

LADY LIBERTY CHAPTER

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In early April, Gary and Cynthia Craig performed at several events throughout New York City in which our chapter participated.

From February to May several Lady Liberty members met bi weekly in Bill Maguire's shop to work on projects together and share our knowledge. Randolph Herr performed at Carnegie Hall with his foot pedaled Steinway Duo-Art grand.

On April 1, the Lady Liberty Chapter co-sponsored our second annual Coney Island band organ rally with Coney Island USA. The rain, prior commitments, and health problems prevented many who would have brought instruments, including large band organs, from being with us. We did just fine with several street organs, a couple of player pianos, and a trained live monkey. The Craigs gave a professional performance as well.

On April 4, we had a fun "get together" at the home of Marvin and Dianne Polan with special guest, Hi Babbit. Hi Babbit entertained us, signed rolls, and told us his wonderful stories and life experiences.

Dianne and Marvin Polan hosted our holiday party on December 2. We toured the Polan's extensive collection of music boxes, phonographs, music novelties, and miscellaneous automata. We had friendly competition foot pedaling the Orchestrelle. We also played the Mason and Hamlin AMPICO B and street organ.

Bob and Laura Yorburg of Yorktown Heights, New York, hosted a Lady Liberty chapter meeting on October 29. The Yorburg's collection includes band organs and circus memorabilia. The Yorburg's have train tracks throughout their large property. Several members took rides on small coal and diesel powered trains.

We accomplished a lot this past year. We accepted Keith Bigger's offer to

volunteer as our membership secretary. Keith was able to get renewals which we had trouble doing ourselves and better insure our chapter members had also paid their national dues. Our chapter now has a logo drawn by professional graphic artist and Lady Liberty member, Bob Stuhmer. The logo appears on a large banner we had made and will appear on our stationery and elsewhere. We have put a lot of energy into working with schools, museums, historical societies, arts organizations, and the NYC Parks Department.

Submitted by:

Bill Maguire