

# CANDOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Twenty years after the Candor Historical Society was formed, our organization now has a facility where we can begin to bring together all the various information and artifacts that we have been accumulating over the years. Our intent is to eventually make what we have now, and what we will gather in the future, available for everyone to see and use.

Progress has been made in getting the Candor History Center ready to start moving our possessions there. A new hot water heater has been installed and is now connected to the building's natural gas service rather than propane. Painting in the main downstairs room has started. Tioga Works has been working on the ceiling but their work stopped because the program has now ended so we are considering the best way to complete the task. Soon new toilets are to be installed and, hopefully, hot water run into the restrooms.

When we do start moving documents and artifacts into the Center there will be opportunity for our members to help with sorting, organizing, and cataloging. If you are interested and available to help please let us know. Over time we hope to not only make our building a great resource center but also use it for our meetings and programs.

Recently I took part in a panel discussion at the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society. The panel was made up of representatives from various historic organizations and participants were asked to tell about their organization and their activities. When I described what the Candor Historical Society has, what we do, about the programs we have, and our membership numbers, the group was impressed with how active we are.

Reflecting on that, I want to encourage each one of you to not only continue to support our Society, but also to be actively involved in making sure that we continue to exist, grow, and become even more relevant to our community. Your participation is vital.

Wishing you a great Summer and Fall season.

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## RECAP OF MEETINGS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED:



**JANUARY**—Remembering Moondog led by Bob Berg—a roundtable discussion/remembrance of the life of Louis (Moondog) Harding, known as the Viking of 6th Avenue, a blind musician whose music was considered mostly classical. He rubbed

elbows with greats such as the New York Philharmonic conductor Arthur Rodzinski, Charlie Parker, Lester Young, and he appeared on the Today Show, The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, and his music was picked up by labels such as Epic, Angel, and Mars. Janis Joplin recorded his song ‘All is Loneliness’. Although he frequented the streets of New York City, he lived in Candor, on Slate Road, from 1956 until the mid-late 1970s. Sighting of this man who dressed as an ancient Viking were common during his life as a hermit here in Candor. Moondog gained great notoriety after moving to Germany in 1974, where he became a world renowned composer traveling in Europe. He recorded several albums in the US and over a dozen albums and CDs in Germany. Moondog died in 1999 at the age of 83. A feature-length documentary on his life is currently in production.

**FEBRUARY**—Video of "remembrances" recorded of attendees at the October 2000 history meeting.

**MARCH**—Ed Nizalowski—White Tail Deer—Ed’s research indicated that in the early days of settlement there were so many deer that some pioneers paid off their mortgage with deer skins. By mid-19th century white tailed deer were gone due to lack of hunting regulations and loss of forest cover. In the early 20th century the white tail reappeared, creating quite a sensation for all the local newspapers. It was also a protected species by this time. This period also marked the return of other species as well: black bears, beavers, and the coyote. Most of the public, including hunters and farmers, wanted to keep the white-tailed deer off-limits for hunting. This started to change in the 1930’s when people realized that these “defenseless” animals had outgrown their ecological niche. Ed shared the saga of how, when the



white tail became legal game, “Bucky the Deer”, a local wildlife resident, had much to say about his change of status, and how this all played out.

**APRIL**—Phil Jordan—Johnny’s Market—Phil reminisced about his stint at Johnny’s Market as a young lad. His historical, and sometimes hysterical, accounting of his escapades and encounters with many of Candor’s people brought the early sixties back to all who remember the people, places, and things that made Candor such a wonderful part of Americana.



**MAY**—Emma Sedore—NYS’s 100th Anniversary of women winning the right to vote in New York State for the first time in history. Tioga County Historian, Emma highlighted this chapter of Tioga County’s history, women from the county who were instrumental in women’s suffrage, as well as shared some of the celebratory events the County/Towns are planning.

**JUNE**—Rita Kellogg—Side Hill Acres After a brief annual meeting and election of officers, Rita Kellogg gave a talk on her Award Winning Goat Business—Side Hill Acres. Kellogg explained how one goat lead to another and before she knew it they were in business. She talked about the various paths they’ve taken, and shared many of their experiences over the years as they hosted visitors from all over the world. During the course of the growth of Side Hill Acres, they have won the New York State Gold Medal twelve times, the Silver three times, and the Award of Excellence nine times. Check out her website for more information: <http://sidehillacres.bizland.com/sidehillacres/>



## Candor 75 Years Ago—1942, by Don Weber

### (Based on the Candor Courier Items)

- ◆ Candor's Defense Program was going well, being the first town in the county to go over its Red Cross goal of \$800. Two aircraft observation posts were in operation 24 hours a day. Twenty-five took the 'firemen's' first aid course and 35 took the "civilian's." Boy Scouts canvassed for space for evacuees. The Candor Ambulance Corp organized.
- ◆ There was no confusion or argument over Daylight Saving Time this year. The whole U.S. went on "New Time" February 9th at 2:00 a.m., to, as FDR said, "conserve energy." Bordens Milk tried to conform but went back to Standard Time in deference to the farmers.
- ◆ CCS purchased two houses in front of the school along Academy St. One was used for the new Music Department, and later the other for a Home Economics "classroom."
- ◆ The Village rented the Candor Telephone building for a "Defense Headquarters." A "New" North Candor Listening Post was "built" (near the present Craig house on Honeypot Rd.) using the top 8—9 feet of a large wooden octagon silo moved from John Czarniecki's farm in Fairfield (now Howland, junction of Candor Hill and Fairfield Roads).
- ◆ CCS Teachers received substantial raises. Equal training and service commanded equal pay. They were entitled to five days sick leave per year.
- ◆ The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railway Co. discontinued passenger service from Owego to Ithaca some 108 years after the first horse-drawn train made its maiden trip from Ithaca in 1834. The Candor Board of Trade had presented a petition (with "250" signatures) against the move, but the Public Service Commission found in favor of the Railroad which had sustained constant losses from lack of ticket sales.
- ◆ The CCS Senior Class of 20 opted for a five-day trip to New York City. They were chaperoned by Principal and Mrs. C.B. McCune and Mrs. Harold (Clara) Strong, Senior Advisor. Charles Marshall drove the party in one of his school buses.
- ◆ The first 'blackout' drill was successful except for lights showing at Defense Headquarters!



First Place for Most Original in the 2017 Candor 4th of July Parade. Participants included: Emma Sedore, Carol Henry, Sue Heavenrich, Carrie Kerr, Kathy Ballester, Carol Van Epps, Eleanor Hurd, Rita Quinlan, Lila Hall, Pat Albro, and Ruth Albro. Special thanks to Gary Henry, Roger Westgate, and Milt Dougherty for float prep.

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**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>

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