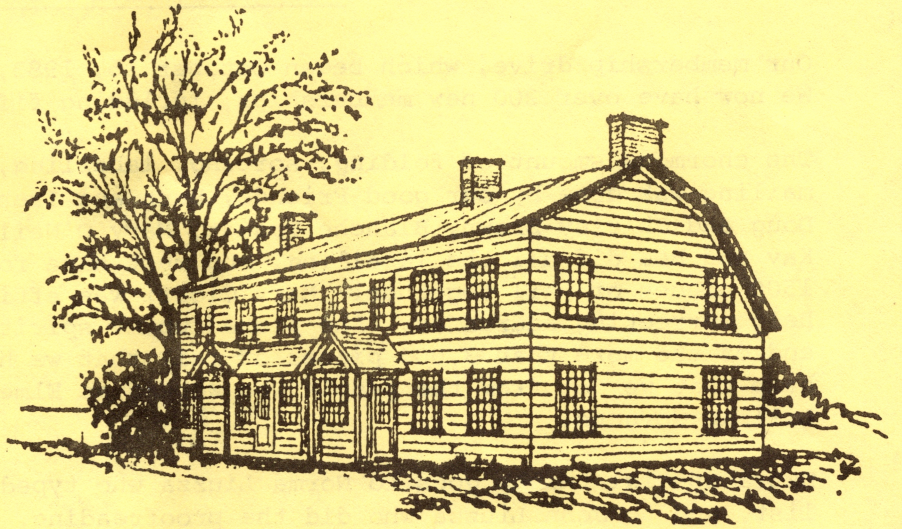


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

1983 was a very exciting and active year for the Friends of Elmendorph, and this year shows signs of being even better.

Weather conditions have slowed up our project on the front of the Inn, but work is under way on the restoration of the front facade once again. You will all have a big surprise in store when the black curtain is lifted in the very near future.

Some of the activities started in the last few years will be held again in 1984, and promise to be better than ever. These include a members reception at the Inn, the Apple Festival, and the Arts & Crafts Festival. We will be participating again in Hardscrabble Day, which will be held on June 16.

Our membership drive has been extremely successful, as you will see from the newsletter. Proceeds from the drive went a long way toward funding the restoration work on the front of the building. Fundraising, of course, is an ongoing job. Our biggest source of income, Elmendorph, Etc., is planning to open in Mid-May. Now more than ever, the shop needs your help. Donations of kitchen equipment, small furniture, bric-a-brac, children's toys, small appliances, books and records would be most appreciated. Handmade craft items are a big seller and always welcome. Volunteers are always needed to help staff the shop on Fridays and Saturdays. If you want to help either by donating items or by working in the shop, call Elvira Nuccio (758-8112) or Shirley Brown (758-8604).

I would like to thank all of you for your contributions and support in the past, and hope for your continued support in the future. All our efforts will be rewarded. You are all truly "Friends" of Elmendorph.

Harold Fell
President
Friends of Elmendorph

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE A SUCCESS

Our membership drive, which began October 15, 1983, has been highly successful! We now have over 200 new memberships, including fifteen new life members.

The enormous smount of folding, sorting, labelling, stuffing, counting and mailing was done by our good Friends, Burt and Irene Hart, Helen Garlinghouse, Doug and Shirley Brown, Blanche Traudt, Mary O'Neill, Bea Hantout and Kay Fraher. Kay and Bea did all the labelling, and must have folded and stuffed at least 1500 pieces of mail together. Mary Cioffi was efficient as always and a tremendour help correcting addresses. She picked up my spirits as we were getting near the end of the more than 3,000 pieces of mail that we handled. Thanks also to the help that we got from the people who worked at Elmendorph, Etc., particulary Lillian Gorgens.

Extra special thanks goes to Norma Liuzza who typed all those names on the membership list, and to John Liuzza who did the proofreading.

We really had a great team!

Rosemary Coons
Chairperson
1983/84 Membership Drive

WELCOME

The Friends of Elmendorph extend a sincere welcome to the following new members and supporters:

From Red Hook -- Linda Ahlin, M/M William D. Alexander, M/M Lloyd L. Archer, Susan L. Barich, Frances Barnao, Frank & Diane Bauer, M/M Joseph Berenz, Frank and Marie Bertoli, Dr. & Mrs. Antonio Boba, David & Arlene Borm. Also, Pat Bowman, Philippe & Mina Brun, Mrs. J. Butcher, Clara & Sy Cohen, Hedwig Cunningham, Bruce Cuttler, D.D.S., Caryn DaLoia & Alan Greenfield, David A. DeWitt, Jeanne L. Duntz, M/M James M. Eng. Also, Mrs. Dwight F. Ewing, Jane & John Ferguson, Dr. Juan C. Fernandez, M/M Edgar D. Fisher, M/M Vito Fontano, M/M Elmore Fraleigh, Edward & Veronica Frija, V. Bruce Gemmel, M/M Ken Giek, Paul M. Golden, Nancy Griffiths, Barbara Guidos, Richard & Cheryl Guski. Also, M/M Gordon Hagadorn, Betty Hamilton, M/M Oakleigh Hamm, E.C. Hand Funeral Home, M/M Lloyd Hapeman, Stan & Bea Hapeman, Robert & Marilyn Heuer, Ed Holt, M/M Lawrence E. Hoyt, James & Dorothy Johnson, John Juranic, Jr., M/M John L. Kelly, Agnes Kurish, Barbara Lanyi, M/M Peter Lawson, Rev. & Mrs. Roger Leonard, M/M Peter Lester, Arthur & Helen Lezoli, Ingrid & Karl Lindroos, Ethel Marshall, M/M Ronald Martin, Edith R. Michael and Walter & Jean Moore.

Also, M/M Patrick O'Connor, Anne Oja, M/M William N. Olah, James F. O'Toole, Martin & Carol Otter, Jan & Sharon Oudemool, Cheryl Parks, Earl & Mary Parks, M/M Stanley Paul, Jeremy Peel. Also, Bernard & Susan Picard, Albrecht Pichler, M/M Carl Poleschner, Rosanne Quinn, Dr. Ian Reid, Mrs. Norman W. Rhoades, Marie A. Rogers, M/M Kenneth Saltis, M/M M.A. Schlaff, M/M Thomas E. Seils.

WELCOME CONTINUED

M/M George Sevigny, Karen Sipperley, Marguerite B. Smith, Kenneth & Germaine Steinmetz, Robert & Kathryn Stewart, Susan A. Stickel, M/M Henry Thompson, Jr., Helen V. Tomlinson, Joseph & Mary Trombetti, Peter & Mary Tselikis. Also, M/M Ronald J. Tulley, Paul Van Eyre, M/M John F. Van Horn, M/M Henry Van Parys, Dr. & Mrs. E.C. Van Valey, M/M Augustus J. Veit, Elizabeth Wacker, Gladys S. Wagner, M/M Joseph G. Walsh, Miss Lucille Walsh.

In Addition, Florence Walter, William Walter, M/M Louis Wasner, Mrs. Mildred Waters & Family, Terry H. Weaver, Thelma & Walter Wilken, Mary E. Willets, Benjamin & Elinor Williams, Christoph & Donna Witte, Lee A. Wooden, M/M Robert Wunderlich, M/M Herbert C. Yahraes, Dr. & Mrs. Frederick S. Zipser, O.T. Cookingham & Son, First National Bank of Red Hook,

Also, The Donald E. Norton Agency, Tri-County Abstract Service, Inc., The Village Diner, Mrs. Clinton Gallagher, Susan Anderson-Wolfson, M/M John J. Lewis, Natalie Avallone, M/M Martin Higgins, Rev. Richard B. Holzer, M/M George Schweikart, Hester M. Hunter, Gino Salvatico Family and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kirby. (That was just Red Hook)

FROM BARRYTOWN -- M/M Arthur Bader, Loretta & Phil Bollenbecker, K. Noel Phillips & Philip Zimmerman, Mrs. R.H. Rovere, Hazel E. Scism and Richard & Margaret Gummere.

FROM RHINEBECK -- Julian L. Cohn, Orion & Agnes Fowler, Tom Lattin, Janet Ryan, Mrs. Jenny Speich, Jane Traver, John C. Van Wormer & family, Mrs. Judy Wolcott, Kay T. Verrilli and Tag Thayer.

FROM TIVOLI -- M/M Henry Hupfl, Samuel & Ellen Phelan, Kristen & Cara Stallman, Dr. & Mrs. Eberhard Scheuing, M/M Charles A. Thulen, Mrs. Stanley Williams, and Walter & Rosemary Donnelly.

Also, Mrs. Frederick Dreier (Stanfordville); Dutchess County Landmarks, Lillian M. Wright (Poughkeepsie); Shirley M. Mead, Miron Building Products Co., Inc. (Kingston), REGISTER-STAR (Hudson), Wallpaper World (Lake Katrine) Continental Telephone Company (Middletown).

FROM NEW YORK CITY -- Dawn Augsburg, Matilda Dolan, M/M William E. Ferretti, Karen Honeycutt, The Jenik Family, June Lord-Wood, Radmila Milentijevic, Kenneth P. Niehaus, Mary J. Norton, Mrs. Catherine T.A. Struve, Frances & Alan Whitney, Don Wise & Company, WISE - U.S.A., Tom & Doris Belz.

Also, IBM Corporation (Armonk), Raffaele Morandi (Astoria), Paul & Susan Davis and Patricia M. Masia (Brooklyn); Emil W. Votava (Elmhurst); Cono V. DeGruccio (Flushing); M/M Franz N. Stoppenbach, Jr. (Franklin Square); Chuck & Lee Kennedy (Hicksville); Doris M. Holding (Larchmont) Fannie Longhitano (Richmond Hill); Vincent A. Buccheri (Whitestone); Dan & Susan Girolamo, Percy S. Miller, and Louis F. Verhaegen (Yonkers); Dr. & Mrs. George A. Fiedler, Coconut Creek, Florida, Mrs. Allen H. Johnson, Bradenton, Florida, Gene Somma, Boynton Beach, Florida, M/M Julius Mladinich (Denville, New Jersey); Louis L. Shook, Jr. (Chapel Hill, North Carolina and C.M. Schaht (Haworth, New Jersey)

WHEW!

MORE MORE MORE

We also have NINETEEN new LIFE MEMBERS;

From Red Hook -- The Kavaky's, Frank C. Moses, Mr. & Mrs. Kennard Schwamb, Sr., Colburn Oil, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Riffenburgh, Daniel & Anna Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smithers.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. F. Karl Schoenborn (Tiyoli), John B. Kane, Jr. (Rhinebeck), Richard H. Jenrette (Barrytown) and Peter and Barb Kenner (New York City).

In addition, the following of our members have now become LIFE MEMBERS:

Mr. and Mrs. Arie Kosse, Mr. & Mrs. F.S. Smithers, Mary & John Cioffi, Albert & Marlene Hejnal, Mr. & Mrs. Warren D. Traudt, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Gouveia, John and Kay Fraher and Warren & Betty Franklin.

BRAVO and a HUNDRED thanks to ALL OF YOU.

If we have forgotten anyone's name, we hope you understand because there were so many of you.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Because our Membership list was typed at the end of July, many of our friends who joined or donated between then and October 15, did not make the list. Please add these good friends to our membership & contributor list:

Byrne Fone, Shirley Kilgour, William O'Neill, Elizabeth Prenot, Helen Roberts, Annette & Bertrand Stephenson, Alice Timothy & Craig & Patsy Vogel. Also note that Major John White Delafield is a LIFE MEMBER.

We hope that this includes everyone. It just shows how many changes can occur within two months.

TRADITIONAL ARTS & CRAFTS FETE PLANNED FOR AUGUST

The Friends of Elmendorph have been awarded a grant from the Dutchess County Arts Council to continue the arts and crafts workshops and summer festival inaugurated last year. This grant was received from the New York State Council on the Arts' Decentralization Program, which is administered by the local Arts Council.

Workshops on "Photography: Architecture as Art" and "Landscape Painting" will be held on five consecutive Saturday mornings, beginning July 7th. Both workshops will combine classes held at the Inn with fieldtrips. Class size will be limited by reservation on a first-come, first-serve basis. A modest fee will be charged, which will cover some of the cost of materials. Registration will begin June 1, so keep an eye out for the announcement and the local newspapers.

The August festival, like the one in 1983, will focus on arts and crafts that were common in the mid Hudson Valley when the Elmendorph served as a stagecoach inn.

ARTS & CRAFTS CONTINUED

A committee has been established to plan the festival, which is scheduled for August 4th and 5th. Members include Doug and Shirley Brown, Leslie Coons, Linda Keeling, Joe & Margaret O'Brien, Rosemary Coons, CoraLee Wallen and Bruce Naramore. Anyone else interested in serving on this committee is encouraged to contact Harold Fell or Rosemary Coons.

The committee is now in the process of locating craftspeople who would be willing to demonstrate at the program, either on Saturday or Sunday. If you are willing to demonstrate, or know of someone who might, we need to hear from you. Crafts which we have had particular difficulty in finding someone to demonstrate include: traditional quilting, primitive portraiture, leatherworking, cabinetmaking, basket weaving, tinsmithing, potting, glassmaking, blacksmithing and crewelwork.

We are also planning displays of landscape painting and photography at the festival and are working on a community photography contest. Musical entertainment, and perhaps a community dance, are also in our plans.

A TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND

On April 9, John I. Fish of Barrytown died. He had served on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Elmendorph, Inc. Not many of you are aware of John's outstanding contribution to our group. We never asked him for anything, but he always seemed to know when we needed his help -- and he helped us again and again.

He knew we needed volunteers in our shop, Elmendorph, Etc., so we would often find him there. He purchased a new lawn mower for us when we talked of the inconvenience of bringing one to the property. As a Director, his knowledge of restoration and finances was a well to draw from. His humor enlivened our meetings, many of which were held in his charming, comfortable early 18th century home which he had carefully restored himself.

He was not averse to bringing his house guests to our board meetings, for he felt he was needed by us, as indeed he was.

Far more important, however, and very much unknown to the outside, was his challenge to us when we were purchasing the Elmendorph. John was aware of the frustrations we had in trying to negotiate. As the time drew near for the closing and we needed the downpayment, John challenged the Board of Directors to put our money where our mouths were and contribute our own funds which he then more than matched and saw to it that we had our downpayment. Likewise, he encouraged others who had been blessed with much to assist us.

Those of you who knew John will remember his amazing mind, his love of life and startling wit. He will be deeply missed by those of us who were fortunate enough to have known him.

His family has requested that memorial donations be made to the Elmendorph in John Fish's memory.

VERY IMPORTANT DATE

PLEASE COME TO A MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 14 at 8 PM at the Elks Club, Route 9, Red Hook. This meeting is for everyone who wants to volunteer for ANYTHING. We want to meet you and talk over some of the exciting projects coming up this summer. This includes Bakers, Plumbers, Painters, People who want to Assist at Special Events (very important) ANYTHING!!

We are calling this a VOLUNTEERISM MEETING. If you have ever wanted to do anything for Elmendorph, now is the chance. We will have some exciting news to tell you at the meeting about an upcoming BENEFIT FOR ELMENDORPH!

THIS 'N THAT

Those neat looking mailing labels on your newsletter are courtesy of Larry & Eileen Mosher who typed ALL of you into their computer AND paid for the mailing labels as well. Thanks so much. We are becoming very efficient and professional!

That wonderful membership sign at the building was designed and made by Rev. James Elliott Lindsley, together with Doug and Shirley Brown. We want to be able to put a roof on the sign if we can get about 50 more memberships.

Thanks to all who gave us an IBM two for one match. Remind those who belong to IBM that their money can go further.

If you have not renewed your membership since February, 1983, we have put an "X" on the mailing label to remind you. If you have not renewed your membership since 1981, this will be your LAST newsletter.

Don't forget our May 14th meeting!

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