

VICTOR ROUNDTABLE MEETING – August 7, 2009

ATTENDEES: Jack Marren, Sue Stehling, Babette Huber, Tim Aquilano, Kathleen Houser, Chauncey Young, Dave Wright, Joel Richter, Suzy Paquin, Pat Evans, Mitch Donovan

Jack Marren introduced **Ed Varno** of the Ontario County Historical Society. Mr. Varno described the Society as a not-for-profit organization located in Canandaigua, and said that its aim is to promote interest in and appreciation for Ontario County's history in its larger sense. He said that the society is currently in the midst of a 10-year mission exploring the origins of western New York. The society, which is largely financed through memberships, fundraisers and donations, is governed by a Board of Trustees, maintains a research library and does educational programs and distance learning with school districts. This year the society's Tour of Homes fundraiser will be held in Victor on September 13. Ed distributed a list of possible sites to be visited on this year's tour, including the Presbyterian Church. He described the Tour of Homes as a day-long event during which the host homes allow people who purchase a permit to walk through and view the interior and exterior of the home. Participants come largely from the eastern side of Monroe County and from Canandaigua and Victor. Generally the attendance is 800 to 1,000 people – this year, because the event will be held on Sunday, homes will be toured from noon until 6 PM. Tickets can be purchased at Mead Pharmacy, the local bank, or from Babette Huber. Tour books will be available for ticket holders on the day of the event. This year Bravo is offering a wine tasting and antipasto during the event.

Mr. Varno said that last year's tour netted \$17,500 for the society. **Babette said that the society would like to develop partnerships and ask for help with the event.** 120 volunteers are needed (3 hour schedule). She said that the tour will help the Victor economy by bringing in a number of visitors. Mr. Varno said that the society makes money on the event through home sponsors (participants so far are Constellation Brands, Rochester Home Builders, Chapman Kepner Agency), the sale of ads in the tour book (\$125 for a full page) and patrons who pay \$50 each and have their names in the book, get a free quilt raffle ticket, and are invited to a reception, this year hosted by Constellation Brands. (Quilt raffle tickets are sold for \$22 in advance and \$25 on day of the event.)

Joel Richter expressed a concern about the number of people who would be attending the Tour of Homes (800–1,000) and the fact that the event is public, and that an admission is being charged. He said that he will talk with the Fire Marshall about the proper capacity for each stop on the tour, and Ed Varno said he would be happy to have and comply with the numbers provided by the Fire Marshall, Ed said that in the past the society has worked with various fire departments, and there has not generally been an issue with capacities. Joel mentioned that fire extinguishers and exits would also have to be considered, and he is concerned about the house under construction that is included in the tour – inspection necessary? Ed asked that this be done as soon as possible.

Action item: Joel will contact Ed Varno and pursue investigation of concerns related to Tour of Homes.

Jack Marren introduced the Town's summer intern, **Bill Annechino**, a recent VCS graduate who will be attending Brockport in the fall.

Jack said that the Attorney General's office had done a presentation during Homearama that touched upon the need for individuals looking for contractors to get more than one estimate, avoid paying up front for contracts, etc., the intent being to protect the contractors and public.

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There are additional presentations available through the Atty. General's office, and any other organizations having an interest in hosting a presentation are invited to contact the Town, and, if necessary, may use Town facilities for the program. The Town is making plans to host programming for senior citizens in the Town Hall. Copies of brochures regarding a number of topics are also available on the Attorney General's website.

Jack said that Roundtable postcards should be available next week.

The community center referendum is scheduled for August 31 at the Town Hall. Any questions, please see the Town website or contact Brian Emelson directly (737-7265).

The American Legion contacted Jack earlier this week to say that the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall will be on Route 96 on August 18 and they are hoping to stop briefly in Victor at 2:30 or 3:00 PM– they are trying to coordinate something with the Fire Dept. After that it will proceed to the VFW in Perinton where it will be on display for 3 days (8/20-8/23).

Pat Evans said that the Library is winding up summer programs, but the Paws for Reading (therapy dogs) will continue through the end of the month. The Book Sale will again be held on Hang Around Victor Day. Because of parking concerns, this year the sale will be held on Friday from 10-noon, Saturday from 9-4 and Monday from 10-9 (\$3 a bag day).

Pat said that the library featured was on Channel 8 yesterday (Summer of Savings segment) to spread the word about the downloadable audio book service. Yesterday there were 8 new registrations for downloadable service.

Mitch Donovan reported a busy July, including staffing the hospitality tents at Homearama, Ganondagan, and Stuart Horse Trials – possibly 30,000 people. The Railroad Fest will be held on Aug. 8 and 9. Hang Around Victor Day plans are underway – working on vendors, maps, & planning the closing of a portion of Adams St. He described the proposed traffic plan which will allow people to approach Mead Square or the library from School St.

Sue Stehling - Upcoming Kiwanis events:

- August 7: Jonathan Friedlander, founder & CEO of Equicenter in Mendon, regarding the center's programs for physically challenged youth.
- August 13: evening Kiwanis meeting at the Legacy on High Street (7 PM)
- August 21: visit to Crystal Brook farm in Shortsville
- August 28: Dan Duprey from the Bivona Child Advocacy Center (outreach for abused children)
- September 22: Eastview College Fair (7-9 PM)
- August 16 – 8:30 AM - "Speeders" will be here for Railroad event – welcoming comments by local dignitaries are being sought.

Babette Huber said there will be free concerts by the Finger Lakes Chorale on Aug. 15 at 7 PM and Aug. 16 at 2:30 at Constellation Brands-Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center.

Tim Aquilano said the Village has been busy working on infrastructure – repaving High St., and connecting Hillcrest with Church & Valley View by sidewalks. Walkability & connections in the village will be discussed at a meeting next Wed. A resolution has been passed for the 5K Hang Around Victor Day race. The Farmer's Market has been moved to the Village Hall

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parking lot to free up parking in other areas. Mayor Holden is working on making Village greener.

Supervisor Marren said that a county committee has passed a resolution authorizing the connection of the Village at Hillcrest (flashing light) down to Kensington, and is looking for Village participation in upcoming workshop (Aug. 18). Tim said he had spoken with Joel about resident complaints about speed on Church St. and E. Main St. The Sheriff's Dept. and State Police have been contacted. Sue Stehling suggested contacting Clifton Springs Village for ideas. High Street reconstruction, including sidewalks to tie in developments, is upcoming. Jack said that he doesn't support sidewalks that would encourage people to walk under the narrow bridge on High St.

Kathleen Houser said that July was busy for the Historical Society and Valentown. Dr. Preston Pierce presented a lecture on life in Victorian times, especially in Victor. The Victorian Victor Celebration was held in the rain, but attracted people to the presentation and activities. The train ride from Victor to Clifton Springs was successful. Weekend Crafters is being held every Saturday & will continue through August. The Fall Festival is scheduled concurrently with Hang Around Victor. Babette will present a lecture about harvest in this area, particularly potato farms. The Valentown Garden Club will have a lecture on the 18th – open to public at Town Hall.

For Hang Around Victor Days the Historical Society is handing out \$2 off coupons & will continue to solicit memberships. Kathy said they now have 2 groups of tatters as craft demonstrators next weekend. Kathy handed out membership applications & said that volunteers are also needed.

Chauncey Young said the Fire District has put out an RFP for an architectural consulting firm to help with facilities planning. Next Tuesday is first budget workshop – open to public – 7:30 at House 2. A new sign has been installed through a grant via Sen. Nozzolio's efforts.

Victor Hiking Trails has received a \$500 donation from CNB. They had good participation in June's National Trails Day and will participate in tomorrow's Rail Road fest, and Hang around Victor Day. Benches have been installed at Mead Square and in the Fishers Plaza area. They are working on trail acquisition with Domine, and have completed a couple of new trails in the Lehigh Crossing Park area. Trail maintenance is being done 3 times a week due to amount of rainfall this year. Dave Wright thanked the Town Board for authorizing the Supervisor to sign a permit with Domine giving permission for trail through their property. He said the theme of the upcoming Rail Road Fest is aimed for the children.

Joel Richter said the schedule of events for the Rail Road Fest is on the website – lots of activities are planned. Ticket sales have been good. Activities will be next to Village Hall. Music includes Paulsen, Baker & Garvey (Sat.) and Darren Everhart (Sun.). A barbecue will be held in conjunction with the Methodist Church. Brochures will be available tomorrow. Jack said he'll be out of town this weekend, but has let local media know about the event. After the festival, the Fishers FD will have a chicken BBQ starting at five on Sat.

Suzy Paquin said that the community calendar is up – e-mail anything for the calendar to her with "Community Calendar" as the subject line. Babette asked how the calendar was working for people – Suzy will check with Logical Solutions about how many "hits" it has had.

Ed Varno will be at the Town Board meeting on Monday evening with a brief PowerPoint presentation

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The meeting adjourned at 9 AM.

The next Roundtable meeting will be on September 4, 2009 at 8:00 AM in the Town hall Main Meeting Room.