

THE YELLOW WASP

Lima Historical Society

November 2020

LHS Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th 7 PM

Carousel Magic

By Carol Samuels

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The Lima Historical Society is pleased to announce our first ever Zoom meeting for members and their friends. Carol Samuels is an experienced public speaker with a passion for carousels. Her Power Point presentation will include the history of the carousel, as well as the various styles and names of the well-known carvers. She will also explore the “anatomy,” maintenance, restoration and preservation of carousels.

Think back to the carousels of your childhood. What was your local favorite? What attracted you to carousels? Do you know that not all carousel animals are horses? Did you ever catch a brass ring? Share your experiences. The presentation may evoke memories and inspire you to seek out today's carousels with a new appreciation for the magical spell they cast.

It will be easy and fun to join the group for the presentation. All LHS members for whom we have email addresses will automatically receive a Zoom Invite on the day of the meeting. Non- members who would like to attend this free event, please send us your email address at limahistoricalsociety@gmail.com. On the day of the meeting, you will receive an Invite. If you [click on the link](#), and say “yes” to [allow](#) Zoom to download, the host will bring you in at 7 pm.

Honeoye Falls/Lima High School Exhibit

In celebration of the 1969 merger between the Lima and Honeoye Falls School Districts, a three-part exhibit has been mounted in the main lobby of the HFL High School—a Lima School section, a Honeoye Falls section, and a Honeoye Falls-Lima component on the merged school district. The exhibit section honoring the Lima Schools was organized by Sharon Neenan, using memorabilia from the Lima Historical Society's collections of artifacts and photos. On display are: a photo of Lima's beloved principal, William Malloy, Lima High School band and baseball uniforms, a Lima “Letter,” award badges, the last Lima Yearbook (1969), and of course Lima's claim to fame ---the 1967 basketball trophy and team photos celebrating the Section 5 basketball championship that put Lima on the map. Just ask any Lima High graduate--- they still love to talk about that big win!



Thanks to Dennis Lakis for a correction to the September Yellow Wasp. Lima elementary school students attended classes at Elim during the 1950's as well as after the HFL merger.

LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE

Tuesday, November 10th *Carousel Magic* by Carol Samuels. ZOOM meeting- 7PM. No mask needed. Go to our website www.limahistorical.org and Contact Us with your email.

January 7, 2020 LHS Trustees Meeting- ZOOM MEETING 7PM
Invitations will be sent by email. Members :Contact us on our website if you wish to attend.

PLANS FOR 2021 A Virtual Walking Tour of Lima, a Special LHS Annual Meeting, LHS Barn Sale

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Ska-hase-ga-o: Lima Chapter of the DAR

By Colleen Plimpton

Registrar, Ska-hase-ga-o Chapter NSDAR

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890 in Washington, DC. is a thriving service organization, composed of almost 2,000,000 women in 3,000 chapters around the world. The Lima chapter, Ska-hase-ga-o, was founded in 1908 at the home of Louise Barnard Keating, mother of US Senator and Ambassador Kenneth Keating. Notably, unlike other local women-led groups of the early 1900's, such as Quære Club and WCTU, Ska-hase-ga-o is still going strong! Currently composed of 30+ women from ages 19 to 95, the chapter meets (in normal times) monthly from April to December at the American Hotel. Its members value service and wish to honor their forebears who struggled to establish our great nation. Membership is open to any woman of any color or creed who can prove to be directly descended from an individual who assisted in the American Revolution and as always, assistance from the chapter is available to aid women in their fascinating genealogical search.

DAR is a non-sectarian, non-political service entity—the oldest female-run, female-financed organization in the world. Each year NSDAR documents millions of hours of volunteer work to civic groups, churches, historical societies, etc. Emphasis has always been placed on education, genealogy and historic preservation. Among Ska-hase-ga-o's historic achievements are early preservation of Lima historical artifacts, the 1909 establishment of the Lima Public Library and the making of Memorial Day flower wreaths to lay on veterans' graves. They also hosted dinners for Civil War and World War veterans, bought Liberty Bonds, supported DAR schools in the South, assisted the Red Cross in times of war, gave to overseas relief, sent packages to soldiers, and made a gift to the rebuilding of the French village Tillolay.

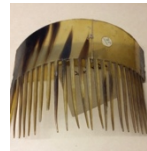
Their motto was, and continues to be "Make a Better Lima." Current activities include a monthly talk on various historical topics (open to the public), an annual flag ceremony at the Lima Town Hall honoring veterans, awarding annual scholarships to the winners of a high school patriotic essay contest, contributions to local food banks and women's shelters, coordination with Livingston County historical societies, assisting interested parties in genealogical research through the National website, attendance at Naturalization ceremonies, and many other efforts. Ska-hase-ga-o is proud of its 112 years of service to Lima and Livingston County and plans on being around for at least another hundred years!

For membership inquiries, please email colleenplimpton@yahoo.com.

The DAR Collections at the Tennie Burton Museum



Lima's Chapter of the DAR began collecting and preserving artifacts, and documents very early in the 1900's. These materials were donated to the old Lima Museum located in the Town Hall, and subsequently came under the care of the Lima Historical Society's Tennie Burton Museum when it opened in the early 1970's.



Some items like the hearth bellows shown on the right, were said to have been more than 100 years old at the time the DAR acquired them---making them among the best-documented and oldest historical artifacts in Livingston County. On the left is an elegant pewter teapot used for high tea in the 1800's, and above a delicate tortoise shell hair comb. More than 200 historical objects and countless antique books preserved by the DAR are included in the Tennie Burton Museum collections.

**LIMA'S FIRST AIR MAIL FLIGHT
May 19, 1938**

“ In 1838, a United States Mail Coach line was established through Lima and Honeoye Falls to Rochester, and later a stage coach carrying passengers and mail ran to Avon and through to Buffalo with heavy wagons carrying freight. Mail service for Lima residents for many years was dependant on stage coach service. Before that, mail was carried on horseback and since then, mail service to the community has been of different types, by steam and electric railroad, by motor truck and on May 19, 1938, by air plane” (Mabel Jenks, *The Crossroads of Western New York: Lima 1788-1964*, page 30). ** Curiously, an illustration on p. 31 of Mabel Jenks book shows a First Air Mail letter from Lima postmarked May 19, 1936. A mistake at the Post Office? ?

**United States Post Office
Lima N.Y.
National Air Mail Week
May 15-21, 1938**

The announcement from the Postoffice says:“This Postoffice is celebrating National Air Mail Week with a special Air Mail Flight to Rochester, N.Y. on Thursday, May 19, 1938 by Ray Mix, local transport pilot. All letters sent on this flight will bear the imprint of the official cachet as shown below, together with the stamp, “First Air Flight from Lima N.Y. to Rochester N.Y.

In order to insure prompt mailing, have your letters at the Postoffice early this week, with request that it be held for dispatch on the 19th. Deposit 6 cents with the letter and a new air mail stamp will be affixed at the time the cachet is marked. Letters sent to friends, relatives, or business associates will prove valuable in years to come.



If a person desires to send a letter to him or herself, it can be addressed to the sender and it will return to Lima after the flight. Keep the address on the right half of the envelope to allow space for the cachet to be placed on the left half. Any kind of envelope may be used. Some of the unstamped red and blue bordered envelopes may be purchased at the Postoffice.”

The text of the letter enclosed in the envelope:

*Lima N.Y.
May 15, 1938*

Dear Mother,

This is the first letter by air mail. I thought you would like the stamp. Phil S. is here. She is laughing at me. This is the first time she has seen me with my teeth out. Keep this mother in memory of your little boy.

*Bobby
Age 7*

(from the Tennie Burton Museum Archives)

A quick internet search identified Bobby as G. Robert "Bob" Hogan, nicknamed “Norton Shores Bob,” the youngest child of Edward and Catharine (Caragher) Hogan. He died in 2017 in Muskegon, MI. Your sweet letter to your mother preserves your memory for us all, Bobby.

Please Renew Your LHS Membership for 2021

While the Covid-19 virus has kept the Tennie Burton Museum all year, we haven't been standing still. The society has a new Board of Trustees, an updated Constitution and By Laws, an electronic database that is up and running, and an opportunity to inventory and reorganize some more parts of our storage collections while we are closed. Alas, it may look like a cyclone swept through the second floor, but plans are underway to rehouse these materials in acid free containers and revamp additional storage areas with new shelving and work space. New exhibit ideas have also emerged---an unexpected bonus.

So we encourage you to renew your 2021 membership, and help us preserve Lima's history---a precious heritage.

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**“CAROUSEL MAGIC”
 By Carol Samuels
 NOVEMBER LHS MEETING BY ZOOM
 Tuesday, November 10th 2020 7PM**

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