

# CANDOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

**Happy Holiday**

December 2016

## President's Message

Twenty Sixteen has been both an interesting and exciting year for the Candor Historical Society. The biggest event for the Society was the acquiring of the building that previously was owned by the Candor Grange. Because the Candor Grange had stopped meeting, the remaining members felt the best use of the building would be to transfer it to the Historical Society. It was agreed that the Society would pay the transfer fees and would reimburse some of the personal expenses incurred in the maintenance of the building. The legal work was done pro-Bono by Attorney Adam Schumacher.

The Historical Society Board is working a plan for the best use of the building. We are focusing on making it a resource center for information on Candor's history—it will be called the *Candor History Center*.

Now that the Society has a building that can be used for several purposes, we can bring together all the different resources we have accumulated that are scattered in different places and make them available for all to see and use. We have had some work days to start preparing the building and have done some repairs and cleaning. As we formulate our plans to define what needs to be done, I would like to encourage you to get involved in helping to bring them about. If you are willing to help please let us know so we can keep you informed.

The Candor Historical Society is one of the most active historical societies in the area. As you read this newsletter and consider the programs that have been presented, I would ask if there are other topics that you believe would make informative programs for next year to let one of the Board members know (listed below). We are always interested in new ideas, and could use your help in promoting Candor history, and making our society an even more important part of our community.

I want to thank all who were involved in making our Fall Fest rummage and bake sale a success. A special thank you to the Candor Masonic Lodge for allowing us to use the building again this year.

I wish for you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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### **It's Membership Time—**

don't forget to return the enclosed membership form; and encourage others that you know who are not members to join.

## **CAROL's HISTORIAN'S CORNER:**

As 2016 winds down, and the Historical Society enters a new year, it's important to remember our past, as well as look to the future. That holds true for the Town, Village, and the Candor Historical Society. All three are intertwined, but the main force in keeping our history alive is the people of Candor, and the many, many volunteers, that help preserve Candor's history.

**First I want to thank Dick Zavatto** for his daily posts on our Face Book page, and to those who respond or send in posts. If you haven't signed in to the site yet—what are you waiting for? You're missing out on some interesting tidbits. Go to Face Book and search for Candor Historical Society. Here's what's trending now:

- ◆ Then and Now pictures of various buildings and locations around town
- ◆ Parades in the past—some are videos
- ◆ Recent obits of many of our citizens, and some that made history in the past with a newspaper feature giving historic information—like Kinney, of the famous Kinney Shoes (Foot Locker).
- ◆ Honoring service men and women over the years
- ◆ School pictures—past and present—buildings as well as classmates and activities
- ◆ Enquiries from others researching their family's genealogy
- ◆ Railroad history in pictures; and
- ◆ Visuals from surrounding areas

You never know what's going to show up next!

**If you haven't checked out the Historical Society's Website (thanks to Nancy Riggs** for building and maintaining the site) go to:

**<http://www.candorhistoricalsociety.weebly.com>**

Here you'll find the Historical Society's Newsletters, pictures from the Face Book pages, What's Happening, and a Membership Form.

**Okay, so here's the Membership Pitch:** even if you aren't able to volunteer your services, your membership helps with our programs, and maintaining our facilities (both the Catatunk building and the Grange—heat, water, electricity, etc. And, with the recent acquisition of the Candor Grange, the Society will be in need of volunteers for various chores—from cleaning, to repairs, to setting up, to program planning. If you are interested in being a part of the Society's newest initiative—the *Candor History Center*—we'd love to hear from you. Want to help, but don't know how? Contact one of the Board Members listed on the front

page and give them a call. We'll let you know the next time we need assistance. (see **Membership Form Attached**)

**Speaking of needing volunteers**—as Historian, I am looking for anyone who would like to help organize several years worth of newspaper clippings (and clipping newspaper articles) and put in notebooks. Contact me directly if you are interested.

**I Remember When**—Although Face Book and the Website is invaluable social media tools, we continue to encourage people to write down and share their memories of Candor for our Volume 2 of "I Remember When....". Not only are these great keepsakes for yourself, they make wonderful gifts for others. So send your stories to: (hand written to: Carol Henry, 90 Dry Brook Road, Willseyville, NY 13864; or via email: [carolhenry@frontiernet.net](mailto:carolhenry@frontiernet.net)). From what I've been reading on Face Book, you all have a lot to share—we want 'the rest of the story'. Because of the holidays, the deadline has been moved to January 31, 2017.

**CANOR HISTORY BOOKS:** are available at the Candor Town Hall, Candor Free Library, Main Street Spirits, and by contacting me.

All the very best for the coming year.

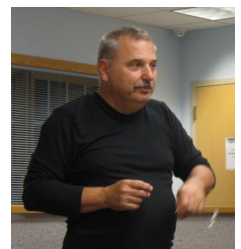
Carol A. Henry

Candor Town and Village Historian



## **RECAP OF MEETINGS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED:**

- The Historical Society Picnic was held at Moyer Park on Saturday, August 20. There was no regular meeting that month.
- On September 28, Ex-Chief of Police for the Village of Candor, Damir Lazaric gave a talk on policing Candor, as well as his journey from Croatia to becoming a US Citizen.
- The Historical Society took part in the Candor Fall Festival on October 8. We set up at the Candor Masonic Lodge, and had a busy day.
- The October 26, meeting was a video recap of a talk Donn Kemp gave a few years ago—in memory of Donn's recent passing. At the meeting Milt gave an update on the Catatunk Hall (see article on Page 3, bottom), and the Candor History Center.



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## Candor 100 Years Ago—1916, by Don Weber

### (Based on the Candor Courier Items)

- The Stockholm Concert Co. charged \$65 to play at the Opera House (Candor Market) The players appeared in “Genuine Swedish costume” and presented a musical program including folk tunes and ensemble singing.
- A white-tailed deer caused excitement on Anderson Hill. It was “headed toward Asa Stafford’s place” and he later saw tracks while digging potatoes. (Deer were nearly if not totally extinct in Tioga County around 1900. They worked their way back from Pennsylvania.)
- A group of ladies met at the Alert Hose Rooms (Upper end) and arranged for a series of “domestic science lectures” entitled “Home Demonstration.” Registration for five lectures was 75 cents.
- A minor derailment put two Lackawanna passenger cars off the track while “backing the milk car...on the lower switch” (to the creamery-Quick-Crete). Passengers and milk were transferred to the forward cars and went on to Owego. A “wreck train” came later and replaced the cars (back on the track).
- A “Halloween Social” to benefit the Willseyville “sidewalk fund” was held at the Jay Benedicts and netted \$31.62.
- Because of a bumper apple crop some farmers were feeding them to their livestock to “offset [the] high price of feedstuffs.”
- You could take your own apples to E.E. DuMond’s cider press (until recently partially standing in the brushy lot off Smith St.) or you could buy “good ones” from E.A. Morey’s large orchard (off Slate and Union Hill roads) for 25 cents per bushel.
- Jacob DeLong was driving his horse and buggy near Gridleyville when the train (the tracks there were close to the road) frightened his horse. It ran into a field and broke the harness. Mr. DeLong was thrown out, injuring his head and shoulders. Leo Maxwell happened to be passing and gave assistance. (The horse was most likely spooked by the whistle for the Gridleyville Crossing.)
- On Monday, Nov. 13, about 40 cars from the Owego Automobile Club came to Candor and assembled at the Post Office (Candor Hall now Candor Market). After speeches, 21 new applications boosted the membership to nearly 200. Returning to Owego, the car driven by Tioga Co. Supt. Of the Poor, Addison Lainhart, “ran down” Mrs. Oswald J. Ward (Peter Ward’s and Bayonne Gowan’s grandmother) in front of the Ward home (240 Owego St.). She suffered a severe scalp wound and “was taken from under the car unconscious and remained so until Wednesday morning.” She was crossing the street toward home when she “seemed to become confused and stepped in front” of the Lainhart car.



The Candor Historical Society Building in Cata-tonk was struck by a motor vehicle earlier this year. It took out the right front corner of the building (pictured left). After much searching to locate matching concrete blocks, a masonry contractor was hired. Thanks to the insurance coverage from the motorist, the cost of repairs was covered. The damage to the building has been repaired. (pictured right).



# Candor Historical Society

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## LOCAL WEBSITES

**Candor Historical Society's New Website**  
<http://www.candorhistoricalsociety.weebly.com>

**Town of Candor:** <http://candorny.us/>

**Candor Town Board Future Meetings Info:** <http://www.CandorTownBoard.blogspot.com>

**Candor Village:** <http://www.candorvillage.com>

**Candor Chamber of Commerce:** <http://www.Candornychamber.org>

**Candor Calendar of Events:** <http://www.candorcommunitycalendar.info>

**Candor Central School:** <http://www.candor.org>

**Candor Emergency Squad:** <http://www.candoremergencyquad.org>

**Candor Volunteer Fire Department:** <http://www.candorfire.org>

**Candor Free Library:** <http://www.candorlibrary.blogspot.com>

**County of Tioga:** <http://www.Tiogacountyny.com>

**New York State:** <http://www.state.ny.us>

**Postcards Across America:** <http://www.candorpostcards.com/>