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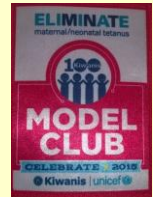


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MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2015

PRESIDENT Linda Ellis presiding

GREETINGS & INVOCATION by **Joe Behson**, who included a moment of silence for SLK former member and Past President Jeff Lawrence, who died suddenly over the weekend.



**Jeff Lawrence (front row center)
with the 2000-2001 Board**

GUESTS: None this week.

WELCOME BACK: Doug Baldrey



PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, unloading food truck Tuesday, March 17[☘]: *Wagner, Nippes, Davis, Ginther, Patton, Jensky*

BLOOD DRIVE April 24: Setup 11:00-1:30 ____; Canteen 1:00-3:30 *Linda Ellis*; Registration 1:00-3:30 *Ward*; Canteen 3:30-6:00 *Jensky*; Registration 3:30-6:00 ____; Cleanup 6:00-7:00 2 needed.

MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, April 11:

12 – 7, Setup & Cook: **L&L Ellis, Loveridge**

3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve:

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: **Ward**

5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown: **Lane**

DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING/INTERCLUB April 1 at North Greenbush. \$20, and you must pay if you sign up, whether you show up or not. **Pasquarelli, Nippes, Lane, Hamlin, Loveridge, Booker, Weiss, Malecki, Ellis, Ward** have signed up.

POESTENKILL DISCOVERY DAY March 21 at Poestenkill Elementary School. Food pickup **Pasquarelli**; Serve 11:00-2:00 **Ellis X 2, Ward, Daniels, Colabelli**; Cleanup 2:00-3:00 **Lane**; more volunteers needed. Contact **Jerry Tysiak**

CAPITAL CITY RESCUE MISSION VISIT April 8, 6:00 PM: **Ward, Daniels, Malecki, Wagner, Crozier, Weiss, Booker, Brownrigg, Ginther** have signed up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Eve Ward passed around for signatures a sympathy card for Sharon Lawrence, wife of Jeff Lawrence. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and the rest of their family.

Bob Loveridge announced that last Saturday's spaghetti supper was very successful, and he thanked all SLK's who participated.

The Court of Honor for Scott Gundrum has been moved to Sunday, April 12 at 2:00 PM at the Poestenkill Fire Hall, and all are invited to attend. Scott's Eagle Scout project was to collect and ship boxes of items for soldiers in Afghanistan. SLK helped him with the project.

Joe Behson thanked **Mike Gates** for preparing flyers about SLK to be handed out at the Dissipated 8 concert on April 18 at Algonquin Middle School.

Once again we were five short of our quota for dinners. This week four dinners were sold for \$10, a loss to the Club of \$4 each, and one was raffled for a loss of \$14. That's \$30 out of our administrative budget at a time when that budget shows an annual deficit and we are trying not to increase Club dues.

PROGRAM: **Doug Baldrey** spoke about industry in South Troy during the mid-19th century. He hastened to point out that he was not around then. In 1840 the average per capita in Troy was fourth highest in the nation because of the many middle class jobs available in the iron industries. Doug provided a map marked with reference numbers. His mother was a Prout, born in a house at the top of the hill near Burden Pond. Burden Pond was formed by damming the Wynants Kill, which carried waters of the lakes in the Averill Park area to the Hudson River. Erastus Corning and Henry Burden were wealthy rivals who made their fortunes in the iron and steel industries. The Cornings generally occupied the north side of the Wynants Kill, and the Burdens the south side. The Burden family home was called Woodside, and was located about midway down the hill from Burden Pond to the Hudson. Henry Burden was an engineer, and designed a horseshoe making machine. A blacksmith took about 15 minutes to make a horseshoe, but the machine could make a shoe a minute. The factory's capacity was 1 million

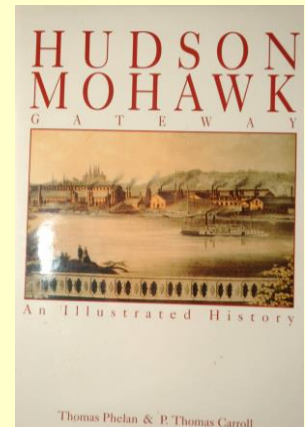


shoes per week. This was very important for the Civil War, as horses and mules were the only transportation. 15-20 million horses died during the Civil War. Burden also designed and patented a railroad spike with a bend that captured the flange on the railroad track as the spike was driven into the wooden tie. Corning also became very wealthy with his company, Albany Rensselaer Iron and Steel. Burden's factories only made iron. Corning expanded his holdings south of the Wynants Kill, which forced Burden to go north with his expansion, a steam plant along the Hudson that he called the "Lower Works," near the present site of the Rensselaer County Jail. He put five water wheels at Burden Pond to provide power



for his iron industry. Corning's plant, the last building of which was the Portec building that burned recently, had a hand-fed rolling mill that made long lengths of railroad track. Plates for the ironclad ship *Monitor* were made on that site. At that same site Griswold and Winslow were the first to bring the Bessemer process from England to make high quality steel by blowing air through the molten pig iron to remove impurities. Burden and Corning continued their rivalry with a 23-

year lawsuit brought by Burden against Corning for alleged infringement on the patent for the railroad spike. Woodside Church was built on Corning land, funded by Burden. When the church declined and the land was to be sold, it was discovered that there was a reverter clause in the deed returning the land to the Corning estate in the event the church left. Apparently that was settled by the descendants, as the property now is in commercial use. As the population moved west and richer iron ore and coal were discovered, Troy began its decline. It had 27 breweries, so at least there was beer.



The Club thanked Doug for his interesting program.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ **Pete Stevens** grew up in Michigan, where he had a vivid dream as a youngster of an old building, then a doctor working over him. When he came to work in Troy he recognized the Portec building as the one in his dream. He didn't approach it, as he was afraid it would precipitate the second part of the dream. Pete reminded us that until recently Portec owned the land under Glass Lake.
- \$ **Bryce Ginther** is happy that his daughter just got the job she applied to in January at the University of California at Santa Cruz.
- \$ **Joe Behson** is happy for three days skiing at Mount Snow. He's heading back there tomorrow!
- \$ **Pat Lane** had three happy dollars. First was for a message saying Peg is having fun and is glad Barb is writing the *Sandpiper*. The second was for **Doug Baldrey's** interesting program. The third was for the \$250 she won in a 50/50 raffle, WHICH SHE DONATED TO ELIMINATE!

DOOR PRIZE, an IOU from **Doug Baldrey**, was won by **Mike Gates**.

50/50 for \$19 was won by **Lyndon Ellis**.

PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$300 this week with \$18 added, eluded **Lyndon Ellis** (yes, again!), who could only come up with the Q ♠



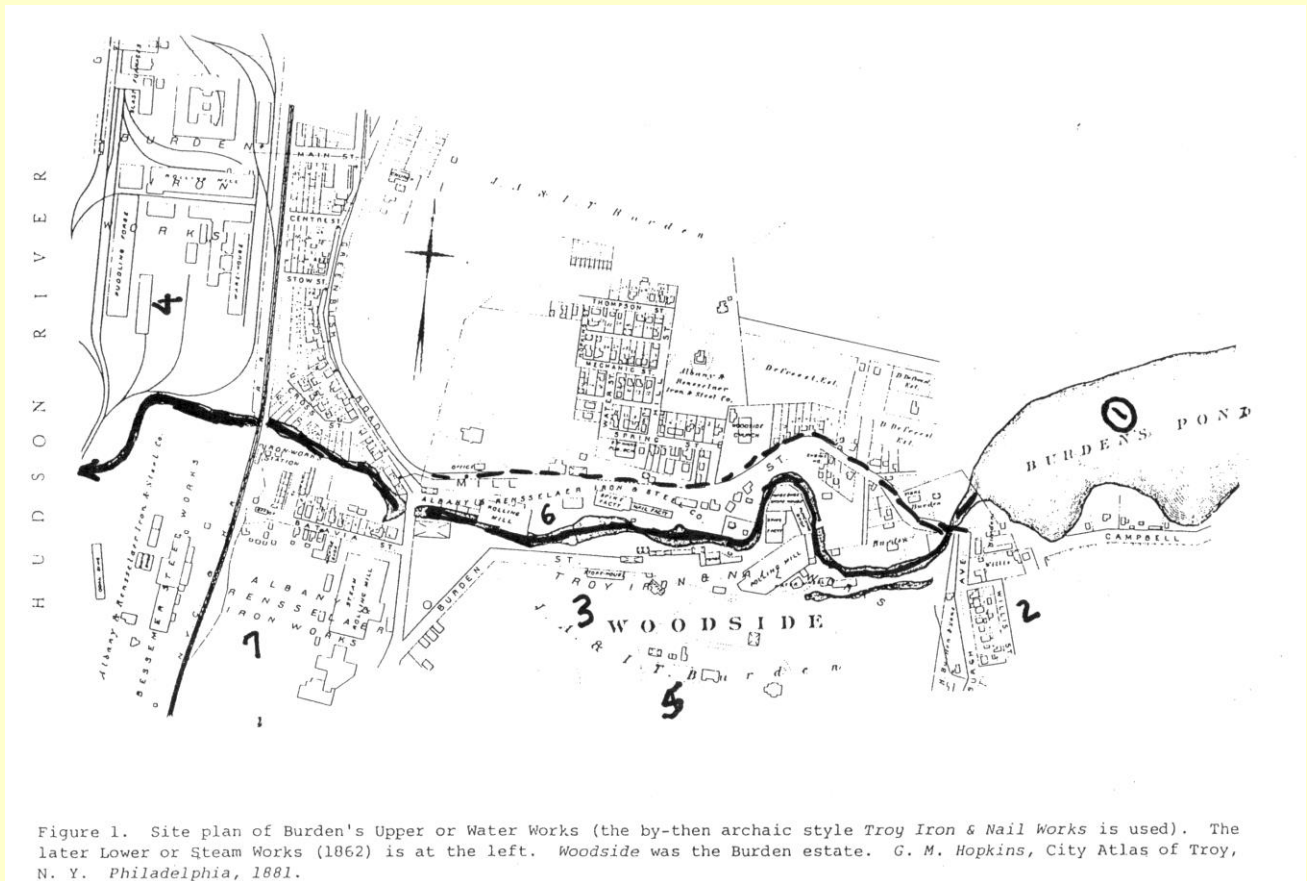
COMING WEEKS...

NEXT Program Chair **Dale Hall**.
MEETING: Program: Dr. Augustin DeLago,
President & CEO Capital Cardiology Associates.
Greeter/Invocator/Certificate: **Skip Patton**

IN TWO WEEKS: Program **Jim Parslow**
March 30 Program to be determined
Greeter/Invocator/Certificate: **Bruce Perry**

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Though no one can go back
And make a brand new start,
Anyone can start from now,
And make a brand new ending. Anonymous



Map used during the program