduction to old documents and calendars. Calculating at what age their parents and grandparents were married involves a math-related activity or using a census page to locate birthplaces for geography related activities. History can be covered by building a timeline showing the correlation between life events and historical events. Just give them the pieces of your family puzzle and let them put it together in their own way. It doesn't have to consist of family group forms or descendant charts, have them create their own version of a tree using paper or real branches, cut out leaf or apple shapes with photos on them or tiny photo frames suspended by ribbons. Or simply place the photos and draw branches to connect the families.

Research time doesn't have to be structured, the tree may not be perfectly constructed but however you choose to celebrate your family's history remember one thing, HAVE FUN!

Genealogy is like potato salad - When you share it with others, it's a picnic!



Mailbox

If you have a general genealogy question or comment please send it via regular mail or email to lahsgenes2@yahoo.com with "Genealogy Corner Mailbox" in the subject and we will do our best to have the answer in the next newsletter.



Connecting Branches

The Genealogy Committee has been made aware of the following new family names being researched:



CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT:

We wish to thank the thespians, Helen Milam and Mr. & Mrs. Blaeser for the reenactment held at our May Gen. Meeting.

**QUARRYMEN GAMES
COME JOIN US AT
COVINGTON PARK
COVINGTON DR. & 127TH ST.**

**JULY 20- 1PM.
AUGUST 4 – 1PM.**

**FREE ADMISSION
FOOD SOLD**

CHEER ON THE HOME TEAM!!

The Cornerstone newsletter of the Lemont Area Historical Society, a not for profit organization as set forth by the provisions of the State of Illinois. *Cornerstone* is published six times a year with a circulation of 200 issues. Issues are mailed or emailed to members of the Lemont Area Historical Society. Complimentary copies are available. Publication offices for Cornerstone are located at 306 Lemont Street, Lemont, IL 60439. The editor may be contact or writing to the Lemont Area Historical Society, 306 Lemont St, Lemont, IL 60439, or leaving a message at the museum at 630-257-2972. Contributions to the newsletter are welcome, although acceptance of copy does not imply that the article will be published. We reserve the right to edit and rewrite to comply with our style.

REPORT ON CLASSIC BASEBALL GAME:

Thought this was cute that the Michaelsen's took the time to give a rating to their baseball experience at both parks and thought you might like to see it too:

**Classic Baseball Game
Unofficial Michaelsen Poll**

Best:

Food – Sox (brats & saucerkraut)

Parking – Sox

Seating – Cubs (7th row)

Team – Da Cubs (at least this year)



SOCIETY NEWS

By Susan Donahue

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewal letters have gone out to members. The following members have renewed: Toni Blaeser, Earl Hassert, Patricia Hallman, Syneta Olson, and Dan & Bonnie Zolecki Fam. We thank you.

GET WELL WISHES:

We would like to extend our sincere wishes for a return to good health to Arthur Garibay, Ellen Davey and Clyde Zimmer. We also wish to acknowledge the contributions all of you have made to our organization in the past

DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

We extend to the Michael Hennebry family our heartfelt sympathy. Marge Michaelsen is a life member and he was her brother. Recently the family also lost the matriarch of the family, Mildred (Koch) Hennebry.



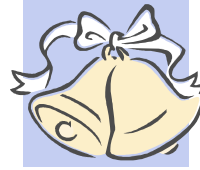
IN MEMORIAM:

In Memory of JoAnne Pick: Gail & Jack Ahrens, Marge & Dieter Michaelsen



BIRTHDAY HAPPY!!!

We wish to send out birthday wishes to Gail Ahrens and her husband Jack. Jack is now 80th years young!! Gail is ageless!



WEDDING BELLS

The Board of Directors wishes to congratulate “Rick & Joy Homerding” on their recent marriage.

The wedding ceremony took place at our “Old Stone Church.” It was a lovely ceremony and we wish them all the very best in the future.

JOY & RICK’S WEDDING:



Blushing Bride



Wedding Ceremony 6/22/2013



STEPPING BACK IN TIME

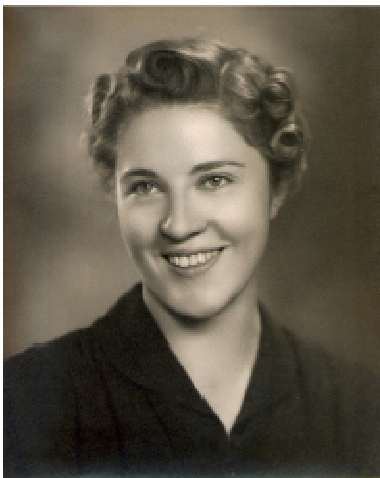
By Susan Donahue

We are often asked to do research for organizations and governmental bodies and I recently completed a report for the Lemont Park District as they rededicate the Virginia Dillman Reed Community Park.

The park was a grass roots movement initiated by the Singer-Warner Mothers' Club in 1948. Virginia Dillman Reed was a lighting rod for the group, who unfortunately died in 1949 of polio.

It occurred to me as I was pouring over the newspapers of that time how we take so much for granted as we drive through town. We don't question how did that end up there, who was involved in it's inception, how was the idea received when it first came up..

Who was Virginia Dillman Reed and how did she impact a small deserted lot?



Virginia Dillman Reed

PLAYGROUND TO BE PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN WARNER –SINGER MOTHERS CLUB PLAN PLAY AREA FOR JUVENILES

Plans for a neighborhood playground for the pre-school and grade school set are being completed by the Warner – Singer Mothers' Club.

The idea, brought up at a meeting of mothers, was so enthusiastically received that voluntary offerings of services as well as cash were received even before the plans were organized.

THE LEMONTER, SEPT 29, 1949

The death of Mrs. Virginia Dillman Reed, 34, mother of four young children and wife of Frederick M. Reed of 311 Lemont Street came as a blow to her many friends and was the occasion of much general sorrow throughout the vicinity.

PRAISED BY CO-WORKERS

Co-workers of the decedent in her civic projects, say it was Mrs. Reed who instigated the organization of the Singer-Warner Mothers' Club and the opening of the Warner-Eureka playground, which the mothers club has sponsored so successfully since it was opened in the spring of 1948.

Leaders in the Girl Scout movement also say it was Mrs. Reed who instigated the organization of the Girl Scout movement in Lemont, that she obtained the needed information and applications, made the inquires and plans for its organization. The Girl Scouts are now functioning very successfully here with Senior Girl Scout, Intermediate and Brownie

Troops. Mrs. Reed was also interested in other civic ventures here, and her fellow workers praise her for her outstanding ability and untiring unselfishness in her work among the children and youth of the community.

**THE LEMONTER, OCTOBER 20, 1949
PLAYGROUND WILL BE
MEMORIAL TO MRS. REED
CHANGE NAME OF MOTHERS'
CLUB**

As a memorial to the founder of their organization, members of the Singer-Warner Mother's Club have taken official action to change the name of the Warner-Eureka playground to "The Virginia Reed Community Playground.

<p>Lemont Area Historical Society Membership</p> <p>Student -----\$10.00 Senior Citizen:\$10.00 ----- Individual: \$15.00 ----- Family: \$25.00 ----- Corporate:\$50.00 ----- Old Quarry Club:\$250.00 ----- Friends of Keepataw:500.00 ----- Athens Marble Club:\$1,000.00 ---- Additional Donation _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____ _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p> <p>Mail to: LAHS 306 Lemont Street Lemont, IL 60439</p>

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Museum Hours
 10 am to 2 pm Tuesday, Friday
 10 am to 1 pm Saturday
 1 to 4 pm Sunday

Library Committee
 Meets 10 am to 12 noon on Wednesday.
 Visits by appointment only.

The main floor of the museum is available for weddings, meetings, and events.

Board of Directors
 President Susan Roy
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Board Members: Barbara Bannon ,John Bushman, Pat Camalliere,,Carol Garibay, Richard Homerding, Doris Peterman, John Quinn, Wm. Uznanski

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ATHENS MARBLE CLUB MEMBERS
 VILLAGE OF LEMONT
 LEMONT TOWNSHIP
 LEMONT PARK DISTRICT
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!