

WOODRIDGE

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June 11 — Happy Birthday to Steve Proyect (6/12), Ellen Levine (6/16) and my dear friend Susan Adler Sobol (6/17). Happy Anniversary to Steve and Irene Proyect celebrating on 6/14. Get well wishes to Jim Schalck, you were missed Tuesday night!

The Catskill Bungalow Colony Heritage Museum has their kick off meeting on Sunday, June 13 at 11 a.m. at the Mountain Dale Fire House. Beth Friedman Smile will be in attendance and would like to interview locals, share memories, photos and family history for use in her upcoming book. She will be in the area from June 11-22 and may be reached at sbb_smile@hotmail.com.

In 1965 Sonia Pressman Fuentes joined the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission three months after it was formed, as the first female attorney in the Office of General Counsel. She fought against sex discrimination and was awarded a Superior Performance Award for her hard work. In 1966 she became one of the founding members of the National Organization for Women.

Ms. Fuentes graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Cornell University in 1950 and was first in her class at the University of Miami School of Law in 1957. She graduated from Monticello High School in 1946 and lived in Woodridge from 1936 to 1941. She was an attorney for 36 years with the federal government and multinational corporations and drafted a number of the EEOC's landmark guidelines and decisions. She was also a founder of the Women's Equity Action League (WEAL) and Federally Employed Women (FEW).

In November 1996 she was presented with the Veteran Feminists of America (VFA) Medal of Honor by Betty Friedan, in recognition of her efforts to improve the status of women. She retired from her law career in 1993, but has been very busy as a feminine activist, a volunteer, a writer and a public speaker.

When I heard about Ms. Fuentes and her connection to Woodridge, I contacted her and we have been communicating via e-mail and telephone. I was impressed to find a lovely, interesting and down to earth woman with great stories about Woodridge and Monticello, some of which I will share. I already feel as though I have known her forever.

At the time of Sonia's birth in 1928, Hinda and Zysia Pressman, along with her brother Hermann, lived in Berlin, Germany. Her father owned a men's clothing store and factory. Her mother and brother both worked there. By 1933 the family was doing well financially, Mrs. Pressman was 40, Mr. Pressman, 39, Hermann, 18, and Sonia, 4.

Hermann was the first to realize the impending horror the Nazi

regime was to create for the Jews of Germany. He tried to get his parents to leave with no luck. Hermann moved to Belgium and several months later the rest of the immediate family joined him. Mr. Pressman was able to make a deal with a small group of Nazis who allowed the family to leave Germany in exchange for his store, factory and apartment building for a small fraction of what they were worth. In July 1933 they joined Hermann in Antwerp.

Part 2 will follow next week.

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June 11 — Don't forget the youth group car wash raffle, cake sale, flea market on Saturday, June 12 at the Lake Huntington firehouse, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The young folks really appreciate it if you support them!

The chicken barbecue at the Lake Huntington Presbyterian Church will be held on Saturday, June 12. Takeouts only. The card party will be Monday, June 14, at noon. All are welcome.

The W.C.C.C. meeting will be on Tuesday, June 15th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. It's one week later, due to the dinner that was held on June 8th.

The members of the Cocheton Volunteer Ambulance Corps will have their meeting on Thursday, June 17 at the Cocheton Firehouse, at 8 p.m.

Don't forget the Beach Lake Singles on Sunday, June 13, at 4 p.m. Bring a covered dish and join us!

Grover Hermann Hospital Auxiliary Health Fair and Craft Show will be on Saturday, July 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any vendors interested in participating can call Dottie at 932-8487.

A beautiful large wedding took place at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Lake Huntington on Saturday, June 5th, when Kelly Ann Gerow married David Paul Nober, at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. William Scully O.E.M. performed the ceremony. Mrs. Kathy Nonnemacher was the organist, and Mr. Glenn Mosher, the vocalist. One of the little ring bearers was brought into the church in a decorated wagon. After the service, a large reception took place at The Lodge in Rock Hill.

Have a good week and please call if you have news to share.

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be Wednesday, July 7, at 10 a.m. in the Hortonville Church Hall.

Saturday, June 12, there will be a Second Saturday Supper at Six at the Hortonville Church Hall. Each family brings a covered dish to share. The Rev. Ralph LaMar filled the pulpit, Sunday, June 6, and delivered the morning message and Holy Communion in the Hortonville Presbyterian Church.

On Sunday, June 6, Helen and John Kohrs and Henry Hermann and I dined at Joe's Ranch House in Beach Lake, Pa. and listened to the Polka Jets Band, from 4 to 8 p.m. The music was a pleasure and the food was delicious.

Saturday, June 12 at 10 a.m., the bake sale and flea market will be held at the White Sulphur Springs Firemen's Park. The Trike-a-Thon

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