

CANDOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

As the Candor Historical Society heads into its 23rd year, I am encouraged and pleased with where the Society stands today. Over the time of our existence, we have experienced many programs that have expanded our knowledge and increased our sense and appreciation of the events and people that have created Candor's history.

With the acquisition of a building to call our own, the Society now has a center where people can come, and not only learn about that history, but also do research into family history. Some very dedicated members have spent many hours volunteering their time, and created numerous informative files that can now be used for that purpose.

What we need now are more members who are willing to become involved in the actual operation of the Society. There are several committees established in the by-laws that need members to help conduct the activities of those committees. I would encourage you to consider becoming a member of one of the following committees:

* Library * Publication * Programs * Membership * Building

If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact me, or any Board member listed below. With your help, we can continue to grow and expand our resources so that more recent and future generations will have access to Candor history information.

Our building is an old building with an interesting history, but for our use, renovations and improvements need to be made. To do that, funds need to be raised, and we are continually seeking ways to do that. I am thankful and very appreciative of the several persons who have generously made donations to help in that effort. I urge you to also help, if you are able.

I thank you for your interest and support of the Candor Historical Society, and wish you a really great summer.

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Milton Dougherty - President (659-7357)

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Recent Acquisition

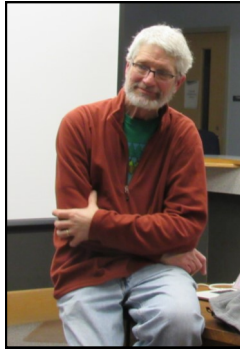
Mary Jordan, author of *Dear Friend Amelia*, has recently donated her books to the Candor Historical Society. The book includes Civil War Letters of Private John Tidd—although John and Amelia are sweethearts, it is more about John's experiences in the war and the towns the soldiers enlisted in, in the 109th NY Infantry. These will be made available for purchase in the near future. A special thank you to Mary for her generous donation.

RECAP OF MEETINGS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED:

JANUARY—The Candor Historical Society had planned a tour of Candor Central High School, but due to the weather conditions it was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

FEBRUARY—A roundtable on the Memories of Marion Kelsey, a Candor resident from 1893—1985, was held at the Candor Town Hall.

MARCH—Dr. Jonathan Zisk, one of Candor High School's Envirothon advisors, was our guest speaker. Candor High School has participated in the Envirothon for many years, consistently winning at the County and often the Regional levels, then to the State level where they won nine times, more than any other school in New York State. After winning at the State level the students have gone on to participate in the National competition. The Envirothon program was designed to be a hands-on outdoor competition for high school students to encourage them to become interested in natural resource conservation and environmental issues.



APRIL—Guest speakers Skip and Jeanne Jackson gave a talk on the history of the Iron Kettle Farm from the beginning in 1969 to the present—and what's next. Celebrating their 50th year in business, the talk highlighted their ups and downs, their growth, major changes, partnerships with their children, awards, and everything in between. The Iron Kettle Farm, also sometimes referred to as the Pumpkin Farm, is one of Candor's major agro-tourism businesses that draws thousands during the peak season.



MAY—Guest speaker Steven Lindridge, a Technical Education Teacher at Candor High School for the past 26-27 years, opened his classrooms/shop at the school and gave a tour of his facilities. Lindridge was named New York State Technology Education and Engineering Association Teacher of the Year in 2015, the Technology & Engineering Teacher Excellence Award in 2016, and the Masonic General Douglas A. MacArthur Youth Award in 2017.



JUNE—The Candor Historical Society held their Annual Business Meeting/open house at the Candor History Center. It was officially the first meeting to be held at the Center. At the conclusion of the business meeting, Eleanor Hurd gave an overview of what resources are available at the Center. Afterwards, attendees were invited to check out the various collections. A reminder that the History Center is open on Mondays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (except the 3rd Wednesday). Contact person is Georgia Westgate (659-7769)



JULY 4th Parade: Float Planners Gary Henry and Roger Westgate prepared our float again this year. The theme, Candor Past, Present, and Future. (Thank you Roger and Gary) Our float won 1st Place for "Proud". The sign says it all, The History Center Depends on you—help support the Historical Society and History Center. Please specify if your donations are for the renovation Project, or General Funds. Thanks you for your Donations.



HISTORY CENTER RENOVATION FUND-RAISING PROJECTS:

Although we have been applying for grants for our history center renovation project, we have not been able to obtain the much needed funds. Looking for alternative means of raising revenue, we have branched out, asking for the community for help in donating to this worthy cause.

CHICKEN BBQ: This year we have initiated the Father's Day BBQ, which was held jointly with the Candor Valley Riders Snowmobile Club. It was very successful, our portion of the profit was \$630.00. A big thanks to Patti Reichert, and the Snowmobile Club for their hard work in pulling this together for us.

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE—ONGOING! Another fund-raiser, set up by Gary and Carol Henry, is an on-going Can and Bottle Drive. An account has been set up with The Neighborhood Redemption Center (Midstate Recycling) on 5th Avenue in Owego next to KFC (the old Paul's Dry Cleaning). To contribute to the History Center Renovation Project, drop off your bottles and cans, and simply tell them that the proceeds are for the Candor Historical Society.



DONATIONS ACCEPTED—make sure you specify that your donation is for the Candor History Center Renovation Project.

Thanks for your support!

Candor 75 Years Ago— 1944, by Don Weber

(Based on the Candor Courier Items)

- ◆ Donald Strong, 4, and his 3-year old sister, Jean Strong (Ahart), followed their dog onto the ice of the “upper” millpond where Donald Fell through. Little Jean held his hands and kept his head above water until their cries were heard by nearby youths who alerted George Leonard Sr., who crawled out on the ice and rescued Don. Jean was nominated by the Binghamton Press for the Carnegie Medal for bravery and the Endicott Order of Eagles awarded her a \$25, War Bond.
 - ◆ Candor was one of four towns in the County to raise their National War Fund goal of \$1600, and went over the \$26,600, quota set for it in the Fourth War Loan Drive with \$26,874.
 - ◆ Boy Scout Troop 42 collected 5600 pounds of scrap paper. Later nine Scouts attended the Annual Camporee Weekend at Camp Barton on Cayuga Lake.
 - ◆ T.H. Kuykendall affiliated with the Independent Grocers Association (I.G.A) and instituted self-service and grocery carts—”baby carriages” as Courier Editor Art Beebe called them. (In 1945, T.H.K. was joined by Ray Cochran in converting Candor Hall-82 Main Str.—into a super market/appliance store.)
 - ◆ In a unique arrangement (that would continue for 7 years) the Congregational Church and St. Marks Episcopal Church unified, with Ref. Charles Sykes ministering to both.
 - ◆ The Edward Wands house (11 Spencer St.—apartments) was purchased by Mr. & Mrs. David Doane and Nurse Mrs. Richard Carlsen, and converted into a nursing home.
 - ◆ Hardware merchant D.G. LaGrange was finally able to get in a railcar of barbed wire, wove-wire field fencing, staples and nails.
 - ◆ The Masonic and Eastern Star Lodges took over rooms above the I.G.A. vacated by the Odd Fellows and Rebeccahs who moved to rooms above Robinson's General Store (across from Quick's Laundromat).
 - ◆ The Tioga County Clerk sat at Miller's Store (80 Main St.) to sell and renew auto licenses. About 150 took advantage of the” courtesy”, which was also designed to save gasoline.
 - ◆ The Claude Butterfields received many phone calls, letters and cards from people in Western States and Canada after a recording made by their Japanese P.O.W. son, G. Bronson Butterfield, was broadcast from Tokyo (probably by “Tokyo Rose”).
 - ◆ The Ground Observers Corps of the Air Corps closed the local Lookout Posts and gave out awards to the observers.
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Upcoming Events—Open to the Public regardless of membership:

- Saturday, August 17, Annual Historical Society dish-to-pass picnic at Moyer Park.
- Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. at the Candor Fire Hall, Tom McEnteer will present a slide show on the history of the railroads of Tioga County.
- Saturday, October 12, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Fall Festival bake sale; History Center, 25 Main Street; the Center will be open, and Candor History Items will be for sale.
- Sunday, October 13, 1:00 p.m. join us for another interesting Cemetery Walk with Phil Jordan at Maple Grove Cemetery.
 - Wednesday, October 23, 7:00 p.m. at the Candor Fire Hall, Phil Jordan talks about his “Remembrances” from the Funeral Business.