The Wellesley Hotel & Restaurant will open its doors on May 23rd under the direction of new Chef Hugo Orozco Carillo and his wife Stephanie. They look forward to many entertaining and delectable evenings and events. With more than fifteen years of professional cooking and kitchen management experience with high-end restaurants, Chef Hugo has a cultivated sense for the basis of his work: a team approach to the staff and a profound respect for the fundamental materials with which he works. His most recent restaurant in Brooklyn, La Slowteria, originally started in Tulum, Mexico has been received with a tremendously positive response. Now in Thousand Island Park, Hugo and Stephanie plan to bring the same professionalism and service along with a delicious menu to the Wellesley Hotel this summer. They are putting together theme evenings (like raw oyster bars) and may be serving brunch on special weekends. The Hotel Pub will be in full operation with a separate Pub menu and occasional live music. They will be reopening the Back Door Bakery on certain mornings to serve fresh baked bread as well as baked morning goods and coffee. The back patio has recently been beautifully renovated by the Corporation and will be furnished for our guests to enjoy their continental breakfast while surfing the web with the Back Door Bakery “wifi”, Chef Hugo is looking to have a “Chef’s Table” on the back patio for special parties. Hugo and Stephanie are excited about this new venture. The charm of the hotel and the surrounding community has really inspired them to see the Wellesley Hotel & restaurant used to its full potential while reviving its historic vibe and welcoming energy. See you in May 2014!

The Wellesley Hotel guest suites will also be available beginning May 24th, offering accommodations in a quaint Victorian-era atmosphere. To reserve a suite, call (315) 482-2576.

Greetings T. I Parkers,

It is that great time of year when thoughts trend toward the upcoming summer season. The Park is springing back to life as the forsythia and crocuses bloom and folks begin weekend trips to clean up yards and “summer-ize”.

This wonderful newspaper is filled with information pertaining to this summer’s activities, which are plentiful and exciting, as well as sections on T I Park policies and procedures. In particular, I ask you to review the section on Speeding and Signs located on Page 16. A perennial, yet growing concern of Park residents is vehicle speed. Consequently, the Board has decided to reduce the speed limit throughout the Park to 10 miles per hour. Adherence to the lower speed will better protect our kids, keep dust levels down, and reduce costly road damage during rainy periods. The Corporation will fine and enforce better than we have, and we ask you, the resident, to help keep our Park safe by reporting speeders to the Security or Corporation Offices.

The Park’s volunteer organizations; the Tabernacle Association, the Landmark Society, the Thousand Island Park Library, and the Thousand Island Park Yacht Club, have wonderful events and programs scheduled this Summer for Park residents and guests to enjoy. One such event is the 111th anniversary celebration of our Library on August 2nd, with descendants of Mrs. E.R Holden, who gifted the building to the Corporation, in attendance.

The Wellesley Hotel and Restaurant is searching for cooking and waiting staff, specifically people with a passion and respect for food, intent on learning and working in a family environment that believes in a philosophy of quality and not quantity. A smile, eagerness to work and attention to service and detail are a must. Please direct inquiries to: sheinegg@gmail.com

La Slowteria Reviews
http://www.thelatinkitchen.com/article/chefs watch-2014
At the end of the day, you should smell like dirt” - a quote from poet Margaret Atwood. I am certain I will smell like dirt, and maybe of some other strong pungent undertones, come Spring. So let me introduce myself now in the clean, crisp pages of the Gazette because come Spring you may not want to get too close to me. My hands will be dirty, anyway, inappropriate for an introductory handshake and I’ll probably be sporting my new hori hori knife which may be a bit off-putting.

I am Kathy Sturr, author of the Violet Fern blog, gardening addict, aspiring artist and now I am thrilled to add, TI Park’s gardener! I look forward to this Spring of 2014 and digging in at TI Park. There is much to do as all the Plant Parenthood volunteers well know. I hope to bring new perspective into the Parenthood plantings as well as update some of the existing landscape areas near the Park Pavilion and surrounding the library, for example. It is a lot to accomplish in one season BUT did I mention I am a gardening addict? Some people become addicted to pizza or ice cream, others a morning run, others fishing the River. Me? I am addicted to gardening in all its glory - dirt, bugs, worms, digging, planting, weeding, sweating, watering, watching things grow!

What will I do all Winter besides count-down to Spring? Browse seed catalogs, read gardening books, sketch new garden plans, add to plant wish-lists online, order plants and seeds. My Winter reading list so far includes How to Eradicate Invasive Plants by Teri Dunn Chace, The Pruning Book by Lee Reich and of course, the list of plants that have done well and not so well in the Plant Parenthood gardens! I am very grateful for your diligent notes. This Winter I am also excited to be part of the Master Gardener program at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County in Watertown. I plan to graduate in March and apply all my fresh, new knowledge to my role at TI Park.

In my own garden, I tend to plant not just for beauty but also for wildlife. By wildlife I mean birds, bees, butterflies and all sorts of insects which I find fascinating. In fact, my own garden is a certified backyard wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. (For more information about that you can visit http://www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife/Create-a-Habitat.aspx.) I relish this as I live in the Village of Clayton and I am continually amazed how much life can live in even the smallest plantings among us, sidewalks, drive-ways, and blocks of houses. You can view slideshows of my own garden in the making before and after, and get to know me a little better, by visiting my blog www.thavioletfern.com. There is a tab at the top of the page labeled The Violet Fern Garden. I hope to bring some of this style to TI Park - natural, but a little more refined for the Park. I’m entertaining waves of grasses at singing the river breeze, flowering spires and globes to attract butterflies and song birds, textures of interesting foliage, and repetition of color and form. I hope to gradually add a few perennials to the Plant Parenthood gardens to lessen the heavy workload come each Spring and minimize water usage - perhaps some Butterfly Weed to help out the declining Monarch population? It would do well in a dry, windy site. I like to use native plants when and where I can, especially here on the beautiful St. Lawrence River where we are so lucky to live! However, being a gardening addict also makes me a plant addict and I appreciate and lust after ALL plants. After all, gardeners need heart throbbing beauty, eye-stoppers, punctuation! If you are a Pinterest fan, I have started a board of TI Park ideas: http://www.pinterest.com/thavioletfern/ for your viewing pleasure. I would love to hear from you and welcome your comments and suggestions. Please email me at thevioletfern@gmail.com.

We all are VERY excited that Winter has finally let go of TI Park and Spring is here. We are all looking forward to a very exciting and WARM summer. As your General Manager I am very pleased with the overall scheduled strategic planning process that is underway at the Park.

Last year was a very stressful year with the Corporation running the Wellesley Hotel – but we accomplished what we set out to do and that was to find out what volume of revenue can be generated and an appropriate concession fee to be charged going forward. As you now are well aware – the Corporation has effectuated a NEW concession agreement with Chef Hugo and his wife Stephanie. We are all very excited about the Hotel this summer and the special touches that Chef Hugo will bring.

The Corporation finished the beautiful landscaped project behind the Hotel and will be adding some special touches this spring so that all Park residents and guests can enjoy a nice stroll or take time to sit and smell the flowers. Under the guidance of Jim Brassier & Dick Greene we have planted a number of new trees, trimmed “up” trees for better views for residents and have removed fallen branches from the ice-storm that hit the Park this winter. The new Shop concessions worked out great and all will be back this summer. Both the Guzzle & Grocery Store will be operated by Sandy Jeffries this summer. Please support the Park’s concessions.

2014 will be a very progressive year with many projects on the table. The TI Park Foundation was approved by the IRS on December 15th, 2013 with an effective date of exemption of May 10th, 2013. The Foundation Board will be meeting over the course of the summer to address historical grant applications and Park projects. Additional information – communication will be coming out this spring for all Park residents. Additional Foundation information can be found later in the Gazette. The Corporation Board has formed a number of new strategic committees that have been addressing landscaping/gardening, tree maintenance, prunning, waterfront issues [boathouses, docks, Marina], parking & capital planning to address the Park’s commercial buildings [plumbing building, Tabernacle, Hotel, commercial building, etc.]. The Community Garden will again be a huge success and will be under the supervision of the Park’s new Gardener- Kathy Sturr.

I am also very pleased to announce that the Corporation has hired a new Assistant Office Manager, Cathy DeGeorge. Cathy comes to the Park with Assistant Office Manager, Cathy DeGeorge. Cathy comes to the Park with a great background and has fit into the dynamics of the Park with ease. Please stop in and welcome Cathy to the Park.

Some strategic initiatives that will take place this spring:

1. The Landmark Society building will get a new shingled roof, paint job and handicapped accessibility. The Security building will also get a new shingled roof.

2. Our historical Library will get some new steps that reflect the original steps. Also, a new low landscaping plan will be implemented around the Library that will show off the beautiful stone work.
VEDANTA NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

A monument to honor Swami Vivekananda dedicated at Thousand Island Park. On July 26th, members of the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center of New York were joined by a large gathering of Thousand Island Park residents for a ceremony to unveil and dedicate the community’s new “Vivekananda Landing” monument, fulfilling a pledge made last summer during Swami Vivekananda’s 150th birthday celebrations at the Park.

As the sun gradually set along a wide expanse of the St. Lawrence River, the community unveiled the large, beautifully engraved bronze plaque, bearing an image of Swami Vivekananda, and mounted on a pedestal of local granite. Robert Sharlow, general manager of the Thousand Island Park Corporation, served as master of ceremonies, and introduced the participants in the ceremony. Reverend James Brown, a longtime summer resident of the Park, offered the invocation, and Corporation President William Burns spoke and cut the ribbon, unveiling the monument. Representing the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center of New York was Swami Yukatmananda, minister and spiritual leader of the Center, and Swami Vidananda, a monk of the Center, both of whom spoke on Swami Vivekananda and his teachings. Swami Yukatmananda invited all participants to join him in placing a large garland of red and white carnations over the plaque, after which the choir of the New York Center performed several musical offerings, both Indian and Western.

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Just a little way from its fellow icon, the Pavilion, right up St. Lawrence Avenue, stands the Tabernacle, historically and even up to the present day, the cultural focus of The Park. From its earliest days it has hosted music, lectures, and a variety of religious experiences. Famous persons from Carrie Nation to Swami Vivekananda have graced its platform.

The original Tabernacle building, erected in 1884 was very much larger and more elegant than the present structure. Over the years it became fragile and one winter a heavy snow caused the roof and much of the stage-house to collapse. Since then smaller versions have stood on that same spot. We still make the Tabernacle our religious and cultural center, of course, with church services and wonderful presentations like Swami Vivekananda’s Birthday Celebration.

It was after that wonderful weekend that I had the chance to go backstage, and indeed, below the stage of The Tabernacle. I had heard that a great deal of work had been done in order to make the stage safe enough to carry the weight of the visiting choirs and I welcomed the chance to learn more.

What I learned was that the present structure was built before the days of building codes and done with saving a penny or two in mind as well. Add to that, the toll that time has taken has led the current Board of Directors to establish a Buildings Committee that will address the strategic direction that the Tabernacle may take. The Board is very aware that the Tabernacle needs specific attention and will be partnering with the Thousand Island Park Foundation to secure “historical grant” funding – along with a progressive & professional “capital needs assessment plan” that will address not only the Tabernacles current and future safety, structural & community needs but all the Park’s commercial structures.

“Clearly, major work is in order. With the fate of the original Tabernacle in mind - the place that holds our history and in our hearts mandates doing the job right.”

NEW OFFICE STAFF

The Board of Directors are happy to announce the hiring of our new Office Assistant – Cathy DeGeorge. Cathy comes to TI Park with extensive management experience with leadership and strong communication skills. Cathy will help oversee Office duties, will work with the General Manager on operational projects and handle Preservation Board applications. Please stop in and welcome Cathy to the TI Park family.

MESSAGE FROM PARK GENERAL MANAGER

Bob Sharlow – Continued

I am very excited about the coming year and all the strategic initiatives that have been addressed by the Board for the long-term viability of your Park. I am very confident that your Park is moving in the right direction – at the right pace. Enhancements are being put into place that will protect & preserve the heritage of Thousand Island Park for generations to come.

I look forward to seeing everyone this summer and please do not hesitate to contact my Office if you need anything.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR GROCERY STORE
SET UP YOUR “HOUSE ACCOUNT” PER THE LETTER INCLUDED WITH YOUR RTS BILL

Bob/GM

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To many guests? Planning a wedding?
NO RUNNING WATER!!
**Pavilion Rentals**

The TI Park Pavilion is available for rent by Park owners [and non-owners if sponsored by owner] for private social functions. If sponsoring a rental of the Pavilion, the owner must participate in the event and will be held responsible for any damages. Availability is subject to planned TI Park Corp. seasonal events. The rental fee is $50 per hour with a minimum of $100 [or 2 hours] per event.

Reservation forms are available at the Corporation Office.

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**Leaf & Debris Pick-Up**

Spring Cleaning Is Here…….Please remember to separate your leaves and grass clippings from tree branch and brush debris. All leaves and clippings must be placed in **Recyclable/Biodegradable** bags and moved to the road side of your lot.

The Corporation Office has recyclable lawn & leaf bags for sale [5 Bags @ $4.00].

Please stop by and pick some up!
that the warring madness within the human family might someday cease, and that we might see through his eyes the truth that wherever we encounter extraordinary holiness and extraordinary power raising and purifying humanity, we have encountered you, O loving and all merciful God.

Those of us gathered in this beautiful place this evening are a tribute to Swami Vivekananda’s assurance that no one is an island, that we are involved in one another regardless of our religion, our station in life, or any other defining quality.

This grace-filled understanding of what it means to be your children, O God of all of life and all of history, has been etched deep into our hearts and souls by the wisdom of one who arrived here well over a century ago, and whose legacy and vision we now celebrate as we offer our thanksgiving to you, the One in whom we put our ultimate trust. Hear our prayer, and bless us now in what we say and do in honour of Swami Vivekananda. Amen.

Park President, William Burns, spoke about Swami Vivekananda and his influence upon the community of Thousand Island Park. Quoting from his remarks:

‘Swami Vivekananda, a 30 year old religious leader from India, arrived here at this landing on Tuesday, June 18, 1895, and would stay on for the next seven weeks as a guest at the cottage of his former student, Elizabeth Dutcher. The cottage is situated atop Observatory Hill, with commanding views of the American Channel and the Park below. . . .

‘It was here, on Thousand Island Park, this former Methodist Camp Meeting Ground, this island enclave of religious and social discernment, that Swami Vivekananda would unwind and collect himself. . . . It was in the [Vivekananda] Cottage and its environs where Swami Vivekananda would have perhaps the greatest concentration of teachings and writings during his stay in the Western World. . . . The ideas he cherished and expressed here grew in subsequent years into a spiritual tradition with centres throughout the world where he and his ideas are celebrated and exalted by millions of followers . . . .

‘Since that day, the seed planted in our community by Swami Vivekananda has slowly taken root. The Dutcher cottage is now the Vivekananda Cottage, owned by the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center of New York, which is charged with maintaining the dwelling as a pilgrimage site. The cottage is still a summer residence for the current Swami and his visitors, who continue the tradition of meditations and vespers. . . . It is moving, peaceful . . . it is ethereal.

‘Last summer, as part of the 150th Birthday celebration of Swami Vivekananda and in recognition of his historic visit here on the Park, the Corporation issued a proclamation dedicating this area to be known hereafter as “Vivekananda Landing.” Today, we dedicate this spot with this bronze plaque, which sits atop a granite cairn, in honour of Swami Vivekananda.’

The unveiling and garlanding of the monument was followed by musical offerings by members of the choir of the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center of New York.

In his letter of appreciation, addressed to the Board of Directors of Thousand Island Park Corporation, Swami Yukatmananda wrote (in part): ’I would not wish to pass up this opportunity to say that as Minister and Spiritual Leader of the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center of New York, I feel especially honoured and pleased that this important event has taken place in our own time. . . .’
SECURITY

The TI Park Security Office is located between the Hotel and Landmark Office and is open weekday afternoons from 12:30pm to 2:00pm for golf cart inspections.

To report a security incident during regular business hours please call
315-482-2576.

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL THE GENERAL MANAGER @
315-771-7443 OR 911

CONVENIENT PHONE NUMBERS

THOUSAND ISLAND PARK OFFICE  482-2576
GROCERY STORE              482-6568
LIBRARY                    482-9098
MARINA                     482-3928
TABERNACLE [ELLEN DITLIESSEN]  482-2426
WELLESLEY HOTEL & RESTAURANT 482-3698

GOLF CART REGISTRATION & INSPECTIONS

Remember to register your golf cart this Spring. The annual fee is still $40.00 and you must provide proof of insurance with the following limits and coverage.

Comprehensive general liability covering personal injury, death and property damage, with an insurance company authorized to do business within the State of New York and with liability limits of not less than $300,000 per occurrence.

Annual Registration/Safety Stickers are required for all golf carts. Before stickers can be issued, all golf carts must be inspected by TI Park Security. Once golf carts pass inspection, owners will receive two annual registration stickers which must be placed on each side of golf cart.

See your Cottage Owners’ Manual or “GREEN BOOK” for complete details on the TI Park Golf Cart Policy.

PEST CONTROL

The TI Park Board of Directors instituted a NEW policy two years ago governing the application of pesticide treatments on all TI Park structures. If you are not aware of this new policy and its requirements – and all owners are encouraged to review the policy - please review them on the TI Park website [tiparkcorp.com].

Of utmost importance when hiring a commercial pest control company is the timing of treatments and neighbor notification prior to the scheduled spraying. Before ANY professional pest control company can treat a cottage, the company MUST first be registered by the TI Park Corporation. Currently only [2] companies are licensed and approved to work on the Park - All Pest Inc. and Orkin.

Owners might want to consider using natural, green alternatives to commercial insecticides.

PARKING POLICY

The 2014 Parking Stickers have been mailed out to all TI Park owners. Like last year, please place the stickers inside your vehicle’s rear window with the Year/Lot Number facing out.

THE STICKER SHOULD GO ON THE DRIVER’S SIDE OF THE BACK WINDSHIELD. PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE THEM IN PLACE UPON ARRIVAL TO THE PARK.

If you did not receive your new parking stickers, please contact the TI Park Corp office. Per current parking policy, the number of vehicles parked at any one cottage is limited to two (2) unless special approval has been issued by the Corp. Office. Additional cars must be parked in the overflow lots located throughout the Park. Short-term Parking Permits for guests and/or renters are available at the Corporation office at no charge. Non-Resident/Off-Island Parking Stickers can be purchased for the Season, by the month, week or day at the TI Park Corp. Office. Any vehicles not displaying a parking sticker and parked anywhere in TI Park after 12-midnight will be ticketed.

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"Back by popular demand this season, Cross Island Farms will provide residents an opportunity to purchase Wellesley Island Grown fresh, organic produce on-site Friday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. across from the hotel on the corner where Union and Rainbow streets intersect. Co-owner Dani Baker will be there beginning Friday morning May 23rd (Memorial Day weekend) and then continuously every Friday morning from June 27th through August 29th (Labor Day Weekend). As always, organic vegetables, eggs and meats will also be available for purchase daily at the Farm on Cross Island Road. For more information visit www.crossislandfarms.com, www.facebook.com/crossislandfarms or email organic@crossislandfarms.com."
It has been said that “the Park is a great place for kids and dogs”, and it still is. The SAFETY of our children however now requires more thoughtful oversight by each and every dog owner on TI Park – whether they be owner, renter or guest.

It is imperative that all cottage owners again review the Corporation’s Dog Policies, Procedures & Regulations that are outlined in the Cottage Owners’ Manual “The Green Book”.

**SPECIAL ATTENTION**

*IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL RESIDENTS, GUESTS AND TENANTS TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF AND ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACTIONS OF THEIR DOGS!!*

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**ATTENTION PLEASE TI PARK RESIDENTS**

Please pay close attention to the following Park Policies as we move into this beautiful summer on TI Park. I bring these current policy points to your attention as to their importance and to make sure every resident understands their role in keeping TI Park safe and consistent.

1. **Permits**: It is the Cottage Owners responsibility to make sure the appropriate permit [preservation or regular] is effectuated for the work being done on the outside of your Cottage – BEFORE contractor starts the project!

2. **Renters**: Cottage owners MUST register with the Office if you are planning on renting your Cottage. This is an area that will have more oversight in 2014. Please respect & adhere to this Policy and register with the Office. Please educate and inform your renters about the Park’s policies. Also, if you have not completed your electrical inspection – this needs to be done immediately before you begin renting your cottage. Failure to register will invoke a significant fine.

3. **Speeding**: Please adhere to the new speed-limit of 10mph on TI Park roads. I cannot stress enough this VERY serious issue of speeding on the Park. Security has been instructed to issue speeding tickets and repeat offenders will receive a significant fine from the Corporation.

4. **Golf Carts**: Please adhere to the golf cart policy listed in your Green Book, with special attention to golf cart usage after 11:00pm.

**PLEASE REVIEW YOUR GREEN BOOK CONCERNING THESE AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT POLICY POINTS—YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

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**THE WEEKLY TRASH COLLECTION**


Regular collection will continue on Monday mornings & residents are asked to have their Totes curbside no later than 7:00am.

[NOTE: Totes may be placed by curb after 3:00pm on Sundays]

Once Waste Management has emptied the Totes, cottage owners should store them behind their cottages keeping them as out-of-sight as possible.

For any cottage owner who has difficulty moving their totes to the curb, we ask that you contact the Corp. Office [315] 482-2576 to make arrangements to have Park staff and/or a volunteer provide assistance.

**NO TRASH OF ANY KIND IS TO BE PLACED BEHIND THE FOUR CORNERS COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS OR THE WELLESLEY HOTEL. ANYONE FOUND LEAVING TRASH IN THESE AREAS WILL BE FINED.**

The Corporation will continue to pick-up and dispose of larger items. Fees for this special collection service are based on the size and type of items to be disposed. Please contact the Office for fee information and/or arrangements for a pick-up date & time. Please arrange pick-up day & time before items are moved to curb.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY CLEAN & GREEN!!**
Tabernacle Triathlon – July
As residents of Thousand Island Park, we are fortunate to be a Nationally Designated Historic District. TI Park has many of the required groups of buildings, properties and sites that are necessary to be recognized as historically or architecturally significant. The Landmark Society, in conjunction with the Preservation Board, the TIP Corporation and the TIP Library are excited to continue our collaborative effort to preserve and protect our community landmarks.

One of the projects designated by the Landmark Society in 2014 is an event to celebrate the 111th year of the Holden Library. The celebration will highlight the restoration and dedication of new steps and landscaping at the entrance of the library structure. The Thousand Island Park Corporation will restore the front steps of the library to reflect the original design. The project will include landscaping consistent with the time period. According to research done by Trude Fitelson and Alison Ross, the architecturally significant structure was designed by Henry Bacon, architect of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The wood and limestone library building was commissioned and accordingly gifted by Mrs. E.R Holden to the community in 1903 – along with the books. Archival information collected by Mike Stedem has afforded great insight into the significant contributions made by the Holden Family to TIP in the early 1900’s. Mr. Stedem has extended an invitation to the descendants of E.R Holden to join us in commemorating the occasion.

The TI Park Landmark Society invites you to celebrate the return visit of the E.R Holden descendants for the dedication of the Library Steps. The event will be held on the afternoon of **Saturday, August 2nd**. Please see below for event activities:

1. **2:00** Library Step Restoration Dedication and Introduction of Holden Family Descendants
2. **2:30** Punch and Cookies on the Green
3. **3:00** Carillon to Chapel
4. **3:15** Tabernacle Chautauqua of the North Speaker Christopher Thomas, Ph.D.

**Congratulations!**

All The Best From The Entire TI Park Community
Once again it is time to be thinking about summer and all the new books and programs available at the library.

A new project will be started at the Library this summer. We are going to place a book truck filled with books outside on the porch and people can buy them for $2.00 each. Hopefully, this will be successful and this will be an on-going project.

**Schedule of Events has been compiled and is as follows:**

Library begins summer hours:  
June 16, 2014

Story Hour begins:
June 30, 2014

Books Sandwiched In:
July 11, 2014

Author Ellen Wiseman will be reviewing her newest book. She reviewed her first book for us last summer and was well received. If you missed the review last year, please join us this summer.

**Date to be announced.**

Merry Go Round Playhouse:
**Date to be announced.**

If you would like to do a book review, please contact Mamie. Merry Go Round Playhouse: Date to be announced.

Catskill Puppet People:  
**Date to be announced.**

If you missed the review last year, please join us this summer.

Date to be announced.  

If you would like to do a book review, please contact Mamie.

Merry Go Round Playhouse: Date to be announced.  

Catskill Puppet People: Date to be announced.

Victorian tea:  
August 6, 2014

(Bring your fancy hat and join us for a fun filled time.)

A schedule of events with more information will be delivered with the first Tabernacle Information Sheet. Please post in your cottage for future references.

Many new books and audio books have been added to our collection. Please remember if you want to order a special book, send title to Mamie and it will be here for you when you arrive.

I am pleased to announce, Nina will be returning for her second year. It was a pleasure working with her and she was very efficient. Stop in and say “Hello” to her.

Please remember if you didn’t sign up for your universal card last year, be sure to apply for the card in 2014. This card allows you to borrow books wherever you are and our library receives credit for each book borrowed. Circulation stats are important for our funding.

Thank you for your patronage and we are looking forward to seeing everyone. Have a safe trip!

Mamie Heath/Librarian

**TIP Tabernacle Community Association**

The Fourth of July flag-raising on Friday the Fourth, and the Family Field Day and Strawberry Festival on Saturday, will start us out for the summer. We will hold the famous Summer/Rummage Sale on July 19th (start putting those donations for the sale away now!), followed by the annual Triathlon at the end of July. Plans are also underway for a special Art Show and Sale, to feature Park artists and their creativity.

We look forward to the revival of the annual Burger Roast, the ever-popular Kidz Fishing Derby, and the Ladies Golf Tournament in August. The 2014 ‘Chautauqua of the North’ lecture series will again bring three events to the Chapel; our speakers will likely be Professor Barbara Sherwood-Lollar, a geologist from Queens University in Kingston ON, a musical program with the Syracuse Symphoria (we’re hoping for a brass quintet), and Professor Chris Thomas from the University of Victoria, speaking on the architect who designed the TIP Library building. The latter speaker will be co-sponsored with the TIP Landmark Society as part of the Holden Library Centennial activities.

Of course, there will also be Catholic and Protestant services ten times throughout the summer! Father LaBaff has indicated that the Catholic Mass will be held at 8am each Sunday morning, and the Rev. Jim Brown is organizing a series of Protestant preachers for the 10am services each Sunday. We will continue to request your help with the food bank drive to help stock Gwen’s Pantry (the Town of Orleans food bank) in LaFargeville; this is the Tabernacle’s primary outreach effort each summer.

The issues of the TIP Tabernacle Community Association Information Sheet will be your guide to all the 2014 activities. The first Information Sheet and the 2013 Community Calendar will be delivered to cottages on June 26th/27th.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events, please get in touch with Ellen Detlefsen at 412-683-9658, or by email to ellen@detlefsen.com. Your ideas and input are always welcome.

Your voluntary contributions make all of these programs and activities possible. Please feel free to make an annual donation to the Tabernacle; checks made payable to the TIP Tabernacle Community Association can be mailed to the Tabernacle at P.O.Box 176, Thousand Island Park NY 13692-0254.
YOUTH RESCUES SON OF PASTOR

Wallace E. Brown, Jr., Saved from Drowning by Howard Beadle.

SAILBOAT IS CAPSIZED

Boys Thrown Out in Heavy Sea Off Thousand Island Park.

Howard Beadle, 39, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Beadle, No. 139 Crescent street, saved Wallace E. Brown, Jr., 39, son of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Brown, No. 141 Comstock place, from probable drowning in the St. Lawrence River off Thousand Island Park Tuesday afternoon.

The two Syracuse youths started in Beadle's sailboat for Clayton. A heavy wind was blowing, and when they were about a mile off the Thousand Island Park, the wind became too strong for them to control the boat. The heavy sea threw the boat over, and the boys were thrown into the water. The boat capsized, and Wallace E. Brown, Jr., was thrown overboard, and before he could reach the surface of the water, the boat was tossed on its side. The boys were unable to help themselves and were in considerable water and about 25 yards off the Thousand Island Park.

Wiegand's Point, where Beadle's sailboat was anchored, indicates that a sharp burst of wind turned the boat over.

Beadle and the son of the pastor of University Methodist Episcopal church jumped into the boat and pulled Brown out of the water. He is a bad swimmer and naturally somewhat in a weakened condition when he rose to the surface.

Beadle, an expert swimmer, thinking Brown was probably unsteady in his own care, held him in the water, while the others were made aware of Brown's predicament by the latter's shouts for help. Howard Beadle, Wiegand's point, where Beadle's sailboat was anchored, in the water turned the boat over.

Beadle then pulled him to the boat. The two youths were then pulled to a small boat sent out from shore.

Brown, 19, a sophomore at Syracuse university, where he is a member of the football team, will enter Syracuse university as a freshman next month.

THOUSAND ISLAND PARK PRETTIEST PLACE IN WORLD

Opinion of H. W. Kreuzburg Who Acquires Control of Beauty Spot.

H. W. Kreuzburg of Cincinnati, O., who has a summer home at Thousand Island Park, has acquired the controlling interest in the Thousand Island Park association. He has bought 2,500 of the 5,000 shares of Edward T. Shepard of this city.

Mr. Kreuzburg will take over the control of the property on January 10. At that time Felix E. Hagendorf, who has been secretary and treasurer of the association, will also retire, his place being taken by R. D. Grant of Clayton.

Coincidently with the above announcement comes the information that a large fireproof hotel is to be erected on the property to replace the Columbia hotel, which was destroyed by fire several years ago.

Mr. Kreuzburg has enjoyed several summers at the park. About a year ago he bought the Quackenbush cottage in West Coast avenue. He has traveled extensively and says that Thousand Island Park is the prettiest place in the world.

The association was formed many years ago, and its charter places a number of restrictions on the use of the property. At one time boats were not permitted to land or leave on Sundays, but this restriction has been modified somewhat during recent years. Mr. Kreuzburg says, however, that the park will continue to be run on the same high moral plane, so that it will be none the less desirable for those seeking a quiet place in which to spend their summers.

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TIP BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Burns has appointed Mike Siedem as the Nomination Committee Chair for this year’s TIP Corporation Board Nominating Committee.

Overview of the Board Nominating Committee:

1. The Nominating Committee is appointed annually by the TIP Board of Directors.
2. The Nominating Committee answers directly to the TIP Board of Directors.
3. The Nominating Committee will consist of no less than 4 individuals, plus the Chair.
4. Members are to be Stockholders.
   - 1 Member is to be a Non Stockholder, but must be a Cottage Owner.
   - The Chair will be required to vote only in the case of a Tie vote.
5. In order to be considered for nomination to the Board of Directors, you must possess specific skills, or life experiences, that will enhance the Board.
   - Examples would be, but not limited to: Historic Preservation, Legal, H.R., Financial, Business or Bond Experience.
   - Previous Government or Non-Profit experience and or previous Board participation on any political, social, civic, board of directors.
6. This Nominating Committee will be responsible for presenting to the Board of Directors at least 2 candidates who have agreed to serve and meet the Qualification Requirements.
7. In the case of a standing Board Member who wishes to continue to stand once again for election, and is in good standing with the Board and the Corporation, then the Nominating Committee will not select an additional candidate for Board consideration.
8. The Nominating Committee will present to the full Board qualified candidates. The Board of Directors will ultimately be responsible for conducting a final vetting and placement of individuals that meet the required qualifications, on the Annual Meeting Ballot for election by the Stockholders of TIP Park Corporation.
9. Nominations from the floor will be accepted, as in the past at the Annual Stockholders Meeting.
10. The Board of Directors is solely responsible for the election of the Board Officers, who are elected at the Board of Directors meeting conducted annually immediately following the Annual Stockholders meeting.
11. Important to note in the selection of candidates, that non stockholders are ineligible to serve as either the President or the Vice President of Thousand Island Park Corporation.
The Club Officer Team and Staff have been busy this winter making plans for a wonderful summer on the River! Sailing classes will be our main focus this year, with other efforts behind the scenes. We will be fundraising to repair and replace our aging fleet of sailboats, and carrying out those repairs and purchases. Here is our 2014 season lineup!

- Season Kickoff Mixer June 28th at the Pavilion lower deck 6-8 P.M.
- Sailing classes for kids age 6-18 Monday thru Thursday each week beginning June 23rd
- Sailing classes for adults each Friday beginning June 27th (new!)
- Races every Saturday morning at 11:00 A.M. in front of the Pavilion
- Flotilla at the flag raising July 4th in front of the Pavilion
- Commodore’s Ball and Silent Auction July 19th
- Dog Show July 23rd on the Green (new!)
- Annual meeting and election of officers August 2nd
- Sailing school picnic August 7th
- Annual James S Dickson Memorial race. This year honoring the Przysinda Family August 9th
- First annual Regatta Fun Day between our kids and those at the Antique Boat Museum August 15th [2:00-3:30 P.M.] followed by a community reception to celebrate the start of a new TIPYC tradition.

New and exciting T.I.P.Y.C. merchandise will be available for sale at all our events.

Membership to the Club is still just $50.00 per family. Although we won’t be loaning our boats out this year while we rebuild our fleet, there are excellent reasons to join: membership and sponsorship helps us to preserve an 80+ year tradition in the Park, promote safe boating for all ages, and pass on the love of sailing on the Saint Lawrence River to the next generation. Members also enjoy discounted rates on all Yacht Club offerings. To join, mail your membership dues to TIPYC P.O. Box 714 TIP, N.Y. 13692 or stop in at the Andersens at the corner of Rainbow and Headland (red house) after June 14th.

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**The Shops @ Thousand Island Park**

Happy Spring to One and All. Thank you for your loyalty and support each and every year. The Shops work together to bring a fine assortment of “Old & New” to the Park. Please stop in and see all the gifts and merchandise for the 2014 season. Some of the shops will be open Memorial Day weekend. Bring this Ad in to receive 10% off of one item.

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**Speeding & Signs**

Speeding on the Park has become a VERY SERIOUS issue!!

The Board has approved moving the Park speed limit to 10mph. Please be aware of the speed limit signs and help protect all the children, residents and visitors to the Park.

Security will be very aware of the speed limits and will be instructed to issue tickets to violators.

EVERYONE’S HELP IS NEEDED!!
The Landmark Society continues to highlight the unique architectural heritage of the Park through a variety of events. To reach our next generation of T. I. Parkers, we are introducing an educational youth program. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Holden Day event, when we join with several Park organizations to celebrate our Library and to recognize the Holden family benefactors and the restoration of the front steps to architect Henry Bacon’s original design. Come visit the shop where new items are on sale, and exhibits and reference materials will pique your historic and architectural interests. Our annual newsletter, News and Views, will provide more information regarding membership, as well as programs promoting preservation and education. We look forward to the water coming on, the days warming up, and the canvas coming off to reveal the stunning backdrop of TIP’s architectural splendor and a return to porch living.
For many years access to Thousand Island Park could only be made via the water and even today, although we have road access to the mainland, it is our waterfront that in many ways defines what we are as a community.

For some time now The Board has considered the enhancement of our waterfront as one of its key objectives and this has now been given considerably more focus with the formation of a Waterfront and Land Use Committee, which was created in January of this year. This Committee has already held three meetings this year and submitted its ideas to the TIP Board at the March Board Meeting. Following that meeting it was agreed that the following initial areas would be addressed:

- Docks and boathouses
- The Main Dock
- The Ferry (concrete) dock
- The future of South Bay

Docks and boathouses

Some leaseholders will be aware that their lease renewals have been postponed. The main reason for this is that we were awaiting finalization of a process to help residents comply with the terms of their leases. Those leases which have been postponed or due to expire by June 1, 2016 will have their docks and boathouses inspected by the Corporation General Manager in conjunction with the leaseholder. Should it be considered that there are areas where the structures do not conform to the requirements with regards to maintenance and appearance then the Corporation will discuss with the leaseholder a potential range of options and plans to ensure compliance with the lease requirement upon renewal. Expertise on structures and materials will be offered by Waterfront Committee members to the leaseholder at no expense to the leaseholder.

Main Dock

The Pavilion and Main Dock are the most striking landmarks on our waterfront and, to a great extent, symbolize our heritage and culture. Our intentions here are to upgrade and revamp this area as well as make it more user friendly for boaters. Our plans here include the following:

- The employment of a Dock Master on a seven-day-a-week basis throughout the main summer months. This will be a very broad role. Some of the key functions include ensuring that the best use is made of the minimum dockage available, assistance with dockage and ensuring that the entire main dock area and its facilities are well maintained. A job description and application form is available in the Corporation Office and on our web site.
- The current skiff ramp will be upgraded to facilitate easier small craft docking and the boxes, which have become dilapidated, will be removed.
- User-friendly inclined swimming ladders will be added to both the Main and Ferry Dock.
- Dockage rentals will increase to $750 [minimum] per season coming pleasure boats that wish to dock and monitor dockage times, do scheduled cleaning and security of the Main Dock and Pavilion.

Ferry/Concrete dock

It is thought that this area has had no clear focus in the past and because of that has, perhaps, been underutilized. It is intended that this area is now primarily for the use of our more senior residents and designed as a more tranquil area while providing the appropriate facilities for water-related recreation. Our thoughts here include:

- We will replant the area in a style which will conform to the historical style
- We are developing plans for a functional memorial area

South Bay

It is thought that there may well be considerable potential for the appropriate development of South Bay for our community and a number of ideas are in the process of being discussed. Plans will be presented after a further study is undertaken.

In addition to the above, the Committee is in the early planning stage for the beautification and safety of our road access along CR 100. However, this is contingent upon the Town of Orleans sewer construction.

We believe that all of these focus areas are in keeping with our desire to continue to improve our waterfront and public land for the primary benefit of our residents while enhancing the overall appeal of Thousand Island Park.

Dock Master positions to supervise activities associated with the Park’s Main Dock & Pavilion. Hours and Days are yet TBD.

Dock Master should have overall boating & docking knowledge, communication skills and be aware of overall river functionality.

Dock Master position will report weekly to the General Manager and recommend operational changes as they deem appropriate.

Dock Master will have FULL authority to act on behalf of the Park when it comes to safety and security issues.

If you are interested in applying for one of these two positions – send your resume and cover letter to attention: General Manager, PO Box 1103, TI Park, NY 13692 – or you can come into the Office to discuss.
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The Thousand Island Park Foundation received final IRS approval last year. The Foundation Board will meet this month and begin to assemble information and literature to share with you early in the season on this great legacy vehicle to benefit our Park and its enjoyment by generations to come. Please review the section on the Park’s Foundation located on Page 23.

The Corporation has numerous projects to accomplish this Spring including work on the Library, Security Building and Basket Shop, as well as various landscaping projects. During the Summer, you may see surveying work underway in preparation for the upcoming Town sewer project. You may also see some engineers knocking about our buildings and facilities as the Corporation conducts a Capital Needs Assessment Review. Through this effort and its findings, the Board will create a long-term capital plan for maintenance, repair and rejuvenation of our structures.

Of course, much of this news and more is available in greater detail throughout this newspaper. I thank the advertisers who contributed to this publication and ask you to take note of their participation. Their assistance has greatly helped the Corporation in bringing this important communication to Park residents.

I look forward to welcoming back all of you to T I Park!

William N. Burns, President
T. I. Park Board of Directors
**THOUSAND ISLAND PARK FEATURED COTTAGE**

The new Rick & Michele Gefell cottage located at 1543 Prospect reflects the generational love for TI Park and how dreams come true. Rick’s Uncles (Fr. Joe & Gerry Gefell) and grandfather purchased the present Butler Cottage in 1944. As children, the Gefell family would spend most of the summer at this cottage until 1967 when Rick’s parents purchased the former Rev. Veruwick cottage at the corner of Coast Ave. & Rainbow.

- In 1962 they built the 2 car carport.
- In 1973 they added on to the garage.
- In 1978 they increased the lower level footprint and added a 2nd story for storage of all of their fishing gear as well as all of their military memorabilia since they both had recently retired from active duty as military chaplains.
- In 1984 they sold the cottage and garage and moved to Mud Bay in Cape Vincent.

Michele and Rick bought the garage in 1999 and converted the upstairs storage area into a 800 sq. ft. apartment. Their dream was to someday build a new cottage on that site.

Finally, in 2013 that dream came to fruition!

**Gefell Residence Prospect Avenue, Thousand Island Park, NY**

After residing in the converted workshop of Rick Gefell’s uncles for 13 years, Michelle and Rick collaborated with father and son team Steve Taylor, Steve Taylor Builders, and his architect son, Jonathan, on a design for their new Thousand Island Park home. Drawing on the purely American-originated Shingle Style, made popular on the eastern seaboard of the U.S. between 1879 and 1890, this style is characterized by a free-flowing, open plan with open porches and an irregular roofline accentuating a more horizontal plane.

Shingle Style is also known for its complex shapes united by a covering of cedar shingles. An L-shaped design maximizes the privacy to the rear of the house with lovely views of the neighbors gardens and South Bay. The octagonal screened porch is a gesture to the box bay window of the next door cottage. This newly architect-designed home fits seamlessly into its neighborhood and advances the aesthetics of the Thousand Island Park Historic District.

Trude Fitelson for the Thousand Island Park Landmark Society
Hello Everyone, it’s almost time for the 2014 season. We’re so excited to see everyone and get the store up and running.

I will be making a few changes in some of the products we carry. More of what was requested last year is the biggest change. We will still be offering our pizzas with a few new choices. Also adding some new chicken wing flavors to tempt your palate. Our subs and deli sandwiches have been a Park staple and will continue to be available.

We have our catering menu available for all your party needs. Please stop by the store and take a look at the menu.

We’re very happy to be getting back to the Park for another wonderful year; see you all soon!

THE Guzzle

I scream, you scream, we ALL scream for The Guzzle ice cream!! I am pleased to announce, that my staff and I, Sandy, will also be serving all your Guzzle needs.

Stop by and see us. Check out the new food menu, candy choices and of course all the ice cream and drink choices. We are going to have lots of fun this summer. Lots of great food, fun and friends to be made. Our current plan is to open for the season May 16th.

I am currently looking for staff for both venues. If you are interested, please call Sandy at (315)486-4642. We are so looking forward to a wonderful year. Thanks in advance for all your support! – Sandy
The Board of Directors for your TI Park Foundation is very pleased to announce that effective December 15th, 2013 our application for tax exempt status has been approved by the IRS with an Effective Date of Exemption of May 10th, 2013.

Contributions to your TI Park Foundation are deductible under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the Foundation are deductible under section 170 of the Code. The Foundation is qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2016 or 2522 of the Code.

Your Foundation is formed to:

[1.] Support and facilitate a greater life experience for all who enjoy Thousand Island Park, which is wholly included in the Thousand Island Park Historic District, a historical district listed on the National Registry of Historic Places
[2.] Enhance and revitalize the infrastructure of Thousand Island Park, thereby improving public access
[3.] Enrich the quality of life for residents and visitors to Thousand Island Park; and
[4.] Foster traditional values and nurture relationships by soliciting, receiving, holding and administering funds and property for the encouragement and support of literary, scientific, spiritual, intellectual, cultural, historical, educational and recreational activities while preserving Thousand Island Park’s history & heritage.

Your Foundation has the express purpose of preserving the history and heritage of the Park. An activity that the Foundation plans to pursue to accomplish this purpose is undertaking historic rehabilitation projects in the park.

As the Foundation grows it will obtain federal and state grants for renovating our historic buildings and a significant portion of its expenses will be attributed to expending these grants on historic rehabilitation.

Funding For The Foundation

To fund the Foundation’s activities, the Foundation Board will solicit contributions from Community residents, businesses, visitors and supporters of the Park’s historical preservation. The Board will also apply for various federal and state grants to assist with the renovation of the historical buildings in the Park such as the Tabernacle, the Pavilion, the Chapel, the Wellesley Hotel, the Library and the 4 corners Commercial building.
Centennial Cottage was built in the summer of 1876. It was the second Cottage constructed on the Park. The first Cottage [Abels] was right next door on Outlook and was owned by Mr. B. Hive, hence the name Bee Hive Cottage. While doing some renovations to Centennial this past summer this “Letter” was found in the wall. It was soiled but legible. I have taken the liberty of providing a typed copy so that it could be read. Enjoy!!

By: Mike Stedem

Let me explain how one is able to reach Thousand Island Park. Remember we are an island located in the middle of the Saint Lawrence River.

The New York Central Rail Road is referred to as the “Western Gateway to the 1000 Islands”.

An additional Rail Road, the Dalawanna, Lackawanna & Western Rail Road terminates at Oswego.

Steamship service to and from the Thousand Islands was provided by Captain Sweet. Captain Sweet operates two ships, the James H Kelly (that has just been lengthened and rechristened the John Thomas) and the JT Negrayd.

My family travels by train from Watertown to Clayton, and then board a Steamer where we wait with bated enthusiasm pending our imminent arrival at the Thousand Island Park.

With the first week of June, Thousand Island Park awakens from its long Winter slumber. To many this idea of “Back to Nature” and “Spiritual Renewal” seemed awkward. Many of my closest Associates remain baffled by ehere and how I spend my Summer.

Thousand Island Park demonstrates a true international character, what with being located in the middle of the Saint Lawrence River halfway between the U.S. and Canada.

Each Summer season opens with Memorial Day festivities on May 30th.

Equal freedom! As we are truly on neutral ground. Where citizens of both countries, the U.S. and Canada can meet.

So what is Park life like?

One first notices the busy dock with Ships arriving and departing hourly, it seems. Mail is put up 3 times a day.

With far more going out than arriving.

Mail can be sent and retrieved from the Trustees office, where all Park Business is conducted.

Life is relaxed yet has a daily structure.

Morning Prayers are offered at the Tabernacle, and Wesley Hall daily, except Sunday. When Services are held at the Tabernacle, Evening Vespers can also be heard nightly as the sun wains.

No cottage or cabin has a room large enough to accommodate guests for meals and are eaten 3 times a day at the Dining Hall, located in the center of the Park.

This Summer saw the introduction of the Methodist Sunday School Parliament, at Thousand Island Park.

Yet another feather in Rev Dayan’s Hat!

No day on the Park is quite complete without a nature walk.

Trail head around South Bay and up the hill to view the Narrows, Maple Island, East Bay, and beyond Canada.

Row Boats and Canoes are available to rent. Some Residents have availed themselves of small sailing crafts.

It is with relatively easy to find someone to accommodate you, if you desire to Sail.

A great many enjoy Bathing in the River. And, while I personally find it extremely refreshing I am inclined to favor much, much warmer water. My heavy Woolen Bathing Suit, requires several days to dry out before I can again consider wearing it. For some, River Bathing has become a daily vocation. No so for me.

A何况 a family located while here, shared a noontime meal, and who have the allowed us on this Park!

The more permanent residents of the Park also have their indulgence, a very popular pastime is the capture of the Great White Whale remains in vogue.

The New York Central Rail Road, James J. Fox, Fiction writer Jules Verne has written a delightful epic fantasy “ 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea”. Walt Whitman has just updated his book of Poetry “Leaves of Grass”; while also publishing a civil war volume “Death Takes”. Louise May Alcott remains a favorite with the ladies. They also fancy a new volume by Mark Twain, “Tom Sawyer”.

The Yellow Pulp Dine Novel can be found everywhere, on the Park. Along with all the National News Papers. None fawning over the Polite, much more pleasurable. Now with the replacement of those smelly white oil lamps, with the clear and clean burning kerosene from well fields in Pennsylvania.

Fishing is available, as well as the very best fishing spots on the River. Some individuals fish from the shore, even the Ladies, however the “Big Ones” appear to prefer deeper realms.

I dare say that fishing however continues to dominate every waking moment for the majority of men here on vacation.

EF Cooper #6 Court Street Watertown New York

20th January 1877

First let me apologize, that my following diary is less than punctual - as is my usual case.

As is my custom I will endeavor to relate the activities that occurred this just concluded Centennial Year of 1876.

I cannot write about it in detail as I lack the discipline to write anything regularly. I had assumed that it would be a very busy year, as America celebrated its 100th year as a Nation! And yet it was assuredly correctly.

The Year began with the final payment on my Drug Store, which I had acquired two years prior in 1874. Through hard work and creativity, I have been blessed with a significant increase in customer traffic and as a consequence Business.

It was this very increase that allowed me to Summer yet again at the Thousand Island Park.

In years past I had met and attended the organizational meetings held by Rev. J.F. Dayan & Rev. M.O. Kinney, who by then my life was in Watertown. Mr. Elephent Remington of Illion, NY was also in attendance at these early meetings.

It fell to these founders in addition to several others that the creation of “The Thousand Island Camp Meeting Association” occurred. It would be located on a site of almost 1000 acres on the South Western shore of Wells Island.

The initial site was surveyed and Streets and Lots laid out for proposed sale. New roads were constructed, and a pavilion was constructed. The Summer of 1875 saw the initial sale of lots, (you purchased the right to lease a lot), sales were extremely brisk. New lots were available however, and desirable lots sold out quickly. My wife and I found that enough to procure a lot close to the center of Town, and yet away from the Coast, as rough weather typified the Coast.

For the initial Summer of 1875 our Family Tent was set along with the balance of Thousand Island Park Residents.

After our one Summer, my better half quickly concluded that Northern New York Summer’s were not conducive to tent living. As a former Union Infantry Veteran, our tent appeared as a virtual luxury, as opposed to sleeping on the hard ground.

I thus learned, that my darling wife’s perception of “Roughing It” and mine were not of the same vein.

With the advent of Fall in 1875 we contracted with Mr. Otis Brooks of Strough & Brooks Planing Mill & Lumber Yard of Clayton. He would construct our “Wooden Tent” on Thousand Island Park, to be ready for the Summer of 1876. Building supplies were hauled across the ice during the Winter of 1876. The ice only became thick enough to support this transport in late February. We then constructed and continued to be a problem with a much belated spring. In fact ice floes still chocked the St. Lawrence river into early May. Ours was not the first, nor will it be the last cottage to be built on our island. I would suspect that Cotages, will sit idle by built number Tent.

 Mention has been made of plans for large Cotages to occupy the Coast. Rumor on the Park is that the Association bought a cottage, that will sit idle on the Green directly in front of Steamer Dock. There are those among us that fervently pray that these plans are realized, and that Hotel becomes a reality.

The forecast for the coming summer is good. The lake heat will be tempered by the lake breezes and the island, which is generally a few degrees cooler than the coast.

Small windows were to be installed under the Eves. Doors were installed that opened onto a large Plazza Porch. The Porch both up and down lacked railings. The front Plazza Porch had steps on three sides, that reached to the ground. The function of three front doors, were that they opened into three separate interior rooms. No interior walls were finished, so the outside walls were in fact the inside walls.

Two Front Rooms were for Boarders, the other our Family. Fortunately the Boarders who resided with us this past Summer were all well Behaved, Sober, persons of Gentleman ability in their every manner. Our Cotage had a Plank walk extending from our Cotage to the “Two Holker” Outhouse directly behind our Cotage.

Near the end of the Park Road which residents draw near the lake.

It was decreed by my wife that in honor of our countries 100th year, we would call our Cotage Centennial!

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These Guides also feature something unique to the Saint Lawrence. As I have never heard of it elsewhere. It is called “Pars and Pars The Fisher.” The Fisher must catch all day with the pole, and then the fishing, the bailing, and the cleaning of the fish is a laborious process. The fisher then proceeds to clean and fry your catch, along with new potatoes. For desert he fry’s up French toast, that then is dished off in butter and Northern New York Maple Syrup. This is generally followed by a nap before returning to the Park.

One can neither enter nor leave the Park on Sunday. It is forbidden and is enforced by the Park Police. No Boats are allowed to land on the island.

Sunday is a day devoted to any work or play. Instead, rightly given over completely to Worship, Bible readings, and multiple Services at the Tent Saucer, and on the Green. Here you will find the best Sermons and Readings to be found for a dollar.

This is the order for Thousand Island Park. By getting back to Nature, escaping the daily world, and relying on the grace of the God that created us, it would be a wonderful day.

The last 10 days of June I traveled by rail to Philadelphia, for two reasons: the G.A.R. (grand army of the republic) was to hold its reunion on the 30th of June. And to visit the Philadelphia Exposition. An anticipated benefit was that my advent in Philadelphia, would witness the pageant of the creation, of the Declaration of the Constitution and the birth, burial, and the independence of America; the American Independence.

My chain of Civil war service had begun in 1865 when I mustered with the 94th Volunteer Infantry Regiment in Sackett Harbor. Our nickname was the “Bell Rifles.” Our camp was located at Gettysburg. Our bloodiest battle however, would follow months later at the Battle of the Wilderness. We were the “First Days” and the “Last Days” and then taken captive. Thankfully, at the conclusion of the battle he was paroled by his Southern captors.

I rejoined the 94th in camp in July. It was then that I met my old military mates, and especially to see Colonel Root once again. An amazing Commander, brave Soldier, and fine Christian Gentleman.

The Philadelphia Exposition is the first World Fair. Co-located on 450 acres of land with 21 acres under glass. In addition there are 200 Buildings. Far too many things to spend 2 weeks lets alone in a day.

The U.S. population is estimated at 60,000,000 so 20% of America visited the Exposition! Amazing! Washington was excited to see was exciting and informative.

So here are just some of the things I saw.

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The trip became problematic when the cold Spring transitioned to an unbearable Summer. From late June, till mid July temperatures in Philadelphia exceeded 100 degrees, for multiple days. Fortunately for me I had arrived and visited the Exposition in advance of the heat wave. However I suffered it greatly during my B.A.R. Reunion.

The 4th of July was a memorable Day indeed. On the Park every structure, facade, and tent was festooned with the stars and stripes, and buntings galore. The steamship landing was equally decorated. Orations, and speeches were the order of the day. And why not? The year 1876 marked the 100th anniversary of the Civil War, demonstrated America, and our ideals of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness were in fact achievable goals!

That evening Chinese fireworks lit the night sky, for literally hours on end. Again consider 100 years as a Free and Independent Country! The Need to celebrate all the more urgent with the recent Motion of Civil Rights gained in 1865, 14 years prior.

Sadly we lost our elder Minister Rev Gardner Baker in August.

I would now like to relate the year of 1879. new Month by Month.

January saw the declaration by President Grant that we all assumed would at last solve the Western Indian problem. All Indians by this decree were ordered on to federally created Reservations. Summer would subsequently demonstrate that our hopes were misplaced. General George Custer of Civil War fame and his Comanche Guides were killed at the Little Big Horn while plots and treachery savaged the Sioux, and Cheyenne.

Unfortunately President Grant’s 2nd term has been ranked with scandal, upon scandal. One even involving his Personal Secretary. While a superb General, obviously his political skills and judgment have been called into question.

On June 6 Robert T. Gage of New York became the first person to use the Telephone.

President Grant even embarked on the New York City Democratic Boss was arrested finally in Spain, where he had fled. February was a Leap year and ended with the required 35 Days.

The National Baseball League went professional with 8 Eastern Teams. The first game was played between Boston and Philadelphia at the Park. The Boston Loo was a hit. The Dead Lifted and demonstrated a new device called a Telephone. I was fortunate enough to actually see it during my Summer trip to Philadelphia while attending a meeting of my old unit at our B.A.R. Reunion. The Philadelphia Exposition was succumbing at the same time.

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Here find the News of consequence learned of from the Continent:

Russian composer and American favorite Tchaikovsky, completed the Ballet “Swan Lake”.

In England the Queen Victoria ascended.

Word arrived from Africa that the British explorer. Henry Stanley has gone missing after a skirmish with natives. Let us continue to pray for his ultimate salvation from those Black Savages. His efforts are not in vain as we are the benefactors.

Richard Wagner was busy with multiple works including a Germanic Opera, that ends according to the critics; “With the Fat Lady Singing’.

Now News from America:

Newfoundland the Kentucky they gathered in May for what was the second Kentucky Derby "nicknamed the" Run for the Roses”

The last Frontier the American West, seemed to provide a daily story.

The Transcontinental Railroad was opened on San Francisco via the first Transcontinental Railroad. It arrived at exactly 9:35 hours and 57 minutes after departing New York City, truly remarkable don’t you agree?

Without a doubt the story of China’s first emperor, / The 1000 year reign that ended in 1911. / The 200,000 ninety people in the boom. / The 500 dramas and 15,000 homes.

In reaching the Tombs of the Qing Dynasty one avenue’s door is opened, revealing a world vast. “The Hall of Buddha and the Emperors” / The Nanyang and He Gang continue their Brand, robbing - and I mentioned previously. Custer was massacred as he tried to rescue his entire tribe to what he would call the "Black Hills" in Dakota, a legendary gun fight in Dakota.

A dextrous thief when he was shot from behind while playing cards. This villain who committed this murder, evidently had his entire tribe to what B. what playing cards. A fellow by the name of August Bicholch, in Saint Louis, has taken it into his head to attempt to produce a nationally distributed beer; BUDWEISER.

The Presidency election has dominated the Ballots for months. My favored candidate Democratic Governor Samuel Tilden of New York, won the popular vote, in November. He would however be denied the Presidency when he lost the election in the Electoral College. Rutherford B. Hayes will instead be our president.

Obviously this was political, what else would one expect? Many claim a deal was made over the on going Reconstruction in the South.

The Grant Administration has been characterized as “terrible and corrupt”. With this election the hope is that at last we have seen an end to "the Repulcy of Carpet Bagging Tyrannies in the South”

The year would unfortunately concluded on a very sorrowful note with the December 25th Astabula Railroad Disaster. 11 Passenger cars derailed resulting in 92 tragic deaths.

I have here attempted to narrate 1876, as it affected my experience.

For the many of you not fortunate enough to Summer as I have the privilege of, in the most picturesque, and Spiritually rewarding location in the world THOUSAND ISLAND PARK you have my sincere condolences!

Respectfully,

E. F. Cooper
BIRDING ON THOUSAND ISLAND PARK

Join Rick Spencer, Grindstone Island, with Bill and Judy Munro, Murray Isle, on Saturday the 24th of May at 8:00am for a bird watching tour of Rock Ridges Trail, Thousand Island Park. During the summer months there are a great many birds which call the River home. These migrant birds return to the area in the spring, sound like someone you know? Your best bet to see and hear the greatest number of species is early in the morning so rise and shine and meet us at the trailhead to enjoy an hour of birding with local enthusiasts. Your guides will be able to share their knowledge and excitement for the area’s birds while searching out songbirds, birds of prey and other wonderful birds. Items you might want to bring along, but are not required, include binoculars, camera, hat, water, and bug spray. The trailhead is located on Bay Shore Road just past the Park Avenue split. Keep an eye out -- The Friends of Rock Ridges Nature Trail are also planning a kid’s hike and a photography walk for this summer.

FARMERS MARKET

TI Park will be sponsoring a weekly Farmers Market. We are looking to have approximately 8 vendors that will be set-up in the NEW garden area behind the Hotel. Tentative days and hours:

Saturdays between 8:00am and Noon.

We will be looking to start this in July and run through the end of August.

Idea of the Farmer’s Market will be local & home grown.

Further Notification Will Be Placed on the Park’s Bulletin Board.

REMEMBER WHEN!!

FAREWELL, BUT NOT GOOD-BYE, TO ROSE AND BOB CLIFFORD

Just over sixteen years ago, Rose and Bob Clifford started the Clifford dynasty at the Thousand Island Park Guzzle. On opening day, Rose, who had experience working in the ice cream business with her sister at the “Wishing Well” in Schenectady, was ready. Yet, as frequent patrons of the Guzzle since the 1960’s, the Cliffords knew they would be closely watched and judged when they took over from the previous franchise holder, Rosemary Phillips. So, opening day in 1979 found a nervous Rose awaiting the Guzzle crowd.

In the intervening 16 years until their "second retirement" this summer, the Cliffords have themselves become a part of the lore of the Guzzle and we now find ourselves missing Rose’s pink apron, her bouncy "7.7, have another cup of coffee," and Bob’s good-natured, early morning grill and coffee start-up. Gradually, changes were made, the first of which was to offer breakfast, a concept quickly embraced by a group now known as the "Breakfast Club." (By the way, Steve Moffett, if you want to rise and shine for this club, you can only serve LaTourneau coffee. It is the only one she will drink.

Rose is also the first to say that the Guzzle should always remain a Park Institution. Working there is the first trip to independence and financial responsibility for many a child, and it is a pleasure savored in retrospect as an adult. Many Park kids start out standing on tiptoes looking at the candy counter (how many fish for 5 cents), spending their allowance in the game room, and eventually working behind the counter dishing out ice cream. Just how many current T.I. Park residents learned how to measure a scoop under Rose’s tutelage? “I got to know so many of the kids, all of them; and I felt the kids from the Park should have first choice at the jobs in the Guzzle as they grew up.” She became close to many of them, nurturing them through disappointments with a sympathetic ear and a big heart. Three same kids are still close to Rose and Bob, as are many of the customers. The Cliffords became (like the Guzzle, itself) a touchstone to be visited each year.

Among the many people served by Rose and the Park kids have been the famous people and intimate such as Barry Freid aka Abbie Hoffman, Kenny Rogers, or Jonathan Win- ters, who came in on a regular and ordered a green mint ice cream cone. Rita Davis worked there with the Cliffords and actually had a longer tenure, having worked there for over thirty years. She started to work there when Eva Heath (Charlie Heath’s mother) ran the Guzzle, and stayed on with the Cliffords. She knew everyone’s name and dislikes and Rose said that her knowledge helped ease the transition. "She could fill me in on who was who and what they liked. Take for instance Steve Taylor. He likes his hamburgers rare and he wants onions on them; and then you get, say Phil Gilbin. He has his overcooked.”

Asked what she will miss the most after all these years of being in the Guzzle, the response was quick: “The people. Without a doubt, the people. Everyone was great to me and I liked them all.” Rose and Bob can rest assured that we will try to be gentle on the new crew at the Guzzle. But being so used to seeing them there, it will take some getting used to.

Susan Turriff
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