

April 2, 2009

Chautauqua Lake Region during the Steamboat Era

The Kiantone Historical Society met Thursday April 2, 2009 for its first monthly meeting of the New Year.

President Randy Hutley presided; Secretary Mel Hutley gave the report of the last meeting, which was a dinner at the Kiantone Fire Hall in November.

Program Chairman, Carolyn Volk introduced the speaker for the evening, David Thomas, a collector of Chautauqua Lake and area Penny Post cards from the very early years of the county. Mr. Thomas gave a slide presentation and narrated a virtual trip around Chautauqua Lake, as though the audience were actually riding on board one of the many steam boats that traveled the lake in the late 1800" and early 1900's. Making stops at prominent Villages around the lake.

Many members recalled their personal experiences riding the "City of Jamestown" that took passengers from the boat landing in Jamestown to Midway Park.

Hostesses were Irene Turck, Mel Hutley and Sandy Johnson.