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Stockade Calendar

Stockade Association

General Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 21
7:00 PM Social
7:30 PM Meeting

Holy Cross Church Ziti Dinner

Tues., Nov. 5, 4-8
\$6, \$4 children.
18 North College St.
(see page 2)

Events at The Open Door Bookstore

128 Jay St., Schenectady,
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• Annual Holiday Open House

Sat., Nov. 9, 1-3 PM

• Popular children's
author/illustrator, Mark
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Nov. 15

Another Successful Walkabout!

On September 28th the usually quiet, sleepy streets of our neighborhood took on a new vibrancy as nearly 1200 visitors descended on our historic Stockade. Nine historic homes, four churches, a private club, a playhouse and a restaurant were open to the public. There was a jazz ensemble and singing groups to entertain the eager participants. Children petted animals, rode ponies and played Colonial games at the YWCA.

Visitors rode our tree lined streets in a horse-drawn carriage while a trolley stood ready to drive them to points of interest outside our walls.

It was the 43rd Stockade Walkabout, this year presented by the Stockade Association, The Schenectady County Historical Society and The Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corp. This was a first year partnership for the three organizations and by all indications a very profitable venture. Seventeen hundred dollars were raised for the three groups, divided by previous contract, ensuring the Stockade

Association and the Historical Society a minimum equal to the amount usually realized.

John Samatulski and Gail Kehn represented the DSIC on the Walkabout Committee and brought to the table years of experience in grant writing and fund raising. Their professional abilities enabled the committee to extend promotion of the Walkabout outside our area and brought in many new participants. With their help we were able to secure financial commitments from MVP, I Love New York and the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce among others.

Kim Mabee represented the Historical Society, Lyn Gordon the Stockade Association and Sylvie Briber brought it all together with her organizational skills and exciting imagination. All together these people created a formidable, well-oiled team.

Congratulations to the Stockade for sharing once again your beautiful homes and historic character.

- Lyn Gordon

50+ Antique Cars at Olde Tyme Car Rally!

The Olde Tyme Car Rally was a wonderful event with over 50 antique cars displayed in the First Presbyterian Church lot. The original cars spanned every decade from 1900 through the 1960's. Each and every owner and vehicle were a tremendous asset to the Walkabout. The singing group "GTO's" performed and they were spectacular. Radio station 100.9 FM Magic also lent their sounds for our enjoyment. Ten awards were given and they are as follows:

Best Of Show - **Ed and Betty Stoodley** - 1932 Auburn Speedster

People's Choice - **Bruce Armer** - 1905 Cadillac Touring Car

Best Horn - **Bruce Armer** - 1926 Chrysler

Best Dressed (to era of car) - **Rosemary Racicot** (1950's)

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Music At The Van Dyck

Karla Bonoff, Fri., Nov. 1, \$29
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update on concert schedule:
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“Inspecting Carol”

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“Loesser is More” Dinner Theatre at Mohawk Club

Wed.- Fri., November 20-22, 6:30 PM
call 393-8024. (see page 8)

Schenectady County Community College Events

For more information, call 381-1250.

The SCCC Players present “As You Like It ” by William Shakespeare, Thurs., Nov. 21, 8 PM, Fri., Nov. 22, 2:15 PM & 8 PM, and Sat., Nov. 23, 8 PM., Carl B. Taylor Community Auditorium, Begley Building, Tickets \$5 for general public, and \$3 for students and seniors. Free for SCCC students, faculty and staff.

SCCC Guitar Ensemble

Monday, Nov. 25, 7:30 PM, Carl B. Taylor Community Auditorium, Free and open to public.

(Olde Tyme Car Rally continued from page 1)

- Best Chevy **Alan Mooney**
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- Debbie & Harold Schneiderwind

**Holy Cross Church
Election Day Ziti Dinner
Nov. 5, 4-8 PM**

Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, located at 18 North College Street, is sponsoring its Sixth Annual Ziti Dinner on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th, in the church hall. Donald Tessitore, Jr. and Donald Penta are co-chairmen of this parish fund raising event.

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Stockade Association
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*Meredith reported on a recent visit to the YMCA, which is working very hard to upgrade its facilities, and is now at full capacity. She also distributed a letter to the *Gazette* from Dick Blackmer, which discussed health hazards from the drifting mist generated by the proposed power plant. *Susanna reported that the Garden Group would meet Thursday, October 16. *After discussion, Joe volunteered to contact officials at the Schenectady County Airport, to seek some reduction of the noisy, intrusive airplane activity, which has many Stockaders upset.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

- Respectfully submitted
Bob Briber

Stockade Association Meeting Dates 2002-2003

All Board meetings are at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays on the dates listed below and meet at Feibes & Schmitt's Office, the carriage house behind 217 Union Street.

All General Membership meetings are on Thursdays on the dates listed below with a Social Time at 7:00 PM and the meeting at 7:30 PM, held at the Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Avenue.

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General Meetings: Nov. 21
Jan. 16, Mar. 20, May 15

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Stockade Association Board Meeting
October 10, 2002

President Joe Fava opened the meeting at 7:05 PM on October 8. Other Board members present included Meredith Anker, Bob Briber, Diane DeMeo, Brad Fisher, Lyn Gordon, Peter Rumora and Susanna Sherwood. Sylvie Briber, Ellen Desmond, Bob Hayner, Kim Mabee, John Samatulski and Steve Strichman were present as guests.

The first item of business was presented by Steve Strichman, City Zoning Officer, who described a public hearing to be held on 7:30 PM October 15, Room 209 of City Hall, regarding a proposal to take by eminent domain a 20-foot wide strip of property to connect the Union College boathouse and Front Street Park with Riverside Park. Extensive discussion ensued, revolving around the act by the authorities of using eminent domain to obtain property in the Stockade, the slowly developing plans for a bike path along the Mohawk, and the role and history of the Stockade Association in dealing with these issues. Safety, security, parking, traffic and using eminent domain were issues as well as a desire by Union College to allow regatta spectators freedom to follow a race, ease of police patrols, and the permission granted by the Stockade Association in 1999 to try a one year experiment with a bike path. After wide-ranging exchange of views, the immediate result of the discussion was that Brad Fisher would prepare and distribute a flier announcing the hearing, important for Stockaders to attend. Steve, Ellen and Bob Hayner left the meeting.

The next subject was the 9/28 Walkabout, judged a very pleasant and successful event. Over 926 tickets were sold compared to about 700 last year, the food fest vendors sold out and were pleased, and extensive positive publicity

was generated. Very good relationships were developed among the three cooperating groups: The Stockade Association, The Schenectady County Historical Society, and The Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corp. John Samatulski from The Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corp. distributed a detailed financial statement, which showed that the hope to realize more than \$8000 in income after expenses was too ambitious. The Association and the Historical Society will split about \$7500. But the DSIC - which contributed many hours of staff time and were active in getting grants and support from MVP, the Chamber and elsewhere - did not realize any income at all for their efforts.

Nonetheless, John expressed a desire to continue their active cooperation with the Association and SCHS, to build on this learning experience and its positive results. He said the volunteers were a "powerhouse" (among them Sylvie, Lyn and Kim, as well as the home owners and others) and the City stands to gain substantially from repeated cooperation. He said he hoped that in the future the income could be split three ways, to permit them an equal share in whatever financial benefits are realized. Joe said that we would certainly consider that and asked John and the volunteers to return to a future meeting with a proposal which would include that three way split, proposed ticket prices, etc. John, Sylvie and Kim left the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, and the Treasurer's report, that we had \$3252.78 in checking and \$19377.80 in CD's, was accepted. Meredith said she could probably get a higher return on the CD's through Charter One if we accept a 15 to 17 month commitment; the group urged her to do so.

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**“Loesser is More” at
Stockade’s Mohawk Club
Nov. 20-22**

“Loesser is More,” Riverview Entertainment’s latest music and comedy revue, plays to the public in a 6:30 pm dinner theater show Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 20-22, at the Mohawk Club, 1 North Church Street, in the Stockade.

Created and staged by Martin P. Kelly, the production is based on the music of Frank Loesser who wrote the Broadway musical hits “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying,” “Guys and Dolls,” “Most Happy Fella” and “Where’s Charley?” as well as almost 500 songs for Hollywood films in the 30’s and ‘40’s.

Featured in the revue, all performers in the previous Mohawk Club dinner theater series, are William Carmello, Barry Corlew, Bill Hickman, Pat Hoffman, and Janet Stasio, with Trudy Ferguson on keyboard. All are veterans of upwards of 10 years on the road with Riverview Productions.

“Loesser is More” is the fifteenth in the Mohawk Club series of monthly dinner theater shows which have been attracting growing audiences and popularity.

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