

February 27, 1991

Our February 11th Rotary slides program drew about 20, a good showing for mid-winter. For the record, attending were J.Clark, D.Teator, C.Teator, M.Bennett, R.Bennett, P.Pickett, J.Halstead, M.Simpkins, P.Beechert, H.Rasmussen, D.Blenis, C.Baumann, L.Rundell, B.Chatterton, C.Ketcham, E.Phinney, E.Vaughn, T.Vaughn, C.Lamb, G.Ingalls, and A.Brown.

Before the program started, Con Baumann opened our meeting with a suggestion that the GLHG sponsor or help with a get-together of music, dinner, and stories of the "old days" before the weather gets too much warmer.

June Clark introduced a project of creating four post cards, each showing a historical scene of the Town of Greenville. Printing of 2000 post cards would cost about \$117, with expenses coming from the treasury. General approval was given, and the selection process for pictures would be started by June and Don.

The program finally started. (Cris Ketcham, who not only brought the slide projector, had to make an emergency run back home to get a cassette player. Talk about teamwork! Thanks, Cris.) June then presented an audio slide production originally created and narrated by Len Ciuffo in 1977. Over 100 slides presented the origin of the Rotary Club in Greenville and the many accomplishments of the Club over the years. Many familiar faces and activities were reviewed. Previous to the slide show, June had updated the Rotary Club's accomplishments from the late 1970's until the present. A videotape of the slide show was made and can be borrowed on request. A note of appreciation goes to June Clark who not only previewed the slide show, but also made all the connections in obtaining these slides.

The next hour turned into a share session with numerous contributors.

Dorothy Blenis brought about two dozen pictures of the Surprise area. The pictures included old shots of the Surprise store, the sawmill and dam in back of the store, as well as houses and people. These pictures have been duplicated.

Con Baumann was at it again. Although he warned us that an account of his one-room school house days (Place's Corners, West Greenville, and Norton Hill) would bore us, Con proceeded to prove himself wrong and fascinate us with a memory of school few people in Greenville have.

Carol Lamb contributed to the files the 1990 The Columbia, a genealogical quarterly put out by Art Kelly of Rhinebeck. Carol also gave pictures of the Tour de Trump as it came through Greenville in 1990. Information of the Mable family (Stephen Mable - 1760) was also contributed.

Connie Holmes contributed for the files numerous copies of the Greenville Central News letters, as well as two copies of The Spartan Spirit, a student publication.

Gerald Ingalls brought in a post card of the Otis Railway, several pictures from the mountaintop area, and a copy of an article about the Catskill Landing, a meeting place of boats, trains, and passengers.

Harriet Rasmussen came in with "stuff" as she almost

always does. Harriet gave for the files two telephone directories (1985-1987). Also, Harriet had information on the Abram Post family, as well as the Brown, Evans, and Griffin families. Harriet read her typed account of her memories of Marble Pillar, the house that used to stand on eastern corner of Ingalside Road and Route 81. The many details showed not only the house but the lifestyle of the area.

Harriet also brought a book donated by Brian Rasmussen, Greene County's Volunteer Firemen's Association: 1889-1989 - One-Hundred Years of Fire Service History.

Janet Halstead brought for the files a calling card of Thomas Palmer. These calling cards were the custom 100 years ago. This card was given by Ruth Hunt.

Marguerite Simpkins brought in alumni material. The first item is the booklet titled "GCS Alumni Association of the Greenville Free Academy and Greenville Central School" which will be copied and put on file. Marguerite also contributed three pages of notes about the Class of 1938. This is the type of material we hope to preserve about the GFA and GCS.

Barbara Chatterton gave to the files an original copy of DeLissier's Picturesque Catskills, copyrighted 1894. The book is an account of DeLissier's travels through Greene County, accompanied by many photographs.

Don Teator explained the progress of the town-wide mailing he has undertaken as Town Historian. The guides for writing house histories and biographical sketches have been mailed in the Freehold and Greenville post offices (1500 pieces of mail). To be completed by the end of the month are those parts of the town served by the Norton Hill, Leeds, Earlton, Climax and Hannacroix post offices. Already, two responses have resulted.

Don also brought in some old and new news clippings - the 1963 Virgil Phinney plane crash, a 1991 Bryant's Supermarket clipping, and a 1991 Greene County census clipping.

By the time this letter reaches you, the team of June Clark, Don and Debra Teator, Harriet Rasmussen, and Betty Vaughn will have searched the photo albums for pictures for the 1992 calendar. We will update the Group at the March 11th GLHG meeting.

Enclosed in this mailing is a Library Users Survey. The library is requesting that all groups that use the library to fill out this survey. They will use this information to help apply for a grant for the library. Since we use the library, your assistance is appreciated. You can either personally deliver or mail this survey to the library as soon as possible.

If you wish not to use your name on this survey, but have a library card number, you may use your card number in place of your name.

A THANK YOU goes to all of you who keep on contributing material and knowledge for the files!

Sincerely,

*Don Teator*