
Town Of Bethlehem Historical Association

NEWSLETTER

Old Cedar Hill School House

Selkirk, New York 12158

June 1998

Section I

This section of the Newsletter is published as an Annual Report required to be submitted to our Membership, to our Town Supervisor, Sheila Fuller, and to our Town Historian, Joseph Allgaier, in accordance with Article III of our Constitution and By-Laws. Some coverage might appear to be redundant to those who have attended our activities. It is important however that all are aware of our organization.

1. MEMBERSHIP

The Association had two hundred twenty-eight (228) members during the period including individuals, family members and businesses who resided within the Town of Bethlehem and outside locations as indicated by these Zip Code Areas:

12054	Delmar, Elsmere	65
12067	Feura Bush	1
12077	Glenmont	29
12143	Ravena	2
12158	Selkirk	35
12159	Slingerlands	10
12161	South Bethlehem	5
Outside Immediate Area		32
(Former Residents who relocated)		

2. MEETINGS

- a. Eight (8) regular monthly meetings of the Association were held during the period September 1997 through May 1998 excluding December. Timely, historical and entertaining programs were arranged by Mr. Charles Crangle, Chair of the Program Committee.
- b. Three (3) Executive Committee meetings were held with an average attendance of eighteen (18).
- c. Two (2) Trustee meetings were held.

3. SPECIAL EVENTS

- a. The Fall of the year was quite appropriate to have a bus trip on September 10th to the Adirondack Museum with a birthday luncheon (Jean Lyon) at the Adirondack Hotel at Long Lake (31 in attendance)
- b. An Annual Card Party was held on October 25th at the Bethlehem Elks Club. This was our main revenue producing event.
- c. The Annual Christmas Silver Tea was on December 7th. The Bethlehem Garden Club was commended for the holiday decorations. We hosted their organization, the D.A.R., the DANA and in all, over 300 guests during additional days.
- d. A bus tour on May 20, 1998 was enjoyed by 40 members and guests as we visited the Caramoor Center for Music and Arts. After a delicious luncheon we then toured the John Jay Homestead State Historic Site, the retirement home of the first Chief Justice of the United States and second Governor of New York. Bill LaMed picked another winner for this event.

4. FINANCES

- a. The Finance Committee established a budget of \$4,820 with actual expenditures of \$2,909.44 and revenues of \$5,506.26 as of May 31, 1998. Report was audited and found correct. Budget for 1998-99 is \$4,705.
- b. A sum of \$1,000 was received from the estate of Marjorie Terrell for the purpose of artifacts and display items. Also \$110 was received in memory of Thelma Comstock. JoAnn Kimmey donated a stamp collection to the Association which was sold for \$400, the amount of which was added to the Endowment Fund.

5. ANNUAL MEETING ELECTIONS

On May 21, 1998 the annual meeting was held at which time the budget was approved and the following officers elected for the term 1998 - 1999:

President	Howard R. Gmelch Sr.
Vice President	Jan Satin
Recording Secretary	Wendy Brandow
Corresponding Secretary	June Milburn
Treasurer	Richard Spaulding

TRUSTEES

Joseph Allgaier	Peter McGinty
Wendy Brandow	Sherry Putney
Charles Crangle	Cynthia Wilson
Lois Dillon	

Section II

1. The Executive Committee met on Thursday, June 18, 1998 and all committee members received written notification. Those attending were unanimous in support of projected events.
 - a. Our Vice President, Jan Satin will coordinate revenue producing events, with input from our members.
 - b. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SILVER TEA
Your President received a letter dated June 2, 1998 from Meredith Meislahn, President of the Bethlehem Garden Club. She indicated that they were having a joint Board, Standing Committee meeting on June 15 at which time a decision would be made as to whether or not to do the usual decorations at the Museum for this event. Many negative factors were presented and their subsequent decision was NOT to support our event as an organization. However, at our Executive Committee meeting, it was unanimous that the Bethlehem Historical Association will have the Tea on Sunday, December 6th, between 2-4 PM. And, with the creative talent of so many of our members it should be a success.
Accordingly, Cynthia Wilson, a Trustee and Past President, volunteered to coordinate the details. Your support of her is very important and some have already expressed their availability to help. Call Cynthia at 439-3831 and tell her how **YOU** will help.