President’s Report 2019-2020

This report covers Mystic River Historical Society activity since its last annual meeting on May 22, 2019, at which Rebecca Bayreuther presented “Cover Them Over with Beautiful Flowr’s: How We Memorialise the Civil War.”

On June 8, 2019, MRHS participated in CT Open House Day and opened Portersville Academy to the public.

At the June 17, 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees, Stephen Menno was elected president, replacing Louis Allyn. Lou was elected treasurer, replacing Barry Thorp. In July, board member Jennifer Pryor resigned after many years of service, notably, 15 years as the editor of the Portersville Press. Elizabeth Boucher, one of the collections assistants at the MRHS Downes building, agreed to become editor. In November, Cara Lopilato was appointed to the board, filling the remainder of Jennifer’s term. In January, Cara agreed to assume the role of recording secretary. Also in January, Nancy Potter was appointed to the board, replacing Elizabeth Holland who had served for several years as both recording secretary and corresponding secretary. Nancy agreed to assume the role of corresponding secretary.

The program committee developed the following speaker program for 2019-2020: October 23, 2019 - “Turtle: David Bushnell’s “Revolutionary Vessel” and Connecticut’s Role in Submarine History” by Roy Manstan; December 4, 2019 - “Great 18th Century Houses and Towns in Connecticut” by Damien Creggeau; February 26, 2020 - “The Phoenix of Mystic - The Central Hall Block” by Louis Allyn; March 25, 2020 - “Votes for Women - Celebrating 100 Years of Women’s Suffrage” by Leslie Evans; April 29, 2020 - “Hidden History of Mystic and Stonington” by Gail MacDonald; and May 27, 2020 - “Stonington Cemetery’s Poet’s Corner: A Stroll Along This Storied Lane” by Steve Slosberg. Unfortunately, because of the impact of the coronavirus threat, the March, April and May meetings were cancelled and are hoped to be rescheduled to the 2020-2021 speaker program.

On October 5, 2019, board member Marilyn Comrie led the year’s second “A Walk Through Helen Clarke’s Mystic” tour with help from board members Margaret Austin and John Parry. The walking tour was attended by 50 people.

MRHS planned to participate in the Groton Local History Fair at Groton Public Library on March 28, 2020. Because of coronavirus concerns, the history fair has been rescheduled to August 1, 2020.

Portersville Press newsletter editor Elizabeth Boucher has issued five newsletters since September 2019. These issues and all previous newsletters are available at https://www.mystichistory.org/back_issues.htm

Regarding membership, MRHS currently has 274 members. Since the last annual report, MRHS welcomed 12 new members. Unfortunately, we lost 10 members.

The history book club continued its regular monthly meetings at the Mystic-Noank Library.

MRHS remains financially sound. The 2019 fiscal year ended slightly over budget (approximately $1400), which was supplemented with funds from our investment account. We continue to be grateful to our membership whose dues are our main source of income, as well as for donations, and support from our newsletter patrons. Thank you!
The curatorial staff has been asked to establish a new feature for future newsletters—a report on what we have been adding to our MRHS collections. With the pandemic upon us there has been a drop in the number of items received year to date. We are, however, delighted to report on one major acquisition—the papers of Ellery Thompson.

Ellery Thompson (1899-1986) was born in Mystic and spent his adult life fishing the waters off southern New England. He was an author, a painter and an all-around character. In addition to writing such books as Draggerman’s Haul, Ellery spent much of his later years putting stories from his life down on paper. Marion Krepcio of Stonington was entrusted with Ellery’s manuscripts and she shared them with us in the past by allowing Marilyn Comrie to edit them for publication in our newsletter. (You can access these issues via our website: January 2007, March 2007 and May 2007). Recently Marion very generously donated five large boxes of Ellery’s papers, as well as other items, to the MRHS.

These records (including unpublished manuscripts, Thompson family genealogy, local news clippings, correspondence, personal papers and photographs) provide an in depth look into Ellery's own life as a writer, would-be film producer, painter, and above all fisherman, as well as a colorful view of local history and personalities in the early 20th century.

The process of entering so much material into our database is time consuming and still a work in progress. To learn more about Ellery and his paintings you should visit the New London Maritime Society website. They have a large collection of his work. Also, Steve Slosberg had an Ellery-related column in a recent issue of The Westerly Sun.
Remembrance of Things Past: Scout camp in Salem proved a boy's paradise in summer.

By Robert Welt, with an introduction by Lou Allyn
This article was originally published in The Day, August 27, 2018.

Last winter I read an article Groton resident and MRHS member Robert Welt wrote two years ago about life at Camp Wakenah (Boy Scouts of America) around 1958. It brought back a surge of memories of my two weeks there in 1952 and 1953 and gave me the idea to share this with our membership. Now, with permission, we are introducing the first in a series of reprints of his local history articles as published in The Day newspapers. Robert Welt served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, and then the Navy Reserve, and has a BA from UCONN and a Master’s degree in Social Studies Teacher Education. He taught middle school social studies, especially American History, in the Groton Public Schools from September 1974 until retirement in June 2014. Since retiring he has volunteered with many local organizations.

“Remembrance of Things Past”

It is amazing how many summer activities kids enjoy today. The Day has run ads for all sorts of camps, from 4-H to soccer to art. I don’t recall all these choices being available 60 years ago. Of course, there were swimming lessons at various beaches, but camps were either private, run by churches or by the scouts.

The highlight of summers was my time at Camp Wakenah on Gardner Lake in Salem. Wakenah was then one of the oldest Boy Scout camps in America, having been established around the time of World War I, not many years after Boy Scouting began in this country.

The dirt road off Old Colchester Road, leading into the camp, was not designed for speed or a comfortable ride. The road ended at a large field that had been graded compliments of Electric Boat. Surrounding the field were the nature lodge, the health lodge, and the trading post, which sold gimp, Coke, candy bars, and Scout materials.

Between the field and the lake was the dining hall, which had two levels. On top was the actual dining room and kitchen. The room was furnished with finished picnic tables and benches and contained a large stone fireplace. Metal pitchers were used for bug juice, which was consumed by the gallon. Wakenah had four campsites named after local Native Americans: Cassasinamon, Uncas, Samson Occum, and Tamaquashad. Campers didn’t use tents, but lived in Adirondack lean-tos, each of which had two sets of bunk beds.

There were a variety of opportunities available to campers each week. Younger boys, who had not yet achieved first class rank, were urged to concentrate on the camp craft and other skills necessary to reach that level. One staff member who taught the use of knife and axe was Dave Geer, who later became a world champion lumberjack. Legend had it that Dave’s axe was sharp enough to shave with!

Another activity was swimming. The waterfront was set up with finger docks in the shape of the letter F. Every boy took a swimming test on Sunday afternoon and was judged either a beginner, intermediate, or swimmer.

The better swimmers were allowed to swim out to the raft. One grueling activity, open to volunteers who trained for a week, was the mile swim. During general swim, staff members were on the docks with reach poles and the area between the far dock and the raft was patrolled by rowboat. The lifesaving mantra was; “reach, throw, row, go.”

Beyond swimming lessons, the waterfront offered merit badges in swimming and lifesaving, as well as for rowing and canoeing. The camp also had sailboards. I was on one of them one afternoon with a friend when the tiller broke. We tried to steer by dragging a leg in the water. Needless to say, we were berated, though good naturedly, for sailing into the swimming area.

On Friday evenings each campsite participated in a waterfront carnival to which parents were invited. The highlight of the evening was the parade of floats using rowboats. Near the Fourth of July, one troop’s patriotic float portrayed Washington crossing the Delaware. As the float was front and center under the spotlight, the voice of the waterfront director could be heard bellowing loudly from the porch, “I don’t care what your name is. Sit down in that rowboat!”

A more serious incident involved an evening trip to the Casino, a pinball parlor and soda fountain at the end of the lake. The adventure began on our return when the weather changed from calm to nasty.

We were paddling back to camp against the wind and the lake was getting pretty choppy. In fact, at least half the time when my 11-year-old partner dipped his paddle, it didn’t touch the water. I told him to move to the middle of the canoe and lay down. I moved a little bit forward and kept the craft into the wind.

Turning towards the shore was not an option as it was all swamp. We finally got back and as I think about it, whoever made that kid wear a life jacket was very wise.

Canoes played a part in another unsanctioned activity that gave everyone a good laugh. Next door to Wakenah was a private camp, whose loudspeaker could be heard at various times. Every day about mid-morning campers were directed to line up at the milk tree for snack time.

But the term “milk tree” was too much to resist. Wakenah purchased its milk in waxed containers. Rather than throw them out when empty, some devious staff members collected them and washed them out. Someone cut down a small dead tree, and the milk cartons were hung from the branches, with a sign that said, “Milk Tree.” Late one night the tree was loaded across two canoes and paddled down the lake to the neighboring camp where it was fastened to their raft. I hope our neighbors took it with good spirit.
An activity that many of us enjoyed was shooting. The instructor was Steve Rocketto, who went on to coach rifle teams at Grasso and Montville High. Wakenah had a rifle team and we shot a match against another private camp. Those kids all had expensive target rifles. Ours were neither expensive nor fancy. I remember lying in the prone position, in a light rain, and my glasses getting all wet. I pulled the hood of my poncho down lower on my face, and kept shooting.

We won the meet! Later I used to tell my middle school students that I did more shooting at Boy Scout camp than I did during Navy boot camp.

I remember the names of some of the staff. Jack Kirkness, a professional scouter, was the director, and a very talented horseshoe player. Other staff members were Richard Force, from Groton and Ron Sudol and Kent Sistaire, from New London. One staff member, who was older, had earned his Eagle award while living in the Philippines, and when we wore our full uniforms for evening retreat, his Eagle badge fascinated me, because unlike the American award, it showed the bird in flight. I had a great time at Wakenah, both as a camper and, for one season, on staff, and I’m sure many men in this area today share my feelings and are disappointed that it is no longer a Scout camp, having been sold in 2004.

The Mystic River Historical Society plans to reschedule Gail MacDonald’s talk about her book, "Hidden History of Mystic and Stonington." The talk was scheduled for April.

The book focuses on the little known events, forgotten places and long-ago residents who helped shape the community. Many of the book's stories center on ordinary people who lived extraordinary lives, such as the African-American sisters who ran a Pawcatuck inn that catered to black tourists in the era of segregation, the native Americans who found respect in a far-away land after abandoning their whaling ship, the school official who once lived in the town's almshouse, the many immigrants whose work once powered the mills and quarries in town and the women who were the wives, sisters and mothers of the town's commercial fishermen. The book includes a wide variety of stories that highlight the seafaring, industrial, suburban and agricultural past in town and encompasses significant stories from Stonington village, Mystic, Old Mystic and Pawcatuck.

Gail’s book can be ordered online via Bank Square Books or one can order curbside pickup through the Waterford Books A Million. It's also available on Amazon. People can also email Gail at gbraceimac@gmail.com or message her on Facebook through her personal or the book's Facebook page, and Gail will arrange to get you a copy. She is happy to do porch dropoffs or mail delivery with payment via check, cash or Paypal.

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**Checking in with the History Book Club**

The May 12th meeting will be held virtually, using Zoom. Contact Dana Semeraro at DSSemeraro@gmail.com for details.

May 12: We will finish our discussion on Our Man: Richard Holbrooke (and your books will not be due back until this date)


July 14: The Lodger Shakespeare: His Life on Silver Street, by Charles Nicholl, 2008 (275 pages)

Aug. 11: The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West, by David McCullough, 2019 (258 pages)

Sept. 8: The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World, by Andrea Wulf, 2015 (398 pages)


Nov. 10: Empire: How Spain Became a World Power - Second half of the book

Dec. 8: Empire: The Rise and Demise of the British World Order and the Lessons for Global Power, by Niall Ferguson, 2002 (318 pages)
More about 25 Broadway,  
*By Dorrie Hanna*

I got totally “down the rabbit hole” searching for a couple of dates for Steve for his “Then and Now” piece. I was aware that there once was a beautiful Victorian house at #25, before the A&P and CVS, but I really didn’t know the timeframe. I had a vague idea that someone named Christopher Morgan once lived there. And that he was in the ice cream business.

According to the 1868 map of Mystic, the house was once owned by Charles Mallory, the shipbuilder. From Ancestry I got some basic names and dates. It was a different Mr. Morgan who ran the ice cream shop. And there were TWO Christopher Morgans! The younger Christopher, whose parents owned #25, died in Illinois in 1935. His mother, who had been living at #25 alone in 1930, had moved to board with someone else by 1935. SO—presumably the house changed hands after Christopher’s death. Apparently it was a boarding house at the time it was demolished.

A Google image search for 25 Broadway eventually led me to images of the property in 1940, taken by a photographer for the Farm Security Administration. These pictures appear on the website www.Shorpy.com. Even better than finding the pictures was the associated on-line discussion about the location and date of the images, which included a link to MRHS’s Virtual Exhibit pages. Yay, us!! As entertaining as this quarantine-legal activity was, I still have not determined exactly when the house was razed.

The Civil War monument, known formally as the “Soldiers’ Monument,” at the intersection of East Main St. and Broadway Ave. in Mystic was dedicated on June 13, 1883. It commemorates the CT infantry regiments that fought in the Civil War battles of Gettysburg, Antietam, Port Hudson, and Drury’s Bluff. The monument was donated by Charles Mallory. This photograph was taken around 1925, and it can be found in the Josephine Dickinson collection, which is one of the many virtual exhibits on our website www.mystichistory.org/collectionsexhibit/index.htm. Notice the home behind and to the left of the monument at 25 Broadway, as well as the many trees that later fell victim to the Hurricane of 1938.

In this present-day photograph of the Civil War Monument, one can see the CVS store, which now stands at 25 Broadway. The home originally at that address was torn down in the 1940s and replaced by the A&P grocery store in 1954. In 1997, the A&P moved to what is now Big Y on Rt 1. CVS moved into the former A&P building. Note that the building at 27 Broadway behind and to the right of the monument still stands and can be seen in both photographs.

Groton Local History Fair

The Groton Local History Fair has been rescheduled from March 28, 2020 to August 1, 2020. This fair is an opportunity for local history organizations to advertise themselves to the local community. MRHS will be participating and will also be selling various MRHS books. The fair will be held at the Groton Public Library from noon to 3pm. See you there!

A Message to Our Members

MRHS wants to thank all of our members for your past and continued support. During these trying times with the coronavirus pandemic, your support is most appreciated. As you know, we have had to cancel our spring speaker meetings (March, April, and May), but we plan to reschedule them into our 2020-2021 season. Thank you for your patience. Please stay well and follow our health professionals’ guidelines.

Reader Tips:

To anyone interested in reading more about Connecticut during the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918—1919, check out the April 2nd edition of “Today in Connecticut History” or catch up with coverage from the January 2018 and March 2019 editions of the Portersville Press.
February 2020 Meeting Minutes - - -

The Board of Trustees of the Mystic River Historical Society met on Monday, February 10, 2020. Attendees were: Cindy Allyn, Lou Allyn, Margaret Austin, Cara Lopilato, Stephen Menno, John Parry, Nancy Potter, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, Richard Semeraro, and Stephanie Thorp.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Menno.

President (S. Menno): A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting. • Nancy Potter was welcomed as the new corresponding secretary. • Dorrie received an email from the Groton Public Library regarding our spot at the Groton Local History Fair on March 28 from 12:00-3:00pm. Steve is looking for at least 4 volunteers to help him at the table with book sales, handing out membership information, and answering questions of interested visitors. Marilyn Comrie is working on ideas for a MRHS history display. • Board wants to begin collecting ideas for a publication in honor of our 50th anniversary coming up in 3 years. In regards to the Board of Trustees and the cycle of terms for each chairperson, there have been updates. Lou’s term is to be extended for another year, Cindy is coming to an end of 5 years as membership chair, and Margaret is passing her program committee chair. By May, two positions will be opening. We will be sending out an email to our members to look for potential nominees.

Treasurer (L. Allyn): In regards to finding a new software system to help track memberships and make event payments easier, Arts People was no longer deemed to be our best option. It was brought to attention that Past Perfect, a software system we already have and use to track our archives’ content also has the ability to track memberships and other payments.

Finance (L. Allyn): Checkbook balance $10,799.24 • Dues paid $7,800 versus $10,500 budget and $6,750 last year at this time. Renewals are ahead of last year.

Curatorial (L. Allyn for Dorrie Hanna): Despite being closed for the first week of the month, January 2020 was pretty busy at the Downes Building. We had 15 visitors, 3 email queries, 4 phone queries, 5 visitor queries and one question via Facebook. The Committee has not met for quite a while, but will be meeting in the near future. Betsy is filling in for Louise who is on vacation for the month of February. It was called to attention that we do not have a content list of the Downes Building’s Collection available on our website. Adding this would be helpful and increase public interest in our archives. The future of our Mystic map collection was discussed after a project by Barry Thorp was mentioned. There is great benefit to digitizing our maps as it would preserve those in our possession that are in delicate condition.

Information Technology (S. Thorp): The data file backups and function check of the MRHS computer equipment was performed on February 1, 2020. Files and folders were updated and backed up to offsite storage for safe keeping for computers MRHS1/MRHS2 and laptops MRHS3/MRHS4. The computers were tested for proper connection to the network and the online printer.

Membership (C. Allyn): We continue to receive membership renewals as well as new members continue to come in.

Mystic Noank Library History Book Club (R. Semeraro): Board members extended a congratulations to Richard Semeraro and his wife, Dana, for the cover story of Mystic Neighbors’ February issue. The History Book Club is finishing up ‘The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism’ by Edward E. Baptist. • Next book is ‘Our Man: Richard Holbrooke and the End of the American Century’ by George Packer. The History Book Club will discuss the first half March 10 and the second half April 14.

Newsletter (S. Menno): Elizabeth Boucher sent out email to the board in regards to their input in the upcoming newsletter due February 21. • Marilyn will provide the write ups for the next two talks.

Lou sold an ad to be posted in the newsletter.

Programs (M. Austin): Lou Allyn will be presenting “The Phoenix of Mystic: The Central Hall Block” February 26 at the Congregation Church. Flyers in library and one at bank square books advertising the talk. About 40 people expected to attend based on the attendance of previous programs. • The next talk will be “Hidden History of Mystic and Stonington” by Gail McDonald on April 29. Stonington Historical Society has agreed to sponsor and advertise this event.

Social Media (L. Pyrke-Fairchild): Our social media followers continue to grow.

Lower Mystic Cemetery (L. Allyn): No report.

Mystic River Park 25th Anniversary (Steve for M. Comrie): Plans in motion to work with Mystic Park Association in obtaining a commemorative sign for the park. The sign would be in memory of Cotrell Lumber Company and in honor of Mystic River Park’s 25th Anniversary. Meeting Wednesday with the Mystic Fire District and waiting on a quote for the sign. Stephanie to ask Barry Thorp about pictures taken on the Cotrell site before the buildings were torn down.

Next Meeting—March 16, 2020 7:00 pm Mystic-Noank Library

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm Respectfully submitted, Cara Lopilato

March 2020 Meeting Minutes - - -

The Board of Trustees of the Mystic River Historical Society were unable to meet in person due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Instead, the agenda for the meeting was discussed via email.

The minutes for the 10 February 2020 meeting were approved.

President (S. Menno): The Groton Local History Fair has been rescheduled from 28 Mar to 1 Aug. • An email was sent out to our members cancelling the March 25th speaker meeting. The April meeting remains to be determined. • MRHS has registered for the 13 June CT Open House and will hold an open house of Porterville Academy from noon to 4pm. MRHS will be receiving two CT Open House lawn signs. Decision of displays is still underway. • Still have to solicit our membership on help and ideas for the historical society’s 50th birthday. • No responses yet on the solicitation for new board members/program committee chair. Lou Allyn provided the name of a potential board member and Steve will pursue.


Corresponding Secretary (N. Potter): Thank you letters were sent out for donations. We also received a revised copy of Kate Dimanescu’s book Denizens. A thank you letter will be sent.

Curatorial (Dorrie Hanna): February Activity Report: 7 visitors, 5 email queries, 2 phone queries, 2 walk-ins or Facebook queries, and 3 image requests.

Information Technology (S. Thorp): No report.

Membership (C. Allyn): One new member (Ginny Wydler). Unfortunately, two of our members have passed away (Nancy McKay and Roland Pampel).

Newsletter (S. Menno): March-April newsletter has been issued. Input for May-June newsletter will be due April 17th. (Post report note: Deadline changed to April 24).

Programs (M. Austin): The March program has been cancelled/postponed and the Congregational Church office has been informed. The status of April and May programs will be evaluated in the near future as dates approach.

Social Media (L. Pyrke-Fairchild): No report.

Lower Mystic Cemetery (L. Allyn): No report.
Mystic River Park 25th Anniversary (M. Comrie): Signs for Mystic River Park still need to be pursued. Steve and Marilyn working this.

Next Meeting—April 20, 2020 has been canceled. Further discussions will take place via email.

Portersville Academy Open House 2020

As of this writing, Connecticut Open House Day is June 13, 2020. In support of this day, the Mystic River Historical Society will be holding an open house at Portersville Academy at 76 High Street in Mystic. The academy will be open from noon to 4pm and is free and open to the public. In addition to several displays, MRHS books and other items will be available for sale. If the date changes because of coronavirus concerns, we will let our membership know.

Last year, over 40 visitors toured the Academy during the open house. Built in 1839 (when the village on the west side of the Mystic River was known as Portersville), the Portersville Academy was originally the Fifth District School and was located just north of the Union Baptist Church (then called Mariners Free Church). In 1888, the building was moved (!) to its current location and became the First District Hall. It was used as a courthouse (with a separate jail immediately nearby) and a voting hall. The building’s use as a district hall ended in 1958. The building sat vacant and unused for many years and was slated for demolition. In 1966, the building was rescued by concerned citizens, the Mystic Valley Civic Association, the Mystic Garden Club, and, later, the Mystic Junior Woman’s Club. It was acquired by the MRHS in 1975. At that point, many renovations of the building were made, including restoring the original configuration of two entrance doors, recreating the oval spider glass window, and installing a replacement bell and belfry that had been removed many years before.

Portersville Academy photographed by Barry Thorp, 2020

In Memoriam

The Mystic River Historical Society wishes to recognize Mr. Russel Leonard, who passed away on March 6, 2020. Russ had been a longtime member of MRHS who notably played Mr. Potter at our Portersville Academy for Groton school children field trips. We remember him fondly and will miss him and his service to MRHS.

MRHS is Looking for New Board Members

This May, two positions will be opening up on the Board of Trustees for the Mystic River Historical Society (MRHS). Per the bylaws of the MRHS, the Board governs the affairs of the society. It is comprised of 12 individuals. The officers of the society (president, vice president, treasurer, corresponding secretary, and recording secretary) are chosen from those 12 individuals. The remaining Board members include those responsible for membership, programs, information technology, social media, and the history book club, as well as some at-large trustees. The board meets once every month, except for the months of December, July, and August.

We are also looking for a successor to our current program committee chair, who has reached the end of her term. The committee is fully staffers, but needs someone to lead it. If you or someone you know would like to be more involved in the activities of the MRHS and would like to serve on the Board, please contact Steve Menno at stevemenno@yahoo.com.

Mystic River Historical Society Mission Statement

The Society exists to collect, arrange, exhibit and preserve records, papers, photographs, artifacts, relics and related archival materials that document the history of the people who lived in the area around the Mystic River from the first settlement in 1654 to the present.

Officers: President - Stephen Menno • Vice President - Margaret Austin • Treasurer - Lou Allyn • Corresponding Secretary - Nancy Potter • Recording Secretary - Cara Lopilato

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Events Calendar

7pm Tuesday, May 12th
History Book Club—MRHS & Mystic-Noank Library Partnership
Always Open to New Readers!
Our Man: Richard Holbrooke and the End of the American Century, by George Packer

7pm Tuesday, June 9th
History Book Club
The Name of War: King Philip's War and the Origins of American Identity, by Jill Lepore

7pm Wednesday, September 23, 2020
“Votes for Women - Celebrating 100 Years of Women’s Suffrage” by Leslie Evans.
7:00 refreshments & socializing, 7:30 program Mystic Congregational Church Hall, Broadway & E. Main, Mystic

Membership Updates

MRHS welcomes a new member, Ginny Wydler. Unfortunately, we lost four members - Nancy McKay, Roland Pampel, Jack Lee, and Paul Neuman - who passed away.

-Cindy Allyn, Membership