

A RANSOM NOTE

Clarence Historical Society Newsletter

Summer 2022

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Board Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month.

Meetings begin at 6:30 pm at the Clarence History Museum.

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Here we are summer of 2022 already! On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome John O'Hare to our board. We look forward to working with John and having him on the team! We would also like to wish Joan Woodward well in her recovery after suffering injuries in a fall this past Spring. We looking forward to having Joan back up and about in the Museum!

We had the pleasure in partaking and being open during Hollow Day in May! The program was very successful! We enjoyed seeing so many people come through the Museum that day. Many also enjoyed live music on the porch of the Log Cabin. We look forward to being involved in more events like that!

Now that we have the Log Cabin porch repaired and back open, we are going to have our Watchman's Shanty spruced up a little. The door will be repaired along with cleaning and a nice new coat of paint.

We hope to see you at our program for September 13, 2022. John O'Hare will be presenting "Clarence Before the Erie Canal." The program will take place in the Town Park Clubhouse, doors open at 6:30pm and as always, free and open to the public.

Have a happy and safe summer!



Log Cabin Update



We would like to the thank the team of John O'Hare, Dennis Miller, and Jack Merlino for coming together and getting the Log Cabin fixed so we can have it open. There is more work to do yet, but the doors are open and we are so appreciative for their efforts! Thank you gentlemen!



Did You Know Joan Baez Lived In Clarence Center?



Long before her music career began, Joan Baez and her family lived in Clarence Center at 6095 Railroad Street (below). In 1949, her father took a position with the University of Buffalo, and Joan spent two years having all the typical experiences of a child growing up in the Four Corners, playing in the snow, walking to Clarence Center Elementary, and attending the Labor Day fair. When her family moved to Boston, she began performing in coffeehouses and recorded her first album in 1960. In November 2011, Joan Baez (left) visited her old Clarence homestead and saw some old friends. She fondly recalled how she and the neighborhood girls would sneak out at night, climb the trees across the street, and proceed to watch the only television in town.



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Hardee Brothers Dry Cleaners is top notch if you are looking for a reliable dry cleaner in the area.

The Society took our American Flag in to be cleaned up and sewn back together in some spots. Harry and his crew did not disappoint. If you ever want to know if Harry is working, simply yell out "mornin!" There is nothing more hometown than that!

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Its time to renew your membership to the Clarence Historical Society!

We have different tiers to choose from:

Individual—\$15

Couples—\$25

Family—\$30

Business—\$50

Individual Life Member—\$150

You can also notate if you would like to volunteer by helping during open hours, giving tours, working on exhibits, and office help! We can always use an extra pair of hands!

You can go to our website to renew your membership or we have membership forms in the Museum and we will be mailing after the first of the year!

We have a new life member we would like to acknowledge and thank, Mr. Robert Geiger. As many know, Bob is a Town of Clarence Councilmen and Clarence Town Board Liaison to the Society. Thank you Bob!



A Day That Shook America

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2022 Fall Program Schedule

Free and Open to the Public
All programs are held at the Town Park
Clubhouse - 10405 Main Street, Clarence
Doors Open at 630pm—Program starts at 7pm

Tues, September 13, 2022

"Clarence Before The Erie Canal" Presented by John O'Hare P.E.

Tues, October 11, 2022

"1950's with Music" Presented by Greg Kinal

Tues, November 8, 2022

"Iwo Jima" Presented by Greg Kinal



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