

# HARWINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## February 2015

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### 2015

#### NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

**President:** Bonnie Andrews  
**Vice Pres.:** Nancy Schnyer  
**Secretary:** Elaine Sederquist  
**Treasurer:** Harry Schuh

#### BOARD of DIRECTORS

##### Term Ends 2015:

Carol Kearns  
David Ryan

##### Term Ends 2016:

James Curtis  
Shirley Gay

##### Term Ends 2017:

Luella Bartes  
Candace Jones-Pacholski

#### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Eleanor Woike

#### CURATORS

Beverly Mosher  
Bonnie Andrews

#### BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Dennis Andrews

#### OTHERS (non-board)

##### HISTORIAN

Roger Plaskett

##### AUDITOR

Marilyn Mitchell

##### LEGAL COUNSEL

Patrick Wall

## Notes of Interest

**SCHOLARSHIP:** The Harwinton Historical Society will be awarding a \$500 Scholarship to a 2015 graduate of Lewis S. Mills High School. Based on a recent decision by the Board of Directors, details of the criteria for the award are being coordinated with the Lewis Mills Scholarship committee. This will be the first time the historical society has participated in this awards program.

**THANK YOU:** Many thanks to Ellie Woike for leading the historical society as president this past year and to Loda Sheehan for her service as secretary.

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS:** Please welcome David Ryan and Shirley Gay to the Board of Directors.

**PROGRAMS:** Program Chairperson Candace Jones-Pacholski is working to schedule a program led by Holly Richards of Harwinton on the topic of World War I. This year marks the start of the centennial observance of "The War to End All Wars."

Guest speaker Dr. Karl Valois presented two programs on the topic of "Manifest Destiny" in January. The sessions were held at the Harwinton Public Library from 2 to 4 p.m. Dr. Valois is a professor of history at UConn in Torrington.

**ANNUAL DUES:** Historical Society dues for 2015 should be paid by the end of February. To continue your membership or to join, please send \$15 per person to the Harwinton Historical Society, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 84, Harwinton, CT 06791.

**VOLUNTEERS:** The society cannot function without help from many people. Please offer to help in some way.

**Answer to January Trivia Question: The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Harwinton started as a mission church of the St. Francis Parish in Torrington**

*February Trivia Question: What year was the current town hall building at 100 Bentley Drive built?*

*Answer in March newsletter*

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**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are receiving this newsletter via the US Postal Service, but you have an email address, it would save the historical society financially if you would forward that email address to [harwhistsoc@gmail.com](mailto:harwhistsoc@gmail.com) so you could be put on the email distribution list. Only members will receive copies of the newsletter via the postal service.

## Upcoming Programs & Events

**Board of Directors meeting - Thursday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. at the Skinner House.**

### Curator's Corner

*The long New England winter provides a good opportunity to sort through papers and memorabilia. If you come across items with a clear Harwinton connection – newspaper articles, photographs, local family histories – please consider donating them (or a copy of them) to the historical society. Of particular interest are major events and photographs of buildings that are no longer standing or have changed in appearance.*

*Please contact Bev Mosher at 860-485-0610 or Bonnie Andrews at 860-482-7978 if you have questions about this request.*

*- Curators Bev Mosher and Bonnie Andrews*

## **Outstanding Citizen Award**

Nominations are being sought for the 41st annual Harwinton Outstanding Citizen Award. Nominees must have been a Harwinton resident for five years and must be engaged in the civic affairs of Harwinton – whether elected, appointed or voluntary.

Recommendations containing a candidate's activities and contributions should be sent to committee chairman Fred J. Fincken, Jr., 33 Coventry Lane, Harwinton, CT 06791 by **Friday, Feb. 13, 2015.**

The annual award will be presented **Friday, April 24**, at a banquet at Fairview Farm Golf Course.