

Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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President's Notes

Spring has sprung at WHS. I am so excited about so many projects...I don't know where to start!

I think what has struck me lately is technology. WHS is moving into the millennium and I'm going to carry all of you with me! As I wear my pioneer dress in the school classroom I am using a laptop and projector to show the almost 200 year old history of Waterford on a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation. Our website is being revamped as we speak and you can now download our Waterford Historic District walking tour from the internet on another site. In fact, if you bring your flash drives to the Chamber Expo in April, you can download the tour right there while you will be watching our history playing on another laptop.

If you didn't understand a word I just said, know this, the possibilities are endless as we move forward...stop by on a Wednesday and catch the future!

Sally Strait



Calendar

April

Every Wednesday 10:30-2:00

April 16

Board Meeting 1:00 HH

April 30

Pot Luck Noon

May 7

Newsletter Mailing
Log Cabin Day Mtg 1:00 HH

May 14

Board Meeting 1:00 HH

May 15

General Meeting
Speaker and Pot Luck
6:00 pm

May 26

Memorial Day Parade

May 28

Pot Luck Noon

June 4

Newsletter Mailing
Log Cabin Day Mtg 1:00 HH

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Fashion Show

Our 7th Annual Preview Spring & Style Show is over for another year. Great memories are left of the beautiful models dressed in lovely fashions. This was once again a day to relax and enjoy the lunch and friendship. And, not to be believed, our raffle made \$426.00!!! Total profits for the day were \$1328.00. Thank you to chairperson Aunt Sally Crake, all the ladies who decorated the tables, the models for their time, and all the members and friends who bought a ticket. We hope to see you next year!

Chamber Expo 2008

Visit our booth at the Waterford Chamber of Commerce's 2nd annual Business & Home Expo taking place on April 10th from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at Waterford Mott High School. We will be hawking our wares and getting our name out there to the community. This is a fun event and I encourage you to stop by and see all the local businesses and organizations that work for you. We have free tickets available and the Hatchery House or you can download a ticket on the chamber website:
www.waterfordchamber.org

Log Cabin Days 2008

Log Cabin Days Festival 2008 is well underway as our meetings progress. Next meeting is on May 7th. We invite you to come and give us all the great ideas you have been storing up all winter. It's even o.k. to come without ideas, we'll give you some! Just get involved. And, now I must ask for your elephants, white ones, that is. Start cleaning out those cast-offs, box them up, and bring them to us on a Wednesday. One man's junk, etc. etc. See you soon.

SAVE THE DATE

May 7 1:00 Hatchery House

June 28-29, 2008

Waterford Soundwaves

Hopefully all of you know that Waterford has a Historic District! In case you don't, the Historic District is a line of lots on both sides of Andersonville Road between Airport Road and Dixie Highway and on Steffens Street, Pontiff and Dubay Streets. The district was researched by Dorothy White and the Waterford Historical Society in 1976 and declared a Historic District at the state level in 1977. We have sold the book "Waterford Village Historic District Walk" for many years. Well, now my friends the Waterford Historic District has indeed met the future!

Waterford Soundwaves is a series of self-guided audio tours you can download from the internet and play on your portable mp3 player (like an ipod). Our tour of the Waterford Historic District is the first one and we are live! You can go to the Township website twp.waterford.mi.us/waterfordsoundwaves to download the tour for free. You can listen on your computer or put the tour onto your mp3 player so you can take the tour at your leisure. If you feel you are not so technically savvy (or you don't have a 10 year old grandchild) you can purchase the audio tour on a CD from us. This version will play on a CD player.

The voices were recorded and compiled with the expertise of Josh Bowren at Media Network. On the tour you will hear the voices of Sue Camilleri of the Waterford Township Building Department, Rob Merinsky, Township Asst. Engineering Director, and Haley King and Zach Craft, students and members of the Waterford Mott Drama Club.

The next tour, already in production, will feature the Drayton Plains Nature Center. Future tours will be of Hess-Hathaway Park and all the Waterford Parks. We are so excited about this project and hope you all will Catch the Wave!



2008 Election

Thank you to all who came to the Annual General Meeting on March 20th and cast their vote. We enjoyed the pot luck and excellent speaker, Bruce Annett. Your new officers for 2008-2009 are as follows: President, Sally Strait, Corresponding Secretary, Betty Seymour, and Treasurer, Betty Horn. We thank you for your vote of confidence and plan to serve you to the utmost of our abilities, no text messaging allowed!

Village News

Get ready for some action on the other side of the village. As soon as the frost laws lift, digging will commence and concrete will be poured. Plans are set for a 2 story structure with the first half going up this spring. The first half will have the doctor/dentist office upstairs above the bakery and barber shops with a millinery shop next door. This is a huge undertaking but we have the expertise of a local builder, Mr. Gary Wall, who has been in the business for many years. Stop by to look at the plans and stay tuned for all the ways we will need your help!

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The theaters and dance halls also were put up for suggestion to close.

"The church or these places of questionable, if not harmful amusements? Better close the places of flippancy rather than the place of prayer...As a sheer matter of good sense and good patriotism, it is the height of folly to close the churches of the land...Let pastors and official boards demand that every useless and destructive agency in the community close its door before they heed either request or command to close the doors of the Church of the Living God."

Even the ads for new cars were conscious of the value of conserving fuel. The Willys-Overland Model 90 Touring Car ran this full page ad:

"Model 90 performances includes powerful, sweet-running, reliable motor that squeezes every bit of power out of every bit of gasoline; ease of handling; real hill-climbing ability, narrow turning radius...Model 90 price includes an economical original cost which is extremely low in proportion to the excess value it gives, longer tire mileage and less fuel and oil consumption."

That ad could almost be run today since once again we are fuel conscious in terms of pollution. Some things come full circle.

Reading vintage magazines is very educational as well as entertaining. I wonder how entertaining my articles will in the year 2070?

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Magazines lay blame on booze for World War I

Article by Joy Smith

Many of our parents or grandparents may have been part of World War I. Some may even have mementos from that great conflict that had been handed down through the generations. Much has been written about this war so that we may understand the hows and whys.

As I was reading "The Literary Digest" of January 12, 1918, I came across some interesting facts about the war that our generation or even the generation before us did not personally witness.

There was a shortage of food, clothing and fuel so the people who could not physically "go to war" could help on the home front.

One article addressed the closing or combining of churches as a way to conserve on heating fuel. This was not a favorable suggestion.

"...The authorities are granted the perfect right to make the request; but the Church reserves the right to retort that they ought to close when every institution of less value to the community has closed and there is still dire need of fuel."

The article goes on to mention a few establishments that should be asked to close before the churches such as the saloons.

"The saloons are open 16-18 hours per day in six days while the church is only open a few hours a week. By all means close the churches, but close the saloons and breweries first."

This was their answer to such an idea.

In answer to the closing of breweries, the following paragraph was in an article titled, "The Brewer's Campaign of Righteousness."

"Beer is the ideal beverage for the masses of the country. As long as men prefer society to solitude, as long as relaxation

must follow work, beer is as much of a necessity as bread. But whiskey is a drug and should be treated as a drug. The man who drinks whiskey instead of beer is like a man who takes morphine instead of a cigar."

The cigar and cigarette advocates of today would certainly enjoy publicity like that with the controversy going on today about the dangers of smoking.

The Anti-Saloon League was in favor of the breweries waging war on the distilled beverages. By the time each was through pointing out the faults and dangers of the other product, it would hardly be necessary for the advocates of prohibition to make any further arguments. No one would want to indulge in either product.

The following comment was made in an editorial from the "Minnesota White Ribbon." I thought it to be amusing and a bit far-fetched, but nevertheless published for public reading.

"...The unthinkable barbarism of the German armies in this present war is, in all reasonableness, to be accounted for largely by their centuries of beer-drinking, which has deadened their moral sense and coarsened their moral fiber..."

I wouldn't go so far as to say beer drinking has caused a race of people to wage war on the world, but it certainly does our youth no good to indulge in such beverages.

The next establishment to come under fire were the pool rooms.

"Close the Churches? Yes, but close the pool rooms first. We have heard of no command that these festering spots on our streets, these schools of vice, should be closed. For saloons and pool rooms are not moved by humanitarian appeals, unless the proprietors chanced to be the humans benefitted. Why not ask them to combine? The fewer the better, fewer places for young sports and toughs to hand out. Close them up for the winter and some mother's boy will be saved."

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Waterford Township Historical Society Membership Application

		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00	Individual
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	Family
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Patron
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00	Organizations/Businesses
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150.00	Lifetime per family
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Lifetime per person
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$125.00	Lifetime per couple
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250.00	Lifetime Org./Businesses
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500.00	Lifetime Patron

Date	Phone	
Name		
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City, State, Zip	Mail payment to:	
	Waterford Historical Society	
Make Check Payable To:	P.O. Box 300491	
Waterford Township Historical Society	Waterford, MI 48330-0491	

Waterford Historical

We are open every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We are located in Fish Hatchery Park at:
4490 Hatchery Rd
Waterford, MI 48329

Our Mailing Address is:
P.O. Box 300491
Waterford, MI 48330-0491

Contact us at:
Hatchery House 248-673-0342
Sally Strait 248-683-2697

www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org

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Things you might like:

- ◆ **April 17, 18, 19 at 7:00 p.m.**-The Waterford Mott Drama Club presents Rogers and Hammerstein's classic fairy tale musical **Cinderella**. Tickets are \$10 and \$7 for seniors and kids 12 and under. Don't miss this one!
- ◆ **www.ocphs.org** The new website of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society
- ◆ **May 26 at 10:00 a.m.** -the 41st Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Heart of the Lakes V.F.W. Post 1008. Ladies and gents dress up and join us for our annual march down the Dixie!
- ◆ **www.twp.waterford.mi.us/waterfordsoundwaves** -site where you can download the audio walking tour of the Waterford Historic District on Andersonville Road. Take a walk and tour on your own schedule and at your own pace.

**Volunteers are not paid-
not because they are worthless,**



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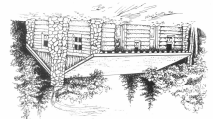
Please save your VG's and Tenuta's receipts and bring them to the Hatchery House on Wednesday or mail them to us at the above mailing address. This is free money for us!



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