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VICE PRESIDENT

In December 2016 Pam Johnson submitted her resignation as Vice President to the President and the Board of Directors. Pam had served three very productive years as President but somewhat reluctantly agreed to serve as Vice President for a year.

The President asked a member of the Nomination Committee to look for a replacement. Lloyd Davis was contacted and agreed to serve the rest of Pam's term.

At the February Board Meeting President Jake Sherman nominated Lloyd to serve as Vice President. The Board approved the nomination.

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

Abstracts for 29 Society Quarterlies have been completed by College of St. Joseph students and placed online. Castleton University history students have also been contributors of these abstracts. These contributions have helped to enhance the usability of this section of the website.

Work on enhancing some file groups in the historical texts section with descriptions is on-going. In the Church Records section a brief introductory description has been added and files have been organized chronologically with date ranges attached. This should make use of these records more targeted.

The Quadrennial Appraisal of the Real Estate of the City of Rutland 1951 – 1954 has been scanned and uploaded to the Historical Texts page.

OUTREACH

President Jake Sherman and Curator Jim Davidson were invited to participate in a Rutland High School freshman multi-disciplinary program focusing on selected Rutland buildings, some historical and some not.

On one occasion students did phone call interviews with both Jake and Jim. Later Jake and Jim went to the high school to provide information and guidance to members of the freshman class.

The program has had wonderful benefits for the Society as well as the students as it has brought the students to the Society outside of regular school hours.

One building on the research list was the Nickwackett Fire Station, now the home of the Society. One student came to the Society asking if we knew where the brick was acquired for the building. Looking at an old map of that decade, we could see the Mussey Brickyard off Allen Street that seemed to be the most likely source.

Another student came to the Society with her older sister and a classmate. We were able to walk them through the use of the city directories to determine previous uses of a building.

**PLEASE
REMEMBER
YOUR 2017
DUES!**

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING ON CHANNEL 15 IN RUTLAND

The Society produces a new program each month. The series includes interviews and historical pictorial material in a rather flexible TV magazine format. The programs can be seen Wednesdays at 4PM, Thursdays at 1:30PM, and Fridays at 7:30PM. DVDs of past episodes can be obtained from Rutland Regional Community Television, 1 Scale Avenue, Suite 108, Rutland, VT 05701-4460. They are \$10 for each episode. Make checks payable to RRCT. Include \$2.50 for shipping and handling. Personal pickup is available. Call (802) 747-0151 for further information. Consult the Society website (rutlandhistory.com) for a complete listing of past shows.

To watch the current or previous episode of *Historically Speaking* in streaming video on your computer: (1) go to the Society website (rutlandhistory.com), (2) click on "Historically Speaking," and (3) click on the second paragraph which will link you to the Video On Demand Library on the PEG-TV website. In the search box at the top of the video player, type in "Historically Speaking" then click on the magnifying glass button to the right. You should get a choice of the two most recent programs.

Historically Speaking # 153 – "Website: Rutlandhistory.com".

Doreen McCullough, Society Webmaster, is the guest on this episode. She focuses on the history and developmental structure of the Society's website. Opened in February 2005, the site has rapidly grown in content. Significant accomplishments are noted, as is the global reach of the site. In the second part of the program host Jim Davidson takes the viewer to various files and demonstrates how to search in them.

Historically Speaking # 154 – "Bridges of Rutland".

Tom Carpenter is the guest on this history of the bridges throughout the old town of Rutland. The number of bridges in the old town of Rutland is immense. The program focuses on the history of the bridges over the Otter Creek and the East Creek. Time did not allow consideration of the bridges over numerous brooks or street bridges or railroads bridges. Jim Davidson hosts the program.

RUTLAND RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Rutland Railroad Historical Society will hold its Annual Convention in Rutland this year at the Franklin Conference Center at the Howe Center on April 29th and 30th. The Rutland Historical Society will have a table at the convention to demonstrate and sell our digital discs as well as demonstrate our free website on the 29th.

The evening banquet on the 29th will feature a presentation on "The Early History of the Rutland Railroad in Rutland" by Gary Shattuck, a new Rutland Historical Society member.

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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Is it time to renew?

The Society membership is on a calendar basis for all. There is a one-year grace period which means that if you did not pay dues for 2016 you will now be dropped from membership unless you immediately renew.

Please check the date above your name on the mailing label. If the date on your label is 2016 your dues for 2017 are now due. Please use the membership form on this page.

If the date on your label is 2017 or beyond, your dues are up to date. Thank you.

Please note the spot on the form for a donation beyond the dues. Any donation would be appreciated

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Second Person at same address (if any). No additional fee. (Not available for Student or Lifetime memberships.)

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ON THE SOCIETY WEBSITE

- Hemenway index plus 5 volumes of Hemenway. (Genealogy & Research)
- Vermont Vital Records. (familysearch.org. See Links)
- Documentary History of New Hampshire. (Historical Texts – Digital Bookshelf. See Index to all 40 volumes)
- Documentary History of New York. (Historical Texts – Digital Bookshelf. See particularly Volume 4. All 4 Volumes are searchable)
- Vermont Governor and Council (Historical Texts – Digital Bookshelf. All 8 volumes are searchable)
- Goodrich's Vermont Rolls of the American Revolution. (Historical Texts – Digital Bookshelf. Book is searchable)
- Rutland West Parish and Rutland East Parish Congregational Church Records. (Historical Texts – Church Records. Items are searchable)
- Extracts from the Rutland Herald and Predecessors – 1792 to 1835 (Historical Texts – Rutland Newspapers. Groupings are searchable)
- Chronicling America – Digital Newspapers. (Historical Texts – Rutland Newspapers. Entrance to digital newspapers from 1836 to 1922, which are searchable. Rutland items include Rutland Weekly Herald (1836-1854 and 1861-1876 and Rutland Daily Globe 1873-1877)
- Rutland Snippets (Clippings) from 1855 to 1999. (Historical Texts – Rutland Newspapers – Rutland Snippets. Each volume searchable)
- U.S. Census Records. (familysearch.org. See links)
- Rutland Town and City Reports – 1857 to date. (Historical Texts – Town Reports. Includes Rutland Town, Rutland City, West Rutland and Proctor. Also Village Reports for Rutland and Proctor. All searchable)
- Rutland Directories 1872-1986. (Historical Texts – Rutland Directories. Each directory is searchable)
- Gazetteer & Business Directory of Rutland County - 1881-1882 (Historical Texts – Digital Bookshelf. Searchable)
- History of Rutland County – 1886 (Historical Texts – Digital Bookshelf. Searchable)
- Quadrennial Appraisal of Real Estate in Rutland City – 1894-1955 (Historical Texts – Quadrennial Appraisal)
- High School Yearbooks for Rutland High School, Mt. St. Joseph Academy, West Rutland High School, Proctor High School, and Mill River High School and College of St. Joseph. (Historical Texts – Yearbooks)

**THE FACILITIES OF THE
RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ARE OPEN ON:
MONDAYS 6-9 PM •
SATURDAYS 1-4 PM**

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