



# Clarence Hollow Crier

NEWSLETTER OF THE CLARENCE HOLLOW ASSOCIATION

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

## Membership Meeting

Thursday, February 28, 2008

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

Beverly Summe,  
Newstead Historical Society

“Restoration of the  
Rich-Twinn  
Octagon House”



## Clarence Bicentennial 200th Birthday Party

The Town of Clarence will be 200 years old on March 11, 2008; the 200th Birthday Party will be at Eastern Hills Mall from noon to 4 p.m. Planned are displays featuring significant events in our Town, games and prizes for kids and a huge birthday cake donated by Ohlson's Bakery.

Come and celebrate with us!



## February Program to Depict Octagon House Restoration

A slide presentation of the restoration of Akron's Rich-Twinn Octagon House will be the highlight of the February 28 meeting of the Clarence Hollow Association at the Asa Ransom House from 8 to 9 a.m.

Beverly Summe, director of the house museum, will narrate the program. The Octagon House and the Knight-Sutton Museum are owned and maintained by the Newstead Historical Society which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The Octagon House is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The meeting is the second in a series to focus on the area's historical attractions during Clarence's Bicentennial year. There is no charge to attend and the public is invited.

## Association Initiates New Email Bulletin

As a new service to members, the Clarence Hollow Association has initiated an email news bulletin, the CHA Promotion Advocate, which will keep members posted between monthly newsletters.

The bulletin will promote members' events as well as association activities. Send your events to [clarenehollowassociation@gmail.com](mailto:clarenehollowassociation@gmail.com) or phone the Advocate editor John Leamer at 984-5164. Bulletins will be emailed as needed and time permits.



## Plan to Attend On February 25

The first Business After Hours networking event of the 2008 year will be held at The Health and Fitness Advantage, 10151 Main Street, on Monday, February 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring your business cards, bring your flyers to pass out, bring another member, associate, or friend. There is no charge; refreshments will be served.

## Association to Show At Walden Galleria

The Clarence Hollow Association will have an information booth at the Walden Galleria on Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2, during the "Vacationing in Your Own Backyard" annual event.

The tradeshow, in the mall's concourse, is sponsored by the Niagara Frontier Tourism Task Force, of which the association is a member. A number of area attractions and tourism-related services will have booths at the show, during regular mall hours.

Volunteers to distribute association (and their own) literature are needed to man the association display in shifts. If interested, call 759-2345 to schedule a time.

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**Mission Statement**

The Clarence Hollow Association is a not-for-profit volunteer organization working to promote, improve, and maintain the quality of life, prosperity of business, and historic charm of Clarence Hollow.

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**Memorial Day Chicken BBQ To Have Bicentennial Theme**

This year is a special year for our town and for our Memorial Day Chicken BBQ to be held on Monday, May 26, 2008. Clarence is celebrating 200 years and we are hosting the BBQ with a Bicentennial theme.

It will be a great event, but it will take many volunteers and planning to make it special. If you are able to help with either planning the event or working the event, please reply by emailing to [flora\\_leamer@yahoo.com](mailto:flora_leamer@yahoo.com) or calling her at 984-5235.

The next planning meeting will be Thursday, March 6 at 8 a.m. at the Clarence Hollow Association office at 10748 Main Street.



**Welcome  
New  
Members**



**Tina Ball**, resident member, 11365 Main Street, 759-7025, [tonfifth@earthlink.net](mailto:tonfifth@earthlink.net). Former member, reinstated by Don Boyd.

**Carol Conwall**, resident member, 4930 Meadowbrook Road, Williamsville 14221, 634-2033, [ne-sister@aol.com](mailto:ne-sister@aol.com).

**PRESERVATION  
QUOTE**

"Community image is fundamentally important to economic well-being and quality of life."

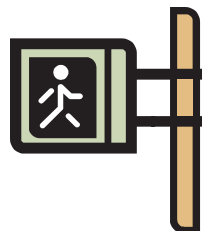
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**Walk the Villages is Expanding**

The Walk the Villages program will begin its fourth year on June 1. This year we will be adding the City of Tonawanda to our Area I group of villages bringing the number to seven. Additionally, Area II is talking with the Village of Hamburg.

If you are not familiar with the Walk the Villages program, it is something the whole family can do. Implemented by NYS Senator Mary Lou Rath, the program is designed to stimulate health and fitness while visiting your own and neighboring villages. The additional locations in Area I are: Kenmore, Williamsville, Clarence, Akron, Batavia, and LeRoy. The program is free and runs from June 1 to October 1.

We encourage merchant participation as we direct participants to visit area merchants and museums, historical parks, and other interesting sights. Many participating merchants enjoy providing discounts when people identify that they are with the Walk the Villages program. Last year over 3,000 people participated in the program.



If you would like to be a participating merchant or be a volunteer in the Walk the Villages program, please contact the Clarence Hollow Association office at 759-2345, or email us at [walkthevillages@yahoo.com](mailto:walkthevillages@yahoo.com). We are also launching a new web site which will be up by month's end. The web address is [www.walkthevillages.com](http://www.walkthevillages.com).

- John Leamer  
Area I Coordinator

# We Get Letters



Clarence Hollow Association:

Thank you for your support by placing an ad in the program booklet for the Clarence Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner 2008. We appreciate your support and participation in this event. It was a special year because it is the Bicentennial Year for Clarence celebrating 200 years. It is a great testimony to our community when businesses reach out in support of events and activities within the community.

This event was to recognize those who have unselfishly given back to make Clarence a great place to live and work. It was well attended and enjoyed not only by the award recipients, but by those who attended the dinner.

- Flora B. Leamer, Chairman  
2008 Annual Awards Dinner

Clarence Hollow Association:

Thank you to the Clarence Hollow Association for your participation in Winterfest 2008 which was held on February 10. We appreciate your sponsorship of the "Star Wars" presentations and for setting up a display booth. It was a cold wintry day but many people came and enjoyed all of the activities.

A new event outside was the Chili and Chowder Cook-off. It was well attended with great competition from the various fire companies and not-for-profit groups. Inside there were many informational booths, arts and crafts for the kids, valentines to our military service people overseas, pinecone bird feeders, and more.

Thank you and we hope to see you next year.

- Flora Leamer  
Winterfest Committee

## Book to Be Unveiled

The Clarence Historical Society is proud to be unveiling the 4th history book entitled "Images of Swormville & the North Country." Author Douglas Kohler will be at the Bicentennial Birthday Party on March 8 from noon to 4 p.m. at Eastern Hills Mall to sign copies of the book. Please plan to come and enjoy the festivities.



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