

# Save the Lyon Commission, Inc.

## Waterman Center for the Arts

January 2017

Happy New Year to all members and supporters of the Save the Lyon Commission!

Another year has passed since my last update on the Save the Lyon Commission. As I wrote last year, the challenges of property management can be overwhelming for our group of volunteers. Just last week, we had to board up broken windows due to vandalism!

Our dedicated group keeps up the appearance of the building and maintains the safety of the property—winter, spring, summer, and fall. The countless hours served by volunteers gives credibility to the phrase “break a leg.”

The majority of the progress is what most can't see. During the last quarter of 2016, we enlisted the help of Alma Brown of Clinton Brown Company Architecture to help finalize the details of our EPF grant. We have used Alma and Clinton numerous times in the past with other grants and condition studies of both the primary annex and 1923 addition. Sometimes you need professional guidance in dealing with New York State, and they know the ins and outs to get results! The most exciting news for 2016 was the Save the Lyon Commission's commitment to matching the \$75,000 EPF grant. Through generous donations and fundraising, I am happy to report that we are at 85% of our goal!

I am confident that with continued fundraising, we can exceed our goal in the upcoming months. Donations can be made by individuals, families giving as a group, or class members giving as a class – in any amount. Contributions can also be given in memory or honor of someone. The donation form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support of the Commission and the Bath community!

Walt Longwell  
President

# SCHOOLYARD SALES

In 2016, we continued to find creative ways to raise funds for operation costs and building restoration. This year, we held a one-day Thanksgiving/Halloween yard sale in October. It was a lovely fall day, and we were able to enjoy the park-like grounds outside of the Annex while we sold scarecrows, ceramic Halloween village pieces, pumpkins, witches and other scary decorations.

In December, we opened our "Christmas Shoppe" of new and used seasonal merchandise in one room of the Annex. We felt like kids on Christmas morning as we opened the boxes of merchandise which had been donated for the sale. Our volunteers unpacked, sorted, priced and displayed the Christmas decorations, gift items, stuffed animals, ornaments, music boxes, nutcrackers, villages, and more. It was a festive season of fundraising and socializing in the old school room.

Many thanks to Dorothy Hobbs, George and Marj Walike, Bev Walike, Ray and Feralyn Swain, Bill Townsend, Betty Gerych, Donna Gerych, Martha Bigelow, Patty Gurecki, Madeleine Gurecki, Julie Rock, and Laurie Longwell for their time and expertise.

We are very grateful to our supporter, Ms. Claudette Doran, who donated these wonderful collections of holiday items to the Save the Lyon Commission.

## BRAVO

***BRAVO Little Theatre*** launched a brand-new theater company this past fall with their inaugural performance of "The Lullaby of Broadway", a musical theater review. The show was presented at the Vernon Wightman Primary School over Veteran's Day weekend and was a collaboration of songs from favorite Broadway musicals, along with a special tribute to our service men and women. Part of the proceeds from the fall performance were donated to the Waterman Center for the Arts to help further their vision for creating a center for the arts in the village of Bath.

The new theater group is based in Bath and seeks to be a creative force and educational resource in the performing arts throughout the Finger Lakes region. Long term, the non-profit organization is looking to create a variety of theater arts classes for all ages of youth and adults in addition to a full season of plays, musicals, youth theater productions and reviews. BRAVO Little Theatre believes the youth of our community will especially benefit from participating in after school and summer theater programs to not only help develop their skills and talents, but to give them a healthy and positive outlet where they can build community with those who have similar interests.

The group will be announcing their 2017 season soon and invite people from the community and surrounding area to join them in this new endeavor. Information for the group is available on their Bravo Little Theatre facebook page or you can email them at [bravolittletheatre@gmail.com](mailto:bravolittletheatre@gmail.com).

# *Memorials, Honorees, and Donors – 2016*

## **Memorials**

*John and Carolyn Bogart for Donald R. Bogart, 1957*

*Ken and Leah Corey for Teresa Turner*

*Therese Dudden for John E. McDonnell, 1944*

*Atty William B. Joint for Dr. Frederic and Eleanore Joint*

*Dorothy Hobbs for Ina Wakefield, 1951*

*Olga Gerych Savino for 1949 classmates: Mary Melnyk Lewis, Edwina Finch, Betty Donnelly Bartz, Mary Jean Smith SSJ, Angelo Mancini, Frances Brownell, Jim Drake, Walter Adamowitz, and Lois Burleson*

*James W. Shults for Edith A. Shults*

*Janice St. Pierre for her parents*

*Ina Wakefield for her husband Donald and deceased classmates, 1951*

*Ellen Werner for Anne C. Werner*

## **Honorees**

*Emy Lou Snyder for Don and Grace Snyder*

## **Donors**

*Bonnie and Dick Barney*

*William Dinehart*

*Ray Gibson*

*Marguerite Kenney-Hammond*

*Walter and Laurie Longwell*

*Hilda Milham*

*Dr. Garth Murray*

*Shirley Reinhart*

*Julie Rock*

*Dan L. Smith*

*Charlene Stewart*

*Martha Treichler*

*Lorraine Tyler*

*Pat White*

*Bernard Zawrotny*

*Chat-a-Whyle Restaurant*

*Longwell Lumber Co.*

## STLC SPRING CLEAN-UP - 2016

Organized by John Bryson the annual spring clean-up took place on Saturday, May 14, 2006. Betty Gerych, Laurie Longwell, Donna Gerych, Doug Frey, Jim Manry, Julie Rock, Walt Longwell, and John Bryson mowed, raked, and swept the grounds, tennis court, and the basement level of the Primary Annex. Martha Bryson provided coffee and donuts. A profit of \$10.26 was found on the ground and in the leaves.

### FAIR PARKING

Parking cars on the Dana Lyon property during the Steuben County Fair week added revenue to our cause. Thanks to volunteers Martha Bigelow, Doug Frey, Betty Gerych, Donna Gerych, Patty Gurecki, Laurie and Walt Longwell, George Walike, Julie Rock, and Jim Hy, a junior at Haverling. The use of Patty's tent canopy to protect volunteers from rain and too much sun was greatly appreciated as were cookies and cupcakes from Laurie and Martha.

### NOW SELLING

The sale of **Tops gift cards** provides another way to support STLC. We receive 5% of all sales over \$500. Call Julie Rock at 607-776-3134 or email [julrock6@yahoo.com](mailto:julrock6@yahoo.com) to request your cards. Use the card yourself or as a gift.

The **2017 STLC Calendar** is now available at Longwell Lumber Co., and The Old National Hotel. You may also call Martha Bigelow 607-776-3761 or Julie Rock 607-776-3134 to order yours. This year's calendar features classes and faculty from 1922, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1967, and 1972. Most of the pictures were taken from old Haverlinguist yearbooks. The class photos from 1967 were courtesy of Ken Sherer and Bob Gelder. Have fun identifying family and friends – maybe yourself.

### VALENTINE'S DAY RAFFLE

STLC held its second Valentine's Day Raffle in 2016. Thanks to the following for making the raffle a success:

Dan Manktelow for designing the flyers and raffle tickets again

All those who put up flyers and sold tickets, especially Martha Bigelow for selling the most raffle tickets

Martha Bigelow, Walt Longwell, the Murray/Yates family, Ann Marie Neufang, Julie Rock, Patty Seger, Bath Building Company, and Tops Market for donating the prizes

John Bryson for donating the use of his dining room at the Old National

SEE THE FLYER FOR THIS YEAR'S RAFFLE. THE SALE OF TICKETS STARTS NOW.



# Valentine's Day Raffle

Save the Lyon Commission is sponsoring a Valentine's Day raffle to benefit the Dana Lyon Primary Annex renovation.

**Only \$5 per Ticket**

## — Enter to Win —

1st prize - \$500 cash

2nd prize - basket of cheer  
(must be 21 to win)

3rd prize - \$100 gas card

4th prize - basket of books  
donated by the Dormann Library

5th prize - basket of chocolate

**Raffle tickets may be purchased at Longwell Lumber,  
Jones Smoke Shop, Old National Hotel,  
or from any STLC member.**

Winners will be drawn at **6pm on Friday, February 10, 2017** at the Old National Hotel. The money earned from this raffle will be used by the Save the Lyon Commission, Inc. to renovate the Primary Annex on Elm Street so that it may be developed as the Waterman Center for the Arts.  
**GET INVOLVED WITH US: CONTACT WALT LONGWELL AT LONGWELL LUMBER.**

# JOIN SAVE THE LYON COMMISSION, INC.

(Dana L. Lyon Elementary School/Old Haverling Academy)

**Contributions in any form are very much appreciated:**

**Become a member**

- **Volunteer at events and activities**
- **Spread the word about this project**
- **Make a donation in memory of, or in honor of**
- **Encourage your class to donate and be recognized**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Haverling Class of \_\_\_\_\_

**2017 Membership** (membership year is January 1-December 31)

Individual: \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Family: \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a **donation** to matching the \$75,000 grant

Davenport: \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Waterman: \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Haverling: \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: Save the Lyon Commission, Inc. and**

**mail to:** Save the Lyon Commission, Inc.

P.O. Box 83

Bath, NY 14810

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