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*Museum of Newport Irish History formulates plans
for significant fund-raising to open a museum*

President Arnold recently announced that the Museum was launching a major fund-raising drive for funds to open a museum. The drive will be "launched" in October, at a date yet to be set. Currently, a new brochure is being developed that will outline the Museum's goals and needs for the museum.

The intent will be to raise funds from many sources including foundations, trusts, business and charitable organizations and individuals. The Museum hopes to raise \$100,000 for immediate needs such as computers, furniture, display materials, etc. and an additional \$50,000 for long-term financing.

A formal announcement will be made in late September / early October.

A draft of the brochure cover is shown on the right.



A VERY SUCCESSFUL SPRING TRAIN RIDE !!!

On June first, 80 Museum members and friends enjoyed a delightful evening aboard the *Old Colony and Newport Train* riding along Narragansett Bay.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the views and the great food donated by local restaurants. Generous portions of delectable food were provided by Sardella's, Christie's, The Mainstay, Big Dawg's, LaForge, The Pier, Vanderbilt's and The Rhode Island Quahog Company.

The Old Colony Train crew did their usual super job of providing information on the railroad and the views. We also stopped at the Priory and the new "Links" golf course - much to the delight of the golfing fans.

The annual train ride was also an outstanding financial success, raising \$800 for the Museum. Finally, we were presented with a videotape of the trip by member Charlie Wilson.

See you all next Spring. Watch for the notice for the 2001 Annual Train Ride !!

PLAQUE DEDICATION FOR BARNEY STREET/ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

Several members and Directors gathered at the Cemetery on June 28th to “informally dedicate” the new bronze plaque at the cemetery site.

Cemetery chairman John Booth and his great “crew” were congratulated by President Arnold for the superb job of installing this plaque. John’s committee includes Brian Pelletier, Tom Mahoney, “Skip” Carter, Bob Finn and Dave Downes.

The installation couldn’t have taken place without the generous support of several local firms, including Peckham Brothers who donated the beautiful granite stone and Sulbro Trucking who provided drainage stone. Special thanks go to John Booth for his expertise in organizing and his hands-on efforts and to Brian Pelletier for his guidance. Bob and Tim’s “late evening” site preparation enabled installation of this very heavy stone. The professional and artistic work of stonecutter R. Brooke Roberts is appreciated by all.

The bronze plaque was made by the Healy Brothers Foundry of Manville, Rhode Island. All members are urged to drop by and admire and enjoy our new work. This effort basically completes the restoration of the St. Joseph/Barney Street Cemetery although maintenance and up-keep will continue.

The plaque outlines the history of the site and the subsequent building of St. Mary’s and St. Joseph’s churches. We are planning a more formal dedication of the plaque in the Fall. Watch for the notice.



Left to Right Vince Arnold, President Directors: Joe McEnness,
Ned McGrath, Pat Murphy, Member: Brian Pelletier
Directors: John Booth Bill Nagle

FUND-RAISER SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 26th

***AOH Division #1 has scheduled their annual “Steak Night” for
Saturday August 26th.***

Cocktail Hour 6:30 PM

Dinner served at 7:30 PM

All proceeds are to benefit the Museum of Newport Irish History. In addition, the Museum will have a raffle of donated items which include a personal “take-anywhere” TV, an 80 minute Phone Card, Fitness Club membership, a one year membership in the Museum, etc. etc.

There will be no tickets for this event which is very popular. If you’d like to attend, call the Hibernian Hall at 847-8671 and ask to be put on the sign-up board or stop by and sign up! It will be a great night with excellent steak cooked to order, baked potatoes, corn salad and dessert. SEE YOU THERE !!!