

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- FEB 15 *A SPLENDID LITTLE WAR*
REMEMBERING THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR,
WREATH LAYING AT NAY AUG 1:00 PM, PROGRAM AT HYLAND HALL 2:30 PM
- MAR 22 QUILTING
PRESENTED BY NANCY JOHNSON-SREBRO
CATLIN HOUSE 2:00 PM
- APR 26 FERRIES OF THE DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA & WESTERN RAILROAD
PRESENTED BY RAYMOND BAXTER
CATLIN HOUSE 2:00 PM
- MAY 9 ANNUAL PLACES OF WORSHIP TOUR - GREEN RIDGE
DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED WITH RESERVATION FORMS
- 21 ANNUAL DINNER: *FIVE RAILROADS MEET AT SCRANTON*
PRESENTED BY WILLIAM WITHUHN
RADISSON LACKAWANNA STATION COCKTAILS 6:30 PM, DINNER 7:00 PM, PROGRAM 8:00 PM
- JUNE 6 CLEAN UP DAY AND ANNUAL BARBECUE
MEET AT 10:00 AM, BRING YOUR RAKE AND MUSCLES AS WE SPRUCE UP THE GROUNDS

THE LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
at THE GEORGE H. CATLIN HOUSE
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Company D, 13th Regiment during the Spanish American War, 1898.

Remembering the Spanish American War, "A Splendid Little War"

On February 15, 1998, at 1pm, the Spanish American War Centennial Committee of the Lackawanna Historical Society will host a wreath laying ceremony at the *Battleship Maine* monument at Nay Aug Park. The program marks the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the *Maine* in Havana Harbor and the start of the Spanish American War. Following the ceremony, at 2:30 pm, there will be a program on the *Splendid Little War* conducted by the committee in room 102 at Hyland Hall, University of Scranton. The event will look at the war on both the local and national levels. Speakers include Dr. Robert Hueston, from the University of Scranton's History Department, Society President, Alan Sweeney, and local historian Joseph Long. The program will also feature a reenactment to demonstrate weapons and uniforms of the period. For additional information, please call the Society.

FROM the PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

In this issue you will learn of the scheduled programs that we have planned for the upcoming months. We feel that we have secured a well rounded and interesting variety. Please join us at one or all of them.

Recently we have sent Membership Renewals to you. Please send them back as soon as possible so you won't miss any exciting happenings at the Society.

Richard Matthews, Ph. D., Society Trustee and local businessman has accepted the chairmanship of our Membership Committee and has some interesting ideas on how we can enhance membership in the County and beyond. Your membership is essential to the Society's existence.

In the last issue we asked some questions of you, our membership, to help us plan for the future. To date, we have received only five responses. This tells me that you either like what we are doing or that you do not care how we operate. My guess is that you like what we are doing. But, just in case, the questionnaire is re-printed for your response in this issue. Thank you to the members who did respond.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year and continued prosperity in the future. Please visit us at the Catlin house as your time permits.

Sincerely,

Alan Sweeney
President

BOARD OFFICERS ELECTED

At the December 17th General Membership Meeting, Alan Sweeney was re-elected to serve a second term as President of the Lackawanna Historical Society. The following officers were elected to serve one year terms :

George Houck- 1st Vice President
Richard Bovard - 2nd Vice President
Eileen Pocius - 3rd Vice President
Douglas Forrer - Treasurer
Marie Smith - Assistant Treasurer
Arlene Devereaux O'Hara - Secretary

The Class of 2000 was also elected to serve three year terms. They are: Richard Bovard, Paul Mansour, Richard Leonori, William Nasser, Arlene Devereaux O'Hara, Rev. Brolin Parker, Ella Rayburn, and Alan Sweeney.

*Congratulations to all of these
dedicated volunteers!*

The Lackawanna Historical Society 1994-95

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Mary Ann Gavern, *Museum Receptionist*
James Gavern, *Caretaker*

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HAPPENINGS AT THE CATLIN HOUSE

HISTORIES NEEDED

If your Church, Club, Fire Company, Lodge, or Group has recently published an organizational history, we would like one for our library. Please send a copy to:

Mary Ann Moran
Lackawanna Historical
Society
232 Monroe Avenue
Scranton, PA 18510

ANNUAL DINNER SCHEDULED

On May 21, 1998 at the Radisson Lackawanna Station, we will conduct our Annual Meeting. Featured speaker will be William Withuhn, Curator of Transportation, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.

Mr. Withuhn is no stranger to Scranton and Lackawanna County. He was Master of Ceremonies at the Great Rail Re-

NEW CARETAKER

The Society welcomes new caretaker Jim Gavern, a Scranton native and retired construction worker. As a member for the last four years and helpful volunteer at many Society events, Jim is familiar with the workings of the Society and has already begun some major repair projects at the house.

ON SALE NOW...

The Society has received tapes and CD's of Stanky and the Coal Miners' new release, *Frogs in the Beer Pail Polka*, exclusively recorded for the LHS sponsored documentary film.

Stanky fans will be very pleased by these recordings which include the *Pick and Shovel Polka*, *Wishing Well Waltz*, and of course, the *Frogs in the Beer Pail Polka*.

The tapes and CD's are available for purchase at the Catlin House at \$10 for tapes and \$14 for CD's, please add 3.50 for shipping.

Visit the Catlin House to find out about the other items for sale.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Michael Bufalino has volunteered at the Catlin House for the last four years. He first came to the Society as a freshman at West Scranton High School, under the advice of his teacher, to be trained as a docent. Since that time he has volunteered both as a tour guide and an assistant in the library, cataloguing over 600 postcards. Michael spends almost every Saturday working at the Catlin House from noon to 3pm. His dedication to the Society reaches beyond the call of a typical volunteer in that he supports the Society as a member and often acts as one of our best forms of publicity, telling his family, friends, and teachers about our activities.

Michael is a senior this year and will most likely be leaving the area to pursue an education in his chosen field, Architecture, but plans to return after college and continue his service to the Society. The Lackawanna Historical Society is grateful for Michael's enthusiasm and continued interest.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK... QUESTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP

1. Are the hours of operation convenient to your needs? _____yes _____no
Suggest other hours:_____
2. What topics would you like to be presented through Society programs?

3. Have we provided programming in the last year to your liking? ____yes ____no
4. Would you attend a Society program at a location other than the Catlin House?
____yes ____no
5. Would you support a major fund raising campaign? ____yes ____no
6. How can we better serve you, our members?_____

SEND THIS HALF BACK TO SOCIETY WITH YOUR 1998 MEMBERSHIP.