



# Bainbridge Connects

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Chamber of Commerce

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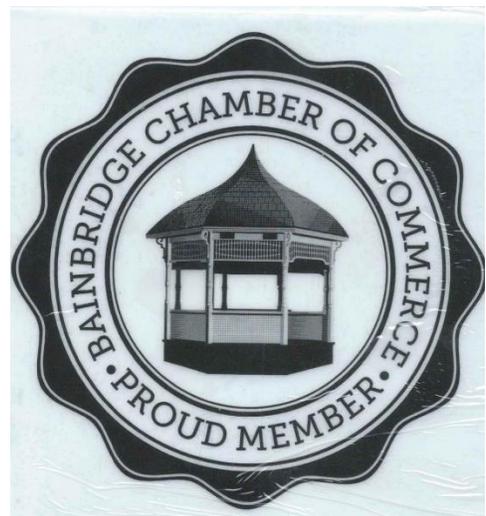
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## From the Editors

The Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce is pleased to bring residents the first edition of Bainbridge Connects, a newsletter whose mission is to connect its readers with each other and with what is happening within the Village and Town. The edition highlights many local service organizations, their mission and contact information.

Future editions, which will be published three times per year, will highlight businesses and what their services offer the community.

The editors welcome your input! Please feel free to contact Mary Drachler, 607-967- 8546, [mdrachler@stny.rr.com](mailto:mdrachler@stny.rr.com) or June White, 607-967-8657, [jwhite3963@gmail.com](mailto:jwhite3963@gmail.com).



## Chamber of Commerce

The Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce would like to introduce you to its organization. The Chamber's mission is to assist its members through partnership with businesses, all levels of organizations, and resources to sustain economic growth. Our membership works together to create an environment in which businesses can prosper. The main function of the Chamber is to promote interest in the local business community. The goal of the Chamber is to improve the economic well being of the community. The Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce mission is to stimulate and promote the assets of Bainbridge to support growth and act as the voice of the business community.

The Chamber of Commerce has always depended on membership and dedication of its members. It is through participation and constant stimulation of ideas and suggestions that we will be able to keep this organization strong, productive and moving in a positive direction.

A list of the Chamber sponsored events are: Winterfest held in February, the General Clinton Canoe Regatta and Memorial Day Parade held on Memorial Day weekend in May, Bainbridge Day event held on Labor Day weekend, the Chamber Classic Golf Tournament held in August or September, the Annual Commitment to Community Citizen and Business recognition Dinner held in October, Small Business Saturday held in November, the Toys for Tots Train, the SFCU Santa & Coloring Contest, and the Holiday Parade all held in December.

A list of the Bainbridge Chamber's recent projects are: RE-UNITE Bainbridge - the Chamber is the leader and sponsor of this group; Bainbridge Connects Newsletter, the Chamber is the leader and sponsor of this publication; 2 Bainbridge Websites - [www.bainbridgeny.org](http://www.bainbridgeny.org) & [www.visitbainbridgeny.org](http://www.visitbainbridgeny.org) were developed and lead by the Chamber to promote businesses, organizations, and community with a focus on tourism; The Bainbridge Brochure - designed to promote local attractions, businesses, and our community.

The Chamber would like to extend opportunities to you, your business, or organization, and show you the benefits of continued support and membership. Our Organization meets on the 3rd Tuesday morning of each month, 7:30 AM at Bob's Diner. Please join us in

continuing to support Bainbridge through motivation, participation, and volunteerism.

Maureen Decker, Secretary

## Village Board

The Village Board of Trustees is both delighted and excited to learn that the Chamber of Commerce is developing a community newsletter. Unmistakably, communication is a key element of success for any and all organizations and relationships.

Your inquiry as to "what we stand for" can be condensed into a statement that Village Government exists and strives for "serving the citizens of our Village in a fiscally responsible and considerate manner, providing needed

Services while attempting to keep the tax burden as affordable as is feasible. We develop and enforce codes to protect our citizens and enforce them to keep peace and growth in the forefront."

We encourage involvement and participation in our activities, and welcome interested parties to attend our monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Village office, 33 West Main Street. We look forward to providing more information in your future newsletters.

Mayor Darling



## **Town Board**

There are several items on the list of improvements for the Town of Bainbridge. Plans are underway to upgrade General Clinton Park including remodeling the bathrooms and making them handicapped accessible as well as upgrading the electrical system for campers.

The Community Foundation is purchasing new playground equipment for General Clinton Park and adding new equipment at William Payne Memorial Park by the Town Pool.

Dolores Nabinger, Supervisor

## **Jericho Garden Club**

The Jericho Garden Club of Bainbridge helps to beautify the Village of Bainbridge by planting flowers in the barrels on the village streets, as well as in the baskets in the Village Park. The Club designed and created, with the help of the Village workers, a Memorial Peace Garden in the Village Park. Flowers were also planted at the roundabout and the planters at the museum and fire department.

The Club also embellished the signs at the entrance to the Village, in cooperation with the Bainbridge Rotary Club. The Garden Club helped build raised garden beds and roofs over the signs, filled them with soil, and planted flowers and shrubs.

Members of the Garden Club also created the Deanna Murray Memorial Garden at the West Main St. sign, purchased banners and hardware for bridge poles, established community gardens, and planted a dogwood tree in the Village Park in memory of Teddy Cherniak. The Club also brought the neglected Greenlawn Cemetery fountain to the attention of the Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce which assured that it was moved, painted and placed in working order.

Experienced or new gardeners can take part in projects to beautify the Village, meet new friends and participate in activities that enhance the skills of those who love to garden. The Club members meet on the second Monday of each month. For more information, feel free to contact Co-Chairs, Cindy Salak at 967-4748 or June White at 967-8657

## **New Beginnings Thrift Shop**

This is a wonderful thrift shop run as a mission project for the Presbyterian Church in Bainbridge. We have a full line of clothing for men, women, and children, all VERY reasonably priced and in good condition. We also have a lot of housewares, kitchen items and bedding. Everything is done through volunteers and proceeds stay in Bainbridge and surrounding towns.

Last year was our first full year to be open. In that time we assisted six fire families, and many families in need of food and clothing. In January and February we gave away 140 winter coats, many hats, scarves and gloves as a goodwill gesture. A big Thank You to everyone who donated these items.

We are located in the basement of the Presbyterian Church in Bainbridge. Our hours are currently from 10:00 to 1:00 on Thursday and Saturday. Hours will change when the weather improves. For information on donating or participating in any way, call Carol Roberts, Manager, 967-5687.

## **Rotary Club**

The Rotary Club of Bainbridge held a second successful "Shrimp Lover's Special" in February and is gearing up for an exciting spring season.

As warm weather approaches, the Rotary Club will be teaming up with the Bainbridge Historical Society to restore the façade of the Museum with the help of a grant from the Rotary Foundation

Our annual bike safety program and Bike-a-Thon will take place in May to raise funds for improving recreation at General Clinton Park. Information will become available to any interested students as the event draws closer. You can also look for the Bainbridge Rotary Club ice cream booth at the General Clinton Canoe Regatta again this year.

We are grateful for the continued support of our community and our youth exchange host families who have welcomed our exchange students, Jean and Lizzie, into their homes. If you are interested in the wonderful and rewarding experience of becoming host parents, please contact the Bainbridge Rotary Club by emailing Robin Haddad at [haddadgv@frontiernet.net](mailto:haddadgv@frontiernet.net).

## **Bainbridge Historical Society**

The Bainbridge Historical Society joins together interested persons to collect, document, preserve, display, and research artifacts, memorabilia, and representations of local history. We have three exciting programs scheduled in the following months to enhance those goals of our Mission Statement.

The public is encouraged to attend our meetings and new members are always welcome! We will be opening the Museums on Sunday from 2 to 4 starting April 12<sup>th</sup>.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Donahe is presenting a program on "Graveyard Anthology" telling us more stories about the people buried in our local cemeteries.

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> Chuck D'Imperio is once again visiting our Society meeting to share some stories from his new book "A Taste of Upstate New York". Hansmann's Mills pancake flour is one of those tastes he will highlight.

On Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be holding an indoor yard sale – donations and buyers are both welcome!

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, some of our members are going to take on the personage of some of our past local leaders and present a program at St. Peter's Graveyard entitled "The Streets Where You Live". Be on the lookout for more information about this.

We are most appreciative of the work Rotary has done to improve the outside of our building and we look forward to having more work done on our facade this spring.

We are excited to have Amanda Sterling, a 2010 BG graduate and a Master's candidate at Syracuse University working with us this summer on several projects.

For more information contact Mary Drachler  
967- 8546 or [mdrachler@stny.rr.com](mailto:mdrachler@stny.rr.com).

## **The Woman's Club of Bainbridge**

The Woman's Club of Bainbridge was formed in the early 1900's. It was, and is, made up of women from Bainbridge and the surrounding towns. The purpose is to support local activities, schools, and fund raising events. We give dictionaries to the top girl and boy graduating each year. We contribute to cancer fund drives, Community Chest, scouts, and local Christmas presents to a local boy and a girl each year. If a member of our organization passes away, we donate a book to the library in her name, about a subject in which she was particularly interested.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 at the fellowship hall in the Presbyterian Church. For information, you can call Carol Roberts, President, 967-5687

## **Daughters of the American Revolution**

The local chapter of the DAR is the Ag-wron-doug-was-Cunahunta chapter NYSDAR, A combined chapter of the Bainbridge and Afton Chapters. We began in 1916 as Ag-wron-doug-was-Cunahunta chapter meaning "Good Peter", the Indian for whom we are named. We later merged with Afton when they became too small in number. We invite anyone who can prove lineage to an ancestor who was active during the American Revolution. Our motto is "For God and Country". If you think you have an ancestor from the war in any capacity and would like more information on becoming a member, call Carol Roberts, Secretary, 967 – 5687 or Carole Beach, Registrar, 563-8643.

Our membership is declining and we are always looking for new members. So if you are interested in joining us, call one of the numbers listed above. We do a lot of patriotic endeavors both locally and nationally like supporting a school for Indian children, fixing up a room in the National Headquarters in Washington DC., and running essay contests for local high schools.

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## Jericho Arts Council

### “Canoe Paddle” Chair Event

The General Clinton Canoe Regatta Finish Line and celebration has been held in Bainbridge, NY for the past 52 years. Starting in Cooperstown, it is the longest flat-water canoe race in the world. The event draws people from all over the US and Canada. The Regatta is a full weekend of canoeing, contests, fair rides, entertainment, and fun, drawing close to 15,000 local attendees and tourists. The Jericho Arts Council of Bainbridge, wants to make the Regatta even better! We will be offering local artists a chance to become involved and to bring art to the streets and to the public.

Historically, the Arts have been a way of telling stories, translating emotions and inspiring creativity and original thinking. Each artist or group of artists will be given a custom designed, Adirondack chair that features a canoe paddle for the back. It is suitable for outdoor display and use. Artists will decorate or paint the “Paddle Chair Sculptures” to commemorate the Canoe Regatta and aspects of local history, culture, business, architecture, environment, or arts of Bainbridge.

High School students will be invited to submit designs for a chair and their art teacher is willing to work with them on creating the finished pieces.

Also, we are coordinating with local art teachers to involve children K to 8 with a Regatta or Bainbridge themed drawing to be exhibited in windows of merchants in Bainbridge.

These artful chairs will be displayed along Main Street from town center to General Clinton Park and near the bridge entering Bainbridge during the month of May.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> the JAC will host “Meet the Artists” events where the designers will be on hand to talk about their work and meet potential new clients!

On Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup>, following the program at the Village Park, the chairs will be auctioned off to benefit the Jericho Arts Council in their mission to encourage cultural awareness through creativity and art.

For more information contact Nancy Kitchen 908-347-0091 or [flowerloft@aol.com](mailto:flowerloft@aol.com).

## Town Hall Theater

### Upcoming Events

April 11	The Corvettes Doo Wop Revue
April 18	Opry – The Spinney Brothers
April 24, 25, 26	OWP Presents “Lost in Yonkers”
May 2 – 9	36 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fine Arts Show
May 9	The Susquehanna String Band
May 16	Opry – The Delaney Brothers



## Memorial Day Weekend

### At General Clinton Park



The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Clinton Canoe Regatta opens on Friday night, May 22, with Carnival Rides and the Flea Market at the Park.

#### Friday, May 22

6:15 Generation Gap Races

#### Saturday, May 23

9 AM The Clinton Clash Wrestling Tournament

9 AM 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Dan Elwood Memorial 5K Run  
and 1 mile walk for Hospice

1 PM Scout Races start on Unadilla River

1 – 5 PM Children’s Entertainment

4:30 – 6 PM Animal Adventures

1 PM Pam LeFever Memorial Canoe Parade  
on the River

4 PM Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

8 PM Country Music Nite featuring  
The Beadle Brothers Band

10 PM Fireworks

#### Sunday, May 24

9 AM Relay Races start Southside Oneonta

9 AM Garden Tractor Pull

12 PM Sprint Races start Wells Bridge

2 PM It’s Bike Ride in Day

2 PM Dundee Ales and Lagers

Music Festival at the Regatta

10 PM Fireworks

#### Monday, May 25

6 AM Races start in Cooperstown

**For more information go to  
[BainbridgeNY.org](http://BainbridgeNY.org)  
[www.canoeregatta.org](http://www.canoeregatta.org)**

## Memorial Day in the Village

The Memorial Day activities within the Village of Bainbridge will begin with the American Legion ceremony at Greenlawn Cemetery at 10 AM. Following the 21 gun salute at the Cemetery the parade will commence at about 10:20.

Everyone involved in the Parade will meet at Greenlawn School by 9:45 to form the Line of March. Paul Davis is the person to contact – 967-5817- if you plan to participate in the Parade. Floats, antique vehicles, fire and rescue apparatus, youth groups, are all encouraged to join the B-G Band in this Parade making this small town parade a favorite of many.

The service at the Village Park, coordinated by the American Legion, brings together young and old, with many who have moved away, but are home for the weekend.

Following the service the “Canoe Paddle” chairs will be auctioned off.



## Church News

### First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church at Bainbridge, located at 12 South Main Street, is an active, caring Church.

We invite you to come and join us at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings to worship our loving God.

There is a special story time by our Pastor, followed by Sunday School for the younger children. We also offer a nursery.

We are planning a family bowling outing and coordinating the Council of Churches Vacation Bible School program for this summer. Watch the Tri-Town News for these coming events.

### Memorial Day Sunday

**May 24**

Church Service at the Village Park at 10 AM hosted by the Presbyterian Church

### Baccalaureate Service

**June 14**

Baccalaureate Service will be held at the Methodist Church beginning at 7 PM.

### Praise In The Park

This day of celebration will be held at General Clinton Park on July 26.

### Chicken Barbecues

The American Legion is having a chicken barbecue on April 18 and again on July 11.

The Women of St. Peters are having their annual Mother's Day Saturday barbecue on May 9.



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**Julia VanDenburgh**

Julia VanDenburgh just celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 5<sup>th</sup>. She is a Bainbridge High School and Hartwick College graduate. In college she majored in mathematics and had hoped to become a math teacher but that was not to be.

She was an employee for 25 years at American Plastics where she became an executive secretary. She worked for 10 years at the Tri-Town Agency. Finally she worked at the NYS Department of Labor in Norwich where she was responsible for establishing Chenango County's Home Energy Assistance Program.

In 1953 she married Kenneth, a high school classmate. He ran the garage near Pathfinder Park and sold and serviced International Trucks. He died in 1983.

Julia and Kenneth were very involved with the Masons in Bainbridge. Julia was instrumental in forming the Order of the Amaranth here.

The Methodist Church was a large part of Julia's life. She taught Sunday School, led Bible studies, read scripture at services, and volunteered for many other church activities.

Julia now resides at Hampshire House in Oneonta.

**Frank Doolittle**

Frank Doolittle celebrated his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday last October 8<sup>th</sup>. He was born in Enfield, NY and is a 1933 graduate of Bainbridge High School.

Starting part time he worked for several years at the lumber yard in Sidney. In 1950 he became the owner of Tri-Co Handle and Lumber and moved the operation to Bainbridge. In the following years the company made handles, moldings, and other lumber products that were sold world-wide. The business was sold in 1972 and Frank worked for Tex-Gas for another 10 years.

Frank and Wilma were married in 1938. During WWII Frank was involved with the Civil Air Patrol at the Sidney Airport.

Frank and Wilma wintered in Florida for 28 years where Frank was kept busy with community activities. Wilma died in 2006.

He is a life-long member of the Presbyterian Church, a Mason for 70 years, a strong supporter of Boy Scouts, and a valued member of the Bainbridge Historical Society.

Frank now lives in his home on Kirby Street with friends, neighbors, and family keeping a close eye on him.