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NEWSLETTER OF THE CLARENCE HOLLOW ASSOCIATION

To Promote, Improve, and Maintain the Quality of Life, Prosperity of Business, and Historic Charm of Clarence Hollow

W.L. Henderson Architects To Host Mixer on April 28

Learning how better to “Work at Networking” will be an added benefit of attending the next Business After Hours on Monday, April 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. at W.L. Henderson Architects, 10803 Main Street on the East Hill in the Hollow.

Bill Henderson will tell how he has successfully used networking to secure commissions for large design and construction projects in Western New York and elsewhere. “Networking is more than just handing out business cards,” Bill said.



Mr. Henderson, a member of the Clarence Hollow board of directors, sponsor of the networking event, has invited other Clarence architects to “share the spotlight” with him at the mixer.

The architectural firm occupies the second floor of the building on the historic Clarence Hollow walking tour built in 1876 as the German Methodist Church, #42 on the map in the Hollow brochure. It has since been known as the Clarence Grange and The Windsong Gallery. Mr. Henderson plans to showcase the first floor of the renovated building which is for rent. It’s owned by Carolyn Romance Lattimer, founder and first president of the Clarence Hollow Merchants Association.

Limited parking is available up the hill adjacent to the building. Admission and refreshments are free and all members and their guests are invited.

May Flower Days to Add Products

An expanded May Flower Days will occupy the site of the Clarence Hollow Farmers’ Market at 10717 Main Street for the five Saturdays in May, it has been announced by Nancy McIver, market manager.

On sale will be flower and vegetable plants as in prior years, plus baked goods, honey, and early produce. Vendors will include Lavocat’s Family Greenhouse & Nursery, J&R Fruit Farm, H.G. Miller Nursery, Hens Honey Bee Farm, and Schwab Farms. The Country Store will not be open. Hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The full market will open officially on Saturday, June 7.



Membership Meeting

**Thursday,
April 24, 2008**

8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
Asa Ransom House



**“Survey of Early
Clarence Architecture”**

Joanna Pickering & Linda Mosher
Clarence Historic Preservation
Commission

Architecture Subject Of April 24 Meeting

In keeping with the Clarence Hollow Association’s desire to commemorate the first 200 years of the Town of Clarence, its April 24 membership meeting will present a “Survey of Early Clarence Architecture.” The meeting will be held at the Asa Ransom House from 8 to 9 a.m., as usual on the last Thursday of each month.

The Powerpoint-illustrated presentation has been compiled and will be narrated by Joanna Pickering and Linda Mosher, both members of the Clarence Historic Preservation Commission.

Mrs. Pickering has said that the program illustrates and explains the many different styles of architecture of Clarence structures and how they add to the character of the town.

The meeting is open to all interested persons; there is no charge and refreshments are served. In January and February, members heard presentations on the Holland Land Company Museum and Joseph Ellicott, and the Rich-Twinn Octagon House, Akron.

PRESERVATION —QUOTE—

"Historic preservation of buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes is important because it physically links us to our past. Preservation can be good for the economic bottom line when creatively done."

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May Chicken Barbecue Will Celebrate History

To celebrate the Clarence Bicentennial, the Clarence Hollow Association is having a themed Chicken BBQ on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. In celebrating 200 years of Clarence history there will be special bicentennial displays and demonstrations for all ages to participate in and enjoy.

Following the American Legion parade and memorial ceremony, the Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ will take place at the Town Park Pavilion, 10405 Main Street, from 12 noon until sold out. There will be a huge Chinese auction, music, children's activities, and more. The bicentennial activities will include a wood carver, historical spinning and weaving, horse-drawn carriage rides, historical displays, fresh roasted nuts, and more. Please plan now to come, bring your family and friends, and celebrate with us on this special occasion of 200 years.

The cost is \$7.50 per dinner and \$2.00 for hot dogs and chips. Many helping hands are needed to make this event a special one for our bicentennial year. If you have a bicentennial display or would like to help with the event please contact Flora Leamer at 984-5235 or email flora_leamer@yahoo.com. Areas for help include ticket sellers, food serving line, marching in the parade, children's activities, set-up and/or tear down.

- Flora Leamer, chair

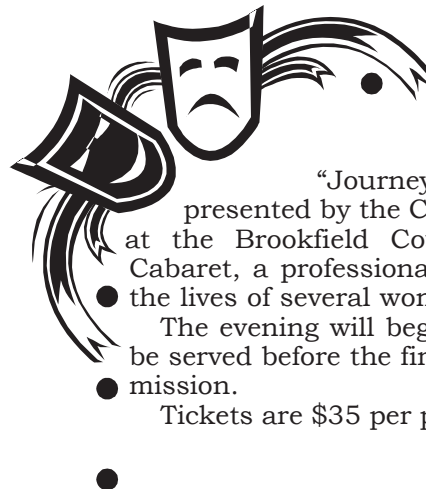


Coming Events Worth Noting

Card & Game Night, Wednesday, May 7, Town Park Clubhouse, 7 to 10 p.m. Sponsored by Clarence Women's Club to raise money for six \$500 scholarships for Clarence High School seniors. Tickets, \$5 from any member or 741-2785. Board and card games, dessert, prizes, and silent auction.

Flea Market, Saturday, May 17, Clarence Senior Center, 4600 Thompson Road, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by Clarence Senior Center. Free admission, tables \$15 for non-members of the Center, \$5 for outdoor space. Information, Debb Sabbatis, 633-5138.

Golf Classic, Monday, June 23, Brookfield Country Club, 11 a.m. registration. Sponsored by Clarence Chamber of Commerce. For information, Clarence Chamber of Commerce, 634-3888.



Garden Club Presents Dinner Theater May 9

"Journey," a dinner theater production will be presented by the Clarence Garden Club on Friday, May 9, at the Brookfield Country Club. Produced by Enchante Cabaret, a professional acting group, the production follows the lives of several women, their triumphs and tribulations.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m., a buffet style dinner will be served before the first act, with coffee and dessert at intermission.

Tickets are \$35 per person. For information, call 432-4727.

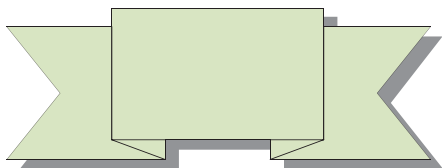
Welcome New Members



Appliance Repair Service Inc.,
8070 Goodrich Road, Clarence
Center 14032, Donald W. Festaiuti,
president, 741-1234,
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Recruited by Flora Leamer.

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8223, tomburns@qsg.bz. Transfer
from Pony's Restaurant.



Market to Feature Business of the Week

One of the lesser known benefits of being a member of the Clarence Hollow Association is the opportunity to showcase your business at the Clarence Hollow Farmers' Market. Each Saturday, June through October, the Market will feature a different member as the "Business of the Week."

It's a program that benefits both the business member and the Farmers' Market. To become a "Business of the Week," call the association office at 759-2345 and you will receive an application.

Members selected as Businesses of the Week for June are Bank of Akron, June 7; Family Chocolate Shoppe, June 14; and The Health and Fitness Advantage, June 21. All other Saturdays from June 28 through October 25 are open at this writing.

walk the villages to begin on may 26



Walk the Villages is around the corner as we prepare to kick-off the 4th annual event at our CHA Chicken BBQ on May 26 in the Clarence Town Park. Once again many of our member merchants have joined the program by offering gift certificates for the many prize drawings that will take place throughout the summer. The same merchants will stamp the coupons of the participating walkers and may offer in-store discounts if walkers identify that they are with Walk the Villages.

Last month we informed you that we have added the City of Tonawanda to our Area I list of villages that includes Kenmore, Williamsville, Clarence/Clarence Center, Akron, Batavia and LeRoy. Area II now includes Alden, East Aurora, Ellicottville, Lancaster, Orchard Park, Hamburg, and Warsaw. We are also adding Area III to the program this year which includes Allegeny, Cuba, Ellicottville, Olean, and Springville.

Join us this summer for an opportunity to visit communities and their various merchants and parks and be eligible for door prizes. You may go online to register now at www.walkthevillages.com. You will have fun, be outdoors and be healthier for doing Walk the Villages.

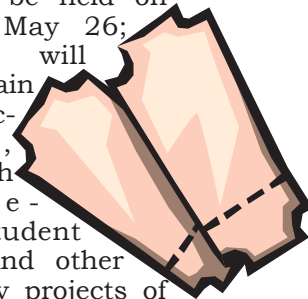
- *Walk the Villages Clarence
Committee: Bob Lenz, Flora
Leamer, Elaine Wolfe,
John Leamer*

Auction to Benefit Association Projects

Since May 2001, a Chinese Auction has been a feature of the annual Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue in Clarence Town Park, sponsored by the Clarence Hollow Association. The eighth such "auction" will be held on Monday, May 26; proceeds will benefit Main Street decorations, bike path improvements, student awards, and other community projects of the association.

Members of the association are asked to donate an item to the auction. Because the barbecue event will have a Bicentennial theme, efforts are being made to make the Chinese Auction bigger and better than in prior years. Prior donors are reminded that there was no association-wide request for auction donations last year.

Donations may be mailed to the association at 10748 Main Street, Clarence 14031, or delivered to Kathy Kline at Gallagher Printing, 9185 Main Street, west of Walgreens. To arrange for pickup, call Pat Brace at 759-8167.



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2008 Schedule of Bicentennial Events*

Events sponsored by the Bicentennial Committee



March 8, 2008
 200th Birthday Party; Eastern Hills Mall;
 noon - 4 p.m.

May 3, 2008
 Bicentennial Ball; Samuel's Grande Manor; 6 p.m.
 Tickets available through the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; call 716-631-3888.

July 25-27, 2008
 Heritage Days and Parade
 Clarence Town Park, Main Street, Clarence Hollow
 Includes historical displays and demonstrations,
 beard contest, concert and more.
 Bell Presentation by the Bicentennial Committee
 Time Capsules Presentation by the Clarence Public Library

October 18-19, 2008
 Farm Tours

November 26, 2008
 Ecumenical Church Service
 St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Transit Road, Swormville

December 31, 2008
 Closing Event

Bicentennial Theme - Events sponsored by other organizations:

May 26, 2008
 Memorial Day Parade
 (11 p.m. from Clarence High School to Town Park,
 Main Street)
 Sponsored by the Clarence American Legion, Unit 838;
 Chicken Barbeque: Clarence Town Park, Main Street; Noon;
 Sponsored by the Clarence Hollow Association

July 13, 2008
 Clarence Center Garden Walk - Goodrich &
 Clarence Center Roads
 Clarence Center; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Sponsored by the Clarence Center Community Association

July 23, 2008
 Bicentennial Special Concert
 Sponsored by the Clarence Concert Association
 Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra; Paul Ferington, conductor
 Clarence Town Park Band Shell, Main Street; 7 p.m.

**Schedule subject to change.*