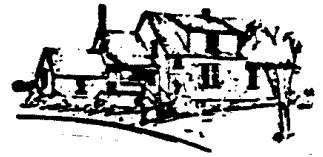




# CHEEKTOWAGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



JANUARY 2018

GLORIA LASOTA, EDITOR

## JANUARY INSTALLATION DINNER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018  
12:30 PM

BELLEVUE HOTEL  
544 Como Park Blvd.  
Cheektowaga, NY

Our first meeting for the new year will be our Installation Dinner which includes the installation of our OFFICERS FOR 2018-2020. The family-style dinner includes chef salad, baked chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, medley of vegetables, lazy pierogi, rolls and butter, coffee or tea. Dessert is vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce. The food at the Bellevue is excellent--you will not be disappointed. There is not enough turn-around time to fill out the form attached. Please call Dave Przepiora at 805-3313 or Laura Hacker at 683-1762 to make a LAST-MINUTE reservation and pay at the door. The cost is \$18 per person (includes gratuity). Call as soon as possible because we need an accurate count for the chef and for seating arrangements.

The following Officers will be installed by Supervisor Diane Benczkowski:

President	Warren Glover
Vice-President	Maureen Gleason
Secretary	Vickie Dankowski
Treasurer	Dave Przepiora

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### DOCENTS FOR JANUARY 2018

January 7    None

Volunteers are needed for the rest of 2018.

We are looking for more of our members to step up and become docents/greeters at the museum for the rest of the year.

## Dues are now payable for 2018

Please note: if you have already paid your dues for 2018, this notice does not refer to you. If you are not sure if your dues are paid, call our Treasurer, Dave Przepiora, at 805-3313 for a confirmation. You will find the membership dues application on the next page. Part of the dues covers the postage for your newsletter. Our rates have not gone up, even though the postage rates have—US postage is now 49¢.

We are planning our **2018 Membership Book**, and we want you to be listed in it, so PLEASE get your dues in now. The deadline is February 15.....see the attached dues application

**THANK YOU** to our Historian, **Rick Rusiniak**, for fabricating a new sturdy steel stairway for our caboose. We have a much safer stairway with handrails for the caboose, and we will now be able to use both doors to the caboose.

## SUNSHINE



Get Well, Sympathy and "Thinking of You" cards are frequently sent out to our members and members of our community. If there is anyone you know that needs a lift, call **Diana Koczon** at 834-5799 and leave a message on the recorder.



It's here, the "**Museum Virtual Reality Tour**" DVD video recorded by Jordan Richheimer. Docents can ask visitors if they would like to watch the 20-minute video before walking through the museum. Directions for the TV/DVD video are available by the equipment.

## 2018 MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Our new program list for 2018 will be available at our Installation Dinner. **THANKS** to **Mike Doroblia**, our past Vice President, for this year's line-up of new and interesting speakers. Preview:

**Feb 15** Greg Kinal - Pearl Harbor

**Mar 15** - John Marriot - Street Cars in Cheektowaga

**Apr 19** - Larry Mruk from Buffalo Explores – History of Buffalo Aviation

**May 17** - Mark Carra - Teddy Roosevelt – Naturalist



### WHISKEY/DISTILLERY HISTORY PRESENTATION BY THE GREATER BUFFALO BOTTLE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

**Wednesday, January 10, 7:30 PM**  
**St. Peters Episcopal Church Hall**  
**Callodine Ave. and Longmeadow Rd.**  
**Amherst, NY**

**Free Admission – Open to the Public**

The Association will hold a lecture on the book *Spirits and Cocktails of Upstate NY* by Don Cazentre. There will also be a display of circa mid-1880s whiskey jugs and ephemera. In the 1800s, a fanciful story of a tavern keeper and a “cock’s tail” took root along the Niagara River, and the earliest definition of the “cocktail” appeared in a Hudson Valley paper. The area is home to its share of spirited times and liquid legends, and the recent surge in modern distilleries and cocktail bars only bolsters that tradition. Author Don Cazentre serves us these tales of Upstate New York along with more than fifty historic and modern cocktail recipes. Books will be available for purchase. The Bottle Collectors Association will have their general meeting preceding the lecture at 7 PM. Light refreshments will be served, courtesy of the GBBCA. For more information, please contact Peter Jablonski at 440-7985.

#### OFFICERS

President	Warren Glover – 836-2903
Vice President	Maureen Gleason
Secretary	Vicky Dankowski
Treasurer	David Przepiora – 805-3313

If you have any questions, please  
give our officers a call.

#### Trustees

Laura Ely Hacker	Richard Lipka
John Marriot	Nelson Oldfield
Barbara Uhl	Olivia Warburton
Jennifer Weber	

## PROGRAMS AT THE BUFFALO HISTORY MUSEUM

**25 Nottingham Terrace, Buffalo**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 – 6:00 PM**

WCNY will host a documentary screening  
of the PBS Special

**“Erie: The Canal that Made America”**  
Members free/Museum Admission

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration**

**4:00 PM Reception, 4:30 PM Lecture**

In partnership with the Afro-American Historical Society of the Niagara Frontier, join the museum for a full afternoon of jazz and history! After the Buffalo Jazz Collective's concert at 2:30 PM, we will host a short reception, and then move back into the auditorium for a short lecture. Dr. Fleming is an associate professor of music and director of bands at Buffalo State, where he conducts the Wind and Jazz ensembles. He also teaches undergraduate conducting and instrumental methods. He is the founding conductor of the Erie County Chamber Winds, and was recently appointed the conductor of the Buffalo Silver Brass Band. Free admission to the reception and lecture.

**SO YOU WANT TO WRITE A BOOK?**

**SATURDAYS, February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2018**

**10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

This is a 4-part series of navigating the non-fiction process. Topics: “*Copyrights and Copywrongs*,” “*Give Me Proof*,” “*Roadblock Day*,” “*Meet the Publishers*.” **Cost:** Members Series, \$30; Members Individual, \$10, General Series, \$50, General Individual, \$20.

#### UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS

**Sunday, February 11 – 12:30-2:00 PM**

**LINCOLN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Join the Buffalo Civil War Roundtable uniformed re-enactors as they present a program and perform a rifle salute. Lincoln orator, our CHA members, David Kreutz, will be reciting some words spoken of our famous presents.

**Wednesday, February 14 – 5:00 PM**

**LICOLN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

A celebration of Federick Douglass' 200<sup>th</sup> birthday facilitated by our CHA member and local scholar, Christine Parker. A lecture and discussion of Douglass' legacy here in Western New York.

**CHEEKTOWAGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
2018 Membership Dues**

Please Circle:      INDIVIDUAL \$10.00    COUPLE \$15.00      LIFE MEMBER-1 TIME PAYMENT OF \$125  
LIFE MEMBERS COUPLE - \$150

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to:    **THE CHEEKTOWAGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

Mail to:      **David Przepiora      1505 Emery Road      East Aurora, NY 14052**

As a member, you are entitled to a monthly newsletter. Thank you for supporting the Cheektowaga Historical Association. Donations and Memorials are graciously accepted.

( ) I Wish to Work as a Volunteer

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PAY YOUR 2018 DUES. PLEASE USE THE FORM ↑ ABOVE ↑ MAIL-IN DUE DATE FEBRUARY 15, 2018.

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**INSTALLATION DINNER  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018  
BELLEVUE HOTEL  
Como Park Blvd.  
1:00 PM**

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**Last Minute Reservations must be called in NOW to Dave Przepiora at 805-3313.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ \$18 each      Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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## FROM OUR MUSEUM ARCHIVES.....

### THE OFFICE OF DR. LOUIS A. VENDETTI

Dr. Vendetti was a practicing physician while serving as the Cheektowaga Town Health Officer for 34 years. His responsibilities as health officer involved investigating environmental complains involving air and water quality and pollution.

Dr. Vendetti was appointed to this position in 1950 by the Town of Cheektowaga Supervisor Benedict Holtz. Dr Vendetti also served as school physician in the Village of Sloan from 1950 to 1956. He also maintained a private practice as a general practitioner first at 1179 Lovejoy Street and then in 1936 moved his office to 150 Benzinger Street. Dr. Vendtti was associated with Sisters, Sheehan Emergency, and Millard Fillmore Hospitals.

A native of Buffalo, Louis Vendetti was a graduate of Canisius College and the University of Buffalo School of Medicine.

Dr. Vendetti was past chairman of the National Air and Water Pollution Association of America and a member of the New York State Health Officers Association, the Erie County Medical Society, Bacelli Club, Columbian Club, and the University of Buffalo Alumni Association.



**Early physician's office  
equipment as displayed  
in our museum.**

