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☺ HAPPY NEW YEAR ☺

Every new year brings new beginnings, new ideas, new predictions of the future. This year is no exception.

HISTORY OF THE FUTURE

As soon as humankind began to think and dream, the future was predicted. The ideal and the wonderful were pictured and recorded. Past visions of the future portrayed in advertisements, posters, magazine covers, and illustrations from the personal collection of Jim Hans and other sources will be on display in the Hoboken Historical Museum's annual benefit this Spring. Performers and musicians will add their impressions of the future, in entertainment, music and costume. The title is "The History of the Future: An Exhibit and Performance."

Get in on what promises to be the most enjoyable Hoboken event of 1991. Any person who wishes to help at the benefit, please contact Perry Robinson, Entertainment Chairperson, at 795-9081.

HOBOKEN HISTORICAL MUSEUM ANNUAL REPORT 1990

I am pleased to report that the Museum membership has now reached 300! Life membership is now 28. Although general expenses have risen during the year, our membership dues have remained at $15 annually. ($25.00 for two years, and $100 for a Lifetime Membership, which has been gaining in popularity since it was first offered in 1988.)

During 1990 Museum income totalled $17,049. However we had a

very active year, spending $17,543.

Early in 1990 the By-Laws were amended to increase the number of members of the Board of Trustees from 11 to 13. In addition, a position of Curator of Exhibitions was created. Later two volunteers stepped forward to help with secretarial typing.

The Museum's direct-mail Once-Every-Two-Years Appeal brought in $4,165. Another $1,259 from our Annual Benefit on April 27 at Sharky's where more than 30 performers and 15 volunteers helped make "Hoboken Follies" our most entertaining benefit show to date.

The Museum had tables at the Spring Festival (Hoboken Classic Five-Mile Run) at Lackawanna Plaza, May 19. And again at the Hoboken Arts Festival on June 10 when we also conducted walking tours of the city, partly sponsored by the Hudson Country Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

For Hoboken's first Baseball Day celebration at Stevens Park on June 19, the Museum had a Historic Hoboken Baseball-related display, along with our usual array of Hoboken maps, old views, Museum T-shirts, etc.

On June 24 the Museum's first Flea Market/Antiques/Crafts Sale at Church Square Park was a big success. It was repeated at the same location on October 27. Both events filled the perimeter of the Park and earned more than $1200 and $1400 each. Also at Church Square Park from June 20 through September 5, the Museum had a table each Wednesday evening at the Band Concerts sponsored by the Sixth Ward Block Association.

Once again the Museum had tables at the Hoboken Rail Road Terminal Festival at the Lackawanna Terminal on September 22.

Our Museum Party/Membership Drive took place this year at Jefferson Trust Culture Space on October 21. Although more than a dozen musicians performed during the day and evening event, it was less-attended than we had hoped for, perhaps due to the competing Annual Hoboken Artist Studio Tour. The Museum's collection of archival film footage of Hoboken was screened at the party by Projected Images of Hudson County to a small but appreciative audience.

The Museum's film collection and other Hoboken-related films were also shown on two other occasions: February 28 at Maxwell's Restaurant to a full house, and on December 3 to students at the Joseph Brandt School.

Our largest event of the year was the highly acclaimed fifth major exhibition, "Shipyards of Hoboken, Past and Present," which opened on Nov. 16 to a large crowd in Hoboken City Hall. A slide lecture on the Hoboken waterfront was presented to an attentive and enthusiastic audience. The exhibition of Hoboken shipyard artifacts, pictures, and memorabilia will run through October 1991.

Jim Hans, President
December 31, 1990

ANNUAL ELECTION

In compliance with the Museum's By-Laws, there will be an election of officers and trustees for the coming year. The election will be held at the January meeting, Monday, January 21, 1991 at the Clam Broth House. Voting may be done in person or by proxy, and by mail.

In addition to the nominees here listed, nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting. Only paid-up members may vote.

The following members have been nominated:

OFFICERS: President: Jim Hans
Vice President: John De Palma
Treasurer: Gerard Lisa
Recording Sec: Barbara Lippman
Corresponding Sec: Virginia Newman

TRUSTEES (Vote for 8):
Maureen Allex, Luke Faust,
Robert Foster, Stephen Hefler,
Kathi Hoffman, Hugh Kilmer,
George M. Kirchgessner,
Stephen Kilnisan, Paul Lippman,
Ann O'Brien, Perry Robinson.

MILLICENT FENWICK IS A MEMBER

Since publishing our last roster, we have acquired eleven new Museum members.

New Lifetime Members are former Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, Francis Boesch of Hoboken, and Albert Heget of Hackensack.

A new General Member is Millicent H. Fenwick of Bernardsville. We are honored to have former congresswoman Fenwick with us and thank the Recford family of Hoboken in helping recruit so distinguished a member. Other new General Members are Jean and John Fitzpatrick of Summit, Hank Forest, Jim Hallock, John Hamilton, the Haven Savings Bank, and Brenda Kay Miller, all of Hoboken, and Joe Velardi of New York City. Also, the Q.U.I.L. Corporation renewed its General Membership as a Lifetime Membership.

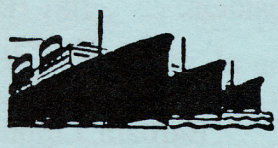
The Museum sends special thanks to those who gave gift memberships this season to their friends and family.

CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS

Paul Neshamkin and Douglas G. Mayberry, both of Hoboken, and Bo Lindner of Union City were omitted from our listing of Lifetime Members in our latest Membership Roster. We also omitted W.E. Becker of Oakton, Va., a paid member. Mr. Lindner, a retired Swedish Consul, in a return note to us said he loves our organization and "will sleep better" now.

Further, we neglected to note that member Joseph Del Priore resides in Weehawken, and we misspelled the name of member Richard Widicombe of Stevens Tech. Our apologies.

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MEETING NOTICE: ELECTIONS

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Monday, January 21, 1991 at the Clam Broth House. Elections for Officers and Trustees of the Hoboken Historical Museum will be held. For nominees and details, see page 3.

All meetings are open to the public. There is no obligation, no solicitation of funds.

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