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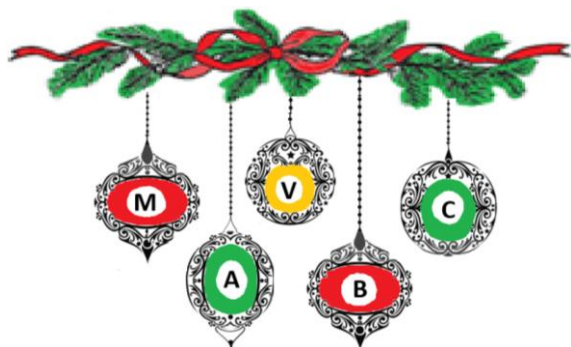
**DON'T
MISS OUR**

**CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

This Monday – December 9

Start arriving 6 PM - Details on Page 9 of this newsletter

**PLEASE BE THERE, BECAUSE
WITHOUT YOU IT WOULDN'T BE THE SAME!**



Read Inside:

**RARE ONEITA
SPRING WATER
BOTTLES FOUND**



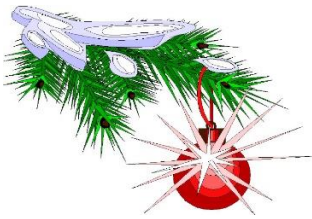
President's Message...



Greetings fellow MVABC members:

Welcome winter. Well it seems that way as our November meeting was cancelled and several winter-like storms have followed. Let us hope that our December 9th meeting does not meet the same fate. With that being said, please plan to attend our annual Christmas party. There are always good times, great food and a wonderful gathering of the best of friends to celebrate the holidays. Bring a smile and plenty of bottle tales and memories. There will be a brief business meeting before we partake of food. The main agenda will be to select a nominating committee for our upcoming slate of 2020 officers. I would also like to thank Ron and Fred for calling as many members as possible as to the cancellation of our November meeting. I understand that almost everyone was contacted. A job well done indeed. I look forward to seeing each of you at the Christmas party. Happy holidays to all.

**SEE YOU THIS MONDAY DECEMBER 9TH
BRING A FRIEND TO OUR PARTY!**



*Regards, Your President
Rick Weaver*

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MORE NEW MEMBERS

Peter Bleiberg reports that our club has another two new members. Last month we welcomed Lee Kowalsky and Dewaine Shade as new members. This month we welcome Darryl Degraff of Saugerties, NY and Michael Empey of Davenport Center, NY as new members. Darryl and Michael recently attended one of our meetings and were listed in the Membership Directory in the November newsletter but, please add Michael's Email: mjempey@gmail.com to the list. **WELCOME TO OUR CLUB DARRYL AND MICHAEL.**

PLEASE NO LIVE FLOWERS

Please remember not to bring any live flowers to any of our meetings. One of our members is very allergic to live flowers, especially poinsettias. Thank you!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

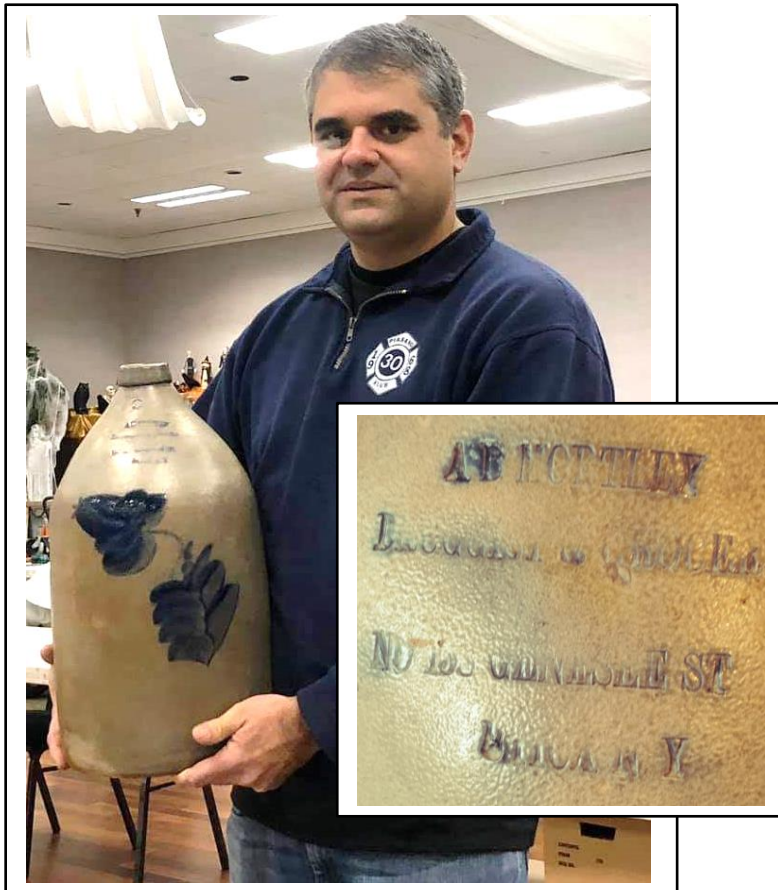
Because our meeting was canceled last month, a nominating committee was not appointed for 2020 club officers. One will be appointed at the December meeting and the slate of candidates will be presented at the January meeting.

CLUB DUES

As a courtesy, Peter Bleiberg will be collecting dues for 2020 at the December meeting for members who want to pay their dues at that time. We were able to lower our dues for 2020, WOW! DUES WILL BE ONLY \$10 FOR EITHER A SINGLE MEMBERSHIP OR FOR A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP! OUR NEW LOWER RATES! New members who joined since September 2019 are good for 2020. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

REFRESHMENTS

December 9 - CHRISTMAS PARTY, none needed (details on page 9)



WHAT BOTTLE?

THIS IS OUR HISTORY

Answer to last month's question.

Abraham B. Mortley was a Utica businessman in 1855, what was his occupation?

Answer: Abraham Mortley was a druggist and grocer. See photo of incised neck of 3 gallon A. B. Mortley jug at left. Member Fred DeCarlo purchased the jug at the recent Albany Show & Sale.



Neck is engraved: A. B. MORTLEY/Druggist & Grocer. Esq./No. 158 Genesee St./Utica, N. Y.



Check out the website: uticabottles.com - Lots of nice photos of Utica, NY bottles



ONEITA SPRING WATER BOTTLES

Club Member Acquires Very Rare Bottles

MVABC member Kevin Britton recently acquired four rare olive green, blob-top labeled **ONEITA SPRING WATER** bottles ca 1885 - 1905. The bottles have no embossing, labels only.

A while back, Kevin attended an auction in Hubbardsville, NY. After the auction Kevin was in the barn looking around and found a wooden bushel basket with bottles in it. Four of the bottles in the bushel basket were the four Oneita Spring Water bottles. Two of the labels were in pretty good shape with a few minor nicks. The two other examples had labels that were in very poor shape, with less than half of the labels left on the bottles. Kevin bought the bushel basket of bottles. People keep finding new stuff and that is what makes our hobby so interesting - as we say, "there's no end to it!"

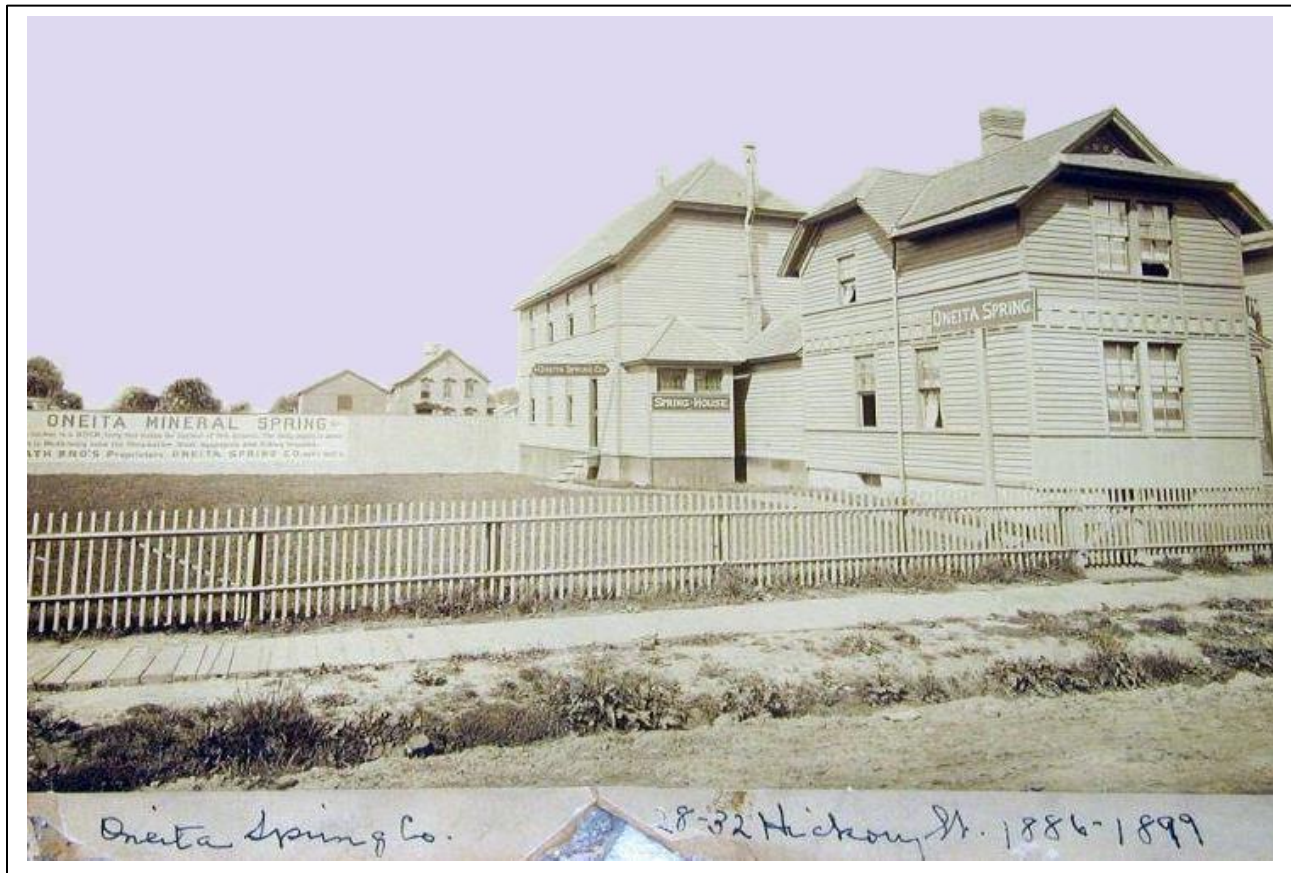
There were two Oneita Springs in Oneida County during its' history. The first spring was in Verona, NY. Verona Springs in Verona had three springs and the Oneita was one of them. These springs were used early by native Oneida Indians. In 1837, an R. M. Bedle advertised in the June 27, 1837 issue of the *Utica Democrat* that he had taken over the Oneita Bath House in Verona, Oneida County, NY. If this water was ever bottled it is not known. Verona Mineral Water was bottled, but there are no known bottles that Central New York club members are aware of. Of course, it's possible a "closet collector," somewhere has one.

The other Oneita Spring was on Hickory Street in Utica, NY. Hickory Street no longer exists and is now part of Noyes Street, running west from the North/South Arterial by Spilka's Restaurant. The Utica Oneita Spring Water wasn't bottled until 1885. Oneita Mineral Water was marketed locally and became a very popular table water. It was also sold from New York City to Buffalo. Different people owned the Utica Oneita Spring Company during its history. The HB monogram shown below on the photo of the label may stand for Howarth & Ballard who were Utica druggists and may have sold the water at one time.

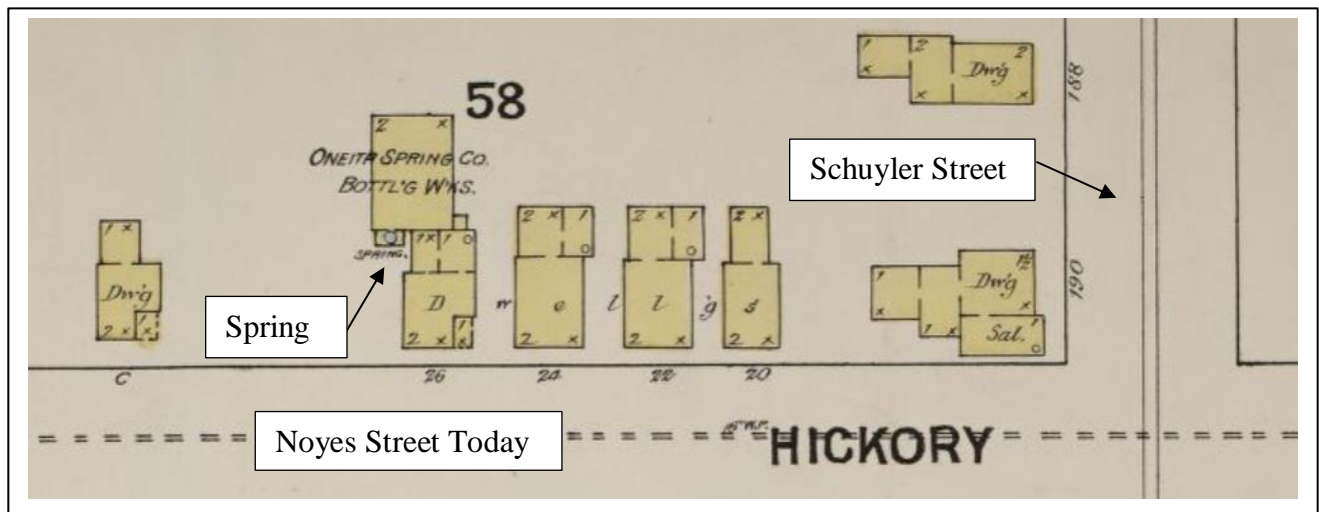


Above Left: Photo of rare olive green, blob top Oneita Spring Company water bottle ca 1885 - 1905 with no embossing, label only. Bottle is 11 3/4 inches high and 3 1/8 inches in diameter. Right: Close up photo of label. This bottle is now owned by member Fred Capozzella.

**PHOTO OF ONEITA SPRING COMPANY BOTTLING WORKS
HICKORY STREET, UTICA, NEW YORK**



This rare photo of the Oneita Mineral Spring Company, Utica, NY was sold on Ebay a few years ago. The photo has “1886-1899” and “8-32 Hickory Street” hand written along the bottom. Notice the “SPRING HOUSE” sign near the center of the photo. Oneita Spring Water was bottled and sold throughout Central New York and from New York City to Buffalo. At one time the Ennis Bottling Works was the sole agent for the water and owned the Oneita Spring Company. A few years ago member Fred Capozzella wrote an article for our club's newsletter about the Ennis Bros. which included information about the Oneita Spring Company.



Segment of an 1888 Utica, NY Sanborn Insurance Map showing Oneita Spring Co. Bottling Works. Today, Hickory St is Noyes St. See more Oneita Spring Water Company items on next page.

1887 Invoice from Oneita Spring Company

JAMES M. BELL & CO.,
31 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK AGENTS.

STATEMENT.
Utica, N. Y. *Feb 30 1887*

Mrs Lunt
Wm R Heath

To The Oneita Spring Co., Dr.

<i>Bill rendered</i>	<i>270</i>
<i>Rec'd Payment,</i>	
HEATH BROS.	
<i>for 6/25/88 M.H.</i>	

Fred Capozzella Collection


Utica, N. Y. Observer - January 1885

Utica.

UTICA, Feb. 12.—A deed was recorded yesterday by which Wm. R. Heath and wife and Frederick H. Heath and wife convey to the **Oneita Spring Company** the property on Hickory and Walnut streets, covering the site of the Oneita Springs, together with the business connected therewith; consideration, \$60,000.

ENNIS BROS. ADVERTISEMENT

ENNIS BROS.,
MANUFACTURERS OF

 **Carbonated Beverages.
Palatable Distilled Water.**

Ginger Ale a Specialty.

No. 26 Hickory St., UTICA, N. Y.

Editor's Note: It is amazing for those of us who have collected local bottles for many years to now have finally seen an Oneita Spring Water bottle. We knew that the Utica Oneita Water was bottled and it seemed odd we could never find a bottle. Because the bottles are not embossed, I don't believe they have as much monetary value as they would if they were. However, they have **GREAT HISTORICAL VALUE!** I for one, am happy just to know they exist and maybe there are other labels and maybe somewhere some embossed ones.

THE BEAUTY OF GLASS



This very common half pint Utica whiskey flask is embossed FRED J. HARDING/211 -213 COLUMBIA ST./ONE BLOCK FROM/GENESEE ST./UTICA, N.Y. The flask was recently offered for sale on eBay. The high quality photo just happens to capture the "beauty of glass." The bottle is sparkling mint and the embossing is great. It does lack crudeness like some whittle marks (wavy rough lines) and some bubbles but the beautiful aqua color makes up for that.



WANT TO SEE THESE PHOTOS IN COLOR? IF SO - GO TO:

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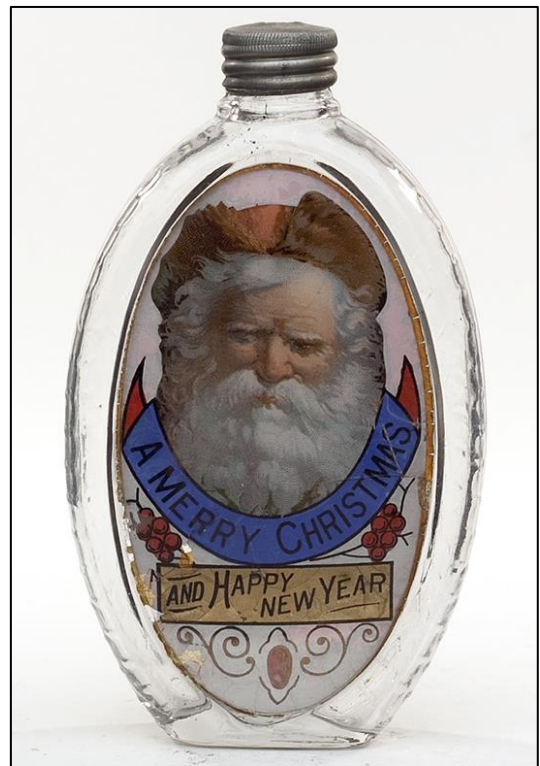
Very Rare Pocket Flask **WHITE'S HOTEL, ROME, NY**

Photo of a very rare pocket flask ca 1900 - 1930, label only. This Merry Christmas flask contained Beechnut Rye and was probably bottled by the Beech Nut Company in Canajoharie, NY. **What a great piece of local history.** White's Hotel was still in business in 1918, but how long it lasted is not known. Photo was put on **our MVABC facebook page** by **Peter Leonard**. Thank you for sharing Peter!

THE ROME DAILY SENTINEL, DECEMBER 26, 1906.

<p>FOR SALE—</p> <p>.....WHITE'S HOTEL.....</p> <p>ROME, N. Y.</p> <p>Owing to owner desiring to retire from the hotel business, he offers his hotel for sale.</p> <p>This hotel is one of the best \$1.00 a day hotels in central New York; has a large brick barn connected with the house and is headquarters for all stage lines running out of Rome. This is a</p> <p>GRAND OPPORTUNITY</p> <p>for a live hotel man. For further information inquire of A. S. White, proprietor, on the premises, or of</p> <p>J. H. CARROLL,</p> <p>REAL ESTATE AGENT,</p> <p>113 W. Dominick St., Rome, N. Y.</p>

*"Say Schultz,
Let's take this opportunity to wish
all the members of the
Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club
a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year."*



Very scarce label under glass
Christmas Pocket Flask ca 1920 - 1930

FOR SALE:

Bottles and Ink Bottles

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Email: Lkmiecik@rochester.rr.com



WANTED

**A Milk Bottle From
Overlook Dairy
Little Falls, NY**

CONTACT:

Fred Capozzella
315-724-1026 or
Email: fcapozzella@hotmail.com



WHAT BOTTLE? THIS IS OUR HISTORY

Stephen Thorn & Co. owned a Utica,
New York brewery, what was the
name of the brewery?

The answer will appear in the next
newsletter.





PROGRAMS



December 9

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members, spouses and family members are invited to our party. Also, members may bring a friend.

It's that time of year again for another repeat of our popular Christmas party. A great event where we share the camaraderie of our collecting friends! Mark your calendar for this enjoyable event at **New York Mills**

Community Center; arrive at 6:00 PM! The club will provide beverages, meat tray and will take care of covering the tables. **Bring a table setting and a dish to pass.** Exchange bottles or related item gifts (\$8 - \$15). If you bring one you get one. Business meeting will be very short. Please attend, without you it wouldn't be the same!

January 13

ANNUAL GIANT SHOW & TELL

The January program will be our annual Giant Show & Tell session. This is one of our favorite programs.

Members and friends are encouraged to bring some antique bottles or items for show & tell or **if you prefer**, you can just bring your bottles to show. We are **"bottle nuts,"** please share your items with us. **PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FUN!**



BOTTLE SHOWS



February 16 (Sunday)

ENFIELD CONNECTICUT

50th Annual Somers Antique Bottle Club's Antique Bottle Show and Sale, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm., Admission \$3, Early buyers: 8:00 am- \$10. At St. Bernard's School West Campus, 232 Pearl Street, exit 47 W off I-91, Enfield, Connecticut. Contact: Don Desjardins, 22 Anderson Road, Ware, Massachusetts 01082, 413.967.4431 or 413.687.4808, dondes@comcast.net

April 19 (Sunday)

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

The Genesee Valley Bottle Collectors Association's 50th Annual Show & Sale, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Admission \$5.00 (17 and under free), at Roberts Wesleyan College, Voller Athletic Center, 2301 Westside Drive, Rochester, New York 14624. Show & Dealer Information: Aaron and Pamela Weber, 585.226.6345, gvbca@frontiernet.net, or visit gvbca@frontiernet.net 585.226.6345

May 3 (Sunday)

MARCY, NEW YORK

The Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club's 26th Annual Show and Sale at the Utica Maennerchor, 5535 Flanagan Road, Marcy, NY 13403 (see **map** on our website), 9:00 – 2: 30, admission \$3. Contact Show Chairman-Peter Bleiberg, 7 White Pine Road, New Hartford, NY 13413, Phone: (315) 735-5430, Email: PMBleiberg@aol.com



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DON'T MISS the **December 9th** Meeting
Monday Night – Start arriving 6:00 PM (Free)
New York Mills Community Center
Corner of Main and Church Street
New York Mills - Use back entrance

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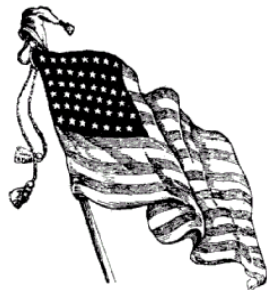
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