Harvest Dinner and Pound Auction 2000

Kelly Wheatley and Bonnie Berg keep track of the bidders handle.

The pound auction was a success this year despite a small turnout. Kay Kuck was responsible for getting our local business's to give us a helping hand. We should give our support to these business's whenever possible. They are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Bob Boyer was his usual self as our auctioneer and was a lot of fun. It takes someone like Bob to make this event and he came through as expected.

The Harvest Dinner is to symbolize what farming communities did at the end of the farming season. When all the heavy farming was complete and the crops were either stored or sold at market. The farmers and community people at large would get together to socialize and have a good time. This is similar to the dances that were held in Sheldon and Cherry Hill on a regular basis. The Canton Historical Society wants to keep this flavor of the past alive with a social get together of our own with this pot luck dinner. We visit with our friends and neighbors and have fun with our pound auction. This is the only real social event the society host's each year. Hopefully next year we can have a larger turnout. It would be a shame to let this event die from lack of interest.

It was refreshing to see some of our members that we had not seen for awhile. About a forth of the people that attended this year were not members, they just enjoy the fun we have with our pound auction. So, let's make it a point to be here for our next Pot Luck Harvest Dinner and Pound Auction.

Society Election Yields New Board Member

This years election results returned Bob Boyer and Marie Gentz to our board of trustees and also elected was Florence Bordine to her first three year term.

The board of directors elected Ronni Curtis as president, Bonnie Berg as Vice President, David Curtis as Secretary and Kay Kuck was nominated for treasurer.

Many new things are happening in the Canton Community and this board will play a role in some of them. We have a very active board and they are capable of keeping up with what is happening and I know they will make these decisions in the best interest of the society.

The board thanks all the people who ran for the board and were not elected. It shows we have a great deal of interest in our own society. If not for these people we could not have a society.

Downer volunteers Prepare Cemetery for Winter

Thanks for your help in making our ***Make a Difference Day*** one we can be proud of. Thanks also to our business sponsors Dunkin Donuts-Ford Rd. and Tim Hortons.

When you have enough volunteers it doesn't take to long to do a good job, and this was the case this day. Canton Township does do some of the work at the cemetery, but it's our personal touch that is needed to make this cemetery one that we can be proud of. For many years this cemetery was in sad shape. It is one of the oldest cemeteries in Canton and over the years it had been vandalized and in general, pretty run down and overgrown. The Plymouth Civitans began a project of restoration and did a great job for the last few years in bringing this cemetery back. It still needs some work and I hope that we can help keep this cemetery up to standards that the citizens can be proud of.

When the people don't care about a cemetery in their community it makes a statement about the people of that community. Let's all be good citizens.