

A Roof Over Our Head

by Lynne Belluscio

Last year I noticed that there was a problem with the roof on the front porch of LeRoy House. When it rained, water was coming down through the fascia board on the west side, which meant that rain water was not going where it was supposed to. The “yankee gutters” weren’t working, or were too small or were glogged up. I knew it wasn’t going to be a simple fix. And I knew it was going to cost a little bit more than we had in the reserve fund.

Bill Fox took a look, and gave us a good offer for the repairs which included taking off the roof, taking a look at what was under the roof and installing a new gutter system. (As much as I enjoy researching LeRoy history and writing articles for the *Pennysaver*, I have to admit, that most of my time is worrying about where to find the money to do the things that need to be done around here. Last year it was the northeast chimney and the back steps. This year it’s the porch roof. And although we had a good year-end appeal in 2012, I still had to come up with more money for the roof.)

Things were looking pretty glum, until Jim Gomborone called and said he’d like to dedicate “Woody”, the carved black walnut statue at the LeRoy Country Club with a golf tournament and he’d be willing to give the money from the tournament to the Historical Society. The idea sounded good, but I’ve only played golf five times in my life, and have no idea how to run a tournament.

Dan Cote, who is the new president of the Historical Society said he’d give it a try, and so about six weeks ago - -



Front: Dottie Woodward Daily, 1 to r: Dan Cote, Jim Gomborone, Lynne Belluscio and Stephanie Daily.

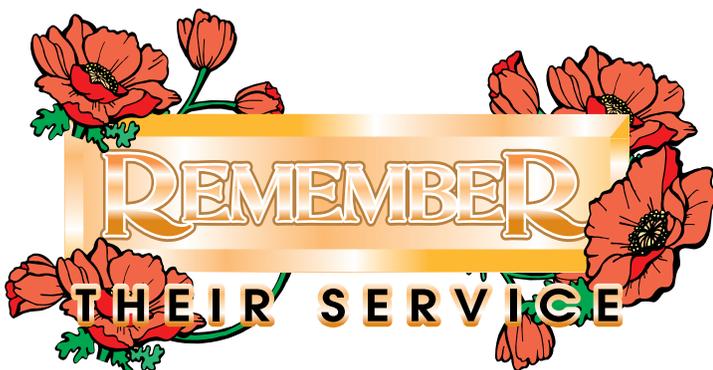
which is about six months too late to start a tournament – dove in with both feet and his computer. He enlisted the help of his wife Heather, and by the time it was all said and done this last Saturday, 107 golfers had a great time. The pig roast was delicious. “Woody” was dedicated to Don and Helen Woodward Rivas, who built the LeRoy Country Club. Don Woodward’s daughter, Dottie, and granddaughter, Stephanie, joined us for the dedication. The weather was phenomenal - - - and the Historical Society is closer to paying for the new roof.

And as it happened, Bill Fox was on the roof on Monday morning, tearing the rotten boards off. By the end of the day, the new roof was in place. Luckily it didn’t rain last night and today – Tuesday – Lang Roofing from Batavia was busily putting a new

metal roof on the porch. They started pretty early this morning, which was good, because at 11 am they were moving their trucks to their next job, and we were getting ready to welcome a bus load of folks from Buffalo to the LeRoy House and the Jell-O Museum. The bus rolled in at 11:20 am.

Sometimes things do work out. So a big thank you to all the folks

who played golf on Saturday. Thank you to Jim Gomborone for being so generous. Thank you to Dan Cote, his wife and the volunteers who put in a long day on the golf course. Thank you to Jason at the Country Club who made everything happen when it was supposed to. Thank you to Bill Fox for fixing the roof. It looks great! As they say ... “It takes a village!”



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