

Long Grove Times

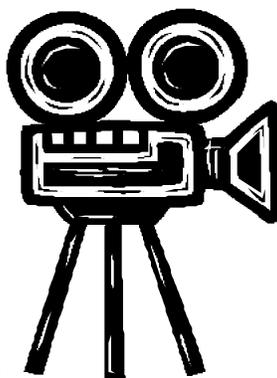
Long Grove Historical Society's Quarterly Newsletter

December 2012

Trivially Speaking...

Most Long Grove old timers will probably recognize the name Muttersholtz as the original name given to Long Grove, when a Post Office was formed in 1847. The story goes that Muttersholtz was where several of the Long Grove area families had originated back in the "old country". Well, at a minimum, that's where the first Postmaster, Charles Sigwalt, originated from. One suspects Charles may have had more influence than other villagers on the choice of name—within months, the Post Office was renamed Long Grove and a new postmaster – George Ruth, had been installed. What country would you travel to today to pay Muttersholtz, the old homeland, a visit? You're forgiven if you guessed Germany, as most of the early settlers in Long Grove were considered German.... but... Muttersholtz is actually in France – in an area called Alsace, that's on the border between France and Germany. It has gone back and forth between the two countries over the years.

Join us for an old fashioned Victorian "High Tea" on **Thursday, December 6th, 1pm** at the Old Victorian Farmhouse, 26668 S. Main Street in Wauconda. There is a fee and advance reservations are required. To RSVP, contact Marie Borg at 847-438-7656.



MOVIE NIGHT!
Friday,
January 25th,
7pm at Reed Turner Woodland Nature Center,

3849 Old McHenry Rd, Long Grove. Free admission. Made in 1931, *The Public Enemy* stars James Cagney and Jean Harlow in a mobster tale loosely based on Chicago mobster and former Long

Grove Road resident Terry Druggan. Before the movie we'll have a short introduction and share a few Long Grove based stories involving "Terrible Terry" and his "Valley Gang."



Mark Your Calendars

- **Thursday, Dec 6th, 1pm**
High Tea at the Old Victorian Farmhouse
- **Monday, Jan 7th, Noon**
Historical Book Club at Long Grove Cafe
- **Friday, Jan 25th, 7pm**
Movie Night at Reed Turner Nature Center
- **Sunday, Feb 17th, 2pm**
Fireside Chat at Reed Turner Nature Center

The Historical Book Club will be meeting again on **Monday, January 7th, noon** at the Long Grove Café for lunch and to discuss "Wonder Girl", by Don Van Natta. It's a biography of former Long Grove resident and female athlete extraordinaire Babe Didrikson. Even if you've not attended before, feel free to show up and join in with our book club. Lunch is "Dutch Treat".



All About Us...



The Long Grove Historical Society is a 501C3 non-profit organization whose purpose is to preserve and disseminate the history of the Long Grove area. Annual membership is available for a donation of \$30 (individual), \$50 (family), or \$100 (sustaining). Members receive our quarterly newsletter as well as access to a variety of events held throughout the year. To become a member, send your donation to Georgia Cawley, LGHS Membership, 4509 RFD, Long Grove, IL 60047, along with your name, address, telephone number, email. If you have any special interests, skills, or things you'd be interested in volunteering to help out with, be sure to let us know that as well.

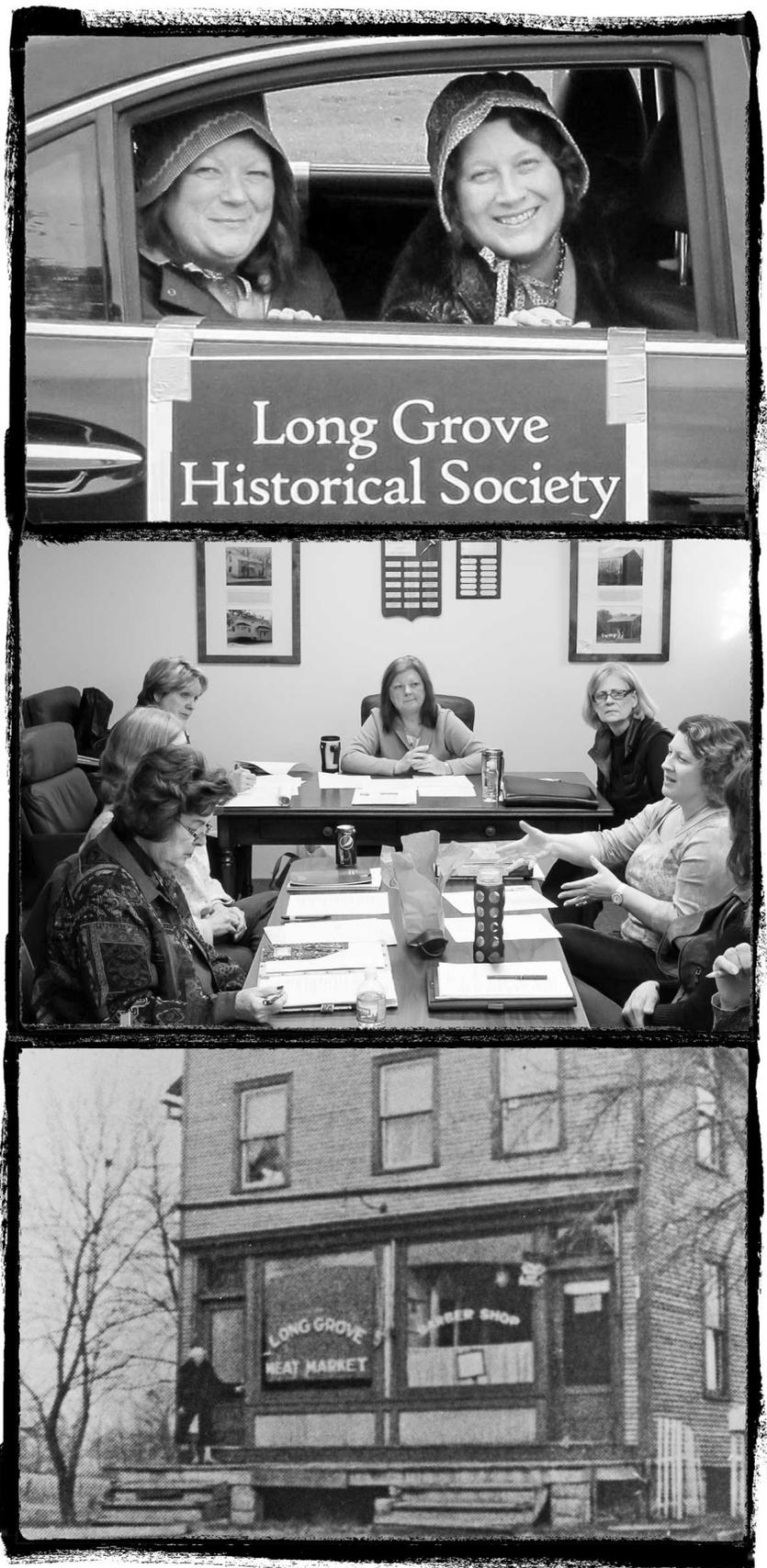
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The Society was formed in March, 1974, to accept the Drexler Tavern building as a gift. A joint project with the Village Board made possible the relocation of the tavern to a site behind the current Kildeer Country-side School. Today we know the building not as Drexler Tavern, but simply as Village Hall. Two additional structures have also been relocated to this area—one of the area's one room schoolhouses, Archer School, and a mid-1800's barn, Ruth Barn. The school and the barn form the core of the program we run each year for our local schools, so that our children can experience first hand what life used to be like in Long Grove. Last, but not least, a mid-1800's farm house was relocated to an area bordering the southwest corner of the Stemple Parking lot. "The Farmhouse", as we refer to it, houses our archives, a meeting room, and several restored "period" rooms that we open occasionally for tours. In addition to maintaining the above properties and our educational programs, we actively acquire items of local historic interest for our archives and conduct a variety of historical programs for current residents. We receive no tax dollars and exist solely from your contributions and our own fundraising efforts.

Thank you for your support!

Historical Society Pictures...The Oktoberfest parade, action at our November board meeting, and an old pic of the Long Grove Barber Shop where a few area mobsters were known to get a shave.



From the President's Desk

Comments from Society President Laurie Borawski

As 2012 comes to a close I count myself fortunate to have been President

for this past year. With cooperation of many great volunteers, we have achieved many exciting things this year.



In February we hosted a community program featuring local artisan, Marie Roth. Marie has been creating unique American flags for almost 30 years from reclaimed barn wood. Marie recounted the story behind each barn wood flag; origination and history of each flag design.

In April we held a sight appraisal program, "Antiques Road Show-Long Grove" with prominent North Shore and northwest suburban appraiser Frederick Dose. There were items appraised from ten dollars to thousands of dollars. All had a great time. Thank you to the Long Grove Park District for use of Reed Turner Woodland.

In June we held our second Annual Auction at The Village Tavern in downtown Long Grove. This is one of our major fundraisers for the Society. It was a fun evening with bidding wars going on and winners happy with their treasures. I want to thank our members and local business owners for all your donations. Your generosity helped make this evening a success. A special thank you to Chip and Mary Ann Ullrich for hosting the event also to Chip and Ron Bernardi as our excellent auctioneers.



In October we had a very busy month. Members took a field trip to Naper Settlement and had lunch in town. It was a beautiful fall day allowing us to tour their restored buildings. We participated in Long Grove's Oktoberfest parade. The weather was a little rainy and cold but the crowd cheered everyone on. We participated in the Local History Fair which was held at the Vernon Public Library. There were local area speakers and Historical Societies. It was nice to talk to residents about our Society.



Many residents don't realize that we have an ongoing Historical Book Club that meets about every other month. We have lunch at a local restaurant and discuss the current book. Our next meeting will be on January 7th at the Long Grove Café to discuss Wonder Girl; the magnificent sporting life of Babe Didrikson Zaharias by Don VanNatta. Everyone is welcome to join us.

There will be a High Tea and tour at the Old Victorian Farmhouse in Wauconda on December 6th at 1PM. This event is simply delicious. Our event on January 25th will be a movie night at Reed Turner Woodland and will be showing the 1931 version of "Public Enemy" with actors James Cagney and Jean Harlow. Hope to see you there.

From the President's Desk

Comments from Society President Laurie Borawski
(continued)

Next April will be our Annual Board meeting and election of officers. There will be openings for new officers and board

members. If you are interested in volunteering for the future board please let me know. Our meetings are once a month and this is a wonderful group to work with. I have had a great time as president and could not have done this without all their help and energy.

Our Archer School Program is designed to educate local 3rd graders to experience school life back in the 1800's. Volunteer docents dressed in period attire recreate a classroom lesson and recess, showing the children some of the challenges of life during pioneer times. They also tour the Ruth Barn and Herb Garden. We had classes in May, and we also have a fall program in September and October. We estimate about 650 children per year visit our buildings. If you would like to volunteer for this rewarding program, please contact me at the Farmhouse at 847/634-6155.



We rely on donations and sales to fund our activities, if you are looking for "the perfect gift", you need to look no further than the Information Center downtown (behind Enzo & Lucia's Ristorante). Items for sale include a beautiful throw to cuddle up by the fire, illustrated with depictions of historical buildings in downtown Long Grove; and an interesting coffee table book, Long Grove Lore and Legend written by Virginia L. Park. Or our newest book In Retrospect by Gwen Berg. There are also note cards illustrated with the village's famous covered bridge, and a large print of the covered bridge by Thomas Hoyne. We are also selling 3X6 bricks that can be inscribed with a dedication to a loved one, family names, or we can put two or more together for that special poem. The cost is \$35 and they will be installed in the spring. For more information regarding the bricks contact the Farmhouse.

Now is the time to join or renew your Historical Society membership for the coming year. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization which relies solely on funds from memberships, fundraisers, merchandise sales, and our Archer School program. Your membership fees and donations are tax deductible.



The last major project of this year is having a new roof installed on the farmhouse. This is the original roof from the 1980's restoration. The estimated cost of this project is \$11,000. Any donations toward this project would be greatly appreciated. Have a happy and safe holiday!



Reminder...

If you haven't sent in your check for our annual dues (a form was included in the last newsletter), here's another copy—we need your continued support! Can't remember if you paid or not? Contact our membership chairman, Georgia Cawley at (847) 438-1160.

Please complete the form below, cut along the dotted line, enclose a check made payable to Long Grove Historical Society, and mail back to:

Long Grove Historical Society
 C/O Georgia Cawley
 4509 RFD
 Long Grove, IL 60047

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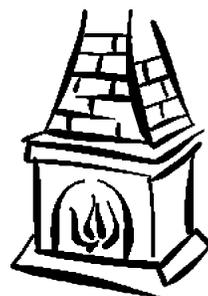
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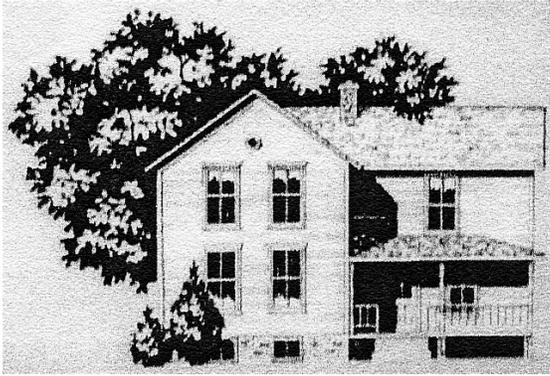
FIRESIDE CHAT

Join us at Reed Turner Woodland Nature Center, **Sunday, February 17th at 2pm.** John B. Byrne, author of *Images*

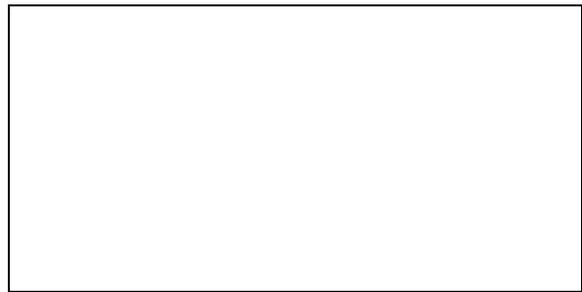
of America's *Cuneo Museum and Gardens*, will be our guest. John's family has an enduring bond with the Cuneo Estate. His grandfather was employed by Samuel Insull, Sr. and John's family lived on the estate since 1957. John has held a variety of positions on the property from Groundskeeper to Operations Manager to Museum Historian. He will tell us of the other rich industrialists and gentleman farmers who lived in Lake County. Come and join us to learn:

- how the very wealthy lived in the early 1900's
- how in 1971, John Cuneo sold property that would become Hawthorn Mall
- who owned Red Top farm (now Red Top shopping mall in Libertyville)
- where Fred Harvey's grandson had his estate
- where an executive from Brink's Express Company had his estate





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VINTAGE YARN...

A story from reader Tony Berg:

“Back in the 1950’s when the locale of Long Grove first began to think of incorporation, one of its most prominent citizens, Guy Reed, was an active proponent. After the incorporation of the village he became Long Grove’s first Village President.

Having grown up on the treeless plains of Nebraska, trees were one of his main interests. One of the first things he did, on taking office, was to purchase several car loads of sugar maples and flowering crab apple trees from Fiori’s Nursery and sell them at cost to interested citizens. Gwen and I bought 4 of the sugar maple trees for \$1.25 each, and 5 of the flowering crab apple trees for \$1.00 each.

Twenty five years later, I had the opportunity to fly over Long Grove in a helicopter in the fall of the year. The sugar maples made a fantastic display, and I’m sure that the many flowering crab apple trees like the ones in front of Kildeer School did the same. I gave two crab apple seedlings to son Steve and he planted them in his yard in DeKalb. They have grown to be glorious trees. This act of civic beautification by Guy Reed has left us with a tremendous legacy. “

