

# Save the Lyon Commission, Inc. Waterman Center for the Arts

## **From Our President**

As we start a new year let me first thank the members and supporters of the Save the Lyon Commission and hope that everyone enjoys health and prosperity in this New Year.

Last year had difficulties and the Save the Lyon Commission felt the frustrations when the long awaited EPF grant was stalled in Albany for months. Finally, with great relief the contract was signed in June 2018. With the help of Alma Brown, our grant writer, we were granted an extension until June 2019 for completion of Phase I Construction. Clint Brown, Alma's husband, who is our architect, immediately began construction drawings and documents. In December 2018, we received the preliminary drawings approved by the NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Good news indeed! Every week, progress continues with contractor walk through and the bid process expected for early March 2019. In the meantime, work has begun on upgrading the electric service under the watchful eye of John Bryson. Those areas not covered under the EPF grant are again being tended to by our tenacious group of volunteers.

As 2018 came to a close, another grant opportunity became available to the Save the Lyon Commission. In 2016, the Village of Bath applied for and was awarded a NYS Main Street Grant. There was money that needed to be reallocated by 2018, year-end. Again, they filed an extension for the Main Street Grant and were successful with an approval for completion by June 2019. The Save the Lyon Commission was awarded \$50,000 with our match of \$16,700 giving us a project budget of \$66,700 to use for additional work. That money has been earmarked for a new roof on the cafeteria section and new doors and masonry work. Special thanks to the Village of Bath for this generous offer and help!

Our commitment to raise the matching \$16,700 is doable because of the generous support and commitment from our members and donors. As our partner Clinton Brown sent in a recent letter, "Thank you everyone for all of your good work and the opportunity you have given us to assist. It has been over 15 years, half a generation, since we started. With the success of your efforts to be open this year, you will make a positive difference for Bath for generations to come!"

Walt Longwell  
President

**YARD SALES AND AUCTION**

Again, this year, we held seasonal yard sales in one of the classrooms in the Annex. We offered a huge assortment of holiday decorations, party supplies and gift items. The sales were made possible with donations from the late Claudette Doran. Claudette was a member of STLC for three years. Through her donations of Hollywood memorabilia, she brought her years of creative experience in costume and fashion design as well as television production and set design to the Waterman Center for the Arts. Several costumes that were used in films, autographed pictures, and movie props were recently sold at auction. On Saturday, 02/23/19, the remaining items are set to be sold.

#### **FAIR PARKING**

We parked cars for the entire run of the Steuben County Fair, August 14-19, 2018. Thanks to Doug and Martha Bigelow for the use of their canopy. Thanks to the volunteers: Doug Frey, Bev Walike, George Walike, Doug and Martha Bigelow, Betty Gerych, Donna Gerych, Patty Gurecki, Walt and Laurie Longwell, Bernie Zawrotny, and Julie Rock. Donna and Betty made flyers to distribute to each driver explaining our cause – with the result of some extra donations. Our profit included the sale of a few of Claudette's piggies.

#### **VALENTINE'S DAY RAFFLE**

In 2018 the drawing for the Valentine's Day Raffle was held on February 14. First prize was \$500 cash. The other prizes were a basket of "cheer" (limited to someone over 21), a \$100 gift card from KwikFill, a basket of chocolate, and a "bear hug" basket. The winners were Diane Graham, Amber Dunning, Paul Laux, Jack Wood, and Lisa DeSalvo. Thanks to Finger Lakes Wine and Spirits, Walt Longwell, Betty Kay Bake Shop, Patty Gurecki, RL Jones & Son, and Julie Rock for donating prizes. Our appreciation also goes to Don Manktelow for designing the flyer and raffle tickets again.

#### **NOW SELLING**

The sale of Tops gift cards continues to be a way to support STLC. We receive 5% of all sales over \$500. Call Julie Rock at 607-776-3134 to request your cards in denominations of \$25, \$50, or \$100. Use the card yourself or as a gift!

The 2019 STLC calendar features the classes and faculty of 1929, 1934, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1979, 1989, 1994, and 1999. Pictures were taken from *Haverlinguist* and *Kindersix* yearbooks with the cover photograph from Kevin Proaper. The calendar is 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. The price is \$12.

### **Save the Lyon Commission, Inc.**

#### **Officers**

President/Treasurer – Walt Longwell  
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## MEMORIALS AND DONORS – 2018

### DONORS

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Mary Ann and Robbie Robinson in honor of all the Robinson family  
including our kids who went to school there  
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Martha Treichler  
Chat-a-Whyte Restaurant (Joyce and John Loza)  
Community Foundation in honor of William and Melissa Joint

### MEMORIALS

Jerrilyn Baker in memory of Gerald R. Hobbs  
Martha and Doug Bigelow in memory of Dianne Ferris  
Frederick S. Bossard in memory of Marci Karwoski  
JoAnn and Robert Brundage in memory of Ernestine L. Biehl  
Therese M. Dudden in memory of James M. Dudden  
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Loraine Lyon Tyler in memory of Doris Johnson Lyon (1935)  
and William Deyo Lyon (1967)  
Bernard Zawrotny in memory of Michelle Zawrotny

#### In Memoriam

STLC was saddened by the sudden death of Curt Hopkins in October of 2018. Curt was a local dairy and beef farmer. He had served as president and member of the board of directors of STLC. He will be missed.

# JOIN SAVE THE LYON COMMISSION, INC.

(Dana L. Lyon Elementary School/Waterman Center for the Arts)

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**2019 Membership** (membership year is January 1-December 31)

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

I would like to make a **donation** of:

\$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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

Save the Lyon Commission, Inc.

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