



# HOT POTATO

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## On for Cohocton Fall Foliage Festival!

### Mental Health Care in Steuben County

Last meeting, we counted eleven members and two guests, Ellen Stephens and Jim Burns, from the Hornell and Dansville Rotary clubs, respectively.

Much to Janine's disappointment, we didn't get pasta again. I don't know why she thought it would be pasta, maybe the choice of salad dressing? Kelly brought out ham and scalloped potatoes with carrots instead, which I personally didn't mind as a substitute. For dessert, we had a vanilla frosted cherry cake. Good meal!

Art Traphagen had traveled down-state over the weekend to celebrate a 60<sup>th</sup> class reunion. I think he said about a dozen people showed up, which I think is impressive after such a long time. Pres. Pat fined him \$3, which I find rather stiff.

Bob Radell had an anniversary and was nailed for the same amount. Pat wouldn't accept a story in lieu of dollars. Bob generously told the story anyway.

Bob Oswald threw in a happy dollar for the coming weekend, when he and the dachshunds are going to have free reign of the house. "The Merry Grass Widower," in Swedish. There's a blues song about the inevitable "Monday Morning" after...

Jim Burns bought a new living-room suite. Two bucks said Pat and looked at Bo, - why I have no idea...

### Business

The district 7120 Oratorical Contest for high school juniors is coming up. The application fee is \$50. The top ten will receive prizes in the form of government bonds. Area colleges are also awarding scholarships. Bob Radell moved that we do it, seconded by Sally Smith. Passed unanimously.

On October 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 - 12, there is a "Literacy Workshop" at the Canandaigua elementary school. President Pat hopes to attend and others are checking calendars.

Then Tom Didas had something. It usually means work, so I was brazing myself. I was right. He had talked to Tom Cox, who said he had not heard from us regarding a food booth at the Cohocton Fall Foliage Festival. Thus the first of the headlines. Is the second line related to the same subject? Who knows, maybe it will be after the ordeal? The second line actually refers to a mini program that Ellen Stephens put on for us.

Back to the F.F.F. Tom pointed out that if we didn't do it, they would have somebody else lined up, and we would lose the opportunity. He thinks we need something to replace the Potato Festival as a fundraiser.

The event takes place on the weekend of October 7 to 8. Can we get enough people to pull it off? We didn't have time to find out, since we had an ultimatum. Answer by tomorrow, or else.. (That's the part I personally object to the most, the against the wall ultimatum.)

Last year, the sports booster club didn't really make any money at it, and a lot of people worked it. This was weather related to some extent. Since the participation fee is 25% of the gross, the trick here is to guess how much food we should buy, so as not to get stuck with it in case of bad weather. It could lead to a loss if a good weather gamble (plenty of purchased food) turns sour.

We also have to have a 20x40 tent (that's what they used in the past), and bring our grills, etc. Then there's refrigeration, getting food permit, etc. There was a show of hands, and your editor was the only one who opposed the whole thing, although many hands came up hesitantly. No leader was appointed.



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## Mental Health Care in Stbn

Ellen Stephens made an impromptu presentation about Mental Health Care in Steuben county. They have offices in Bath, Corning and Hornell. Mental health is very important for physical wellbeing, and is often overlooked as a source of other problems.

Relating to next week's program about Livingston County Jail (a last minute change may swap this program for two weeks), Ellen thought it was one of the most important areas of mental health, and woefully little is done in that area in our county.

Ellen also mentioned that they can refer children to a renowned specialist in Rochester, Sara Atkinson, to participate in research projects, free of charge.

It is also getting to the time of the year when the Community Chest starts its campaign, October 1. Ellen is no longer the president for the organization, but she is still involved. The goal is \$18,000.

Tom Didas won the 50/50 (George was absent).

We will have a board meeting next Tuesday, come \*\*\*\* or high water, says president Pat.