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*Camillus Erie Canal Park - Founded 1972*

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## 40th VOLUNTEER/MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER- 2018

Over 200 members, volunteers and guests gathered at the Camillus Senior Center to honor this year's awardees. **Judy Porter** did an outstanding job of arranging the table decorations portraying the age of steam.

Family and friends greeted the **VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR** recipients who were: **Sandy Cutler, Richard Seubert** and **Ron Cottet**.

While guests enjoyed a wonderful spaghetti dinner prepared by **Joe Menzel** and the kitchen crew, **John Wilson**, and his associates **Martin Lovell** and **Jim Thrall** entertained us with melodies. At the beginning of the evening program, our special guest, **Parks and Recreation Director Eric Bacon**, reminded the volunteers how special they are to Camillus.

Our **COMMUNITY AWARD** was presented to **Kathy Sloan** of **Home Depot**. Kathy spent hours in the blazing sun to beautify the Aqueduct parking lot. She literally was on her back painting and decorating the guide rails.

Winners of **LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT** awards are: **George Eschenfelder, Doris and John Henderson, Becky Jackson, Dodi Palumbo, Aileen Reynolds, Barbara Sleight** and **Dan Ward**.

At the annual **BUSINESS MEETING** **Jim Thrall** asked members to cast one ballot for the following slate for 2018: **Warren Baldwin, Fran Ezzo, Mary Ellen Hoag, Roger Pisarek, Jim Murphy** and **Dan Willis**.

The **Executive Committee** will be voted upon by the Board of Directors at the April meeting. Candidates are: **President: Dave Beebe, VP/Assistant Director: Joe Menzel, 2nd Vice-President, Executive Director: Liz Beebe, 3rd VP: Fred Cossick, Treasurer: Jo Vanderpool, Secretary: Doreen Barba, Historian: Jim Thrall.**

**Marge Tyler** and **Dick Anderson** were recognized for their continued support of the canal.

**Dave** presented the **OSCAR MEYER WEINER MOBILE AWARD** to **Tom Barba**. The **TIKI AWARD** was given to **Lonnie Warner**. The **NEWBIE AWARD** went to **Bob Seeber**, an outstanding carpenter, chef and blacksmith.

Family and Friends honored the memory of **Noreen Belfie, Betty Clovis, Alan Harvey** and **Terry Ordinetz**.

In addition, a new plaque called **Canal Friends** with a picture of **Midnight** and **Sylvester** was introduced.

**Dave** showed slides of the year's activities and **Liz** will be remembered riding through the woods on her stationary bike.

Winners of our **AQUEDUCT PLAQUES** were: **Marisa Fagliarone, Bill Lynch, Tom Pisano, Robert and Darlene Randall, Paul Shea, Jack Thompson, Paul Thompson, Virginia Unckless, and Jeryl Wright**.

We are most grateful for all the volunteers who made this another great occasion. They are: **Barbara Brady, Nadine Watson, Ken Neijstrom, Pat Baker, Corinne Kinane and Larry Young, Vickie Viccaro, Helene and Larry McNeer, Mary Ellen and David Hoag, Linda Vishnesky, Judy and Ron Cottet, Doreen and Tom Barba, Carol Cossick, Eileen Ordinetz, Pat and Dave Cooper, Scot and Jo Vanderpool, Mike Riley, Sean Porter, Larry and Sherry Barnes, Gary Klink, Tony Lasinski, Trent Fassinger, Lonnie Warner, Dick Grobsmith, Dave Brower, Richard Seubert, Joe Menzel, Donna and Mike Nortman, Eileen and Ed Morgan, Fran, Jay, Jerry and Shannon Logan, Martha Williams, Jan Kral, Dawn Daggett, Linda Snow, Marcia Russo, Steve Poli, Betty Worden, Lois Cogovan and Jim MacKessy**.



## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MONDAY, MAY 28th

Join us in honoring those who have served our country. Everybody knows that the Camillus Memorial Day Parade is among the largest in Onondaga County. This year we will incorporate both the parade theme and the celebration of our Steam Exhibit.

We need folks to help decorate on Saturday as well as march or ride in the decorated wagon in the parade. Dress in canal style: gents- jeans, colorful shirt, suspenders if you have them; ladies -a long skirt, apron , and bonnet ,outfits can be found in the 1800's room. Meet at Sims Store at 8 A.M. We'll travel by wagon up to the Camillus Westhill.

Our Memorial Day Picnic will follow at noon at the pavilion. If you are able, please bring something to pass. Other delights such as chips, pickles, cookies, fruits are always welcome. We'll furnish drinks, hamburgers, hotdogs and paper goods. For more information, call 315 391 7020

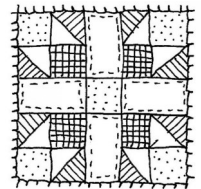
### QUILT RAFFLE

**Betty Worden** has donated one of her beautiful quilts to the Camillus Canal Society.

Tickets may be purchased at Sims Store:

1 ticket for \$3.00 and 2 for \$5.

The drawing will take place on Columbus Day weekend.



A few weeks ago, Betty Clovis lost her fight with cancer.

Betty requested that an Educational Trust Fund be set up for the boys.

EMMANUEL plans to be a psychiatrist and COSGROVE would like to become a meteorologist.

*In  
Memoriam*

**TO HONOR BETTY, DONATIONS MAY BE MADE TO THE:  
COSGROVE & EMMANUEL EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND  
C/O VICTOR CLOVIS  
203 WESTFALL STREET  
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13209**

### SUMMER DINNER CRUISES

Please tell your neighbors and friends about our wonderful meals from Ernie's aboard the Iroquois. Enjoy a Wednesday summer evening cruise down the canal, learning about its history and listening to good music. Cruises start July 11 and continue until August 15. They leave promptly at 6 p.m. from Sims Store, rain or shine. A special foliage cruise will be held on Saturday, September 8, at 2 p.m.

Make reservations with Vickie at 315-487-7895.

### OPENING DAY WEEKEND ~ May 5 and May 6

A very special celebration to dedicate the newly refurbished **ONTARIO** will be at the Sims Store dock  
**Saturday, May 5 ~ 1:00 pm**

Following the ceremony, the Ontario will take our honored guests across the aqueduct. A reception will be held in the pavilion. All are welcome to attend this long awaited day!

Our *new season* begins on **Sunday, May 6.**

The museum will be open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 12:00 noon until 4:00pm. Sunday boat rides will begin. Sailings are scheduled for 1,2,3,4 o'clock.

Sims Store Museum will be open from 1 to 5 P.M.

The volunteers are looking forward to carrying out the mission of the Camillus Canal Society. That is: to educate, preserve history and maintain a unique recreational area.



**Syracuse Star**  
**Friday, June 1, 1849**

Break in the Canal. - On Wednesday night last a serious break in the canal occurred a short distance above Geddes, washing away about three thousand yards of the east bank of the canal. The Oswego & Syracuse railroad runs near the canal at this place, and is so much injured that the cars cannot pass.

The Superintendent was promptly on the ground with as many men as could work conveniently. It will probably take two or three days to repair the damage so that boats can pass. The damage to the railroad will probably be repaired today.

**Syracuse Star**  
**Saturday, June 2, 1849**

Strike. - The laborers engaged in repairing the break in the canal on Thursday struck for higher wages, supposing, we presume, that the necessity was so great that any demand would be yielded to at once. The contractor offered seven shillings per day and one dollar per night.

Some of the crowd sung out "one dollar per day and night." To this the contractor yielded. He then selected his men, and ordered the ring leaders to stand aside, who thus lost their share of the job altogether. The remainder were on in force again yesterday, and the breach will soon be closed.

We have no disposition to quarrel with men for endeavoring to get all they can for their labor, but we think the attempt to extort, when work must be done, is closely allied with knavery. It is like forcing a man, who requires money to save his credit, to pay 50 percent on a loan. We are not sorry that the leaders in this strike are made to suffer for their folly.

**Syracuse Daily Star**  
**Monday, June 4, 1849**

The Break in the Canal. - Owing to the heavy rains we have had during the last two or three days, the work has been retarded. Mr. Yoe, the Superintendent has been on the spot night and day. It is expected to be ready this morning for the passage of boats.

**Syracuse Star**  
**Tuesday, June 5, 1849**

The Canal Break in Geddes -

The canal break at Geddes, which impeded canal navigation since Wednesday night last, was nearly completed last night and the water will be let in this morning.

Since Thursday night a large body of men have been employed day and night in repairing the break; but owing to several "strikes" among the Irish laborers, and numerous rains, the completion of the work has delayed,

The resident Engineer, J. Harne Esq., has done everything in his power to hasten the completion of the job. From 100 to 150 men have been constantly employed, not excepting nights and Sunday.

The number of boats delayed by this mishap has been very large. In either direction from the break, the canal has been lined with canal craft of all descriptions.

The break occurred at an embankment, the water washing down the bank some 20 feet below the surface of the tow path. It will readily be perceived that a break of this nature, extending some 300 feet, requires all the time and labor for its repair which has been consumed.

*Dick Palmer*

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<b>Camillus Canal Society, Inc.</b>	
New Membership or Renewal Application	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I Want to Be a Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Please Renew My Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Adult - \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen (Age 60 and Over) - \$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family - \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting - \$40.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining - \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor - \$100.00
Make check payable to Camillus Canal Society, Inc.	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State Zip:	
Phone:	Cell Phone:
<input type="checkbox"/> Please Contact Me About Volunteering	E-mail Address:
Mail To: Tom Barba, 146 Terrace Way, Camillus, NY 13031	
New Memberships Received after June 1 Will Pay Half Price for That Year. The Half Price Feature Does Not Apply to Renewals.	