

# THE GRANNYTOWN GAZETTE

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Alden Historical Society, founded in 1965, is a volunteer-supported organization whose mission is to preserve, promote and present the history of the Town of Alden and its people.

## One Name on the Wall



Engraved on the face of the new Alden Veterans Memorial (designed by our own Conrad Borucki) are the names of seventy-one men who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country from Moses Fenno in the War of 1812 to Brett Gornewicz in Afghanistan in 2012. Each of those names is a son, a brother, a husband or a father.

***This is the story of one of those.***

I was asked by Supervisor Milligan and the Memorial Committee to help verify the names on a list they had been given. Judy Hotchkin was already at work on the list, primarily with the World War II and Viet Nam War names. I had done research on Alden's Civil War men so I started there. Judy and I discovered some misspellings, a man listed in the wrong war, some not from Alden, some not on the list, and a couple of mysteries.

One of those mysteries was Melvin Koehler. Koehler was a familiar Town Line area name, but

we searched census listings, service listings, service honor rolls, to no avail. The committee decided to keep his name on the list with the hope we could learn about him. Then, in the July 23, 2015, issue of the **Alden Advertiser**, Lee Weisbeck reprinted the front page of the July 23, 1949, issue. There, near the bottom of the first column, was an article "Lt. Col. E.J. Koehler Buried at West Point." Our Melvin was actually ELMER! A quick call to Paul Zinter had the correct name engraved on the monument.

***This then is the story of Elmer John Koehler of Buffalo, born in Alden on Nov. 28, 1912. He was the fourth of the five sons of Frederick and Dorothea (Dora) Simme Koehler.***



Elmer John "Dutch" Koehler  
Student at West Point  
Class of 1935  
Photo by Candace Smith

Dorothea was the daughter of Andrew and Louisa Simme, and sister of John, Albert and Christian. Andrew Simme owned and operated Simme's Meat Market, first on Kellogg Street, then in their new store on the corner of Kellogg and Broadway, now Henry's Candy. Frederick Koehler was the son of Ferdinand and Elizabeth Koehler of Town Line. Fred worked as a stencil cutter for a firm in Buffalo.

The Fred Koehler family lived on Kellogg Street, next to the Simmes. The 1925 New York census has them living on Main Street (Broadway), and by 1928 they are living in Buffalo at 220 Winslow Avenue. Dora died in 1929.

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Elmer attended East High School and graduated in 1931. He entered the United States Military Academy at West Point on July 1, 1931. "Dutch," as he was known by his classmates, was outstanding as a scholar and played football, basketball and lacrosse. He graduated from West Point on June 12, 1935, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Field Artillery. In August of 1935, Dutch married Dorothy Thompson of Washington, DC. They had one daughter, Lynne.

For the next eight years, Dutch served at Fort Sheridan, Illinois; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In 1943 he was given command of the 961<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Battalion. He helped organize and train this battalion and took it overseas. The battalion did outstanding work throughout the European Campaign and much of its credit can go to its commander.

Dutch Koehler covered himself in glory in the nine months he was in combat. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Distinguished Service Cross. The Bronze Star was awarded for heroic service in action on September 13, 1944, when he encountered a group of armed German soldiers and a machine-gun position. Lt. Col Koehler quickly reduced the machine-gun nest, captured four prisoners and the machine-gun and withdrew successfully from

the enemy position. The machine-gun nest had been covering a road junction through which the US troops had to pass during their advance.

On February 17, 1945, he was awarded the Silver Star "for gallantry in action" when he directed the fire of his artillery battalion in support of a river crossing under circumstances requiring the highest degree of accuracy and coordination. On the day he was killed, Dutch won the Distinguished Service Cross "for extraordinary heroism in action" on April 16, 1945, near Odenberg, Germany. While leading a small reconnaissance party forward in support of an Infantry attack, he encountered German S.S. troops. He covered the withdrawal of the rest of his party and warned friendly troops. Dutch killed two of the enemy, but was mortally wounded while advancing against a hail of fire. His extraordinary heroism and rapid reaction against the enemy resulted in a timely warning to friendly troops and in the escape of his own group.

On December 18, 1945, Brigadier General Edward Ott pinned the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star medals on Dutch's nine-year daughter. He told her that he had never before awarded any one man these three medals and said, "Lynne, your father was the most outstanding young officer with whom I have ever had the privilege to serve."



ELMER JOHN  
KOEHLER  
FLORIDA  
LT COL  
FIELD ARTILLERY  
WORLD WAR II  
NOVEMBER 28 1912  
APRIL 16 1945  
DSC-SS  
BSM & OLC-2 PH

As the **Advertiser** article stated, the remains of Lt. Col Elmer Koehler were returned from Germany and reburied in the West Point Cemetery in July 1949.

**To think we almost missed learning about this heroic Alden soldier! Thank you, Lee, for reprinting that front page.**

**Oh, we do have another mystery WWII serviceman, L.A. Brown, Jr. If you know of any information about him, please contact me.**

*Karen Muchow, Town and Village Historian*

# Veterans Memorial Wall Dedication

On Sunday, November 1, the Veterans Memorial Wall was unveiled and dedicated at the Alden Town Park. The dedication ceremony involved participation from various community members including Town of Alden Supervisor Bud Milligan, who welcomed those in attendance, Commander of the NYS VFW Marlene Roll, who was the guest speaker for the occasion, and John Ertel, who read Johnny Cash's "Ragged Old Flag." Alden High School Band, under the direction of Bill Larrabee, provided musical accompaniment, and third grade students from the Alden Primary School read the names of those memorialized on the monument.



The Alden Ecumenical Choir performed two songs, and a rifle salute accompanying the unveiling was provided by members of the Alden VFW and the Alden American Legion. Fr. James Ciupek of St. John's RC Church and Pastor Katherine Evans of Alden Presbyterian Church gave the blessing and benediction. The ceremony was brought to a fitting close with the skillful rendition of *Taps* by an Alden band student.

The idea for creating the wall came from Vietnam veteran and former Alden Town Justice and retired NYS trooper, the late Al Gerhart. Town Supervisor Milligan seized upon Gerhart's suggestion and formed a committee which

included Milligan, Commander Marlene Roll, Phil Arnold of Vets H.E.R.D. (Helping Empower Returning and Disabled Vets), Clarence Buob of the Alden VFW, local artist Conrad Borucki, Alden Town and Village Historian Karen Muchow, and local resident Judy (Weisbeck) Hotchkin, whose late husband John R. served as an aviator in the US Navy, earning the rank of lieutenant. Local artist Conrad Borucki designed the monument. Karen Muchow and Judy Hotchkin researched background on vets, and Karen selected the quotes for each war included on the memorial walkway.

Local contractors constructed the memorial.



Steve Zinter, owner of SBZ and Galle Stone [pronounced gällē] was the general contractor, with assistance from Justin Marchewka, owner of JJM Construction, the subcontractor. Paul Zinter, father of Steve, and owner of Galle Memorial Studio, handled the negotiating and pricing. The bricks used in the memorial were carved at the offices of Galle Stone on Two Rod Road in Alden.

**Walkway bricks are still available for purchase by calling 901-0773.**

*Elli DeFilippo, Vice President*

## Celebrate Alden's History with an Historical Tapestry



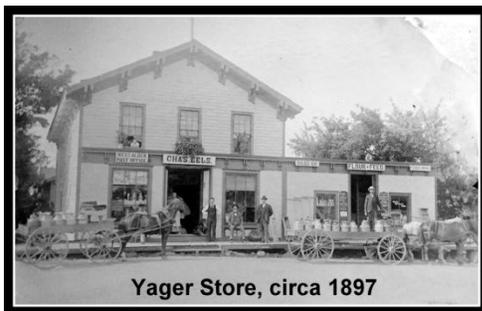
### ***NOW AVAILABLE***

To help celebrate the Alden Historical Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Society has produced a beautiful 54" x 70" tapestry throw noting significant buildings from Alden's history. Made of 100% cotton, the throw can be purchased for \$40 at the Alden Historical Society Building (open the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, except **January** and **February**).

The tapestry can also be purchased at the Alden Pharmacy (13203 Broadway, open 7 days) and at the Alden Chamber of Commerce office (13500 Broadway, open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday).

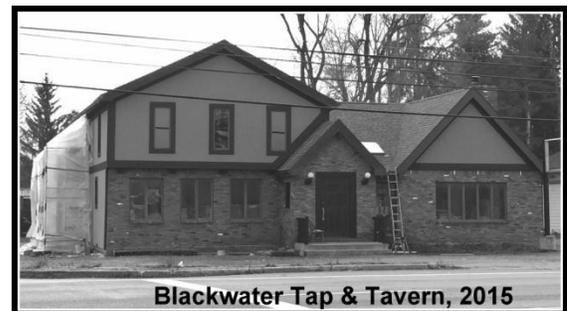
This would make a great gift for any current (or former) Aldenite interested in our rich history. You can place an order for a throw by sending an email to **[AldenHistSoc@gmail.com](mailto:AldenHistSoc@gmail.com)** or by contacting any trustee. Throws can be shipped to anywhere in the U.S. for an additional \$12.65.

### *Blackwater Tap & Tavern*



**Yager Store, circa 1897**

The building at the corner of Broadway and Three Rod Road is presently undergoing extensive renovations and is scheduled to reopen to patrons as the Blackwater Tap & Tavern soon. Owner Dave Jolevski is very interested in all things historical and wants to make sure that the next generation is aware of Alden's unique past, particularly the era of the black water baths. Early maps show a building and then a store at the intersection of Broadway and Three Rod Rd. dating back to the 1850s and '60s as the West Alden hamlet grew. Records indicate that Charles Eels operated the store at that corner beginning in 1872.



**Blackwater Tap & Tavern, 2015**

A post office was established at the location, as well as a feed store. The store was sold to T.B. Yager in 1895. The store served as the center of the West Alden hamlet for many years. Other businesses established at that location in subsequent years include Justinger's Grill, Cius Grill, Four Corners Inn, the Golden Dollar, the Cricket Club Restaurant and Magavin's.

The ***Blackwater Tap & Tavern*** joins ***Blackwater Fitness Club*** as two current Alden businesses acknowledging Alden's rich history.

We wish them success.

*Christopher Gust, President*

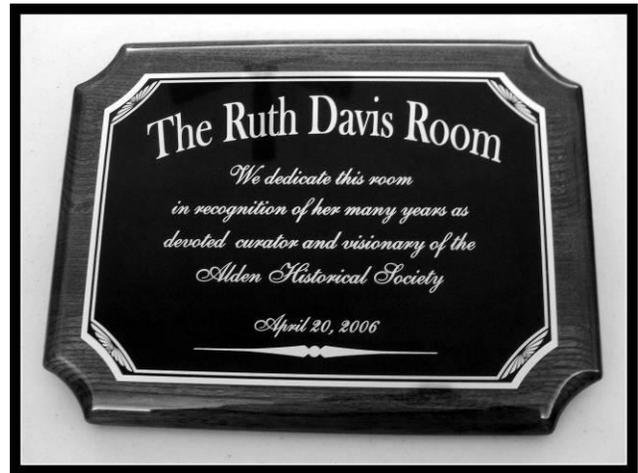
## Ruth Davis Farewell Party



Longtime Historical Society member and former Curator Ruth Davis was celebrated on Sunday, November 1, 2015, at the Alden Presbyterian Church where she was also a longtime member. The celebration was a send-off as Ruth relocates to Illinois to live closer to her daughter Ellen and family.

Ruth served as Curator for the Alden Historical Society for nearly twenty years. Among her many contributions to the Society was her proposal to add the large display room to the Historical Society building. When she learned that the town was seeking suggestions for how to spend funds earned through the town's centennial celebrations, she approached the town with a well-prepared proposal for an addition to the building. She won them over, and the new display space was added and subsequently named the Ruth Davis room at the time of her retirement as Curator.

Ruth has long roots in Alden. Her father, John Layer, was raised in the Millgrove area, on Zoeller Road. Ruth has many memories of growing up in Millgrove



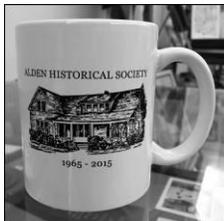
where, according to Ruth, the Millgrove Church was the center of life for most residents. When her father was appointed Superintendent of the State Hospital farm on Elmwood Avenue in Buffalo, the family moved there, but they still regularly visited family and friends in Alden.

Ruth retired from the Alden School District where she taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade and later, the gifted and talented program. She is a graduate of Buffalo State College and the Buffalo Public Schools, where she won several academic awards for achievement. Ruth and her husband, the late Dr. Ralph Davis, raised four children in Alden. They both actively volunteered their time, talent, and resources to serve the community.

**We wish Ruth well in her new home.**

*Elli De Filippo, Vice President*

## Golden Anniversary Commemorative Coffee Mugs



Treat yourself to one or two of our very nicely commemorative coffee mugs. They are available at the Alden Historical Building for \$5.00 each.

The Alden Historical Society Building is open to the public from 1 PM to 3 PM the first and third Sunday of each month except during January and February.



**January**  
and  
**February**

## *With Deepest Sympathy*



*Lester Eastwood* The Alden Historical Society extends heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Lester Eastwood, who passed away on November 9, 2015. Lester is survived by his wife Betty (Horni). He is the son of the late Arthur and Emma Eastwood and brother of Allen, Betty Mohart, Jean Snieder, Doris Brade, the late Willard, Arthur, and Irene Offhaus. An army veteran who served in Germany during World War I, Lester worked for Chevrolet and later as a custodian at Alden Central School until his retirement. Lester was a life member of the Alden Historical Society.



*Leonard A. Weisbeck Sr.* The Alden Historical Society extends heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Leonard A. Weisbeck, Sr., who died on December 3, 2015. Leonard, husband of the late Elizabeth "Betty," is survived by his children, Linda (Ron Carroll) Weisbeck, Leonard "Lee" Jr. (Vikki), Jean, Robert (Lisa), Gregory, Lori (Dale) Gramza, Chris (Janet), and Suzanne (Mike) Galbraith; 14 grandchildren; predeceased by one grandchild; 14 great grandchildren; siblings Doris (late Michael) Kostecky, Richard, Olive (late Harold) King, and Joseph (late Louise); brother-in-law George (Zulma) Dietz.

Leonard, more commonly known as Lenny, served in the US Navy during WW II. Lenny's life work was at the *Alden Advertiser*, where he joined his father, Joe Weisbeck, owner and publisher. Lenny purchased the paper in 1959 and ran it until 2000. Lenny was a charter member of the Historical Society and former Town Historian as well as an active and long-serving member of many other local organizations, for which he received several distinguished service awards.

## **2015 Christmas in the Park Bake Sale**

Our 6th Annual Bake Sale on Saturday, December 5, 2015, was again a huge success according to Bake Sale Chairman, Sandy Dussault. The day drew a number of visitors to the Village of Alden to celebrate "Christmas in the Park" --an event co-sponsored by the Alden Chamber of Commerce and Town of Alden's Department of Parks and Recreation. A variety of activities included a marketplace, carriage rides, kids' crafts and games, caroling, an art show, tree lighting ceremony, and special discounts and free offerings of food and beverages by local merchants and organizations. Many in the community look forward to the day every year.



Alden High School Choral Group

The Historical Society wishes to thank those who called for donations, worked at the sale, patronized the bake sale, and especially those who baked or made donations to support our cause. The bake sale is our main fund-raiser and surpassed our budget amount of \$700 this year.

A special thank you to Sandy Dussault, Lynda Tucker, Kristen & Jenna Kavanagh, Doris Brade, Debbie Crist, Judy Hotchkin and Michelle Dussault for their help during the day. An extra special thank you to Carl Matthies, Larry Kocher, Chris Gust and Kyle Kavanagh for their willingness to escort visitors on tours through the building.

Over the years on bake sale days we have hosted many first-time visitors to the building. This year we exceeded 40 new visitors in addition to many repeat visitors. We received many favorable comments regarding the quality of our displays and the professionalism of our docent staff.

*Gilbert Dussault, Trustee*

## **Please Welcome Mr. Christopher Gust, Our New President**



At the Alden Historical Society's Trustee meeting of December 8<sup>th</sup>, I was given the distinct honor of being elected President of the Board of Trustees. I appreciate the faith the Board has in me to help lead our organization during the coming year.

I have been a resident of Alden nearly all my life and have worked in the Village at the Alden State Bank for the past 25 years. Being an avid history buff, I have always been interested in that white building that sits across from the bank, the home of the Historical Society and its collection of artifacts from Alden's rich history. That interest culminated with my being named a Trustee of the Historical Society three years ago. Now, I plan on using my skills and experience gained through serving as President of the Alden Chamber of

Commerce for six years in this new responsibility. With the help of new Vice President Elli DeFilippo and the rest of our Board, we will work towards fulfilling the Mission of the Historical Society; to protect, present and promote the history of the Town of Alden and its people.

With a new Historical Marker coming in Spring, we hope the project brings further awareness of the Historical Society as an important cultural resource for Alden. And we hope that increased awareness translates to more visitors to our beautiful building on Sundays in the coming months.

Finally, I must thank our previous presidents who have served over the last three years, Gil Dussault and Roberta Vincent. Through their leadership, I have learned much about the Society and I look forward to this new challenge and opportunity. Thank you.

*Christopher Gust, President*

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## **Please Welcome Two New Trustees Three Year Term 2016 – 2019**



Lynda Tucker came from Arcade, NY in 1977 as co-owner of Millgrove Food Mart which she managed until 1998. She was a tax preparer at H & R Block before becoming secretary for the Alden Chamber of Commerce until her retirement.

Lynda has three grown children, four grandchildren, and is active in the Alden Garden Club and Millgrove Bible Church. She is honored to be elected a Trustee.

Lynda also offered to be chairperson of the Membership Committee as well as be on the publicity staff.



Sue Galbraith is currently the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Alden. She resided in Alden most of her life and is a 1981 Graduate of Alden High School. She is honored to be chosen a Trustee for the society. Sue also offered to be on the publicity staff.

Sue is the Secretary of the Alden Art Club, Village Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Former Secretary for the Town of Alden Planning Board, and Town Deputy Clerk. She is a reporter for the *Alden Advertiser*. Sue volunteers with UNYTS/Andrew's Army, serves as a Director of the Alden Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of Alden Substance Abuse Coalition and Alden Garden Club.

Youngest child of Leonard and Betty Weisbeck, her dad was a charter member of the Historical Society and instilled in his children a sense of pride and dedication in their community. She currently lives in her century home on Irving St. in the Village of Alden with her husband Michael and her three children Mikie, Dugan and Emily.

# Century Homes



If you were wondering why a gentleman was recently photographing your century home in the village, it was for the Historical Society. Angelo Daluisio, owner of Angelo Daluisio Photography graciously volunteered to photograph

all the known 100 + year old houses in the Village of Alden. We anticipate including the town for photographing in upcoming months.

With the Alden Historical Society's mission to protect, present and promote the history of the Town and Village of Alden and its people, the century homes fit right in. By archiving photographs, histories, memories and unique features/stories of our treasured Century Homes, we continue to fulfill that mission. This is all free of charge, and is done to preserve our history of Century

Homes in a reference book which is housed at the museum.

A program is also in the works to feature the homes in a historical society program later this year. If you own a century home and have not submitted the information, we would welcome your submission. Century Home plaques that can be mounted on the outside of your home to proudly indicate its status can be purchased from the Alden Historical Society for just \$40.

Angelo Daluisio, owner of Angelo Daluisio Photography, can digitally restore or enhance old photos in addition to the other photographic services he provides. Angelo is an Alden resident who serves on several local boards and committees. His book Porch Passages, can be purchased at the Historical Society, with a portion to benefit the Society. He may be contacted at

[www.angelodaluisiophotography.com](http://www.angelodaluisiophotography.com)

*We thank Angelo for his service.*

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## Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper

**O**n November 12, the Alden Historical Society held its Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper at the Community Center. Many brought wonderful dishes to pass in the form of hot casseroles, salads and desserts. The annual meeting began immediately following dinner. President Roberta Vincent led the meeting and officers and committees submitted and read their annual reports. Four new Trustees were then nominated and elected. Returning for a three year term will be Elli DeFilippo and Christopher



Gust. New to the Board are Lynda Tucker and Sue Galbraith. Welcome! In keeping with our traditional Veterans Day theme, there was an interesting discussion by Conrad & Carol Borucki of several "Hollywood Heroes," who, despite being stars, braved death to help the allies win World War II. The Society also thanks Debbie Crist for her service to the Board over the past 3 years and long-time Trustee Roberta Vincent, who also served over the past year as President. Thank you, Roberta, for your dedication and leadership.

*Christopher Gust, President*

# MONTHLY PROGRAMS

## January 14, 2016.....Genealogy



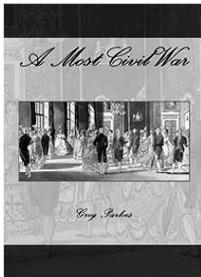
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January is here. The holiday season - the time of the year to be with family - is behind us. As the new year unfolds, we consider another family dimension – that of our roots, our ancestors, and our heritage. Karen Muchow and Sue Muench will explore various aspects of the pursuit of “Genealogy.” Both speakers are well-versed in how to begin; how to organize and research your ancestral information.

In addition to beneficial advice for constructing a family tree, we will learn fascinating genealogical material about specific Alden founding families. Whether you are a novice or an accomplished genealogist, this often requested program is certain to be informative.

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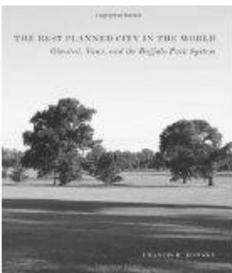
## February 11, 2016.....Greg Parkes, *A Most Civil War*



Alden novelist Greg Parkes will present and discuss his recently published book, ***A Most Civil War***. The book, a fictional treatment of the life of Margaret Schoolcraft (1733-1805), relates the journey of one woman in 18th century America, and is filled with adventure and memorable characterizations. Based on Margaret’s life and historical situations coupled with fictional enhancements, the book tells a remarkable story and is an ambitious undertaking.

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## March 10, 2016.....Francis Kowski, PhD *The Best Planned City in the World*



Francis Kowski is a notable architectural historian and Distinguished Professor of Fine Arts Emeritus at Buffalo State College. He is a leader in historic preservation, and his credentials are impressive. Join us as Mr. Kowski talks about ***The Best Planned City in the World: Olmstead, Vaux, and the Buffalo Park System***. The talk is based on his eponymous book, and has been referred to as the, “definitive history of Buffalo’s impressive system of parks and parkways.”

WNY Heritage Magazine referred to Mr. Kowski and his book as, “one of the most important contributions to Buffalo’s heritage in recent years.” In fact, when PBS television produced their documentary special on Olmstead and the park system, Mr. Kowski was considered an expert on the subject, and the program’s greatest contributor of material. Make certain to mark your calendar for this one!

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*Conrad and Carol Borucki, Program Committee*

# WELCOME MEMBERS

## NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Marjorie Pohl

Jean Weisbeck

### A Gentle Reminder



This is the last Gazette issue before our membership renewal date of March 31. It's a bit indelicate, but, we'd be remiss and Granny would be disappointed were we not to remind all of the approaching date. We greatly appreciate the support of all our sustaining members, and welcome anyone to join us.



#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

New members are always welcome. Your support will ensure that the Alden Historical Society will continue to grow and prosper for years to come. Please make check payable as noted below.

**Please note that the membership year runs from April 1 through March 31, with annual payment due by April 1.**

Thank you for your support.

#### DUES

Single .....\$12.00      Name.....  
Couple .....\$20.00      Address .....  
Family.....\$25.00      .....  
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A check payable to: *ALDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY* may be mailed to:

Membership Secretary  
Alden Historical Society  
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Alden, NY 14004

DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS ARE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

*Please remember the Alden Historical Society in your estate plans.*

*A bequest in your memory or in memory of someone you love can help preserve the heritage of our community.*

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Phone 937-3700

### *General Fund and Other Donors*

*Recently the Alden Historical Society has received generous donations from the following:*

*In lieu of Dues:*

*Elli DeFilippo*

*Jennifer & Christopher Gust*

*Sylvia Stevens-Buczek*

*Thomas M. D'Arcy, Jr.*

*Helen Giczkowski*

*Karen Muchow*

*Anne Newton*

*Janet Seitz*

Please be advised that donations to the Alden Historical Society are not tax deductible since it is not a 501(c)(3) organization.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING

The ALDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S many exhibits are located in the village at the Alden Historical Society Building, 13213 Broadway, across from Alden Sate Bank. The mission of the historical society is to preserve, promote and present the history of Alden and its people.

### **HOURS:**

The Alden Historical Society Building is open to the public from 1 PM to 3 PM the first and third Sunday of each month **except during January and February**. Tours for individuals and groups may be arranged by calling 937-3700, 937-6400.

### **MEETINGS:**

**Program meetings** are generally held at the Alden Community Center on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Notices will be published in the Alden Advertiser in advance of the program. Open to the public, these programs are both informative and interesting. Many times a guest speaker is present. You are very welcome to come, share your memories and experiences about the evening's program, and enjoy an informal social complete with homemade refreshments. In the event of inclement weather, we will follow the lead of the Alden school system, postponing when after school programs are closed.

**Trustee meetings** are normally held at the Alden Historical Building at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month in February, April, June, August, October and December (even months). Trustee meetings are open to the membership.

#### 2016 Officers

**President** – Christopher Gust  
**Vice President** – Elouise DeFilippo  
**Secretary** - Diane Casell  
**Treasurer**- Clarke Burke

#### Ex-Officio Appointments

**Curator** – vacant  
**Archivist** - Karen Muchow

#### Committee Chairs and members

**Membership** – Lynda Tucker, Clarke Burke, Jennifer Strong  
**Collections** - Larry Kocher, Diane Casell

**Publicity/Newsletter** - Elouise DeFilippo; Carl Matthies, Clarke Burke, Christopher Gust, Sue Galbraith, Lynda Tucker

**Program/Refreshments** – Conrad & Carol Borucki / Sandy Dussault

**Building and Ground** - Larry Kocher; Christopher Gust , Conrad Borucki

**Fundraising** - Gilbert Dussault

**Nominating** - Elouise DeFilippo and Jane Burke

**Audit** – Lynda Tucker; Clarke Burke and Larry Kocher

**Budget** - Clarke Burke; Larry Kocher and Christopher Gust

**Historical Marker/Signs** - Gilbert Dussault

**Erie County Fair** - Conrad Borucki

Town Historian – Karen Muchow

#### 2016 Trustees

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 Gilbert Dussault  
 Sue Galbraith  
 Christopher Gust  
 Larry Kocher  
 Carl Matthies  
 Jennifer Strong  
 Lynda Tucker

### ALDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY DATES TO REMEMBER WINTER 2016

PROGRAM MEETINGS Alden Community Center at 7 PM,	TRUSTEE MEETINGS Alden Historical Society Building at 7 PM
Jan. 14.....Genealogy	
Feb. 11.....Greg Parkes, <i>A Most Civil War</i>	Feb. 4..... <u>Members Invited</u>
Mar. 10.....Francis Kowski, PhD <i>The Best Planned City in the World</i>	

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