potluck | pät’læk
noun
used in reference to a situation in which one must take a chance that whatever is available will prove to be good or acceptable: he could take potluck in a town not noted for its hotels.
• a meal or party to which each of the guests contributes a dish: [as adj.] a potluck supper.

Everything “…available will prove to be good or acceptable…” at the Society’s Annual Potluck Supper on

Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the Civic Center. Gather at 6 p.m. for socializing. Supper at 6:30. Program at 7:30.

For the Potluck Supper please bring your choice of hors d’oeuvres, bread, salad, main dish, sides or dessert. The Society will provide coffee, tea, wine, etc.

IMPORTANT! Contact Marcie Manning at 532-7452 or mcm9210@gmail.com to say you’re coming and what you’ll bring. Please do so by February 8th.

Quiz Night v.2

How good is your knowledge of Jaffrey history? Find out at Quiz Night! We did this last year and decided to do it again, though a bit differently this time around. Those at each table will collaborate on identifying an old Jaffrey photograph, guessing the location, approximate date, etc. After dessert we’ll flash the images on the screen, the original photo and how the same scene looks today. ♫ ♪ ♫
Greetings to all,

I hope we will see you at the Society’s February 11th Potluck Supper described on the other side. Enjoy some good food and drink and then be transported back in time to an earlier Jaffrey.

A Jaffrey contingent traveled off to Francestown for the Society’s Annual Autumn Outing on a chilly October 18th. We were welcomed by our host, the Francestown Improvement & Historical Society, and enjoyed visiting the Beehive (the Society’s future headquarters), the Town Hall (also being renovated) and across the Common the FI&HS’s fine museum displaying many items of Francestown heritage. We ended up at the former Pacific Masonic Lodge, now owned by the Society, where we enjoyed refreshments. Many of us then repaired to the Toll Booth Tavern at the Crotched Mountain Golf Club for an early supper.

Your Society has once again paired with the Jaffrey Library to share the cost of subscribing to HeritageQuest, a genealogical website that all can access from their homes. In 2015, Jaffreyites initiated 2,650 searches! You can too. Go to www.heritagequest.com and log in: Username=0x7p2km2mf (the first character/digit is a zero). Password=welcome. At the end of the year we’ll do an evaluation to see how many members have used HeritageQuest and whether we should continue as a sponsor.

Our collections keep growing. Recent additions include a photograph of the interior of the Elite Laundry donated by Julie Cuddihce (interior views of Jaffrey businesses are uncommon) and Jaffrey’s first illuminated sign which hung outside Deschenes Market in the Bean Building (donated by the Mooney-Pratt family, who also gave us the market’s Regulator clock and a copy of an hitherto unknown Conant High School student publication, The Conant Jive).

Remember that the Society has its own website which includes the original JaffreyHistory.org. The address is: www.jaffreyhistory.org. Have a look. We also have Facebook page at www.facebook.com/JaffreyHS

We are sorry to lose our long-time member, Dan Johnson. Twice president, he was particularly fond of our Autumn Outings many of which he organized. We are also sad to note the passing of Nancy Isaacs. Our condolences to both families.

We now have a total of 220 members making the Society among the largest in southwestern New Hampshire!

And a reminder. The annual dues envelope is enclosed. Please help the Society by paying promptly.

Rob Stephenson, President

Upcoming Programs 2016

Thursday April 8: Scott Edwards of Scott’s Clocks, On Clocks (including ours) • Sunday June 5, 2pm: A Conant Cemetery Walkabout (with the Jaffrey Cemetery Committee) • Thursday August 11: Annual Meeting. John Peard, Red’s of Jaffrey • A Sunday in October: Annual Autumn Outing (several destinations are being considered). • Thursday December 8: Annual Christmas Party with the Civic Center.

John Enman admires a piece of early fire apparatus at the Heritage Museum in Francestown during our Autumn Outing on October 18th.

Pam Royce oversees the festive refreshments at the annual Christmas party the Society co-sponsors each December with the Civic Center. At this year’s party we bade farewell to Dion Owens, retiring as the Civic Center’s Director. For many years Dion was the welcoming face of the Historical Society as visitors came to see our collections and exhibits.