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Preston Pierce, Ontario County Historian - the Story of John North Willys



Our guest speaker today was Preston Pierce of the Ontario County Historical Society. A Rotarian from Canandaigua, Mr. Pierce is a Paul Harris Fellow who has worked with the Boy Scouts for 35 years. He is a retired social studies teacher from Victor and is currently an adjunct professor at FLCC where he teaches US History. Today, he spoke to us about Canandaigua native and Rotarian John North Willys.

John Willys was born in Canandaigua on October 25, 1873. His father was a tile maker and master bricklayer. Willys attended school on Pleasant Street in Canandaigua, achieving an 8th-grade education. In the 1890's bicycles captured the attention of Americans. Willys was no exception: he was caught up in the bicycle craze, so much so that he actually started a company. He sold bicycles from several manufacturers, and expanded his business into bicycle repairs and the sale of parts and accessories. In 1893 he was forced out of the bicycle business by the panic of 1893.

Following a time as a travelling salesman, in

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1896 he moved to Elmira as an agent for a Boston company that sold braided hoses to industries and fire departments. The following year, he returned to Canandaigua and married his childhood sweetheart, Isabel VanWie, a resident of Cheshire.

In the course of his travels, while visiting a business in Cleveland in 1899 Willys saw his first automobile. The experience would have a great impact on his life. He saw the automobile as the "next big thing" in America. In 1900, he became a dealer for the Pierce automobile company. In 1907, he became taken with an Indianapolis car company called Overland, and began selling their cars. The company would fall on hard times financially, nearing bankruptcy, before Willys bought it out and renamed it the Willys-Overland Company. During the first year, the company sold 465 cars. By 1910, he moved production to Toledo and that year, they sold 15,000 cars. As World War I approached, his company was one of the major companies in the US, employing 75,000.

After World War I, he found himself stretched too thin. One of the problems was his management style: he was a very energetic, hands-on manager who felt he had to personally direct everything. That style of management did not fit well in a company with plants spread all over the Midwest. Also, after the war, there was a minor recession. Some of his investors insisted that Walter Chrysler, a former railroad man, be brought in act as the number two man at Overland. By the mid-20's production was back up to pre-war levels and climbing.


Willys left the business in 1931, when he was appointed US ambassador to Poland. He held that position for two years. During that time, the Great Depression was setting in. Willys had sold all his stock in the Overland company before taking the ambassadorship. While in Poland, he would hear about the financial problems facing the company, with layoffs and production cuts. Dismayed at what he was hearing, he came back to the US and bought the company back and turned it around by 1935.

John North Willys was a classic example of "local boy makes good" and was something of a celebrity in his hometown Canandaigua. Whenever he would visit, he would get good press and was the honoree of more than one "Willys Day" there. On August 26, 1935 John Willys died of a stroke, after recovering from a heart attack earlier in May. He is interred at the Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, NY.

Willys' company went on to design an all terrain vehicle

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for the US military. Their design went on to become the iconic Jeep, which is currently manufactured by the Chrysler. In 1924, Willys was quoted as saying, "Almost any normal man can stand adversity. He can endure poverty and trouble and disappointment and the rigors of self-denial. But it takes a damned good man to stand prosperity. A damned good, strong, fairly balanced man. That's the big test." John Willys certainly passed that test.

October 21, 2015 - Meeting Minutes

Guests:

Preston Pierce, Edie Chapman, Sofia Coll.

Missing in Action:

Gene Bassage, Brian Brooks, Kim Clement, Marie Cramer, Gary Haigh, Gary Hopkins, Deb LeMoyné, Tina Medina, Jim Murray, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Dave Read, Chris Santelli, Joan Shaffer, Dave Stachnik, Eric VanZeilen, Leslie Vecchiotti, Andy Wahl.

On this day in History: Thomas Edison invented the electric incandescent lamp in 1879. Today is also "Count Your Buttons Day."

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Kim's mother fell and broke her wrist, has a laceration on her head, and possibly a chip in her hip.

Trisha Kuntz's (the purple painted lady) mother passed away.

Ron Pollay, Garlock employee, passed away.

Pete Wilson's son Mike passed away.

What's New with Sofia?

This week, there was a cheer competition. Pal-Mac's JV and Varsity both won. She went to the Bills game on Sunday with the PM Rotary group. It was really cool and cold!

She says she is doing well in classes and all is good.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

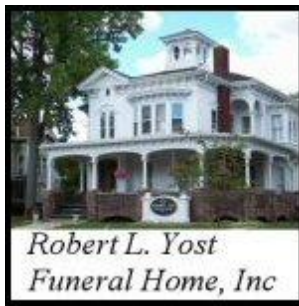
Dianne and Bob Sloan's anniversary was yesterday.

Cheryl and Dennis Ford's anniversary is today.

Fines, Happy Bucks and Confessions:

- Bob Sloan had a happy buck for a great time at the Bills game. Also, he attended a meeting of the Gorham Rotary Club, on behalf of Camp Onseyawa. At that meeting, they pressed cider, which was fun.

- Anne donated some money for winning the TV at the Canaltown Days drawing. Also, she will be going to Boston to visit her grandson.



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- Bob Yost happy-bucked for the great time at the Bills game, and in appreciation of the hard work Eric and Edie put into organizing the outing.
- Eric wanted to give a happy buck for the Bills game, but didn't. The game was not good, and he and Gary couldn't get into the stadium because their tickets were bogus. He did have a happy buck for Kyle, though. Kyle is 29 miles from the end of his hike along the Appalachian Trail. Right after today's meeting, Eric and Edie are heading to Springer Mountain, GA to pick up Kyle.
- Peter also thanked Eric and Edie for their work on the Bills game. He brought his kids to their first NFL game, where they had a terrific time despite the weather.

News and Announcements for the Club:

- Beginning with next week's meeting, lunch will be available beginning at 11:55. This will allow you to check in and pay, then immediately hit the buffet line. It is our hope that this will speed things along for our meetings.
- Amber Jenkins thanked us on behalf of the American Legion for our donation of a refrigerator for use in their kitchen. Their cooler recently went down, and Mark was able to acquire a refrigerator at an auction.
- Anne is looking for someone to sit on a scholarship board for the Dare to Dream travel scholarship. Pal-Mac graduate Joshua Ford has put together a scholarship and is seeking a board member who could attend 2 or 3 meetings per year in order to select a recipient for that scholarship. If you're interested, please contact Anne.
- Today was Tom Brighton's last meeting with us. Tom and Linda have completed their 3-year assignment at the temple and will be leaving soon to return to Utah. Tom thanked us for our friendship and reminded us about a program for Mobil Chemical retirees. Any retiree can designate a charity to receive \$500 from Mobil upon completion of 40 hours of community service. Each retiree can request up to \$2500 each year. Tom turned in paperwork for his 3rd request of the year, bringing the total donated on his behalf to \$1500.

[Chelsea Young, Young Living Essential Oils](#)

Posted on Oct 14, 2015



Chris Santelli introduced us today to Chelsea Young, a representative for Young Living Essential Oils. Chelsea in turn introduced us to some of Young Living's products. Chelsea and her family became aware of essential oils in 1996, when they were suffering from severe seasonal discomfort – watery eyes, sneezing all the time, scratchy throat. At age 9, Chelsea was put on weekly allergy shots. Her mother was put on prednisone, and suffered side effects of that. On top of allergies, they would suffer bronchitis, flu, etc, and the medicines were not effective.

After several years of suffering through these seasonal issues, they were at the point where they would try anything to get relief. Chelsea's aunt had been using Young Living products for about a year, and suggested that they try them. They did and within a few weeks they were feeling better. In the 19 years since, Chelsea says she hasn't taken any medications.

An essential oil is a concentrated oil containing the aroma compounds of a plant. The oil is "essential" in that it contains the "essence of" the plant's fragrance – the characteristic fragrance of the plant it came from. They are extracted by distillation using steam and are then used topically or by diffusion.

Different essential oils are used for different health issues. Chelsea brought a sampler package with her and passed around many of the oils available through her company. We got to sample peppermint, thieves, frankincense, lavender, lemon, and others. Some of our members have used these products before and shared some of their experiences with them.

It was a lively discussion, and the room smelled great! Chelsea was very excited about the products and gave us a lot of information about the different oils. If you would like more information about Young Living Essential Oils, Chelsea would be happy to talk with you. She can be

reached at (315)945-7279, by email at younglivingchelsea@yahoo.com or online at www.ylwebsite.com/chelseayoung

October 14, 2015 - Meeting Minutes

Guests:

Shirley Bassage, Chelsea Young, Elayne Sheffer, Ali Abrams, Sofia Coll.

Missing in Action:

Tom Brighton, Brian Brooks, Jim Bush, Marie Cramer, Gary Haigh, Bob Ike, Deb LeMoyne, Anne Morrell, Jim Murray, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Bob Sloan, Dave Stachnik, Cindy Surline, Eric VanZeilen, Andy Wahl.

Today is “Wear Something Gaudy Day.” It’s a chance to really stick out from the crowd. The word gaudy refers to something bright, gay, cheap, showy, outlandish, or otherwise not in good taste. Have a little fun with today. For those that forgo fashion and style, look for something that is really wild and wacky. You’ll stick out like a sore thumb.

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Anne Morrell’s mother passed away.

Doug Wilson passed away.



Pictured with President Mark are the students joining us today. They are (l-r) Sofia, Elayne Sheffer and Ali Abrams. Elayne is active in Interact and SADD and works part-time. She’d like to be a veterinarian. Ali is active in softball and cross country and is also the Wayne County Fair Queen for 2015.

What's New with Sofia? So, this week was a routine, normal week – with no injuries! She enjoyed the long weekend. They went to Powers Market which was fun. They also went to a haunted house, which was “so fun.” She is looking forward to the Bills game on Sunday.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Dianne's birthday is Friday (10/16).

Sofia's grandmother's birthday is Thursday (10/15).

Fines, Happy Bucks and Confessions:

- Gene and Shirley offered happy bucks in honor of a grandson who just graduated from the Law Enforcement academy at Finger Lakes. He is now working for the Wayne County Sheriff's Dep't. He was 1st in his class academically and physically; he was 2nd in marksmanship.
- Mark had a fink fine for Dave Read's son Peter. Peter was featured in the New York Times, in an article about his advocacy for victims' rights and better gun control. The article appeared in the wake of the mass shooting at Umpqua Community College in Oregon. Peter's daughter Mary was murdered in the mass shooting at Virginia Tech in 2007. The article is available online; click [here](#) if you'd like to read it (or read it again).
- Jenn learned that she will be welcoming a daughter at the end of February.
- Leslie shared Julianna's announcement that she is now officially a full-time cast member at Walt Disney World. No word on whether Rotary discounts will be available.
- Maurina attended a family reunion over the weekend for the Schmidt family. She also went to visit her daughter and family as well. She also has “graduated” from Xerox Corporation as of last Monday and is looking forward to enjoying more free time.
- Mark fined all members who were not wearing a Rotary pin.

- Mark announced a new project for the club. We will be collecting used prescription bottles. Bring your empty prescription bottles to any club meeting. The bottles are collected, sterilized, and sent off to be used in developing countries.

Congratulations to Dave Read, who won \$13 in the 50/50 drawing this week.