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DO NOT TAKE THIS

# REFORM

1. ONLY AN ARMOUR-BEARER

By an armour-bearer, proudly I stand,  
Willing to follow at the King's command :  
Marching if "onward" shall the order be,  
Standing by my captain, serving faithfully.

CHORUS.

Only an armour-bearer, now in the field,  
Guarding a shining helmet, sword and shield.  
Waiting to hear the thrilling battle cry,  
Ready then to answer, "Master, here am I."

CHORUS,  
I may I share

2. PULL FOR THE SHORE  
 Light in the darkness, brother, day is at hand!  
 See o'er the foaming billows fair Haven's land,  
 Dread was the voyage, brother, now almost o'er.  
 Safe within the life-boat, brother, pull for the  
 shore.

Hurrah! hurrah! we'll bring the  
Hurrah! hurrah! from rum we will be -  
sing the chorus from the centre to the  
memorance!

more!  
Leave the poor old straggler  
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The Sebago Historical Society introduces this calendar for 2001

# Fraternal & Social Organizations of Sebago

## *Reformers Aid Society,*

a women's group, was formed Sept. 22, 1876 with the purpose of aiding the Reform Club in its temperance work. The group organized at the Union Meeting House in Sebago village, probably because the men's group was not doing as well as they thought it should to further the cause at the home level. Any female 15 or older was eligible to join, and ribbon badges were worn to designate membership. The first officers were Harriet M. Dyer, President; Eliza Paine, Senior Vice President; Mary Chadbourne, Junior Vice President; Anne Decker, Chaplin; Eliza Butler, Treasurer; Lizzie Reed, Recording Secretary; Annette Babb and Julia Pike were collectors; with Sara Bickford, Eunice B. Fitch, Mary Martin, Rhonda Fitch and Mary Reed as the Business Committee.

The meetings consisted of speakers or testimonials of the reformed. One of the major activities was to visit every person in town who sold liquor and try to persuade him to stop. A petition was presented to Robert A. Sanborn to request the cessation of cider sales. No records indicate success of this endeavor. It is unknown when these groups ceased to function.

*We wish to thank everyone who contributed toward this calendar.  
We also honor the memory of Sebago Historian, Larry Nason,  
whose writings were of great value in making this endeavor possible.*

*Photographs and records are as accurate as we can determine.*

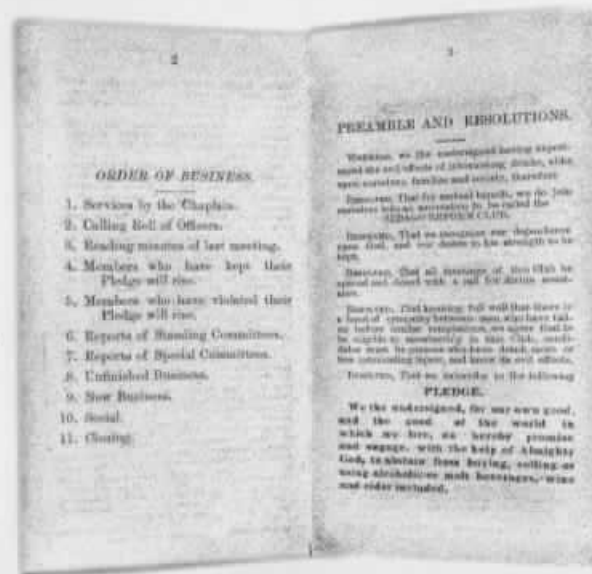
*Calendar Committee — Ann Burns, Diana Letellier, Roberta Douglass and June Allen*

*Advertising — Robert Greens, Lucretia Douglas and George Tinkham*

## *The Temperance Watchman's Club #67,*

was organized at the old Town House, "on the ledges", March 24, 1851. The purpose of this society was to persuade men of the community to give up drinking. The only record we have from this group is a list of officers. Senior Officer, David Potter; Junior Officer, William Bickford; Recording Secretary, John Fitch; Corresponding Secretary, William J. Poor; Chaplin, Charles Hill; Marshall, S.R. Porter; Associate Marshall, B.F. McDonald; and Treasurer, Nathan Chadbourne.

At a later date, a group of Sebago men who had "experienced the evil effects of intoxicating drinks, alike upon ourselves, families and society" joined together to form the Sebago Reform Club for all males 12 years and older. The only information found for this group is the song card used for this Calendar's cover and the by-laws on this page.



## THE MISTAKES OF MY LIFE

—Mrs. Lizzy R. Reed of Sebago

The mistakes of my life have been many  
And most of them caused by drink,  
But when the Reformers for Temperance  
came

It just caused me to think.

CHORUS

I know I've been wicked and sinful ;  
It comes to me more and more :  
But, brothers and friends, I have signed the  
pledge,  
And I never will drink any more.

I thought of my good gentle mother,  
With sorrow brought down to the grave,  
In shame for the boy who in childhood  
She once thought so noble and brave.

I thought of my wife in her sorrow—  
Her sweet face haggard with care;  
And I saw that stray threads of silver  
Shown out in her beautiful hair.

I thought of my dear little children,  
In poverty, begging for bread;  
Their father, you know, was a drunkard,  
And to them was no better than dead.

And I said I will break from the tempter,  
It will make wife and children so glad;  
I will throw away all rum and cider,  
And I'll join with the brave Iron Clad.

So I came to your temperance meeting,  
And put my name on the pledge;  
Come, give us three cheers and then sign,  
boys,—  
"Twill help up to build up the pledge.

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## Long Beach Community Association

This group was organized in August, 1935. Members must live within the boundaries which were established by the organization, those being from the Standish line to the Spaulding residence, now Rockcraft Lodge.

The LBCA raised funds to build their community hall in 1957-58 during the presidency of Glen Browning.

In 1937, a notable project was street lights. Other pro-

jects were a portable pumper for the town and rescue equipment for the beach area, along with installation of street signs and a dry hydrant.

Most funds are raised by

weekly beano games, dances and dinners. They sponsor a craft fair each summer and participate in Sebago Days. Their most recognizable activity is the Horrible Parade each August.



## The East Sebago Community Club

Organized on Dec. 9, 1926. Mrs. Dorothy Spaulding appears to have been responsible for its organization. records show the club had thirteen charter members;

Eva Sanborn, Eunice Shaw, Myrtie McDonald, Ida Martin, E. Maud Sawyer, Louise Hines, Jennie Blake, Harriet Martin, Amanda Fitch, Elaine Fitch, Julia

Sanborn and Marjorie Shaw. In 1937, a community hall was built for a Sunday School and a place for the club to hold its meetings. Completing community service projects for retirement and nursing homes filled many hours of their meetings.

The ladies were also busy holding public suppers to raise money. The Sunday School met here for many years. The hall was also used by several local groups and organizations.

## Maple Grove Grange Hall, – Convene

Maple Grove Grange #148 is the oldest organization of Sebago which is still active today. The Order of Patrons of Husbandry was organized at the Brick School House on April 9, 1875 with a membership of 30 by deputy C.H. Cobb of Portland. The name was selected from a grove of maples very near the school house. The first known officers were J.B. Brown, Charles Davis and O.A. Douglass.

Most of the first meetings were held at the New Limington School House, other school houses or at members' homes.

In 1880, they purchased the Isaac Brown home in Convene for \$250. The following year a Grange Store was established giving members competitive prices for goods. Remodeling and additions in 1884, 1908 and 1924 created the building as shown here. As an agricultural organization, many all day meetings featured speakers and discussions of the best farming methods, and the value of rural living. Legislative issues pertaining to farmers, including successful lobbying in Washington provided "Rural Free Delivery" postal routes.

The Grange Hall provided the place for the social life of area families and Potter Academy events. Summertime weekly dances, often with a 4-member band featuring Errol Briggs of Harrison, were favorite occasions. Old Home Days and fairs with picnics and baseball provided daytime entertainment.

With the passing of small family farms, the group's purpose became more community service based. Members provided rustic town line signs for the sesquicentennial, supported students with scholarships, and created a name for themselves as exhibitors



*The landmark Grange building burned in 1979 and later members met at the Potter Building. Now members meet at the Sebago Center Community Church, on the 4th Monday of each month. Major officers at this time are: Master, Robert Burns; Overseer, E. Norman Durrell; Chaplin, June Allen; Secretary, Herbert Lehmann and Treasurer, Ann Burns.*

at Ossipee Valley and Fryeburg Fairs.

In 1974, the Grange was responsible for creating interest to form the Sebago Historical Society, and repeated the reorganization support in 1993. State recognition was obtained in the 1970's by promoting a neighborhood watch, tot finder decals and vials of life to assist Sebago Fire and Rescue Volunteers. Recognition by the State and National Granges was again received in 1999 for a community service project of cemetery data collection, which was done in conjunction with the Sebago Historical Society.



*Longevity Award Recipients: 1994 Front: 60 Year Awards: Jessie Durrell, Elizabeth Flint, John Douglas, Herberta McKenney Back: 50 years- Clayton Douglass, 55 years- Esther Kilborn, 65 years- Carl Kilborn, Clyde Berry- Maine State Grange Master.*





*Donald Olden, Fire Chief, presents 1988's Appreciation Award to Parade marshalls Yvonne and William Nason on the 10th Anniversary of Sebago Days.*

*Yvonne was radio dispatcher for fire and rescue as well as auxiliary member. William was a past Fire Chief.*

## Sebago Fire & Rescue Ladies Auxiliary

Previous to 1969, Doris Sanborn, Herberta McKenney, Leona Greene, Dorothy Howard, Beverly Hutchins, Beverly Cox and a few others had responded to firemen's needs of food and drink when fighting fires.

In 1969, a few of the firemen's wives and friends met with Loretta Greene and Jean Huntress to form a group which would become known as the Firemen's Auxiliary. This group soon became aware of other needs and desired to raise funds for purchases not supplied by the town.

Baked Bean Suppers soon became the major fundraiser with the town citizens donating the pies, salads and hotdogs. Now they have expanded their menu to include Turkey Dinners and Hunters' Breakfasts. With the arrival of Sebago Days as a Firemen supported event, a food booth manned by auxiliary members provided another way to raise funds. When the Volunteer Rescue Association became a separate organization, the auxiliary became its support group as well. Loretta Greene was the first president, holding the position for over 10 years. The officers for 2000 were: President, Rita Dolloff; Vice President, Betty Tinkham; Secretary, Beverly Cox; and Treasurer, Terry Irish.

## Sebago Fire Department

Protecting Sebago residents in time of fire began early in the 20th century with Town Fire Wardens. In 1937, a portable pumper was purchased by the LBCA. Ken Jordan provided a trailer for transportation, and a few lengths of hose completed the equipment list. Lowell Barnes would hitch it up to a remodeled Model T and speed it to the location. The first town purchased truck was a '42 Chevrolet with a 250 gallon booster tank and a 200 gallon pump. A firehouse was built adjoining the gymnasium to await the truck which arrived in March 1945. In 1947, two more trucks were purchased and in 1949, land

was obtained to build firehouses in East and North Sebago. Through the years, the equipment and buildings have been upgraded as required.

A three-bay station was built at Sebago Center as more space was needed for vehicles. The latest truck purchased was Engine 2, stationed at East Sebago.

The Sebago Fire Association was created to offset expenses and require fewer tax dollars provided by town funds. Walter Leach was the first president of this association. This group later incorporated near the end of the century and is now known as the Sebago Community Fire Company, Inc.



### Sebago Fire Chiefs

Harry McKenney  
George Anderson  
Richard Cox  
Barry Jordan

Chester Cutting  
William Nason  
Donald Olden  
Alan Greene

*Sebago's first truck outside the first fire station.*

## Sebago Mens Club



*Members of Sebago Men's Club, Rev. Ernest E. Eels, Edmund Ribas, Scoutmaster and Club President Heinrich Jacobsen.*

The Sebago Men's Club was founded in December, 1956 to provide sponsorship for Boy Scout Troop 71. The first presi-

dent was Heinrich Jacobsen. An early list included over ninety citizens. Early projects included cleaning up the North West Basin area for a nicer town beach, clearing the former Fitch Bros. boardyard for an elementary school ballfield, and preparing an ice-rink for winter skating.

The meetings were held in different locations and were preceded by a supper which was usually prepared by various women's organizations. A program followed the supper, one of which was presented by S.D. Warren representatives on air pollution. Rumor has it that it was held in a room so full of smoke the speaker

could hardly be seen. One fund raiser was the annual iceout contest for Sebago Lake. There is a story that one year the ice arrived and departed while members were still bantering about the rules for that year.

Many local youth benefited by the generosity of the club. Scholarships were given and financial support provided for attendees to Dirigo Boys and Girls State. The last known officers were President, Loomis Dyer; Treasurer, Herbert Lehmann; and Secretary, Rev. Albert Niles. The group appears to have ceased functioning in May, 1979, as no records since have been found.

## So & Sew Club

This seasonal group occupied winter Wednesdays during the early 1950's. The group began when Nina Sayward asked fellow rugmakers for lunch and asked if they wanted to form a club. Soon, others joined them bringing other handcrafting ideas with them. The group had no officers, no dues and only unwritten rules. Grace Snow, who named the group, was quoted as saying, "We just get together at each others houses, work on whatever we want and enjoy a big meal." Some of the other original members were Ada McKenney, Cora Weed, Doris Douglass, Harriet Martin, Susie Lord, and Ethel Hendrickson.

Come June, the club had to recess as most of the participants were involved one way or another with the summer tourist business. When Labor Day arrived, it was time to catch up on the news and enjoy their own community. It is believed that eventually the group grew into the organization now known as the Sebago Center Community Church Ladies Circle.



*So & Sew Luncheon at Ethel Hedrickson's. L to R are Suzie Wormwood Lord, Cora White Weed, Grace Chadborne Snow, Doris Weed Douglass, Nina Sayward, Ellen Hansen Durrell and Harriet Fitch Martin.*



*Lunch with the Co-Cen-Do Club at Grace Snow's in 1949. Pictured here are (L to R) Grace Snow, Herberta McKenney, Grace Brown, Barbara Sanborn and Val Irish.*

## Co-Cen-Do Club

Newspaper reports tell us that one winter day in 1948, the women of Sebago Center, Douglas Hill and Convene organized a sewing and mending club. The first hostesses were Harriet and Evelyn Martin. The only known officers were elected the following January. They were: President, Edith Hamlin; Vice President, Grace Brown; Secretary, Lucille Dolloff; and Treasurer, Evelyn Martin. Other members mentioned were Doris Sanborn, Frances Gray, Val Irish, Achsah Flint, Grace Snow, Cora Weed, Helen Irish, Doris Douglass, Barbara Brown, Nina Sayward, Peg Cobb, Herberta McKenney and Elizabeth Flint.

Meetings were held in members' homes with lunch included. Occasionally, they held a Men's Night with a supper followed by a card party. The group recessed for the summer months and appears to have been active for about three years.

*So & Sew meeting at Grace Snow's. L to R are Richard Viles, Grace Snow, Nina Sayward, Cora Weed, Lauris Viles, Louise Cummings, Susan Cummings, Harriet Martin and Doris Douglass.*

## Boy Scouts

Scouting for boys in Sebago began before WWII. However, the earliest records found are for troop #71 which was organized in 1957. The Sebago Mens Club were sponsors and Ed Ribas was Scout master for the first two years. Charter members were Chester Martin, Leigh Fitch, Wayne Bachelder, Robert Fitch, Charles Coleman, Edmund Ribas Jr. and Ronald Wormwood. Assistant Scout Masters were Lawrence Nason and Richard Shaw.

Sometime before 1970, Troop #114 was organized with the Sebago Fire Department as sponsor. Known leaders at different levels of scouting were Barry Jordan, Donald Olden, Robert Burns, Donald Allen, Hartley Shaw, Barbara Cutting, Donald Moore and Ted Harriman. Some of the known members during this time were Brad Mullins, Chris Harriman, Don Olden Jr., Tim Allen, Steven Shaw, Tommy Cutting, Ronnie Tabor, Ed Frost, Dwight Thorne, Joel Huntress, Daryl Tabor, Kurt Christensen and Chris Kelley.



*Bicentennial flag Presentation Ceremony in Nov. '75 (L to R) Michael Foye, Timothy Allen, Donelle Allen, Linda Budris and —Plummer.*

During the Bicentennial Celebrations, the Boy and Girl Scouts assisted with the official flag raisings. Selling homemade root-beer to raise funds at Sebago Days and a camping trip to Cutting's Camp at Indian Pond were memorable events. Scouting events also included roadside cleanup, Pinewood Derbies, participation at Camp Hinds and Jambories. In 1981, Ernie Easter headed a revival of the group for about two years.

Cub Scout Pack #82 was formed with eleven boys in cub dens and one tiger den in 1986. The troop was sponsored by the

Sebago Fire & Rescue. Hal Bartke was scout coordinator with Kathy Bartke as cubmaster. The following year this group expanded to include a Weblo Den. The third year, a small Boy Scout Troop, #82, was formed under the leadership of John Cumming. By 1989, there were thirty-two scouts at various levels.

During earlier years when boys reached the Boy Scout level, it was necessary to transfer their membership to other towns. In 1979, Timothy Allen and Christopher Kelly achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with Baldwin Troop #367. Neal Snow achieved Eagle Scout with Bridgton Troop #149 in 1990. In 1999, Jared Newton and Christopher Newton were the first two Eagle Scouts who had been in a Sebago troop for all their scouting years. The Sebago Branch Duckers are now sponsors for troop #82. They meet regularly at Spaulding Memorial Library and Douglas Newton is Scout Master. Assistant leaders are Mike Farrell and Dennis Farnum. At this time, there are approximately thirty active scouts in all the levels of scouting.



*1999 Camp Photo: (B) Daniel Bahr, Dennis Farnum, Douglas Newton, Michael Farrell, Jared Newton, Nicholas Hutchins, (M) Ryan Farnum, Myles Farrell, Tyler Merritt, Casey Farrell, Joshua Thorne, (F) Merlin Bahr, Mose Russo III, Jake Hennigar, Alex Terrio, Seth Newton, William Rust.*



*Brownie Troop #233 during "crossover" ceremonies in 1995. (F) Holly Abrams, Sara Westberry, Nicole Hutchins (B) Deanna Bragan, Rebecca Merritt and Elisha Mosley*

## Girl Scouts

The earliest record for Girl Scouting in Sebago was Brownies Troop #206. Leaders were Beverly Harmon and Edith Cutting. Some of the known members were Gayle Burnell, Debra Huntress, Pam Bachelder, Amber Cutting, Nancy and Christine Harmon, and Deborah and Diane Kocicka. At this same time, in the early 60's, Girl Scout Troop #234 was active with Mary Hazelton as leader. Assistant leaders were Vera Fitch and Eleanor Decker. Deborah Howard was President; Mary Howard, Treasurer; and Patricia Bachelder, Secretary.

Brownie Troop #233 was active in the 70's. Jean Huntress was leader with meetings held at the elementary school. During the Bicentennial Flag Raising, Donelle Allen and Linda Budris represented the troop. No information could

be obtained for the 80's, but Brownie Troop #233 was still active in 1995 with Evelyn Abrams as leader and Shelly Mosley as assistant. Later leaders were Denise Olsen and Linda White. As members grew older, they became Jr. Girl Scouts in Troop #1963. Evelyn Abrams was this troop's leader assisted by Robin Gosbee. In 1998, Brownie Troop #920 was formed and by the year 2000 there were eighteen girls. Meetings were held at the town hall with Marie Cutting as troop leader, Maria Walker as parent leader and Jean Clancy as assistant leader. A community service project was planting flowers at the Town Common and Spaulding Memorial Library. The future plan for Girl Scouting is to start a Girl Scout group. At this writing, they do not yet have a number. Marie Cutting will be leader for this new group with Maria Walker as assistant. Sue Farrington and Jean Clancy will be leaders of Brownie Troop #920.

## Sebago Women of Extension, Day Group

The Day Extension Group was organized in 1926. Some charter members were Eva Sanborn, Alice Bachelder and Eunice Shaw. Other early members were Ida Martin, Dorothy Spaulding, Marion Johnson and Harriet Martin.

Through the years, they worked on community projects such as supplying braille cards for the Blind Friendship Group and creating hundreds of items for the Portland Press Herald Clearing House Christmas Caravan Project. As with many groups in town, the numbers and memberships shifted with the seasons. Many "snowbirds" left for the winter and were warmly welcomed back with the springtime.



*Sebago Day Extension Group (F) Rachel Burnell, Evelyn Paine, Marion Lockwood, Mrs. K.N. Libby, Agnes McLucas, Dorothy Vickerson, (B) Jean Carty, "Pete" Cameron, Mrs. C.J Chase, Katherine Boynton, Fran Metz, Mary Shesong, Beatrice MacFee and Mary Robinson.*



*Ann Burns, Assistant Librarian at left, accepting a set of children's books from Kathy Hoglund of the Lakeshore Ladies Evening Extension group.*

## Lakeshore Ladies Evening Extension

During the mid 1970's, an evening group was formed for the working women and young mothers. Leona Greene was the first president. Other known members were Florence Russo, Loretta Greene, Jane Foye, Joanne Greene, Connie Richards, Teresa Russo and Kathy Hoglund. At one point Eileen Russo was its treasurer.

Evenings were often spent learning new needlecrafts,

homemaking tips and economical projects. Long term community projects were also chosen, one of which was improving the Spaulding Memorial Library. Hours were spent assisting the librarians and raising funds. Books such as the Laura Ingles Wilder series, shown in the photo, were donated.

This group met for about twenty years.



# Potter Academy Alumni Association

This group was organized in June of 1920 through the efforts of Charles Bickford, a 1910 graduate. A banquet was prepared by Ed Douglas at the Douglas Inn. First officers elected were Charles Bickford, President; Mabel Nason Cole '1900, Vice President; Principal E.P. Smith, Secretary/Treasurer; and Philip R. White '18, Recording Secretary.

A continuing project was suggested to fix up the chapel/assembly hall. Summertime business meetings continued annually, with refreshments or banquets at various places, followed by socials or entertainment. Soon, a \$5 award was established for a student showing the most improvement over the previous year. In 1932, the members voted to donate \$10 to the library but rescinded the vote the following year due to "banking conditions".



Potter Academy Class of 1958- 25th reunion (1983). (L to R) David Brown, Stanley Jasiecki, Ruth Jewell Irish, Janice Wood Nickerson, Eleanor Haskell Draper and James Nason.

In 1942, the annual meeting was postponed, presumably because of WWII. A special meeting was called in 1956 by Virginia Mullen Shaw and other schoolmates to revive the group. The following year a catered banquet was held the last Saturday in June. This set a precedent that continued till 1973 when pot luck suppers arrived to stay.

The gymnasium became the permanent home for the banquet and through the generosity of Merle and Doris Weed Douglass, 14' tables were built to go with the chairs purchased by the townspeople.

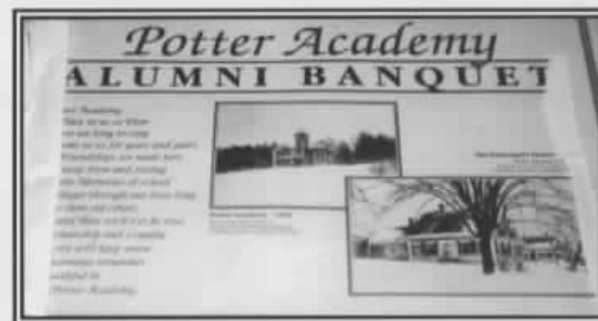
In 1958, an alumni scholarship fund was established to be presented to a Potter graduate. Carroll Googins was the first recipient of \$100. Through the generosity of alumni members and several substantial donations, the investments have enabled the association to give over one hundred scholarships of varying amount.

With the pending closure of Potter Academy, the alumni voted to go on record as opposing the closure and joining an area district.

After the main part of the Academy



1969 Banquet; (B) George Anderson '37, Kenneth Ridlon '27, Olive Skillings Ridlon, (F) Audrey Martin '41, Ruth



burned in 1974, a memorial plaque was created, and placed at the location of the former front entrance. The group continues to meet each June to reminisce, honor the 50th anniversary class, and handle any business that is necessary.

The officers for the year 1999-2000 were: President, Richard Irish; Vice President, Arlene Wormwood Cooper; Secretary-Treasurer, Lorraine Decker Barriault and Assistant Secretary, Lucia Harmon Hawkins. The Scholarship Committee was Leona Dyer Greene, Ann Brown Burns and Sandra Pinkham Libby.



1976 Alumni Banquet attendees: (F) Franklin Irish '26, Merle Douglass '25, Dorothy Smith '23, Susie Smith - faculty, Emory Martin '20, Robert Douglas '18 (B) Alice Gray '26, Elva Murch Sanborn '26, Helen Nason Dyer '22, Ada Murch McKenney '27, Martha Robinson Burnell '25, Harriet Fitch Martin '18, Helen Douglas Irish '28, Alice Merrifield Bauchman '26, Grace Chadborne Snow '18,

## Friends of the Spaulding Memorial Library



*The Spaulding Memorial Library pictured in 1925*



*Dorothy Spaulding and Carlton Martin*

The organizational meeting of the Friends of the Spaulding Memorial Library was held at the Sebago Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. June 23, 1987. Eileen Russo was chosen President Pro Tem and Priscilla Pyle, Secretary-Treasurer. Activities of the Friends include; volunteer services at the library, fund raising in the form of bake, book and plant sales, yearly raffle, and Christmas cookie walk. Each year they participate in the Sebago Days Parade.

The officers for 2000 were: President, Edy Ames; Vice President, Lynda Fisher; Secretary, Joan Rexford;

The Spaulding Memorial Library was conceived by Leon C. Spaulding, philanthropist, who saw a need for the town of Sebago. The building was started in 1923 on land donated by Harry H. Fitch. A local carpenter, Carlton Martin, had complete charge of construction, as planned by Mr. Spaulding. Unfortunately, Mr. Spaulding passed away in September of 1924, before his dream was completed. The town voted to accept the library, as a gift from Mrs. Dorothy Spaulding, at the annual meeting in 1925. A board of trustees was chosen consisting of Waldo Pratt, Harry Fitch, Dorothy Spaulding, George Laughton, Earnest Dennen, Carlton Martin, and William McDonald.

The first librarian was Lillian Fitch. She served in this capacity until 1937. Eunice Shaw served from 1937 to 1972 at which time Rachel Burnell became Librarian. In 1988, Barbara Thorne became librarian and still holds this position today.

Trustees for the year 2000 were Linda Cooper, Jeff Newton, Jeffrey Wallace, Susan Hall, David Heath, David Twombly, Lauris Champagne, Cynthia Allen, and Jane Foye.



*Friends of the Library, (B) Carol Tidd, Pearl Wulrich, Isabelle Kocika, Edy Ames, (C) Joan Rexford, Dot Henry, Linda Fisher, Pat Armstrong, Mary Francis*

# The Sebago Tribe No. 90 of the Improved Order of Red Men and Daughters of Pocahontas

The Sebago Tribe No. 90 of the Improved Order of Red Men was formed on Nov. 17, 1904 with 63 charter members. Elmer Larrabee, Harry Fitch, Anson Brackett and J. Wilbur Sanborn were among those responsible for organizing the group and held the first offices.

In 1909, a deed for the land across from the old Fitch's Store was procured, and they proceeded to build what was eventually to be known as one of the finest halls in Southern Maine. Uncounted oyster stews, whist parties, and socials were fund raisers to promote their purpose of "Freedom, Friendship and Charity."

The State of Maine took the property in 1969, and the hall was demolished in February. The \$9,000 they received helped them purchase the present lot in June, 1969 and the adjacent one in 1971. While they were preparing the new building they met at the E. Sebago Firebarn. During

the summer of 1972, a celebration was held to dedicate the new building.

In 1991, the only members were Leroy Wood, John Lord, Loomis Dyer, and Harold Jordan so they gave up their charter and joined the North Gorham Presumscot Tribe No. 21. This tribe had lost its hall so all meetings are held at E. Sebago. In 1999, the Kezar Falls Tribe gave up its charter and hall and also joined the Presumscot Tribe, thus making quite an active membership to carry on their charitable causes for assisting Alzheimer's patients and orphans. The only remaining Sebago members are Harold Jordan and Leroy Wood.

The first Council of Rainbow No. 66, Daughters of Pocahontas, of the Improved Order of Red Men was organized June 23, 1921. There were 45 charter members who assisted the Red Men with their work for "Freedom, Friendship and Charity." Some of the first members from

Sebago were Elmer and Hazel Larrabee, Harry and Lillian Fitch, J. Wilbur Sanborn, Will and Evie Nason, Willie and Gladys Bachelder, Walter and Alice Bachelor, Will and Myrtie McDonald, Thomas and Amanda Fitch, Fred and Lillian Meserve, Carlos and Inez Johnson, Frank and Maud Sawyer, and Anson and Ann Brackett. Other members were from Denmark, Baldwin, and Hiram.

The council gave up its charter December 3, 1992 and joined the North Gorham Council Hiawatha No. 58 as their brothers had done the previous year.

Presently, the Sebago Members are Leroy and Ruth Wood, Roby Dyer, and Lifetime member Dolly Lord.



(Top) - Present day Red Men's Hall, built in 1972.

(Right) - Original Red Men's Hall.



Taken in 1985 this photograph shows the following members: (F) Dolly Lord, Ruth Wyman, Ruth Wood, Diane Hamel, (M) Roland Hamel, Loomis Dyer, Nadine Ridlon, Ruth Burnell, (B) Russell Wyman, Carl Ridlon, William Dempsey, John Lord.

## OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the Improved Order of Red Men are fourfold: To make possible by association around the council fires of our Tribes and Councils, the creation of those friendships that make life worthwhile: To broaden our knowledge and vision of the finer things of life by the exchange of thoughts and ideas with our fellow members: To perpetuate for all times to come, the beautiful legends, ceremonies and traditions of a vanishing race, and to keep alive a knowledge of their customs, philosophies and beliefs: To preserve the nation that had its beginning with the Patriotic Red Men of Colonial days, and to protect and defend its ideals and institutions, that we may hand down to those who follow us, the American Way of Life, which has come to us as a Heritage out of the past.



*Ricky Bentley and Glen Snow with baby steer at the Cumberland Fair in 1982*



*Jason Jones, Alan Greene, Neal Snow and Jason Greene, Sebago Seekers 4-H Club members with a garden planted as a community beautification project.*

## 4-H Groups of Sebago

During the last 70 years, there have been many 4-H Groups in Sebago. A sewing group lead by Nellie Haley, was recalled by Eleanor Robinson Wood, but it is not known if it was a 4-H group. The earliest known was the Faithful Comrades in the 1940's. It was formed with Doris Douglass as leader, assisted by Louise Gray, and met at the Grange Hall in Convene. Homemaking and Farming Skills were emphasized, and demonstrations given at Grange meetings. Richard and Doug Irish and Clayton Douglass showed how to make rope halters. Table setting etiquette was presented by Edith Snow (Cole), Joyce Douglass (Viles), and Marjorie Robinson (Grody).

Pearl Brown (McKenney), Jean Douglas (Garland), and Marie Brown (Crawford) told of learning embroidery and sewing skills. Going to County demonstrations to make pie crust or to show your linen towels and aprons at State Meets in Orono was a special bonus. It appears they were inactive after 1943 as no further mention of the group has been found.

The club was reorganized in 1945 with Grace Brown as leader. Officers at this time were: President, Glenn Martin; Vice President, Doug Irish; Secretary, Joyce Douglass (Viles); Treasurer, Edith Snow (Cole); Color Bearer, June Douglass (Allen); Cheer Leaders, Clayton Douglass and Richard Irish; and Franklin Burnell as Club Reporter. Other members were Louise Snow (Cummings), Marie Brown (Crawford) and Dorothy McKenney (Frizzle). One of their known projects was a Victory Garden. Every aspect of gardening was studied: planting the seed, tending plants, harvesting and preserving the food. It is unknown how long this group was active.

The Lakeside Lassies with Leona Greene as leader was active from 1964-1968. Member Debbie Howard remembered it was homecraft oriented and she redecorated her room.

Another 4H Club for boys, Dirigo was led by Ted A. Greene during this same period from 1964 to 1966.

In 1981, the Sebago Seekers 4-H group was formed with Kathy and Cliff Hoggland as leaders. They were assisted by Ted and Loretta Greene. This club was a general 4-H group focusing on many areas-gardening, food and nutrition, woodworking, animal husbandry, creative arts and commu-



*Lakeside Lassies: (F) Susan Howard, Sandra Harmon, Debbie Howard, Linda Sargent, and Pam Bachelder. (B) Joanne Greene, Lenore Shaw and Gayle Burnell. Absent that day was Rebecca Brown.*

nity service. Demonstrations of skills resulted in awards for many members along with rewards for Sebago citizens. Plantings were done at the Town Hall and a program called "Adopted Citizens" helped connect generations.

Fund raisers to earn money for club jackets and a camping trip to Hershey, PA were bottle drives, raffles, and Sebago's first Pancake Breakfast. This event was so successful it has become an annual affair, now handled by the Sebago Fire Department. Some members were Glen and Neal Snow, Jason Jones, Kurt Hoggland, Jason, Alan, and Tara Greene, Carrie Ezzy, Steven Russo, Ricky Bentley, Ernestine Merritt, Erica Broderick and Jeremy Champagne. This club ceased activity in 1986.

The next known group was the Prancers and Trotters, 4-H Horse Club organized in 1982. Carol and Ralph Brown and Ellen Guptill were leaders with members from Sebago and Baldwin. Some Sebago members were Alana Doughty, Wendy and Alison Bates, Amy Dick, Kristen Small, Fred Harrington, Heather Wood, Mary and Melissa Brown, Angel Ingalls, Susie Harnden, Aaron Fogg, Kelly Moore, Heidi Douglas, Stacey Spiller, Jennifer Barker and Nicholas Harrington. The group learned equine and equestrian skills and participated in parades, horse shows, fairs and the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, MA. This group continued until 1991.

In October of 1999, the Sunny Brook Youth Club, a 4-H Group, was formed with Melissa Littlefield and Carol Brown as co-leaders. This is a nine member equine equestrian group as part of the Sebago Youth Recreation Program with Elizabeth Richardson being elected president.



## Sebago Volunteer EMS (Emergency Medical Services)

Medical assistance was first provided to Sebago citizens by Fire Department personnel with some first aid training. There were no state license or regulations required at this time. The first ambulance was a used Cadillac purchased for \$1,000 in 1964. The ambulance was outfitted with stretchers, first aid equipment, two resuscitators, including one donated by the Long Beach Community Association, along with wrecking equipment and other tools needed for removing injured persons trapped in an accident.

Members of the rescue team were George Anderson, Walter Hazelton, Myron Cotton and Glen Browning. Other members known to have passed a first aid course in 1965 were Herbert Yeats, John Hoyt, Laurence Fitch, Richard Clow, Raymond Anderson, Fred Anderson and Mrs. Marge Hazelton, R.N. George Anderson remembers "In the beginning all we did was haul people".

The first radio for hospital contact was acquired in 1976. In the 80's, a rescue section of the Fire

Department was developed. It now operates under the name of Sebago Volunteer EMS.

Over the past thirty-five years, Sebago residents have had many excellent volunteers. Not only have they devoted countless hours of their time on calls, but also toward training. Gaye Burnell, Jason Jones and Karen Olden reached the paramedic level. Critical care worker Helen Twombly has served for many years.

Due to the lack of space at the East Sebago Firebarn, the Sebago Volunteer EMS was moved to the Sebago Town Garage in 1998. The town also voted to hire day-time coverage, Monday thru Friday, as volunteers were unable to provide coverage during these hours. Employed personnel in 2000 were: Karen Olden, Ben McKenney, Helen Twombly, Greg Damon, Cabot Trott, Anita Chadborne, Cliff Holman and Mike Lamontagne. Of those employed, two are at the basic levels, the others being at intermediate, paramedic and critical levels. Arthur Crowe served as volunteer driver on Monday thru Thursday with Lauris Champagne serving on Friday.

Local volunteers who covered all nights and weekends in 2000 were Helen Twombly, Lauris Champagne, Anita Chadborne, Jim Robinson, Karen Olden, Jason Jones, Mike Foye and Jonathan Champagne. Drivers were Scott Douglas, Arthur Crowe, Carol Brown and William Poor.

If extra help is needed at any time, a call is made to the firemen who respond in numbers.

Officers for the year 2000-2001 are: Rescue Chief, Helen Twombly; Assistant Chief, Michael Foye; Secretary, Lauris Champagne and Treasurer, Jonathan Champagne.



Attendees at the 1994 medical training Conference, Ed Enos, Karen Olden, Steve Osgood, Helen Twombly, Jason Jones and Gaye Burnell.



The latest Rescue Unit shown with Purchasing Committee Member Herbert Lehmann; Rescue Member, Lauris Champagne; Rescue Paramedic and Selectman, Gaye Burnell; Rescue Chief, David Heath; First Delta Sales Rep. and Selectmen, George Tinkham and Ruth Douglas.



Sebago's First Rescue Unit shown here with Deputy Sheriff, Elmer "Bunk" Martin; selectman, Merle Brown; Driver, Myron Cotton; Selectman, Carlton Dolloff; Fire Chief, George Anderson and Selectman, Emory Martin.

# Sebago Historical Society

A meeting to organize a Historical Society in Sebago was held in July of 1974 by members of Maple Grove Grange. The purpose of the society would be "to collect and save artifacts and records of the town." The first officers chosen were President, Franklin Irish; Vice President, Merle Douglass; and Secretary, Rebecca Brown Jones.

The first major task, as requested by the selectmen, was to act as a Bicentennial Committee. Michael Foye was selected as chairman. Many events were carried out with enthusiasm. Among these, were a contest to design the town seal and the first Town Meeting was reenacted.

In 1981, due to decreasing membership, the lack of a permanent home and officer candidates, the society became inactive. Interest resurfaced in 1993, incorporation renewed and these new officers were elected: President, Ann Burns; Vice President, George Tinkham; Treasurer, Robert Adams and Secretary, Leona Greene. A newsletter named *Sebago*

*Echoes*, by Lucretia Douglas, has been printed since this revival.

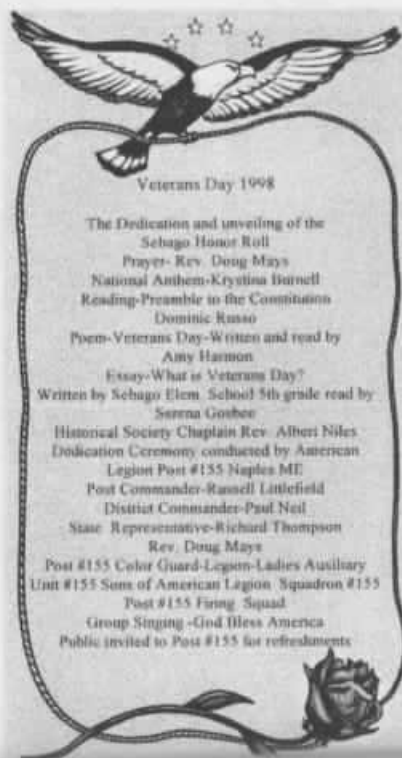
In 1996, the townspeople purchased the Convene Church of the Nazarene as a home for the Society. Through the generosity of Tom Willins and many others, a growing collection of items create a display for visitors to enjoy. Two major projects have been to create a record of all known graves in Sebago (some of this information was featured in our 2000 calendar), and promoting the creation of the Veterans Memorial in Town Memorial Park to honor all those who served from Sebago.

Officers for the year 2000 are President and Curator, Ann Burns; Vice President, Betty Tinkham; Treasurer, George Tinkham; Secretary, Lin Greene, pro-tem; Executive Secretary, June Allen, and Historian, Ted Greene.

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Society Building.



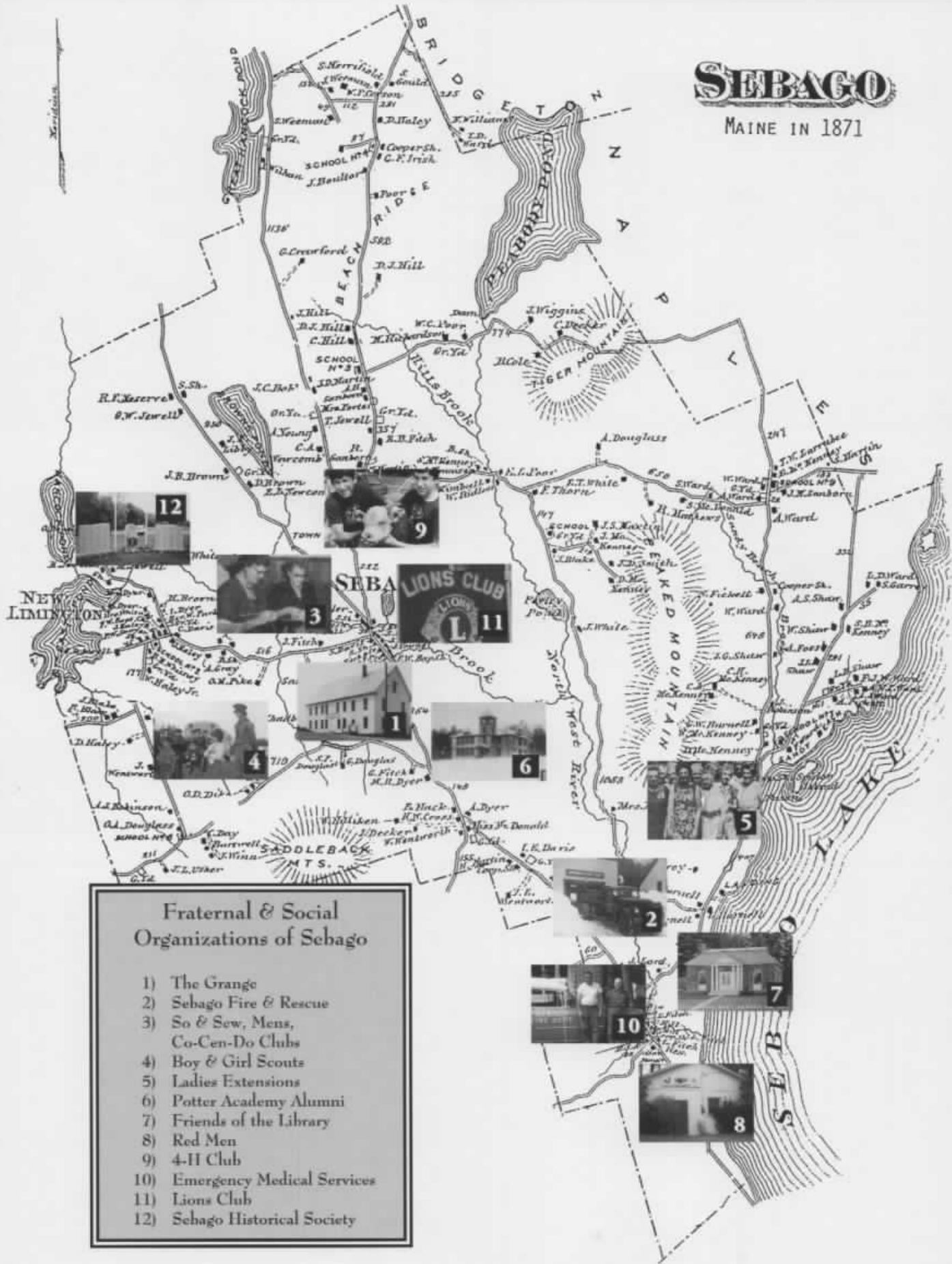
*Veterans Memorial*



*First Town Meeting Reenactment, March 1976. (F) Robert H. Brown, Harry McKenney, Harry Irish, Robert A. Brown, Lawrence*

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## Fraternal & Social Organizations of Sebago

- 1) The Grange
- 2) Sebago Fire & Rescue
- 3) So & Sew, Mens, Co-Cen-Do Clubs
- 4) Boy & Girl Scouts
- 5) Ladies Extensions
- 6) Potter Academy Alumni
- 7) Friends of the Library
- 8) Red Men
- 9) 4-H Club
- 10) Emergency Medical Services
- 11) Lions Club
- 12) Sebago Historical Society