



Gouverneur Historical Association

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TO: MEMBERS AND HOPEFULLY NEW MEMBERS
FROM: JOE LAURENZA
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This sure has been a crazy year for all of us. I hope this memo finds you and your loved ones in good health.

The museum was shut down from the beginning of the pandemic until July 1 when we were given the word to reopen. I never heard from our State when we could reopen so I messaged Dede Scozzafava. Nice to have friend in high places that can find out information for you.

We have not had as many visitors, but we are still getting some on our open days, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1 - 3 p.m. We had a humidity problem in the basement and Missy Putman Tersmette and her husband were instrumental in solving it with minimal cost.

Since the pandemic, almost nightly, I have been putting a paragraph on Facebook about Gouverneur's History. People seem to really like small blurbs of history and I have had many positive responses both in person and on line.

I still get requests by phone, in person, or online. These are the researches I have done this year:

Gouverneur Granit and Marble Company
Bowers & Company
Sylvia Lake Hotel Fire
Elinor Smith
Mary W. Fisher

DeGrasse Spencer
George Demeret
James Kearney
Alfred Billings
Reese Road
Patricia Arquette (Hair Wreath)
Bolton Family
Doris Johnson,
Jumbo's Diner
Mason's Jewelry Store
Homestead of Phillip Kearney
James Barnes
Doris Johnson
Sarah Kenyon
Sophronia Phelps
Moses Clark
Stacy Famjly
Log Cabin Diner
Loomis Talc Office Building
O'Brien Family
Elliot Brothers Clothing
James Scalzo
Freeman Building on Clinton Street
Hotel Gouverneur on Clinton Street
Donald Charles Drug Store

The Gouverneur Museum Board Members are: Joe Weekes, Marilyn Scozzafava, Melissa Tersmette, Katherine Pistolessi, Judy Brown, Jon Jackson, William Cartwright, Tania Sterling, Charles Gonio, Anna Easton, and Joe Laurenza. We have no paid staff. We are all volunteers and have about 20 more volunteers that assist in running the museum.

We have a great web site, gouverneurmuseum.org, and you can also tour the museum from your home by going to manse.oncell.com.

Your membership and donations are very important in keeping the museum building kept up and safe. Your dollars pay for: heat, lights, insurance (our biggest expense), cleaning, water bill, repairs when a board member doesn't have the expertise, etc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Laurenza". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "L".

Joe Laurenza, President