

Greenville Local History Group

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Annual Report

Welcome back to the newsletter!

Before I get to the annual report, I'll mention a few reminders.

As agreed last summer, GLHG winter meetings were suspended until the spring. Our first meeting of the year will be Saturday, March 5th at 1 pm, a share session. The following meetings, April through November, will be the usual second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. March's turnout will be a key factor whether we attempt another such weekend-afternoon meeting next year.

According to our tradition, this newsletter is going out to everyone on the mailing list. Thus, all non-subscribers should also be receiving this newsletter. The four digit number on your mailing label is the expiration date for the newsletter's subscription. The first two digits represent the year, and the last two digits represents the number of the month. Thus, anyone with a number of 9404 or higher will continue to receive the newsletter until that expiration date. Anyone wishing to subscribe can send \$4 to me for a ten issue year.

Warning! This is my version of the year for the GLHG. I'm willing to print any other version or comment should any of you wish to. Without further ado, the rest of the letter is the annual report.

A look back at 1993 shows a productive year. The rapid growth in membership has stopped, with a steady list of 75 members, and most of this 75 come out to meetings, subscribe to the newsletter, let me know they care about our history and are giving advice or information. Realistically, we've started enough projects that still need to be done before we launch into the next cycle of new projects.

The calendar, although a small part of our work, is our most visible piece. The 1994 calendar shows current local history scenes; the intention for the next calendar is to return to the old photo format. The Altamont Enterprise again printed the calendar. A thank you goes to the area business that allowed the

calendars to be sold (Bryant's, Pharmacy, Crossroads, John's, Library, Freehold Country Store).

The support of the 4th grade project is one the GLHG should be proud of. A donation of \$45 went for prizes for the Greenville students (the Rensselaerville Historical Society does the same for their section). This year's theme was an interview of immigrant, as well as doing more house histories. A thank you goes to Bonnie Persico for keeping us in touch, and to Betty Vaughn for representing us at the end-of-the-year assembly.

This newsletter, I hope, continues to keep us informed and motivated to keep adding some new piece to the Historian's collection. The newsletter summarizes the monthly meetings and reminds us of things to come, gone by, or worth complimenting. There's always potential to create a journal-type publication but, allow me to moan about how busy I am, a few volunteers would be needed to write articles and research. Until that time comes, we'll make do with the present format. And many of you have commented and complimented the worthiness of the newsletter. So, I ain't complaining but would like to be responsive to those of you who have an interest in something more. In addition to my usual reporting, if anyone has any piece to contribute as part of the newsletter, be sure to contact me.

Our monthly meetings continue to be our main way of sharing our local history. We have cut out three winter meetings, and based on the severity of this winter, that probably proved to be the wise thing to do. November was the last meeting of 1993 and the upcoming Saturday afternoon in March will be the first in 1994. Programs in 1993 included local artist Rita Hoovler, the Town of Greenville tax assessors, the calendar contest selections, entertainment in 20th century Greenville, and input for the next three calendars. Sandwiched in between programs, our share sessions are used to find out what others have been working on. A look back on the monthly issues will remind us of the individual progress many of us

have contributed.

As Town of Greenville Historian, I've used your input and knowledge to enhance the projects I'm working on. The scope of my work can be read in the 2/3/94 Greenville Local. Your help is truly appreciated and I hope I've managed to thank each of you who have helped me be a better and more aware historian. (If I haven't thanked you, kick me in the shins, softly, and remind me again.)

The treasury has increased again as a result of calendar sales. One expense already mentioned was for prizes for the 4th grade local history essays. The other expenses were calendar expenses. Nearly \$1500 was paid to the Altamont Enterprise for printing the calendar and \$200 was paid to Debra Teator for the

printing of over 70 pictures submitted for the photo contest. With the help from the area businesses in selling the calendar, the treasury increased to \$2,800, up about \$1000 from last year's figure.

In closing, I trust 1994 will be as productive a year as 1993 was. Harriet was missed greatly this past year, but has promised she's almost back to full strength. We hope that Arlene is back to full strength again, and if you, June Clark, want to make Greenville home again, come on back.

To each of you who contributed in 1993, thank you, and

See ya soon,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don".