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Dear Friends and Neighbors

As we write, skilled craftsmen are hard at work repairing 240-year old floor joists and applying new plaster to the ancient hand split lath in the Tap Room and Kitchen, completing the ground floor restoration of Red Hook's most historic Elmendorph Inn. We expect the work to be completed by mid-June in time for summer's special events.

We embarked on this project without benefit of a State grant, confident that those of you who have enjoyed attending a meeting or special event in the Elmendorph will want to help us complete the restoration DEBT FREE! We're offering our friends an opportunity to help by "Adopting" a piece of the Tap Room/Kitchen restoration:

Adopt-a-Floor Board \$100

Adopt-a-Light Fixture 50

Adopt-a-Hinge 35

Of course, donations in any amount are welcome and all contributions are tax deductible and eligible for company matches. Gifts may be made in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one and will be so acknowledged. Donors and Friends of Elmendorph will be invited to a gala Reception on July 25th to celebrate the completion of the first floor!

Please give as generously as you can. Any excess funds collected will be dedicated to our next project, the Rosemary Coons Historical Archive Room on the second floor above the Tap Room. Thank you for your support. The enclosed brochure reviews the Elmendorph's history and current activities.

Sincerely

David Brown

David Brown, President

Barbara W. Bielenberg, Restoration Chairman