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is our Present
to the Future.*

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We bring the people of the Lockport area together
to preserve and share our family histories and our local heritage.

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NEWSLETTER

February 2003

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Message from the President

Genealogy is our focus for February.

On February 22 our meeting will include a workshop on how to fill out family group and pedigree sheets. Society Genealogist Jacqueline Munch tells us that filling out this form properly is an essential first step in preserving family history. **Read Jacquie's column, *Chasing Your Tale*, to find out how to prepare for the workshop.**

Our objective is to preserve the family histories of the Lockport area, and we want to begin with our current members. When your pedigree sheet is completed, you may wish to have a copy preserved in the Society archive. **The preservation of family histories is a benefit of being a member of LAGHS.**

Many of us have families or know about those that we can trace back to the 19th and even the 18th century. Information regarding the pioneers who settled in the Lockport area will be preserved in the Society archive. "Pioneers" is just one topic that will be included in the 175th Anniversary Book. There is much information that is already housed in local collections. However, we want to be sure to reach out to you so that we don't miss anything that may be added to Lockport's genealogy and history.

If you have knowledge of any early settlers, please share with us. Just some of the many names that randomly come to mind are: Gooding, Norton, Lane, Evans, Poor, Boyer, MacDonald, Alexander, Ward, Spangler, Rowley, Ott, Gillette, Paddock, Meurer, Cagwin, Daley, Milne, Hawley, Sisson, Johnson, Gaylord, Martin, Adelman, Fiddymont, Fitzpatrick, Runyon, Bruce, Frazier. This list goes on and on.

The more we learn, the more we feel a kinship with those whose vision and hard work manifested in "Lockport." Our Society takes its cue from this heritage as we embark on a journey of revealing our past and sharing the adventure with others.

If you are experienced in genealogy, consider calling Jacqueline to offer your help in training others. If you are a beginner, we hope you are excited about getting started.

Join us on February 22, 2003.

Bring along your family history binders for Share & Tell

We'll have a cup of coffee for you. Bring a treat and a guest, too!

—Dr. Reno G. Caneva

Let the Programs Begin

We think we have an exciting line-up of programs this year.



This month a genealogy workshop puts our commitment to Lockport family history in high gear.

New this year are tours to Romeoville and Crest Hill sites. A tour of the new Community Development Center (Old City Hall) will highlight talks about the police and fire departments.

And—don't miss the annual tour of Dellwood Park and the House in the Park, the society's headquarters.

MEETING

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**Saturday
February 22**

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8:30 a.m. Sharp!

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Gladys Fox Museum

Genealogy Workshop For Beginners

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Share & Tell
Bring your Family
Genealogy Binders.

Tell us how you did your
research.

**Everybody, Come to
This One!**

We'll make
the coffee.



You bring the treat!

Just for L a u g h s — Fun from cyberspace

with Dick Cronholm 😊



I just returned from Florida and thought you might get a chuckle from the following cyberspace memory.

A Memorable Moment

Two elderly people were living in a Florida mobile home park, he was a widower and she a widow. They had known one another for a number of years. One evening there was a community supper in the big activity center. These two were at the same table, across from each other. As the meal went on, he made a few admiring glances at her and finally gathered up his courage to ask her: "Will you marry me?"

After about six seconds of 'careful consideration,' she answered: "Yes. Yes, I will."

The meal ended and with a few more pleasant exchanges, and they went to their respective places. Next morning, he was troubled. "Did she say 'yes' or did she say 'no'?" Try as he would, he just could not recall. With trepidation he called her.

First, he explained that he didn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the lovely evening past. Gathering his courage, he inquired: "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'Yes' or did you say 'No'?"

He was delighted to hear her say, "Why, I said, 'Yes, yes I will,' and I meant it with all my heart. And I am so glad that you called, because I couldn't remember who had asked me!"

New Delivery Date for LAGHS Newsletter

Upon request from many of our members, the Society's newsletter will be received closer to the next scheduled meeting date.

Directors' Diary

Director Gordon McCluskey has resigned his board position with LAGHS, but he will continue to be active in assisting us with community outreach and program planning. Many thanks to Gordon for helping to get our new organization off to a roaring start.

Society Secretary Char Giardina will assume the Vice-Presidency, as the current bylaws stipulate. Anyone who would like to fill the positions of Vice-President or Secretary should call Char at 815.353.5662.



(Above) LAGHS Director Steve Potter poses in front of his Valentine Postcard collection at the February meeting.

(Below) Alyce Loose holds a valentine from her sister, dated February 13, 1928.



(Photographs by Judy Richardson.)

HELP! HAVE FUN!

Archive Committee Call Jacquie: 815.838.3795

We will train you to:

- Process and maintain genealogy and history records.
- Assist others with filling out genealogy forms.
- Do limited research.

Membership Committee

Call Bonnie: 815.838.9388

Outreach: Set up LAGHS info table at—

- Old Canal Days
- Civil War Days
- Christmas Crossroads

Card & Cake Clubs

- 90-99 Club
- Century Club
- Sympathy and Get Well

Hospitality

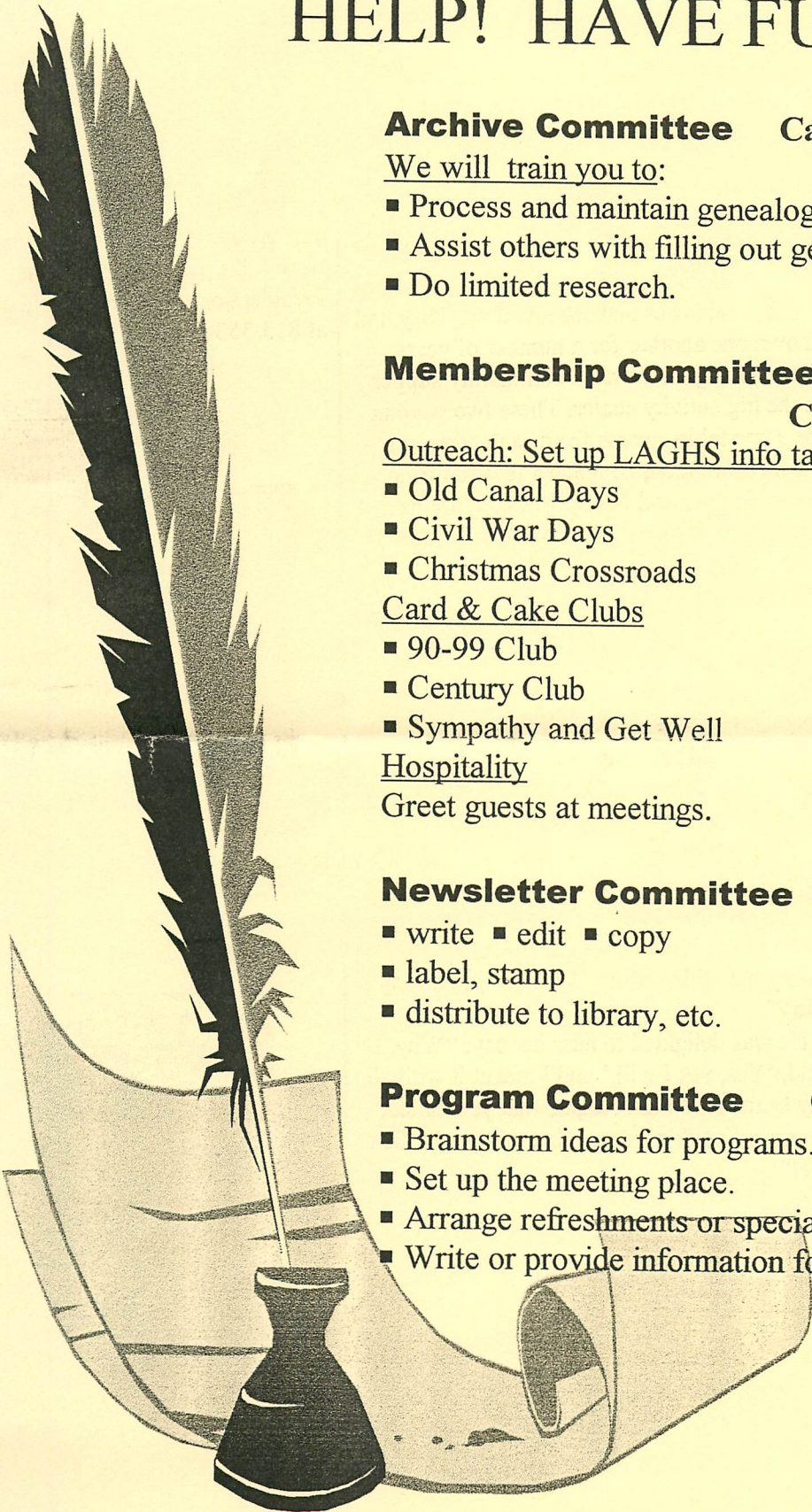
Greet guests at meetings.

Newsletter Committee Call Char: 815.353.5662

- write ■ edit ■ copy
- label, stamp
- distribute to library, etc.

Program Committee Call Char: 815.353.5662

- Brainstorm ideas for programs.
- Set up the meeting place.
- Arrange refreshments or special meals.
- Write or provide information for media releases.



HELP! HAVE FUN!

Research Committee Call Number 100-100000

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Chasing Your Tale

by Jacqueline Munch

Genealogy Workshop for Beginners

Want to get started climbing your family tree?

We're having a workshop at our next meeting just for you! Maybe you've already begun to research your family history but need some guidance in correctly filling out forms and organizing all those papers and notes you've collected. We want to help you with the basics of good genealogy research.

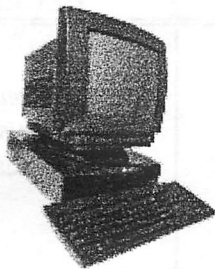
How to Prepare for the Workshop

- Write down what you already know about your immediate family and previous generations.
- Gather information from all your kinfolk, especially your oldest living relatives.
- Find out full names (including maiden names)
- Date and place of birth/baptism, marriage and death/burial.
- Write down the source for every piece of information you collect.
- Make copies of any vital records. Information on occupations, religion and military service are also helpful.



We will provide copies of genealogy forms for you to use.

Just bring your information and join us on
Saturday, February 22nd
as we begin to climb and enjoy the view!



If you have information to share with LAGHS,
please contact me at:

jlunch@earthlink.net, 815-838-3795, or:
Send mail to me at our society's address.

Thanks for the Memories

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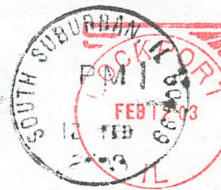


1. A large family tree chart compiled by Richard M. Fielding Jr. detailing the ancestry of Charles Waterman Norton and his wife, Mary Franklin Munson and also the descendants of their three children, Lawrence Kerchaval, Harriet Frances, and Robert Munson Norton. It includes many surnames, tracing this family back to the 1600's.
2. Copy of an article entitled "*From Cardiff to Illinois - The Immigration of One Matthews Family.*" The family of Samuel and Grace (Milward) Matthews emigrated in 1855 from South Wales to America. Several members of this family are buried in the Lockport cemetery.
3. Several articles about Michael Walter, an early Lockport businessman.
4. Reproduction of *Lockport Phoenix* of August 15, 1895 telling about "The Great Lockport Fire."
5. Copy of Captain Holder Sisson's obituary and biographical sketch from the May 1, 1878 issue of the *Lockport Standard*.
6. Articles about John Lane written by Dorothy Frazer Francis and Monna Milton Rowley.
7. Article about Dorothy Woebeking Worst, a World War II Army nurse, from *The Herald News*.



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~Downtown Lockport~
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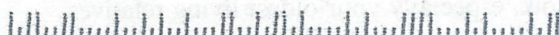
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CALENDAR 2003

JANUARY 25	FEBRUARY 22	MARCH 22	APRIL 26
<i>Year in Review</i> Valentine Postcard Display by Steve Potter	<i>Genealogy Workshop</i> Share & Tell: Family History Binders	<i>Tour Old City Hall</i> Share & Tell: Police & Fire Departments	<i>All sports Tribute</i> Share & Tell: Sports
MAY 24 (9 AM)	JUNE 28	JULY 26	AUGUST 23
<i>Tour of Romeoville</i> <i>Historical Society Museum</i> at the Fountaindale Library with Dorothy Hassert	ANNUAL MEETING <u>Election & Installation</u> ~Old Canal Days~ <u>LAGHS PARADE FLOAT</u> Friday, 20 <u>Outreach Info Table</u> 21 & 22	<i>Tour: Crest Hill- Past & Present</i> (details pending)	<i>2nd Annual Tour</i> <i>The House In The Park</i> <i>& Continental Breakfast</i> (Dellwood Park)
SEPTEMBER 27	OCTOBER 25 (PM)	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER 6
<i>Lockport's Historic Homes</i> with Jody Herman (time pending) <u>Dellwood Park</u> <u>Civil War Days</u> <u>Outreach Info Table</u> <u>5, 6 & 7</u>	<i>"Lockport History Etched in Stone"</i> Slide Show with Nancy Bruce Crilly	NO MEETING <u>Outreach Info Table</u> <i>at Christmas Crossroads</i> Sat. & Sun. 22 & 23	<i>Treasures of Christmas Past</i> (Holiday Party)