



Judson House, 967 Academy Hill, Built C1750
and Catharine B. Mitchell Museum, 1958

The Stratford Historical Society

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ANNUAL MEETING

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, September 26, 1986 8:00 p.m.
Parish Hall, Stratford United
Methodist Church, 2600 Main St.

September 1986

"The Wonderful World of Paperweights"

If you think paperweights are just objects for holding down pieces of paper you should secure a front row seat for our September 26 meeting.

Donald Miner of Orange, who has collected paperweights for twenty years, will deliver an illustrated lecture on the subject. The beauty and variety possible-in what many think of as a prosaic object-will be on display. The devotee of a somewhat unusual hobby, Mr. Miner is a retired designer and manufacturer of aerospace products.

HOSTS AND HOSTESSES NEEDED

We still have many opportunities for individuals to serve as host or hostess during visiting hours at Judson House for the remaining days in September and most of October. The job requires simply being present on a Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday to assist the tour guides. It's fairly light work and you can learn something about our historic house. If you can help please call Mrs. Alfred D'Onofrio at 378-3082.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

September is our Annual Meeting at which time we will be electing officers for the coming year and voting on proposed changes to our Constitution and By-Laws. The proposals are explained on the third page of this newsletter.

BLAKEMAN ENDOWMENT FUND ADDED

Miss Harriet Blakeman has established a fund in memory of her sisters in the amount of \$20,000. This much appreciated gift is only the latest in a series of gifts to the Society by this generous benefactor.

THE CALDENDARS ARE COMING - Please save a spot in your kitchen ,den or wherever,for our 1987 illustrated Stratford Historical Society calendar due to be published and available later this Fall. Once again, it will feature a different period photograph for each month of the year.

JAZZ FOR THE MONUMENT - A jazz festival has been scheduled to benefit the restoration of the Civil War monument on Academy Hill. Its set for Sunday, September 21 from noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Bunnell High School field. Watch the papers for further details and support this worthwhile fund raiser if you can.

GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY -

Stratford Firefighters Local 998	\$25.00
Mrs. Edward Baxter	100.00
Mrs. Thomas J. O'Connell	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schlosser	100.00
(plus matching funds from the telephone company)	
Mr. William Josko	1,000

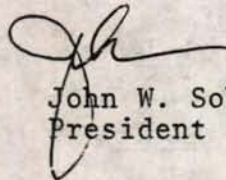
To help preserve the Wilcoxson photographic collection we have received \$500.00 from the Bridgeport Area Foundation.

AND FINALLY -AT LAST- A CURE FOR CORNS OR BUNIONS

"In the juice of two lemons put one dozen small pearl buttons. Shake the bottle a few times till dissolved. When it is ready for use apply twice a day till cured."

taken from the Blakeman recipe
book used in the 1800's

Now, with corns and bunions cured, you have no excuse for not coming to our September 26 Annual Meeting. See you there.



John W. Sober
President

Notification of proposed changes in the Constitution and By-laws of
The Stratford Historical Society:

Proposed change to Constitution: Re: ARTICLE III--Membership

Current: There shall be seven types of membership: Senior Citizen
(those 65 years of age and over), Individual, Contributing,
Business, Life, Honorary and Emeritus.

PROPOSED CHANGE: There shall be eight types of membership: 1. Senior
Citizen (65 years of age and over), 2. Individual,
3. Supporting, 4. Business, 5. Contributing, 6. Life,
7. Honorary, 8. Emeritus.

The PROPOSED CHANGE is the addition of one (1) category: SUPPORTING.

Proposed changes in By-laws: Re: ARTICLE II--Dues

PROPOSED DELETION:

Section 1. Classes of membership shall include: Senior
Citizen \$5.00 annually; Individual \$7.50 annually;
Contributing \$15.00 annually; Business \$25.00 annually;
Life \$150.00 (which may be paid in three consecutive
installments). Life members shall thereafter be exempt from
payment of dues. The monies from Life memberships shall
be incorporated into the Trust Fund account. Honorary and
Emeritus members are also exempt from payment of dues.

PROPOSED ADDITION:

Section 1. Appropriate annual dues for each type of
membership, as listed in the Constitution (Article III)
shall be determined by the Governing Board.

PROPOSED ADDITION:

Section 4. Life members, upon payment of the full
amount, shall thereafter be exempt from payment of dues.
The monies from Life memberships shall be incorporated
into the Trust Fund account. Honorary and Emeritus
members are exempt from payment of dues.
(This section was formerly included in Section 1.)

**The primary purpose of these changes is the removal of a dues structure
from the By-Laws of the Stratford Historical Society.

Proposal made March, 1986

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