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SUGAR GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Member Meeting **MONDAY, February 16, 2009** Bliss House 7 p.m. **PROGRAM** Clif Frantz will tell us about the Indians that were here before the white men arrived.

CALICO ROSE WON THE QUILT

Judy Swanson drew the ticket from the basket at our December meeting. The next day, Tuesday, we tried to call her. The area code was not our code and what is Calico Rose? On the third call we finally located Calico Rose. She and Jo Jo had visited our booth at the Corn Boil in July and bought a ticket.

CONGRATULATIONS, CALICO ROSE !!!



SUGAR GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Our beginnings



March 18, 1985 our first anniversary was celebrated at the library with a cake, a review of the past year and goal setting for the future. Seventeen members attended. Of the thirty three members only seven are still members: Sue Jacobson, Phyllis Sauer, Bill Schwickert, Byron Healy, Nellie McCannon, and Groff & Ruth Frantz. Groff Frantz presented the Society with a copy of the map he had drawn of Sugar Grove village as it looked when he moved here in 1925 / 26. A copy of that map hangs in the Bliss House and has been printed in the *Sin-Qua-Sip* book.

Our July meeting was a picnic at Garfield Farm.

August 25, 1985 we held an ice cream social at the Pavilion which cleared \$100.00.

Dec 16, 1985 we held the first meeting in one of the former school rooms in the building that is now the village offices.

Plans were under way to incorporate the Society.



PAST PROGRAMS

OCTOBER - A Power Point program was played like Sue J. & Ruth used to give to fourth graders on the history of the Lincoln Highway when their school was on the original highway [Keslinger Road]. Honoring the 200th birthday of President Lincoln we have a display of Lincoln and the Highway in the Bliss House this month.

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER - Each of us showed old Christmas ornaments and Judy Swanson led us singing the familiar Christmas songs.

POT LUCK DINNER - Twelve of us enjoyed the Scott's beautifully decorated home for a social dinner Saturday, December 13th.

JANUARY - Family stories were shared. Many told how and when they and their families came to this area. Cliff Frantz told of his father's dream of building a particular car which he did when he retired. Ruth shared family legacys she proved were not true.

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Syna Shouba's boxes of school supplies are being indexed by Lori McCaffrey

Joan Perrin found these buttons. The left one is the American Legion mortgage burning in April 1983. The other says 'Sugar Grove how Sweet it is', but what was it for?



The can opener **Phyllis Sauer** donated reads "

White House Liquors—230
Main St., Sugar Grove, IL"



Where was 230 ? The Bliss House is 259 Main St.

We found an ad for *White House Liquors* in a 1970 Sugar Grove Newspaper.

Sue Jacobson gave us the picture of her class room of 3rd & 4th graders in 1956. And one of herself with Cliff Frantz and Rick Johnson.



Fred Neiser sent three pictures from the 2008 Corn Boil.

Joan Perrin gave us the charter for the Explorer Scouts granted to the Sugar Grove Lions in 1971.



Phyllis Sauer found and gave us a news clip about the Bank of Sugar Grove 1978 and a 1970 notice of annexing land to the Village at Prairie and Route 47. Is this Mallard Point?

MORE ACQUISITIONS

The 1962 Elburn Herald and the Kaneland Krier was found in a box. Have no idea where they came from.



Police cards of Village policemen were turned over to us by the Library.

Fred Neiser has taken pictures of the Rt. 47 and Cross St. intersection every New Year's Day for years. These are 2009's taken at 12:33 and in 28°.



Joan Perrin gave us six miniature cars. Three are from the 20's era, the other more up to date. We have used the 20's ones in the Lincoln Highway display honoring Abraham Lincoln's 200's birthday this month. This display will be at Waubense college February 6 and 7 while they have a Lincoln interpreter program.



FAMILY PAST FINDERS

Weather and illness has canceled the December and January meetings. Two of us have new finds to share so hope February is good.

Join us the second Tuesday of the month, at Bliss House 7 p.m. (Feb. has been moved to the first Tuesday.)

DONATIONS RECEIVED THANK YOU !

Louise Sherman
Sugar Grove Corn Boil NFP
Mary and Irv Ochenschlager
Nancy Wilkison
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Ken and Jane Laurie
Jim and Terry Jensen
Dwight and Monica Randall
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Equal Housing Opportunity NAR MLS

They are in the building just north of the Aldi's Grocery Store on Rt. 47. David grew up in Sugar Grove and graduated from Kaneland High. They have been family members of the Society for several years.

THANK YOU

MEMORIALS RECEIVED

FOR TOM and EMILY FRANTZ

From
Alta Ann Morris, cousin of Emily
Deborah Gerhardstein, niece of Ruth Frantz
Carl and Sue Jacobson

FOR CARL JACOBSON

Groff and Ruth Frantz
Phyllis Sauer

EMPTY !

The Keck store and Hardware are empty. The Ceramic Shop and Auction both left in November. For Rent signs are in the windows.



2009 QUILT

Vickie Frantz has finished the beautiful Christmas quilt for us to raffle this year.



QUERIES

These all came by phone, letter or internet.

Joan Pickering wanted the history of a house on Bliss Road.

Joy Wideburg was interested in the school she attended in first grade. We think it was the Blackberry Creek School in Blackberry Township.

David Catlin is searching the Catlin family. We did much work for him then lost him on the internet. He has come back.

Tom ? wants Barnes family history. Ruth wrote him to write to her address. Her children have Barnes ancestors and she also has info that Cliff Barnes gave us.

VISITORS

Ken Klomhaus - Called from AZ. He thinks the fancy post card signed "Babe" was from " Winifred Kouth Evans". That was the only one we could think of.

Nellie McCannon - e-mailed with pool info.

Margaret Plaskas - She is our WCC contact for the displays we do at the college.

Glenda Winter and Melissa Williams - were researching the Lye family.

Luke Grotto - to see what we are.

Niade Amy - looking for news papers on the kidnapping of Sue Amy.

Krysta Bushnell

Fran and son Rick Wickman - Rick is a life member who lives in West Frankfort, IL. Fran lives in S.G.

Sandra Howell - researching the Simmon family.

Mary Ochenschlager - needs pictures of the former pool in Bliss Woods.

Diane Hanson - still researching her father, Ernie Hanson.

Melisa Taylor—purchased our last afghan and a Christmas ball.

Sandy Chalupa - to look at the probate papers of Hinds and Davidson.

Irving L. Vickers - his father at lived on Main Street.

Sarah Lauzen - getting a picture of the Densmore House for her mother, Therese Anlauf, a member who lives in CA. **Any one know when the house burned? It was on the west side of Densmore Road. Believe it may have been in the 1940s.**

DID YOU KNOW THESE STUDENTS ?



Steve Frantz



Dave Frantz



We do not have a full picture of the Kaneland South Elementary School.



Ray Hankes



Ervina Horn



Mark Nelson



Delores Kirk



Mark Bliss



Rebecca Albright



Randy Huggins



Shirley Flanders



Terry Randall



Jeff Ernst



Terry Richards



Connie Kriehbaum



David Dugan



Jane Brummel

SCHOOL BELL COMES DOWN

May 1988

Myron Judd supplied all the equipment and Groff Frantz helped. The building owner gave the bell to the Historical Society. After cleaning it up it has sat in Frantz's shop

Have any ideas how we could display it?



WE HAVE LOST A FRIEND

Carl Jacobson past away December 21st.
He and Jean Keenan used to audit our books.

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