



**LEMONT STREET FAIR SEPT 20
MAJOR FUNDRAISER
10am-4pm.**

Come join us for an old fashioned Street Fair! Filled with fun, antique dealers, antique appraiser, crafters, kids games, raffle, bakery, refreshments, and entertainment. If you are or know antique or crafters please tell them about it – we need them. Volunteers will also be getting a call to pull it off and here is hoping you can help

ATTENTION: WE ARE HOPING TO CONNECT WITH WW1 & WWII VETERANS/FAMILY FOR A SPECIAL PROGRAM PLEASE LET US KNOW & CONTACT INFO

ALSO: IF YOU/ FAMILY OR FRIENDS WERE ON OR KNEW PEOPLE WHO WERE ON THE EASTLAND IN CHICAGO PLEASE LET US KNOW & CONTACT INFO - THANK YOU!

Cornerstone

Lemont Area Historical Society
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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 22: General Membership Meeting 7pm
(No Program)
September 20: Lemont Street Fair 10am-4pm. Vols Needed Bakery Goods Needed
Sept 23 General Membership Meeting 7pm.
October 28 "Fright Nite" Doors Open at 6:30pm Performances at 7pm.

DODGE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!!



Thank you Lemont Classic Car Club for helping us with our fundraiser by showcasing your antique cars. Here is one of the beauties on display!



**Local bands & Musicians will be offering a
Free 5-hour concert
Saturday July 26th 4-9pm
To benefit the Lemont Food Pantries
Singing for the suppers of the more than 100 households that
depend on
the non-perishable and voucher monthly offerings
provided by the Lemont Food Pantries.**

This family friendly event will take place on the grass lot directly
West of Front Street Cantina (319 Front St, Lemont)

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, picnic baskets
(Or enjoy the food & beverages of Front Street Cantina).

Please bring your much needed donations of non-perishable food or
Monetary donations for the Food Pantries with you.

Checks can be made payable to "Lemont Open Food Pantries"
?s email terri-oneill@lemonttownship.org (630) 257-2522 ex 13

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

Proposed at May 7, 2014 LAHS Bd. Meeting by Life Member, Gail August

Proposed Amendment #1: Article VI: Executive Board, Section #4-Term, Part B. Directors

Current Wording: A Director shall serve for 3 years or until a successor is elected. A Director shall serve not serve for more than 2 consecutive terms and shall not be eligible for election as a Director until a lapse of 1 year.

New Wording: A Director shall serve for three years or until a successor is elected. A Director shall serve for not more than 8 consecutive elected years which includes full and partial elected terms and shall not be eligible for election as a Director until the lapse of 1 year.

Proposed Amendment#2: Article VI: Executive Board, Section #4-Term, Part C. Partial Term

Current Wording: The time a person has served filling a vacancy by appointment shall not be counted in term limitations.

New Wording: The time a person serves filling a partial term by election will count in term limitations.

President's Message. .



July 14, 2014
Dear Members,

Hope all is well with all of you and your families and you are enjoying the summer! Hopefully, you did not suffer any damage to your home with the recent storms.

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.

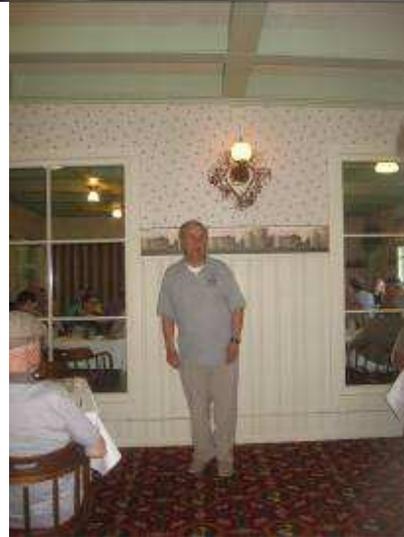
We had a nice turnout at White Fence Farm and would like to thank Rickard Lee, who chaired the event, and the Lemont Classic Car Club members and guest speakers for bringing their antique cars, sharing a meal with us, and helping us with this fundraiser.

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 20th. If you know anyone that is interested, please have them contact me at smokeyrow@sbcglobal.net or 630-888-5259 or they can pick up a registration form from Susan at the Church.

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

Best regards, Sue

WHITE FENCE FARM PIXS



Richard Lee, Guest Speaker



Genealogy Corner



By Barb Bannon

No Power - No Problem?

Many of us in some way large or small, experienced the severe thunderstorm that hit our town this past week, some of us were hit with a power outage for hours, others for days. Personally our power went out early Monday evening and was not restored until Friday afternoon leaving us with many things wanting to be accomplished, but how without power?

Before I go on, I would like to thank the many crews that were in Lemont working through the night. You may have thought, as we did, that Com Ed had forgotten our area but there were many places that were hit even harder than ours. As with all people doing a job, there are those that are just good and then there are those that are great. We finally had a great one look into our problem and he took it a step further, assembled a very professional crew that was here from Kansas City, Missouri and got the job done.

Five or six trucks arrived with a dozen or more men. It was like watching a choreographed dance, they knew each others next move, and could count on them to perform. The crews finished their part in about two and a half hours, and when our home did not come back online, they even investigated the problem to let us know what was needed to correct an internal problem at our breaker panel.

Without electricity I came to the conclusion we no longer utilize our wits the way our ancestors probably did to accomplish tasks. Homes would have been built near a source of moving water, possibly a large spring. There they would have access to cold water and constructed a box nearby to have water running through it, forming a natural

refrigeration system. This would probably have been considered a luxury then, now we would consider it an inconvenience getting ice for the coolers.

I can't imagine doing laundry without electricity, it would be bad enough using the old "wringer" washing machines much less hauling water and washing by hand to hang dry. This would have been an all day chore not just "throw a load in" while you accomplish some other task. Just think of the time and effort that went into doing the normal day in and day out jobs around the house.

Mother Nature cooperated with us after the storm and we didn't need the air conditioning we are accustomed to and that our ancestors wouldn't have had. They would have tried to position their homes in a way as to take advantage any cross breeze or cooler temps as in a valley.

Preparing for a wedding or family reunion for example in extreme temps would have been quite an undertaking. The acquiring, storing and preparation of the food alone, without the conveniences we take for granted, would have been more taxing than we can imagine.

What would we do for entertainment without our computer, television, DVD player, tablet or cell phone? Many of our ancestors learned to play musical instruments and probably gathered for music and dance with their neighbors. With the availability of electricity we have a tendency to not provide our own entertainment; we prefer to just push a button and seem to have become less creative.

Every room I walked into during the power outage, I instinctively hit the light switch. People in the 1800's, having access to only dim lighting, fell into a sleep pattern of "two sleeps". Research has been done on their sleep habits and it has been found that they didn't sleep in one eight hour period; rather they slept in two shorter stints over twelve

hours of night. Especially during the winter months they would have a first sleep for three or four hours, awoken for about two hours and have a second sleep until morning. After four nights with only soft lantern light available, I can see where you could fall into this practice.

When I continue with my family history research and come across an account of any event, I will look upon it in quite a different light (no pun intended here). We knew eventually we would have all of our conveniences restored.

Oh yes, and I didn't even consider writing this article with pen and paper while the power was out!

Unable to locate Coffee -- Genealogy Research Halted!

Connecting Branches



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

Pat Stalowy - researching Johnson, Fous & Kettering names

If you are doing research and would like to contact these or other genealogists, please let us know by leaving a message at the Museum 630-257-2972 or by e-mail to lemontahs@sbcglobal.net



Mailbox If you have a general genealogy question 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.

New Energy-Saving Lighting at the Museum

By Richard H. Lee, V. P. LAHS

The Lemont Area Historical Society (LAHS) is currently replacing its lighting with new energy efficient bulbs under the Commonwealth Edison program for energy saving. Every customer pays a small amount to this program to help fund the replacement of home electrical devices with new more efficient lighting and appliances such as refrigerators. We signed up since our museum, the "Old Stone Church" on Lemont Street needed brighter lighting and this program afforded us the opportunity to do it...

The installation was done by Bruce Taylor, a retired Com Ed contractor, and Rich Homerding, who is a new board member of the society. Rich is also very talented and has recently made a new outdoor sign for the museum with an artistic design. They started with the downstairs (basement) exhibit area and storeroom with new fixtures and fluorescent bulbs that are brighter and consume 30% less electrical power; 28 watts each compared to the old 40-watt bulbs. The new bulbs are also extra long life, making replacing them less often and that will be especially important upstairs in the sanctuary where the light fixtures hang from the ceiling about 10 feet from the floor.

The sanctuary lights will be new LED energy efficient bulbs that will consume only about 10% of the power the old tungsten filament bulbs did but with more light output (lumens). "The difference is noticeable", said Carol Garibay, Museum Wedding Coordinator. **Note: Bruce Taylor & Rick Homerding will be honored with Life Memberships at Gen Meet July 22.**



SOCIETY NEWS

By Susan Donahue

IN SYMPATHY:

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Peterson family on the loss of Arthur Peterson, co-owner of Peterson's Hardware Store, a fixture on the Lemont business scene for many years.

TAG DAYS:



Ron Danihel & Doris Peterman at Chipains



Guest Speaker

WHITE FENCE FARM PIXS

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STEPPING BACK IN TIME

By Susan Donahue

The article I wrote in the last newsletter invoked a story from one of our readers. It concerned the alert telephone operator who called the police and the co-owner of the store, Mr. Blesch, that someone was in the business after closing.

Jack Ahrens related that his mom was the telephone operator and that a few days after the incident Mr. Blesch came by their home with a box of candy for his mom as a thank you.

It is always nice to hear that people are first reading what we post and secondly that we have gained some info that we were not aware of before. Thank you Jack.

On a totally unrelated time frame and story I started to think about Keepataw – an event that started when I was a child and from all indications will be from now on a pleasant memory.

I remember my parents speaking of how it had gotten started as a small town get together and had blossomed into a carnival/parade.

There was in the early years a contest of who had the longest beard and how there was a jail set up and you could have someone arrested for not having a beard. It was fun to see who ended up in the make shift jail.

We wore costumes when I was a child. One of my friends would dress up as an Indian Princess and I was a cowgirl. The only drawback for me was knowing that the next day school would be starting – not that I was a bad student but it did dampen the fun mood for me. It was also a way of knowing that summer was over or at least to us kids. Different local groups would man booths with prizes like lamps, radios, etc. Bingo was played. My mom and her sisters enjoyed that.

The parade was a family affair and we positioned our lawn chairs in our spots. Lo to any stranger who dared to push in. Unpleasant looks were given. It was a tradition of families coming together from different towns to watch the parade.

You had the clown who never could quite stay on the donkey no matter how hard he tried and the feeble attempt to get the donkey to move unless he wanted to and then he would bolt with the clown chasing him down the street There were buckets of confetti thrown at us. You always knew the end of the parade because that was when the horses came past. One of my cousins had her horse in the parade one year decked out in silver.

There was the year where it poured buckets and we stood flush to the building with umbrellas as the water overflowed the gutters and gave us an extra bath. My favorite sandals ended up becoming boats. Now not everyone who always came watched the parade that year but to my mom if the parade participants could march in all that rain we sure could stand and cheer them on. Later after the rain let up a little we went down and played bingo, since the bingo was in a covered tent. There was concern because the tent cover was gathering so much water that the Jaycees running it asked people to move so they could dump the water out, but unfortunately two well dressed women didn't move fast enough and got drenched. Needless to say they were not amused. It took all of us a great deal of will power to not laugh uncontrollably at the sight of them, since the scene was so absurd. The Jaycees apologized profusely. In the end they were good sports and did stay on playing the game soaked to the skin.

What are your memories of Keepataw? Please share them with us via email, Facebook or a short note. Love to hear about them. They could be in the next Stepping Back In Time. sd

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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.**

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**Society members are encouraged to
participate in Committees and Subcommittees**

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Student
Senior Citizen: \$10.00 -----
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Family: \$25.00 -----
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Life Member: \$200-----
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