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2021 WHS Community Service Award

By Bob Mogray

Only a few times in the history of the Walworth Historical Society has the Community Service Award been given to more than one individual. This year is such a time! Two people have been chosen for our award and they are Ray Welker, Jr. and the late Joyce Munger.

Ray Welker, Jr. has been a member of the West Walworth Fire Department for over 65 years. During this time he has served as Chief, Assistant Chief, Social Officer, President, Vice-President, Director and Banquet Chair. He participated in water ball competitions and was Fireman of the Year in 1982. Ray played on the fire department softball team, has served on the Wayne County Advisory Board for over 20 years, and is a past president of the Board.



Ray Welker, Jr.

He was active in 4-H when his children were growing up and is an Army veteran, serving from 1960-1962 while stationed in South Korea. Ray was Town of Walworth Highway Superintendent from 1968 until 1971.

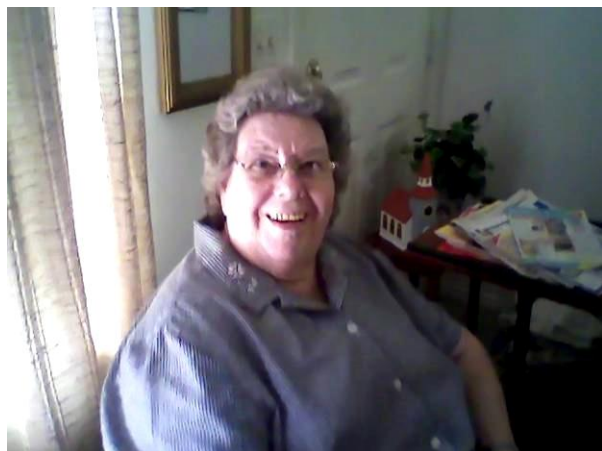
Ray was born in Walworth and has lived in this area for his entire life. He has three sons Larry, Tom and Kevin. His father, Ray Welker, Sr. was also a member of the West Walworth Fire Department. Ray's wife Dorothy (Dottie) passed away in 1994; she was very active in the Walworth Historical Society, receiving this award in 1995. The WHS is proud to give Ray Welker, Jr. this award for 2021.

The second recipient of the 2021 WHS Community Service Award is the late Joyce Munger. She was born in 1934. In 1952 Joyce and her husband Boyd moved to Walworth. In 1962 they moved to West Walworth. According to her son, Glenn, she always enjoyed playing the organ and piano. She was the organist for the West Walworth Baptist Church for about 50 years. In her later years Joyce helped out in other ways at the Second Baptist Church so Wilbur Reybrouck could "semi-retire." From 2014-2018 she was the substitute organist, playing 4-5 times per year.

In addition to her musical talent Joyce was a long-time employee at the Mary Cariola Children's Center in Rochester. For many years she also worked for the Canaltown Travel Agency, planning large bus trips and filing paperwork. She was the mother of four sons and enjoyed taking them to their sports practices and games.

Her hobbies included music, reading and painting plates. Joyce also took an interest in the Walworth Historical Society by serving as a docent at our museum during open hours. Another of her interests was to volunteer for the Ontario Loan Closet, keeping track of the equipment. Still another of her commitments was being involved with the Sodus Rehabilitation, assisting with programming and music.

She was a joy to all who knew her. Joyce Munger passed away on January 16, 2021. This year we are proud to give the award to her family in memory of Joyce.



Joyce Munger

May 17: Annual Meeting Information By Dorothy French

Our annual meeting will be held Monday, May 17, at 7:00 PM at the Lodge at Ginegaw Park. Because of the pandemic, our popular pot luck supper will not take place. Social distancing will be observed and masks will be required.

Highlights of the meeting will include:

Nomination and Election of Officers: President, vice-president, and secretary positions are renewed each year, along with two trustee positions. Jessie Keymel has decided to retire after serving for 24 years as our president. Also retiring from the board is trustee Mary Jane Devlin, long-time former treasurer. Although we will miss their knowledge and experience on the board they have agreed to continue with their committee responsibilities.

By-Laws: Our by-laws are outdated and the board has spent considerable time reviewing them. The proposed amendments are listed on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter.

Community Service Award: See story on page 1 of this newsletter.

Program: Gene Bavis will present a 20-minute report about Wayne County's 2023 Bicentennial.

Future Meetings: Although all programs were cancelled last fiscal year due to the pandemic, we are looking forward to future meetings. Check out our website www.walworthhistoricalsociety.org or the newsletter for more details. Currently, the museum is open by appointment only. We invite you to explore our collections. To schedule a visit call Jessie Keymel @ 315-524-9205 or Gene Bavis @ 315-573-2768.

The Gananda Garage Sale Returns By Bob Mogray



As reported in the *Times of Wayne County*, the Gananda Garage Sale will be returning this year. It will be the 39th annual garage sale sponsored by the Gananda Rotary Club. The dates for this event will be Saturday, June 12, and Sunday, June 13. There will be a Gananda-Rotary approved food booths and many residences participating in this event. The food booths will be sanitized and servers will wear masks and gloves.

The profits will go to fund projects such as Camp Onseyawa summer camp for disabled kids, the Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus eradication, literacy volunteers, and yearly scholarships for the Gananda High School seniors. Please come out and support this event.

Dues Are Due By Linda Pembroke

The Walworth Historical Society needs your support. Our all-volunteer organization relies primarily on dues and donations to carry out our mission of preserving and presenting our local history to the public.

The Walworth Historical Society fiscal year is from May 1 to April 30. Your membership dues are due now unless you are a Life Member or have paid dues in advance.

There are several categories of membership in WHS: Student \$5; Individual \$10; Joint or Family \$15; Supporter \$25; Sponsor \$50; Corporate/Business \$75; Patron \$100; and Life \$150. By choosing to renew at a higher level of membership, you will enable us to continue to expand our program presentations and add to our collection of historical items, as well as restore and preserve the items that are already in our collection.

Because WHS is a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization, your membership dues and donations may be tax deductible. To continue your membership and newsletter subscription, please send your check to: Walworth Historical Society, PO Box 142, Walworth NY 14568. If that is more convenient, I will accept your dues at the May 17 annual meeting. If you have questions about your membership, please contact the treasurer at 585-455-7595. Your prompt attention is appreciated.

Following a review of our current by-laws, the board realized changes were required to simplify the operation of our organization and to ensure we were in compliance with operating principles. The proposed amendments will be voted on during our May 17 annual meeting which begins at 7:00 PM at the Lodge at Ginegaw Park.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERS

<u>Current (amended 5/18/15)</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>
<p><u>Section One:</u> The corporation shall have eight classes of members. The designation of such classes and the qualifications and rights of the membership shall be any person interested in the purpose of this society.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individual membership: Any person eighteen years or older. 2. Student membership: Any person under eighteen years of age. 3. Family membership: Persons living in the same household. 4. Life membership: Any person eighteen years of age or older. 5. Supporting member: Any person or family. 6. Sponsor member: Any person or family. 7. Patron member: Any person or family. 8. Corporate/Business membership: Any business or corporation. 	<p><u>Section One:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The corporation shall have various classes of membership. 2. The Classes of Membership with associated qualifications and rights and the amount of dues for each class shall be determined or reviewed by the Board of Trustees each year at a meeting of the Board of Trustees prior to March 31. 3. Membership information, including classes of membership and dues for each class, shall be publicized in all manner possible including but not limited to the newsletter, website or correspondence (electronic or by U.S. Mail) sent to members. If changes are made, members shall be notified by April 1.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERS

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>
<p><u>Section Three:</u> Each membership shall be entitled to one nonassignable vote on each matter submitted to the vote of the members. Each adult of the Family, Supporting, Sponsor, or Patron membership shall be entitled to one nonassignable vote on each matter submitted to the vote of the members.</p>	<p><u>Section Three:</u> Each member shall be entitled to one non-assignable vote on each matter submitted to the vote of the members.. Each adult (age 18 or older) of a category that provides for multiple person membership shall be entitled to one non-assignable vote on each matter submitted to the vote of the members.</p>

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>
<p><u>Section One/Paragraph Two:</u> The regular meetings of the members shall be held in the months of March, September, and November at a time and place designated by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting immediately preceding or by public notice in a newspaper or periodical of general circulation in the area, or by public posting of notice in a place reasonably calculated to give general notice.</p> <p><u>Section Two:</u> Special meetings of the members may be called by the president, the Board of Trustees, or not less than one-tenth of members having voting rights.</p>	<p><u>Section One/Paragraph Two:</u> Regular meetings of members shall be held periodically during the year. Announcement of the time and place of any regular or special meeting shall be made and publicized in all manner possible including but not limited to the newsletter, website or correspondence (electronic or by U.S. Mail) sent to members. Said notice shall be sent at least 10 days prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Section Two:</u> Special meetings of the members may be called by the president, the Board of Trustees, or by petition of at least twelve members having voting rights. The purpose of said meetings shall be stated in the notice to members.</p>

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS OF MEMBERS (continued)

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>
<p><u>Section Four:</u> Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting, except regular meetings, of members shall be delivered either personally, by mail, or electronic notice to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than ten nor more than fifty days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the president or the secretary or the officers of persons calling the meeting.</p> <p>In case of a special meeting or when required by statute or by these bylaws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at the address as it appears in the records of the corporation with postage thereon paid.</p>	<p><u>Section Four:</u> Notice of the place, date and hour of any special meeting shall be made according to Article III, Section I, in paragraph 2.</p>

ARTICLE VIII: DUES

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>
<p><u>Section One:</u> The Board of Trustees may determine at the annual meeting thereof the amount of annual dues to the corporation by members of each class.</p> <p><u>Section Three:</u> When any member of any class shall be in default in the payment of dues, for a period of six months from the end of the period in which said dues become payable, his membership may thereupon be terminated by the Board of Trustees in the manner provided by Article II of these bylaws.</p>	<p><u>Section One:</u> The Board of Trustees may determine the amount of annual dues to the corporation by members of each class.</p> <p><u>Section Three:</u> When any member of any class shall be in default in the payment of dues, for a period of six months from the end of the period in which said dues become payable, membership shall be considered to be terminated. Membership may be reinstated by the payment of dues.</p>

President's Message **By Jessie Keymel**

Spring has come to Walworth and we are hoping, with the rest of our community's organizations, that we can enjoy meeting together again. Our annual meeting will be held at the Lodge at Ginegaw Park on May 17. Because of COVID restrictions, refreshments cannot be served. The program will include presentation of the Community Service Award, election of officers and a 20-minute Bicentennial report.

The Festival-In-the-Park is planned for Friday and Saturday, July 23 and 24. The parade will be held on July 23 at 7:00 P.M. This year's theme is "Tales/Mythology/Fantasy," so think about that. We will meet at Keymel's barn on Tuesday, July 20, at 6:00 P.M. to build our parade entry.

Our September 20 at 7:00 P.M. meeting will also be at the Lodge and will feature a program on the Hamlet of Lincoln. We hope to be able to present other interesting historical programs in the near future. We will, of course, follow the recommended COVID protocols.

New News: Liz O'Toole and Patti Corney have volunteered to help with the care and organizing of the items in the upstairs closet. We need to set up a time to spring clean the meeting room and other public areas in our museum. Even though we have not met officially, the building has been used and needs some upkeep. We will be scheduling time to accomplish this. Our volunteers are the best – it's because of them we continue to be an important part of our community.

Masks and social distancing have become a necessary part of gatherings of any kind. Thank you for your patience at this difficult time. We look forward to having a busy, productive year. Town Board member Amber Linson is gathering stories from Wayne County residents for a Bicentennial book project. She would like to include your memories of Walworth with the stories from other towns.

2021 WHS Calendar of Events

May 17	7:00 PM	Annual Meeting Ginegaw Lodge
June 14	2:00 PM	Board of Trustees WHS museum
July 20	6:30 PM	Decorate Float Keymels barn
July 23	7:00 PM	Festival in the Park Parade / Booth
July 24	3-8 PM	Festival in the Park Day 2 booth
Aug. 9	2:00 PM	Board of Trustees WHS museum
Sept. 20	7:00 PM	General Meeting "Hamlet of Lincoln" Ginegaw Lodge
Oct. 3	2-4 PM	Open House WHS museum
Oct. 11	2:00 PM	Board of Trustees WHS museum
Nov. 15	1:00 PM	General Meeting "Kodakids" Mary Jo Lamphear Ginegaw Lodge
Dec. 4	6:00 PM	"Light the Night" Ginegaw Park
Dec. 13	2:00 PM	Board of Trustees

The Festival-in-the-Park Is Scheduled By Bill Boyd

In a hopeful step to return us to normality, the Walworth Lions Club has scheduled the Walworth Festival-in-the-Park for Friday and Saturday, July 23 and 24 at Ginegaw Park. The theme for this year's festival will be "Tales/Mythology/Fantasy." This will be the 31st annual Festival-in-the-Park sponsored by the Walworth Lions Club for all to enjoy. There will be a parade with floats that will start at 7:00 PM sharp on Friday, July 23, as it has in the past. There will be displays, games, booths, and food.

The Walworth Historical Society will sponsor a photo booth in which people and families can have their photo taken for our records. A free copy will be sent to those who participate. This booth will be set up at Ginegaw Park on Saturday, July 24 for a limited time. For more information about the Walworth Lions Club please visit their website at:

<http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/walworthlionsclub/>.



Above is a photo from the 2017 Festival in the Park Parade.



Wayne County Bicentennial Updates

By Gene Bavis, Wayne County Co-Chair

The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee and subcommittees continue to move forward with our plans for the 2023 celebration of Wayne County's History and Heritage. I have made reports in previous WHS newsletters that can be found on the Walworth Historical Society website: www.walworthhistoricalsociety.org

Some of the more recent happenings are:

- We continue to issue monthly newsletters thanks to Patti Holdraker and we hope that you get to read them. They can be found at <https://web.co.wayne.ny.us/index.php/wayne-county-bicentennial/wayne-county-bicentennial-newsletters/>
- The Wayne County Bicentennial Float is ready to go. There will be photos in the May issue of the Bicentennial Bytes newsletter and hopefully you will get to see it in the Walworth Festival-in-the Park parade in July.
- The 2-year Bicentennial Commemorative Calendar (2022-2023) is in the design stages of production. Hopefully it will be available by July 1.
- The Walworth Committee for the Bicentennial chaired by Amber Linson met on April 13.
- Co-Chairs Gene Bavis and Rosa Fox made a presentation to the Wayne County Board of Supervisors on April 20 that updated them on projects in progress.
- By now, you have noticed that we are relying heavily on websites and social media. We know that not everyone uses these tools, so if you don't, please contact me another way. My phone number is 315-573-2768, my email is genebavis71@gmail.com, and my mailing address is PO Box 71, Walworth, NY 14568. IF you DO use the internet, please visit our website at www.waynecounty200.com



Information from WHS files:

At the age of 59 some people are anticipating their retirement in the near future. This wasn't true for Charles (Charlie) Hack who was looking forward to a possible fourth term as Town of Walworth Supervisor when he was stricken with a heart attack on September 21, 1975. His sudden death left a legacy of community and political service that would be difficult for anyone to match.

The Hacks – Charlie, his wife Dorothy, and their three daughters (Karen, Eileen, and Cheryl) - lived at 1960 Sherburne Road. Charlie was elected Town of Walworth Supervisor in 1959 and continued working their farm until 1966, when he decided to devote full time to his supervisor duties. He was supervisor from 1960 – 1970; won the position again in 1972 and was re-elected in 1974.

During his 13 years as supervisor, Charlie was instrumental in many phases of Walworth's growth, including Ginegaw Park, implementation of a modern house numbering system, recruitment of a medical doctor for Walworth, and construction of a new building for the Highway Department. At the time of his death he was involved with plans for a new town hall and the development of Gananda.

Left: Charles Hack Town Supervisor 1960-1970, 1972-1975

Charlie was a charter member of the Walworth Lions Club and was serving as the current Master of Walworth Grange at the time of his death and a charter member of Walworth Lions Club. He was a member of Walworth United Methodist Church, Walworth Masonic Lodge #254, Walworth Chamber of Commerce, Walworth Medical Futures, Inc. and Walworth Fire Department, In addition, he was vice-president and long-term director of the Wayne County Fair Association and a 1950-60 member of Wayne Central School Board of Education.

At the county level, he represented Walworth for 13 years as a member of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, including as majority leader the last four years of his life. He was a recognized expert in many aspects of county government, with special interests in agricultural district formation, parks and recreation, and construction of area parks along the Erie Canal.

During his homily, Rev. Neal Arnold, pastor of Walworth United Methodist Church, stated "In his 59 years of worthy life, Charlie packed more living into it than most men of 80 or 90. He lived life to the brim."

Charlie was born June 2, 1916 and died September 21, 1975. Dorothy was born July 9, 1918 and died September 15, 1993. They are buried in Macedon Center Cemetery.



P.S. from Cheryl Hack Samberg Aug. 2020:

After my sisters and I married, each of us built or purchased a home on Sherburne Road to be near our parents, so we all lived on the road we grew up on for many years past our childhood.

Dad started in politics in 1956. It was a job he clearly enjoyed because he loved people and always made decisions to improve the community for the right reasons.

All three of Charlie's girls have moved a few times since leaving New York, but we have fond memories of growing up with loving parents who respected their community, family and God.

Left: 1961 Karen's wedding - family photo.
Left to right: Charles, Dorothy, Karen and Bob Spence, Cheryl and Eileen

[Lions Club – Part 3](#) By Bill Boyd

The Walworth Lions Club meets at the Lodge in Ginegaw Park on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Current officers are Bob Manning, President; Mike Jacobs and Susie Jacobs, Vice-Presidents; Bill Boyd, Secretary; Lou Villanova, Treasurer.

The eye glass collection project includes collection boxes in Walworth, Ontario and Marion. The glasses are boxed and sent to a central area where they are cleaned, checked for prescription and re-boxed to be sent on eyesite missions to third-world countries. The citizens there are checked for eye disease and assigned the closest prescription to their individual needs. Walworth Lions also provide eyeglasses for local people including students from the local school systems. These are new and include an exam by a local provider.

In 1925, Helen Keller was the guest speaker at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. She asked: “Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little dear, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?” Hence Lions began to center on blindness as a primary focus.

Today Lions also focus on Diabetes Prevention and Cure (Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness in the free world), hearing, hunger and childhood cancer as well as short-term disaster relief. Walworth Lions contribute monetarily to the Lions Clubs International Foundation annually.

New York State and Bermuda Lions also own and operate a camp for disadvantaged children each summer. The camp is called “Empire State Special Needs Experience” and is located at Camp Badger in Spencer, New York. Walworth Lions have volunteered doing many projects for their camp.



Above are photos from the Walworth Lions Club Memory Garden

[Classified Ads from Yesteryear](#) By Dorothy French

(Source: These ads were included in the record books of Walworth Town Board minutes.)

Dec. 6, 1870	Stray Mare: On or about the 1 st of December a dark bay mare with white star on forehead. The owner is desired to call for the same. T. G. Yeomans.
July 3, 1873	Stray Heifer: Strayed into the enclosure of the subscriber. A 2-year-old heifer, red with white spots. The owner is desired to call for the same. Albert Yeomans.
Nov. 11, 1876	Stray Heifers: Strayed into the enclosure of the subscriber on the 24 th of October: 2 calves - one is a steer all red and one is a heifer mix with white under the belly and two white feet. The owner is desired to call for the same. Mr. Finley.
Feb. 19, 1896	Four Turkeys: Strayed into the enclosure of the subscribed. David Philips.
June 12, 1905	Black and White Hound: Strayed into my premises at Lincoln, New York, on the 5 th day of June 1905. Answers to the name of Sport. Owner can reclaim the same by paying for his keeping and the advertising. L. E. Bassage.

Clean-up at Our Museum **By Linda Pembroke**

On Saturday, April 24, a group of volunteers descended on our WHS museum grounds on Academy Street to give it a much needed face-lift. We had 17 workers (plus four younger children who helped but also kept us amused with conversation). There were seven members and two kids, five Boy Scouts and their dads, three community members with four kids.

What a difference the group made! Weeds were pulled and dead branches were trimmed. Larry McMillan got his edger and made short work of that task. Roger Keymel was able to get the mulch, that was donated by Dana Luckman, on short notice and most of the group stayed and got it all spread. The next day Gene Bavis loaded and hauled away all of the weeds and dead branches etc.

Thanks to all who got the word out and to Becky Appleman for directing the operation.



Women Voters in 1918 **By Dorothy French**

A pamphlet published September 3, 1918 listed the names of women in local Districts 1 and 2 who had registered to vote. Its title was "Wayne County – Special Enrollment of Women for Primary Election." This is the breakdown of the number of enrolled women voters.



District 2:
Walworth, West Walworth,
portions of Lincoln, Ontario,
Macdon, and East Rochester

Republican	153
Prohibition	72
Democrat	19
Socialist	2

District 1: Walworth

Republican	75
Prohibition	39
Democrat	24

Officers, Trustees, and Committee Chairs

<u>Officers and Trustees</u>			<u>Committees and Chairpersons</u>		
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WHS Trustee	Dorothy French	(315) 986 - 1098	Membership	Linda Pembroke	(585) 455 - 7595
WHS Trustee	Judy Markowski	(315) 524 - 8649	Newsletter	Bob Mogray	(585) 576 - 4156
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			Town Historian	Gene Bavis	(315) 573 - 2768

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May 2021 Email Newsletter extra photos

The Walworth Historical Society for many years has supported the Festival in the Park by building and entering parade floats in accordance with the yearly parade themes. The next two pages show some of our efforts over the last 20 years.



