



Spirit of Salem

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“Keeping the Past Alive for Tomorrow”

2017 Upcoming SAHS Schedule

- Saturday, April 8, 6:00 PM, **SAHS Annual Dinner / Auction** at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center – Classic Fox Log Cabin Club House

Cost is \$37 per SAHS Member and \$42 per non-SAHS Member and all are invited. This will include a multi-course buffet dinner, a silent auction and a live auction. Auction items will include tickets to area attractions, national attractions, historical items and restaurant gift certificates. See Ticket Request Form on Page 5.

- Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 PM, **SAHS Membership Meeting** at Jarvis Stone School

A SAHS Business agenda and a presentation titled “Rosie the Riveter” by Darlene Imus.

- Saturday, May 20, 9 AM to 2 PM, **SAHS Flea Market & Yard Sale** at Jarvis Stone School

This will be a community type yard sale featuring flea market and resale items. It’s time to sell your unwanted treasures. You can buy a space to sell your items or you can donate items to SAHS with all proceeds from their sale going to SAHS General Fund. 15’ x 15’ spaces are \$15 for non-members and \$10 for members.

Applications are available on Page 6 and the SAHS’s website ([SAHS Yard Sale](#)). Donations of items, to be sold by SAHS at this fund raising event, will be accepted at the Jarvis Stone School on Sat. May 13th from 10:00 to 11:30 am and Wed. May 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer to assist in the running of this event, please contact Sue DiMilia at SAHS.YardSale@gmail.com.

- Wednesday, May 24, 7:30 PM, **SAHS Membership Meeting** at Jarvis Stone School

A SAHS Business agenda and a presentation titled “Walter Chrysler: His Company and His Life” by Russell Doré.

Recap of Recent SAHS Events

December Meeting

SAHS 2016 Christmas Party

The Salem Area Historical Society 2016 Events concluded on **December 4th** with its Annual Membership Christmas Party. This event attended by eighteen members was graciously hosted by Sue Bejin and Mike Geary. The honoree for 2016 was Irene Lyke. It was a great afternoon of friendship shared in a Christmas atmosphere with lot of food.

January Meeting

On Wednesday, **January 25th** at the Salem Township Hall, SAHS’s annual business meeting with a Pot-Luck Dinner was attended by 12 members. Discussions included the SAHS 2016 Financial statement including income and expenses and the 2017 SAHS Budget. This was followed by the playing of Salem:Jeopardy with full audience participation and hosted by Terry Cwik. The winning team was Sue DiMilia, Jim DiMilia and Mike Brautigan.

February Meeting

On Wednesday, **February 22nd**, six members and four guests attended the SAHS’s meeting at the Salem Township Hall. Seven updates to the SAHS Constitution were discussed and the nominations for the 2016/7 SAHS Board were closed. This was followed by a presentation by Margaret Givens Green titled “The Lewis Family History”.

YOU'RE AN OLD DETROITER IF...

- You took a 'moonlight cruise' to Bob-Lo with Captain Bob-Lo or went to Edgewater Amusement Park.
- You shopped at Hughes and Hatcher, B Siegel, Peck and Peck, Himelhochs, Robert Hall, Crowley's, Shoppers Fair, EJ Korvettes or Federals and of course Demery's.
- You rode the elevator at J. L. Hudson's, which was 'run' by an elevator operator. Fabulous Toy Department on the 12th floor.
- You remember a Winkleman's, Sanders and Federal store in your neighborhood.
- You remember the 'Big Snow', Buffalo Bob, Howdy Doody, Clarabelle, Phineas T. Bluster, Princess Summer-Fall-Winter-Spring.
- You remember Twin Pines Dairy delivered milk and juice to the chute on the side of your house and Milky the Clown performed magic with the magic words 'Twin Pines.'
- You remember the Good Humor man in a white uniform, ringing the bells as he drove down your street.
- You remember Olympia Stadium.
- You remember when Vernors was made on Woodward Ave., and a bearded troll was on the bottle.
- Your Mom got groceries at Great Scott, Food Fair, Wrigley's, Chatham, or C. F. Smith
- Your Mom saved Holden Red Stamps, S&H Green stamps, or Gold Bell Gift stamps, and you licked them into those little books.
- Kresge's and Woolworth's were 'Dime Stores.'
- You had an uncle in the furniture business (Joshua Door).
- You know who Bill Kennedy is.
- You saw the Detroit Lions play football in Tiger Stadium.
- You remember Black Bart and the Faygo song. Or how about 'Which way did he go? He went for Faygo, old fashion root beer.'
- You watched Rita Bell's prize movies in the morning.
- You remember Jack LeGoff and Van Patrick and Wolf-Man Jack.
- You remember Milky the Clown, Soupy Sales, Johnny Ginger, Poopdeck Paul, Captain Jolly, Sagebrush Shorty and maybe even Sergeant Satko Salute.
- You visited the Wonder Bread Bakery and got to take home a mini loaf of bread.
- Your address had a two-digit 'zone' before there were zip codes. Detroit 19, Michigan .
- You remember 'Get on the right track at 9 mile and Mack, to get the best deal in town. Roy O'Brien, it's the best deal in town.'
- You remember a laundry chute and a milk chute and a coal chute.
- You remember going to Detroit Edison with your Mom to exchange burned out light bulbs for new ones.

Proposed changes to the Salem Area Historical Society Constitution

Salem Area Historical Society By-Laws Update

ARTICLE X - QUORUM

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those voting. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing at a previous meeting. The quorum to do business shall be twenty members.

The SAHS Board has reviewed these changes and has voted unanimously to recommend approval of the following changes. These changes were submitted in writing and reviewed with the SAHS General Membership at the February 22, 2017 meeting.

The text "to be deleted" is formatted with strikethrough. "Added text" is in red.

Change 1

The Society ~~will provide~~ **will provide** for the preservation of such material and for its accessibility to all who wish to study it, ~~and to cooperate with officials in insuring the preservation of historic buildings, monuments and markers.~~

Rationale: This is to correct typos and grammar.

Change 2

Article III - Membership
Any person interested in the history of Salem area who applies for membership and who tenders the necessary due shall become a member. Annual dues for an active member shall be determined by the membership at the annual meeting. Annual dues shall be payable in advance, and members in arrears more than six months after payment is due shall be dropped from the membership.

Rationale: This is to restore an Article that was removed from the earlier versions of the By-Laws. The SAHS Board thinks its removal was an oversight and not intentional and that is still relevant.

Change 3

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the society shall be the March meeting. Monthly meetings will be determined by the ~~membership at the annual meeting~~ **Board of Directors**.

Rationale: The Board of Directors is the better group to determine the monthly meetings. We have been operating that way for at least the last 15 years.

Change 4

ARTICLE VII - Duties Officers

Monies shall be paid out by numbered checks signed by the treasurer and the president **or via the Salem Area Historical Society's PayPal account, which will be controlled by both the treasurer and the president.**

Rationale: SAHS has opened a PayPal Account to keep up with technology changes since 1994 and SAHS should use this method for payments when it is appropriate.

Change 5

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

The ~~Board~~ **Board** of Directors shall appoint the following committees:

Rationale: This is to correct a typo.

Change 6

ARTICLE X - QUORUM

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those voting. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing at a previous meeting. The quorum to do business shall be **the less of one quarter of the membership or** twenty members.

Rationale: Earlier versions of the By-Laws had defined a quorum as $\frac{1}{4}$ of the membership. The SAHS Board would like to make it the smaller of $\frac{1}{4}$ or 20. This change will accommodate a greater range in membership level. If the membership size decreases it will be difficult to get 20 members to vote and there is no provision on what happens if the membership falls below 20.

Change 7

ARTICLE XI - AFFILIATION

This society shall maintain an affiliation with the Michigan Historical Society.

Rationale: This just adds a title to this Article.



Salem Area Historical Society

PRESENTS

Annual Dinner & Auction

ON **SATURDAY, April 8th -- 6:00 PM**

AT **Fox Hill's Classic Log Cabin Club House**

\$42.00 per person or

\$37.00 per SAHS Member

Includes : Multi-Course Buffet Dinner with Silent and Live Auctions

Auction items will include tickets to area attractions, sports memorabilia, historical items and restaurant gift certificates. Merchants in Salem, Plymouth, Northville, South Lyon and Ann Arbor and surrounding areas have stepped up and donated numerous items for the silent and live auctions.

All Proceeds go to support Salem Area Historical Society's mission of preserving Salem's past for the future and the Jarvis Stone School Historic District .

Make check payable to: Salem Area Historical Society

Mail to: SAHS, P. O. Box 75011, Salem, MI 48175

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

of Tickets _____ **@ \$42 each =** _____

of Tickets _____ **@ \$37 each =** _____

Contacts: www.sahshistory.org , Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com

You can use the form above or go to the [SAHS Website's Dinner / Auction Page](#) and purchase your ticket online using PayPal.

5th Annual SAHS Flea Market / Yard Sale Application
Saturday, May 20, 2017 - 9 AM to 2 PM
7991 North Territorial Road, Plymouth 48170 - Salem Twp.
(Northwest corner of North Territorial & Curtis Roads)

SAHS Member Fee: \$10 per 15' x 15' space

Non-Member Fee: \$15 per 15' x 15' space

Space sizes are approximate. You need to bring your own tables and chairs.
There is no electricity. Set up time 8:15 – 9:00 AM. Applications due by May 11, 2017.
Sorry, no refunds, unless SAHS cancels the event.

Make check payable to: **Salem Area Historical Society**

Mail to: **SAHS, P. O. Box 75011, Salem, MI 48175**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **email:** _____

Fee: _____ **1 space / \$15 (\$10 members) x** _____ **# of spaces =** _____ **(total)**

Check #: _____

Would you like us to contact you by email regarding other SAHS events?

_____ **Yes** _____ **No**

If you have any questions, please contact
SAHS.YardSale@gmail.com or
visit the Salem Area Historical Society
website www.sahshistory.org for sale and
membership applications.



Excerpt from SAHS Publication

Salem Area Historical Society Publication: Brookville (Lapham's Corners) Early Families and Historic Houses

By: Don Riddering

Date: Historical Monograph No. IV-B 1990

Joseph Lapham purchased 160 acres from the U.S. government at Lapham's Corners in 1826. At this time he was a young man of 22 who had come west from Macedon, New York, leaving his parents, two brothers and two sisters in New York. He came apparently with a larger family group, probably cousins, who settled in Plymouth, Northville and Farmington, all with Lapham ancestors who arrived on this continent from Wales in 1635. Sometime after his arrive in Salem Joseph married Lucinda Pratt, the daughter of Elkanah Pratt, neighbors further down the road. A daughter Maria was born in 1829 and died in 1847. In 1850 a son Oren was born and died in 1851. Both children are buried in Lapham Cemetery. The census of 1850 list six other children of Joseph and Lucinda Lapham, but we have no other record of them: Jerome age 18, Nancy age 16, Irene age 12, Joseph age 8, Chloe age 5, Matilda age 4.

Joseph was joined in Brookville by his brother David, seven years younger, who bought 40 acres in 1835. (Section 35 at the end of South Weed Road) David was married to Ann Norton whose sister Hannah was married to Ethan Aldrich Lapham of Plymouth. ...

Although there are no known living descendants of the branch of the Laphams who settled in Brookville, the family members who had remained in New York flourished, Oren, Nancy and Nathaniel. There are Lapham descendants still living there. Life was difficult, however, in Michigan on the frontier; survival was not assured. But the memory of this early family is preserved in place names in our Township, Lapham's Corners and Lapham Cemetery.

...

Abraham Van Aken (1814-1901) and his wife Mary Lundergun (1842-1927) came to this area by covered wagon from Osborn City, New York. ... Their original home was on Brookville Road just west of Salem Road and was for the time the Brookville post office. As postmaster Abraham walked or drove a horse and wagon to Salem station to collect the mail daily.

Abraham and Mary had four children; Henry, Charles, Martha and Abe or "A.B.". ... The third son, Aba (1867-1951) also grew up in Brookville and attended Lapham School Along with all of his brothers and sister. He completed his formal education by commuting to Ypsilanti on foot to attend Yost Business College. ... By the early 1920's Abe ... had purchased both the Withee and Carl Blaich properties on Salem Road. The Old "Withee House" became their home and often the garden was the gathering place for social affairs and ice cream socials. The roll top desk in the dining room became the office of "A.B." during the time he served as Salem Township Treasurer and President of the Union Burial Association. He was a collector of antique clocks which he kept wound, running and chiming. Those who came to pay their taxes were greeted by the antique clocks chiming at all hours every few minutes. ...

Please use the form below to join us as a member of the Salem Area Historical Society for 2017.

SAHS Annual Memberships will last until March 31, 2018. Consider becoming a SAHS Lifetime Member. SAHS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and contributions to it may be tax deductible. You can also use this form to send your tax-deductible donation to the Salem Area Historical Society. You are encouraged to make copies and distribute this form to your family and friends. Another option is to join using the form on our Website or via PayPal where a credit card can be used: [SAHS Membership Page](#)

SAHS Membership Application

Make check payable to: Salem Area Historical Society Mail to: SAHS, P. O. Box 75011, Salem, MI 48175

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **email ID:** _____

Membership Fee: _____

Membership Type:

+ Donation: _____

\$10 per Senior ___ \$15 per Individual ___

Amount Enclosed: _____

\$25 per Family ___

\$50 per Business/Organization ___ and

\$300 Lifetime Membership per Couple ___

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