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The Canandaigua Lady is a 19th century replica of a double-deck sternwheeler operating from Steamboat Landing at the north end of Canandaigua Lake. The “Lady” as she is known locally is a proud successor to famous steamboats that operated on the Finger Lakes between 1820 and 1930. The sixty-ton Mississippi style classic re-creation has recently been renovated and remodeled with new latrines (sometimes called bathrooms), carpeting, paint, heat, air conditioning and an Americana theme. At one time in years past, 19 steamboats operated as the primary means of transportation on and around the lake as there were no roads along the lake at that time.

We will board the Lady at 1700 for a two-hour cruise which will include dinner while viewing some of the most beautiful scenery in the western hemisphere. It will be our good fortune to have on board Dr. Preston Pierce, a U.S. Army retiree and recent member of the Genesee Valley Chapter, who is also the Ontario County Historian. Dr. Pierce will join us on the cruise as our guide providing a commentary on the history, geologic significance and economic impact of the lake. The Lady will dock at about 1900 at which time the hospitality room will reopen until 2300.

The hospitality time will be a good opportunity to explore tourist activities in and around Canandaigua. If you like to gamble, there is a Racino (casino at the Finger Lakes Racetrack) within a few miles --if you feel lucky. If you like to shop, there are many nice boutique-like stores along Main Street. If you would rather fish, bring your rod, lures, flies, bait and net--if you feel lucky. Bring a BIG net if you feel extra lucky! The city pier is a good place to fish and it is within walking distance of the Inn. If you want to remember the good time you will have, bring a camera and use it often.

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