

## ₼ GPS Update

~ Carol Schweizer

The May business meeting was a full one! It began with electing a new president, Rev. Wayne Brandow and vice president, Gerry Bobar. Martha Brandow and Mary Lynn Kopper were re-elected as co-secretaries. Linda Bobar will serve one more term as a Trustee. Congratulations to all!

Pat Sanders brought a request for a budget for new furniture and supplies needed for the Archives Committee at the new library as the GPS Archives are relocated there. This had already been approved by the board and was

## Upcoming Dates

June 3– Next Member Meeting at Town Hall Annual Picnic 6:00 p.m. NOTE TIME CHANGE

July 10 Board Meeting at Town Hall 7:00p.m.

passed by the membership. This money will come from the Book Account.

Under new business, it was proposed, at the recommendation of the Board, that GPS give an additional \$10,000 to the Library Building Fund. A gift of \$5,500 had previously been given. Again, this money came from the Book account. The membership approved this gift.

Lauren Roberts, Saratoga County Historian, presented a wonderful overview of the Women's Suffrage Movement in Saratoga County. The women, and some men, worked tirelessly for more than half a century to allow women the right to vote and have other equal rights in legal and property matters. Those women were such pioneers! We've come a long way!

GPS will finish the year with the annual picnic to be held at Galway Town Hall on Monday, June 3 at 6:00 pm. Note the time difference. If you have not signed up, please contact Linda Bobar at 518 882-6340 to let her know what "dish-to-share" you will bring. It is always a fun event so we hope to see you there.

As I wish you a fond farewell as your president, I would like to encourage each of you to consider becoming involved in some committee of GPS for the coming year. There are many opportunities: programs, refreshments, display case, archives, newsletter. Don't be shy.

Have a wonderful summer!

## Florence Reedy Remembered

~ by Arlene Rhodes

Long-time active GPS member Florence Reedy passed away on May 12. She was a founding GPS member and served two terms as president, 1993 to 1995. No matter the activity, Florence was there to help, lending her smile, her common sense, a spirit of cooperation and her deep knowledge of Galway history. Reviewing Florence's service on GPS projects is reviewing a short history of GPS: Old Time Story Night interviews and establishment of GPS provisional archives. 1984: charter application trustee. 1989: Village Sesquicentennial 1988 and Town of Galway Bicentennial 1992 celebrations, video and publications. Florence served on the Village flower barrel, park display, program, archives



and refreshment committees as well as the 1976 Bicentennial Committee. She was invaluable to the Galway 1900-1949, a Photographic History committee, providing photos, local history information and contacts for further information. We celebrate the lasting contributions Florence made to GPS and to the Galway community.

~ Photo by Virginia Sawicki, 2009, Parkis Mills event at Galway Central School

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