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Stockade Calendar

"Cities Back from the Edge"

by Roberta Gratz

Books Sandwiched In
Feb. 8, 12 noon

Book reviewed by John
Logan, SUNY Albany
Schenectady County
Public Library

"Laura"

Schenectady Civic
Players, Feb. 3-7, 8 PM
and Sun. 2 PM
17 South Church Street
Tickets, \$10, 382-2081

"Fun, Games, and Dutch Customs"

by Anneke Bull,
Saturday, Feb. 13,
1:30 PM Social,
2:00 PM Program
Schenectady County
Historical Society
32 Washington Avenue

Lithuanian

Independence Day:

Mass and Celebration
Sun., Feb. 14, 9:00 AM
Holy Cross Church
19 North College St.

March Spy Deadline:

February 15

Jack Zegger: Stockade Guardian



June 1, 1998, Stockade Gateway
Ribbon Cutting Celebration

Here we are - just one week into the new year. As I sit at my desk reflecting upon the beginning of the closing of this millenium I'm taken aback by events of the past week. For one, I can't help but wonder what our collective lives will be without our neighbor, friend, mentor, and guardian of historic preservation - Jack Zegger. Fortunately, I got to know Jack the man and Jack the doer a lot better this past summer when a problem presented to me by neighbors on my end of the Stockade. It was Jack's words of encouragement that gave me the confidence to press on and act.

The fearless attitude, the calm demeanor, the knowledgeable insight of Jack has pulled the Stockade through some difficult times. Jim

Schmitt, who has also dedicated a good part of his life to the betterment of the Stockade, has praised Jack as a "true team player." Likewise, Werner Feibes has written a dedication for Schenectady Heritage Fondation's newly established John Zegger Memorial Fund for "the purpose of fostering preservation in the Stockade."

As we move closer into the next millenium, let us go then and dedicate our efforts towards our neighborhood and its people in the spirit of Jack.

Jack, you were our guardian but now you are our guardian angel. May you go gently into the night.

- Gerald Plante



September 19, 1998
Riverside Park
Gardening and Clean-up Day

Renew 2000

Starting Feb. 14, for six weeks.
Meet in homes, readings of the liturgy
Call Don Penta, Holy Cross Church, 370-3078

**Ash Wednesday:
Liturgy & Distribution of Ashes**

Feb. 17, 9:00 AM
Holy Cross Church
19 North College Street

Lenten Lunch Series

Six Tuesdays,
Feb. 23-March 30
12:00-12:45 Lunch & Speaker,
First Reformed Church, 8 North Church Street
reservations at 372-0756

**Eucharist, followed by Soup Supper, &
lectures series by the Rev. Federico Serra-Lima**

Six Tuesdays, starting Feb. 23, 5:30 PM
St. George's Episcopal Church, 30 North Ferry St.

Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Five Fridays, starting Feb. 26, 7:30 PM
St. George's Episcopal Church

"Salute to Valentine's Day"

Tokens of Love from Victorian Times to Today

Valentine Postcards, Victorian Jewelry, Scrimshaw,
Putnam family silk ball gown
Exhibit in Vrooman Room
Schenectady County Historical Society
32 Washington Avenue
Mon. - Fri. 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Sat. Feb. 13, 9:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Editor's Note: *The Stockade Spy* owes Jack Zegger a great debt. When a new team was needed for *The Spy* a few years ago, Jack encouraged me and Bette Brunelle to become co-editors, as neither of us felt, at the time, we could lead alone. Jack filled us with confidence in his quiet, warm way, set up meetings, attended them and contributed important suggestions, all which made the transition as smooth as possible. When Bette left for Salt Lake City, he again arranged for Elayne and Trevor Murphy to be co-editors with me. Jack always provided us with important news about the Stockade.

Jack was, indeed, my dear friend. He represents to me the essence of the finest Stockade spirit - which I shall always carry in my heart.

- Sylvia Briber

"And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand."

-based on Psalm 91
by Michael Jonas



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STOCKADE ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Highlights

Emily Curtis, Board Secretary

The Board of Directors of the Stockade Association expressed their sorrow over the sudden loss of fellow board member Jack Zegger, and discussed making a contribution to the John Zegger Memorial Fund, which would foster historic preservation in the Stockade. (See article below.)

The board voted to continue the painting and sidewalk incentive in 1999, to aid in maintenance and restoration projects. (see article on page 4)

The board also voted to withdraw the organization's membership in Schenectady United Neighborhoods, citing its poor adherence to democratic processes and disregard for its own by-laws.

The 1998 membership drive netted 92 members, paying a total of \$665 in dues. A total of \$257 was collected in contributions to *The Spy*. Membership numbers are down from last year's total of 129.

John Zegger Memorial Fund

Jack Zegger died this New Years Day in action on the tennis court. Schenectady lost a friend and the Historic Stockade Area lost a devoted guardian. Jack and his wife Jean came to Schenectady 42 years ago from New York City and made a truly beautiful life here in our community. Jack's love for this community was demonstrated over many years of effort in the preservation of the Stockade, the exquisite historic area where Schenectady was first settled 338 years ago. Jack's style was quiet and persistent, never oriented to personal glory, a true team player.

In recognition of this fine citizen's accomplishments for our community, the Schenectady Heritage Foundation, with his family's endorsement, has established the JOHN ZEGGER MEMORIAL FUND with the purpose of fostering preservation in the Historic Stockade.

Donations may be made to:

Schenectady Heritage Foundation Inc.
John Zegger Memorial Fund
P.O. Box 1173
Schenectady, New York 12301-1173

*- J.D. Schmitt, Chair
Schenectady Heritage Foundation, Inc.
tel. 518 372-3344*

Dear Arthur, Pete and family,

Thank you for contributing so much to our community over the years, including donating the beverages for the Tree Lighting party!

You've changed our lives since you've been closed! We feel shut in since we can't go down to Arthur's and socialize.

We want Arthur's to open soon. Tomorrow would be good!!! Please hurry your renovations. We miss you!

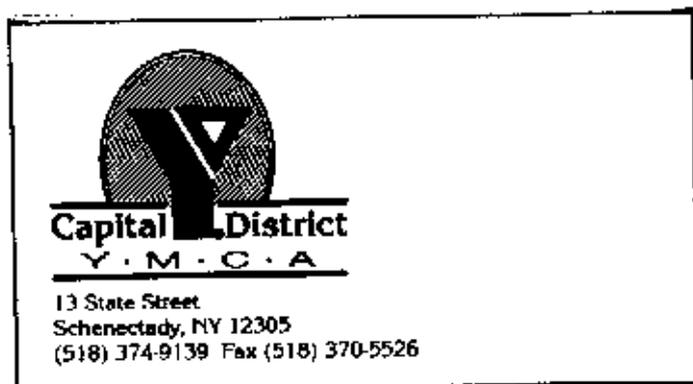
Loving wishes
from The Neighborhood

YWCA "Make a Moving Decision" Fitness Campaign

Right here in our own neighborhood is a wonderful resource for fitness. The YWCA at 44 Washington Avenue introduces "Make a Moving Decision," their Winter/Spring theme. The YWCA has teamed up with the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports to promote physical fitness in 1999. It began on January 4 and ends April 23, challenging everyone to begin a fitness program to help protect against heart disease. You need to commit to at least 1/2 hour of exercise 4 times a week and sign up at the YWCA to get your official exercise log to start logging minutes of your favorite physical activity.

Progress will be verified every other week and an award ceremony will be held at the YWCA on April 24 at 2:00 PM, with patches and certificates given to the first 150 participants to register and complete the program.

The YWCA also announces Noontime Specials (12:00 - 1:30 PM) with open gym on Mondays and Fridays, lap and water walking daily, and health center and sauna open weekdays. Call the YWCA at 374-3394 for more information.



GOODNESS

Goodness is great,
Goodness is fine.

If you always practice
goodness, it is goodness
that you will always find.

- Dorene

Stockade Association Provides Incentives for Sidewalks and Painting

Incentives are continuing for 1999. The Stockade Association Board of Directors has voted to continue the incentive program for people to spruce-up their properties in calendar year 1999.

A \$300 per property sidewalk incentive is for slate, concrete, or brick installation or repair - no blacktop.

A \$150 painting incentive is to help pay the cost of painting building exterior visible from the public way. Colors must be approved by the Historic District Commission (see color charts at City Hall Room 9).

Both these programs are available to Stockade members in good standing with dues paid. The incentive is not available for work which was the result of a City citation.

For more information on the incentive program, contact Greg Sauer, 1 Washington Avenue, telephone 393-8081.

Livable Cities: Building From Strengths

We are at an important crossroads in our city's and county's history. To help us with the decision making process and the design, The Schenectady Heritage Foundation in partnership with the Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor Commission is bringing together experts in the field of how cities can be turned around and what works and what doesn't in community design.

A four part speakers series, will be held at The First Unitarian Society of Schenectady, 1221 Wendell Avenue. It is free and open to the public, with refreshments following.

Plan to come to this exciting and important event.

February 28, Sunday 3 PM

Success Stories: Cities That Have Recreated Themselves

Roberta Brandes Gratz, lecturer & author of

Cities: Back from the Edge - New Life for Downtown (1998)

Introduced by Dr. James Schaefer, MVHC Commissioner

March 21, Sunday 3 PM

Success Stories: In Our Regional Neighborhood

Julia Stokes, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, NYS Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; Initiator of Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation.

Introduced by John Manning, Metroplex Chair

April 6, Tuesday 7 PM

Success Stories: A Sense of Place

James Howard Kunstler, lecturer & author of

The Geography of Nowhere and Home from Nowhere

Introduced by James Schmitt, AIA, President of The Schenectady Heritage Foundation

April 18, Sunday 3 PM

Success Stories: Schenectady's Future

Observer Comments on Guest Speakers by Thomas O. Carey, City Planner and writer for the Sunday Gazette; Sabine O'Hara, Professor of Economics, RPI; and Werner L. Feibes, Architect

Community forum facilitated by Karen Engelke, Executive Director, MVHCC

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STOCKADE STOPPER



CUR NON?

As you stroll around the Stockade, can you find where this is? The answer will be in the March issue of *The Stockade Spy*.

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Hint for the Intrepid Walker

Afraid of falling on all this ice and snow? You can have sure footing with ice grippers, elastic bands that fit over your boots or shoes that have cleats attached. These bands can then be easily slipped off once you are inside. They can be purchased at the Army Navy store on State Street. Or for very serious walking, do what the letter carriers do: wear ice fishing boots!

Tidings

- Our sincerest condolences to the family of Betty Norris of Front Street, a longtime resident of the Stockade who passed away recently.
- Also our condolences go out to our neighbors, John Chequer and Bess Taft of Front Street on the recent death of Bess' son, Thomas Taft.

Call Sylvia at 377-0469 if you would like to write an article or poem, or have a great photo of Stockade architecture or people for *The Stockade Spy*.

Snow Emergency Policy:

From the Bureau of Services at City Hall, 382-5116: Once the mayor declares a snow emergency, parking is allowed only on the even-numbered sides of streets for the next 24 hours to allow plow crews to push the snow all the way to the curb on the other side. After 24 hours, it switches with parking allowed only on the odd side. The change happens at 8 AM or 8 PM. Normal parking rules are suspended. For example, in normal conditions, if there is no parking on one side of your street, then that is no longer true when the snow emergency is declared. It's easier if everyone can make the change from one side of the street to the other at the same time.

ARTHUR'S

Public Market

is now closed
for exciting renovations!
See you in 1999!

February Waste Collection Dates

Wed. Feb. 3 Wed. Feb. 10 Thurs. Feb. 18 Thurs. Feb. 25