

# THE PORT HENRY FACT FINDER

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## LIBRARY NOTES

### **Library Organizing Friends Group**

Our beloved Sherman Free Library has stood for over a century on Church Street as a center of information, learning and community for Moriah and Port Henry. Recently, citizens met over pumpkin donuts and cider to create a new “Friends of the Library” to support special events, fundraising activities, and outreach.

Several people of all ages showed up and discussed first steps such as organizing Holiday events this year to possibly sell crafts, high-quality gift books, Christmas children’s story readings, and perhaps invite a chorale group as entertainment. In the longer-term, the Friends will sponsor events such as puppeteers, magicians, and storytellers. They are also looking for ideas for lectures and author readings. So share your ideas! **The next meet will be held at the library on November 7 at 6 P.M. Please come!** For more information contact the library at (518) 546-7461

## A NEW BUSINESS IN OUR VILLAGE!

4314 Main Street’s windows are not empty anymore. On their public face they announce the name and business of their new occupant and you can see movement inside the office. Yes, office. The beautiful ceiling- to-ceiling aged mahogany-paneled rooms now, once again, house Law Offices. Julie

Garcia, Attorney at Law has moved her office from Westport to Port Henry.

One of the first questions asked was, "Why did you choose Law as your profession?" She didn't. She earned her bachelor's from Sienna College in Social Work. However, when she went job searching, she discovered she needed at least a Master's to qualify for the type of employment that satisfied at least two of her requirements: for it to be interesting and provide enough money to pay off her student loans within a reasonable time. To obtain this Master's would take two years. If she added just one more year of schooling, she could head toward becoming a lawyer. In 1999, after 14 years of waitressing and bartending to help support her studying to become a lawyer she graduated from Albany Law School and began travelling the road which has brought her to Port Henry. Along the way she discovered that her bachelor's in Social Work brought valuable skills to her waitressing and bartending. It has proved even more valuable to her as a lawyer, giving her a sturdy foundation in understanding and communicating with her clients, fulfilling her wish that the law be used to help people.

Her first office was out of her house in Thurman. The her path led her into varied work situations. She worked out of John Hall's office until he became a Warren County Judge. Along the way she helped Tom Scazzafava in his campaign for Assemblyman. Then Julia herself ran for and won a four-year term as District Attorney for Essex Co. When her service as District Attorney ended on a December 31<sup>st</sup>, her office in Westport was open for business the following week, just another proof of her energy, drive and ability to focus on the given problem at hand.

Julie's legal expertise lies mostly in Criminal Defense and Family Court issues, however, her office offers the services of Dennis Tarentino in the areas of Wills, Trusts, Estates and Real Estate and is a completely full-service legal office in that they have a referral list of lawyers they can recommend to cover any issue. The office numbers are: 518-546-1040 & 518-546-1033.

The Fact Finder welcomes Julie Garcia back home. Yes, back home, for she was raised in Witherbee.

## pH7 NOTES

We're an active group of local citizens who work to beautify and help Port Henry. We are not a political group but are dedicated to making life better here through: planting flowers and trees, making public art, putting up the "funky folk," that are all around town right now and in any other way we can to help the quality of life in Port Henry.

You may have seen us this summer taking care of the flowers in the circle or having an event at the Information Booth where we greet tourists. We began the Farmer's Market three years ago and run it during the summer months. We have no formal organization, no president, no treasurer no secretary, the only constant is we meet **every Wednesday from 10-12N**. Our meeting is now held at the **new Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street, in the Stahl building next to the Pharmacy**.

There is so much that **needs** to be done and, with many helping hands, **can** be done! We invite everyone to give Port Henry just a bit of your time and a lot of your ideas. Please join us! Port Henry needs you!

For all you new people who, recently, have moved into Port Henry and may have wondered at the pH7 Committee's rather odd name, here is the explanation. How acid or base a liquid is is measured by its pH factor and water has the pH factor of "7", which is neither acid nor base but neutral - balanced. pH can stand for Port Henry which is located on a lot of water and the original committee numbered six, with one to grow on, and we all want a nicely balanced community, so there you have it.

## A WONDERFUL CAUSE REVIEWED - by Paula Monette

The Third Annual Moriah Car & Truck show was held on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the Port Henry Knights of Columbus. It was a huge success and a great time was had by all. There were over 80 cars that traveled from near and far to be part of this wonderful event where the proceeds are donated to the Fitzpatrick Cancer Center in Plattsburgh, NY. The car and truck show benefits breast cancer research, which is why it is always held on the first Saturday in October, Breast Cancer Awareness month.

There was a 50/50 raffle, a food table, a Chinese auction, and Michigan hot dogs and drinks available for the participants and spectators to enjoy while they walked around in the sunshine and marveled at the beautiful automobiles - new and old. In addition, the KofC offered a chicken barbeque. For the participants who entered the show, there was a "muffler rap" contest to enter and trophies awarded to all at the end which were handed out by one of the show organizers, Norm Monette, "The Flying Farmer" himself, who thanked each one for participating.

Norm, Shirley, and their family thank all who joined, sponsored, participated, and who were spectators in support of such a wonderful cause. Remember to keep the date open for next year, rain or shine, there will be a Fourth Annual Moriah Car & Truck show.

## ANNOUNCING: LITERACY VOLUNTEERS TRIVIA NIGHT

Literacy Volunteers again has the opportunity, for which it is so grateful, to receive financial support from the Rotary Club of Lake Placid through its Trivia Night! This truly fun event takes place at the Comfort Inn Convention Center (behind HoJo's), Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (registration is 6:00-6:45). You do NOT need to be a genius to participate because answers are submitted as a team, not as an individual! Please gather your friends, family members, or colleagues and help support the vital literacy programs that will benefit from this event. Note: each team consists of 8 people at \$20.00 per person - remember this is not only a fun night, it is a fund-raising night. Port Henry, let's step up and be represented by at least one team! For complete information call Tina Leonard at 524-3273 or Mary Liz Alexander at 523-5876.

## THE CATS PHOTO AND CAPTION CONTEST

The contest deadline is just 5 weeks away! Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> is the DEADLINE date to submit photos along with captions. Anyone can enter, so please send in your photos or encourage your friends, relatives, and especially young people to enter. This time of year has gorgeous colors, so take some pix, write captions and enter them in any or all of the following three categories:

**Hiking the Trails** – Photos of people out on Champlain Valley trails.

**Scenic & Nature** – Landscapes or nature photos in the Champlain Valley.

**Towns & Villages** – Photos showing the charm and beauty of Champlain Valley villages, towns and businesses

Each category will be awarded 2 prizes. The "Judges First Place" winners will each receive a \$150. prize. The "People's Choice" awards for the most online votes will each win \$100. Captions should be 100 words or less and can explain the story behind the photo. For more information, please go to our website – Champlain Area Trails.

## A NOTE FROM PORT HENRY'S SAINT PAT'S

Recently two of St. Pat's parishioners, Louise Belden and Bernadette Trow, returned from a

religious-sites tour in Italy. Fact Finder has asked for, and expects to receive, exciting descriptions and impressions from these two, as soon as they can sort out the blur of images and memories into an order through which the rest of us will be able to experience vicariously.

### THE BATHTUB TEST

During a recent visit to a doctor, a friend of mine asked, “How do you determine whether or not an older person should go into a Long-Term Care Home?”

“Well,” he said, “we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person – to empty the bathtub.”

“Oh, I understand,” my friend said. “A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup.”

“No.” he said. “A normal person would pull out the plug.”

### NEWS – NEWS – NEWS!!!

Port Henry now has its own Taxi, called *Quality Taxi!!!* Fact Finder will showcase this business as soon as Charlene, its owner, can meet with us for an interview. Until then, do not hesitate to call this number if you are in need of a Taxi: **570-8897**.

Look for the next issue of the Fact Finder on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at Adirondack Hair Associates, Macs and Moriah Pharmacy; also, find copies to read at the Sherman Free Library. There are read-while-you-wait copies (but no one will be upset if you leave with one) at John Eisenberg’s Service Center, Ken and Paula LaDeau’s Champlain’s Best Wash, Don Foote’s “Miss Port Henry” Diner, and TFCU. NOTE: The Fact Finder may also be found on-line at [porthenrymoriah.com](http://porthenrymoriah.com). Go to “Living Here” and you will see “Fact Finder” to the far right, one line down.