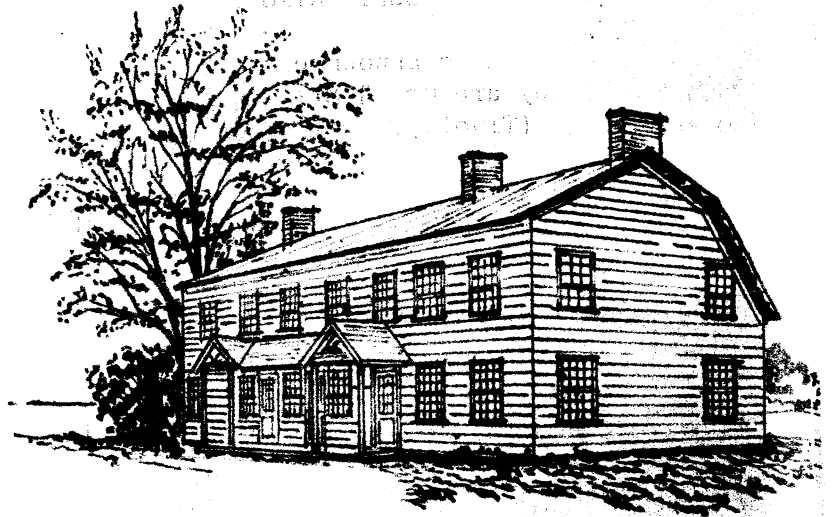


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of ELMENDORPH, inc.
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DEAR FRIENDS,

WE DID IT AGAIN! We have raised the \$15,000 we needed to match a federal restoration grant (and we did it in less than a year).

It is only because of the strong support we have received from our Friends that we could get so far ahead in such a short period of time. Red Hook is a small community, and it is truly amazing that we were able to match our goal so quickly. Our friends in other communities and other states are to be commended for their continued support.

The money was raised in the following fashion: over \$5200 came from "Elmendorph Etc.", our thrift shop, which so many of you contributed to and bought from; over \$5,000 came from donations; \$2,000 came from memberships and the balance was from fund raising events which so many of you worked on.

You can take great pride in what you have done. We will continue to need your help. Next month we will send out a list of all those who were paid up members or contributors in 1979, and we will ask you to renew your memberships. NOW -- we are asking you to think about one person or family who you would like to see belong to the Friends of Elmendorph, Inc. If each one of you comes up with one new member (and this includes students), we will double our membership in 1980. With your help, we won't have to send out a mass membership mailing this year. You have amazed us so far -- let's see if you can do it again.

We have changed the date of our newsletter to run every three months, beginning in January. Next month, there will be a special mailing to you, informing you of our Annual Meeting in March, as well as asking you to renew your memberships with us.

STILL GROWING

Welcome to the latest new members and contributors: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Vrooman, Baltus B. Van Kleeck, Jr. & family, William Joostema and Scott Berryann (student member), all of Red Hook. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Arlow, Pine Plains, N.Y.

We are very proud to announce that we have two families who have become **LIFE MEMBERS**. They are Mr. & Mrs. Louis J. Ahlbach (Wappingers Falls) and Mr. & Mrs. Gay Milbrandt (Tivoli).

HELP!

There was a time when it took only two or three people to put together the newsletter and send it to you. Now that our membership has grown so tremendously, it has become a very big job. If you can spare one night, every three months to staple, fold, label and sort, please let us know, as we can really use your help. Did you realize that we have grown from 90 to over 600 members in just three years? Thanks to Blanche Traudt, Thelma & Finn Rennie and Lottie Kittner for help with the last mailing. Georgia Coon always comes through for us with help in getting the newsletter printed. Please call Rosemary Coons (Editor) 758-6334 in the evening, if you can help next time.

THE ELVES DID IT AGAIN

As you went by the Elmdorph this past holiday season, did you see the candlelit windows? The approach from the north is particularly stunning. We know who some of the elves were, but we particularly want to thank Elise Vail who donated many of the electric candles. We like the way the building looks with a candle in every window. Does anyone know how to get a good photo of the building at night?

VISUAL IMPROVEMENTS

If you look around the Villages of Red Hook and Tivoli and throughout the Town of Red Hook, you will notice some face lifting. Some very interesting things have been happening to some of the older buildings around. The Board of Directors will make an award at the ANNUAL MEETING in March to the person who has done the most to preserve and restore our local heritage -- send your ideas and nominations into us. We think that there will be lots to choose from this year.

GLORIA'S NIMBLE FINGERS

Gloria Weigand has knitted a lovely afghan which we will raffle off for \$1.00 a chance. The drawing will be in June. If you come to the Annual Meeting, be sure to pick up your chances. If you can't be there, write to us and we will be sure that you have an opportunity to win. We are grateful to Gloria for doing this for us as a Fund Raiser.

EXTRA EXTRA SPECIAL SPECIAL THANKS

TO LOTTIE KITTNER who reports in here on the successful NITE AT THE RACES. She thanks everyone, but we want to thank YOU, Lottie for your enthusiasm, dedication and especially all the money you raised for us. You are a gem!

RE: NITE AT THE RACES FUND RAISING PARTY
FROM: LOTTIE KITTNER - Chairman

THANK YOU: to Everyone who bought a raffle ticket!
to Everyone who bought a party ticket!
to Everyone who came to the party!
to Everyone who helped organize the party!
to Everyone who helped at the party!

LOVE & KIXXXX to you ALL!

We did net our \$1,000 goal-which when matched DOUBLES
to \$2,000 worth of benefits for the ELMENDORPH!

*SPECIAL THANKS to a wonderful crew of people who with much preparation and planning put the event together:

* It began with the RAFFLE TICKETS sold by:

Champion ticket seller PAUL FREDRICKS who personally sold 22 tickets and runner-up HANK WILGA who sold 13. Paul sold a winner and Hank sold to 4 of the winners. ROSEMARY COONS, SUNNY DAY, HELEN GARLINGHOUSE, MIN ANGELIER and DOUG TRAUDT also sold to winners. The grand prize winning ticket was purchased from none other than yours truly on the sidewalk in front of Apple Vally on the Fall Foliage Day. JO WARYAS, MANNY MANGIONE, GIDGET GAYTON and LLOYD LOOP didn't have winners this time, but I am sure they will the next time.

THANK YOU super salesmen..(saleswownen too)!

* The Elks Club was decorated with a charm and warmth as only BLANCHE TRAUDT could to set the mood....with some muscle assistance from DOUG TRAUDT. ELVIRA NUCCIO...with her handy/man FRANK NUCCIO...made the delightful table decorations.

It took much time, effort, creativity and
for every minute a THANK YOU!

* CARYLL GAYTON and GIDGET GAYTON, together were a great team. They arranged for the equipment and setting up the hall and with their ingenuity and planning, the Elk's Club was set up in a lounge atmosphere.

Double THANKS to you both!

* MANNY MANGIONE single-handedly took charge of the refreshments. People are still trying to convince him to change the barber pole outside his shop to a knife and fork emblem.

A delicious THANK YOU from all
of us who enjoyed your food!

* LORRAINE SEELEY who did the publicity and posters!

Much-much THANKS!

* We had the appreciated cooperation and assistance from SAM BRIDGES, ED BADEN and MANNY MANGIONE of the ELKS CLUB. We also appreciated the advice and assistance of NEIL ARBUCKLE of the JAYCEES and KEN MC PHAIL, Sr. of Rhinebeck.

Everybody helped - THANK YOU!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped AT the party:

Ticket Takers: LILLIAN GORGENS, LORRAINE SEELEY and GLORIA WEIGAND
Hostesses: ROSEMARY COONS, HELEN GARLINGHOUSE, THELMA RENNIE, ELVIRA NUCCIO and CARYLL GAYTON
Barkers: RICHARD COONS, BUD GAYTON and LLOYD LOOP
Lights: FRANK NUCCIO
Projectionists: GIDGET GAYTON and PAUL FREDRICKS
Cashiers: HAROLD FELL and HERMAN GORGENS
Tellers: ED SEELEY, DOUG BROWN and FINN RENNIE
Pay off: MARGARET SHAND assisting BRUCE RODWELL
Mathematician - par excellence: KILIAN (BILL) WEIGAND

(just shows you how many people are involved) **THANK YOU - THANK YOU!**

To our HOST for the evening, the one and only JOE O'BRIEN....our SUPER HERO.....

SUPER THANKS!

- * To those of YOU who supported us by BUYING raffle tickets and BUYING party tickets....and especially JOHN FISH, SAM LORE and LORRAINE DeCAROLIS who made donations over and above what was asked...

THANK YOU!

- * To ALL of you who came to the party (over 100) a special BIG HUG!

The saying "people make a party" was never more evident than that night. It was the nicest group of people ever together for one occasion. Thank you for having a good time. I can only attribute that to the fact that "fun" people make a "fun" party.

COLOSSAL THANKS to ALL!

We did have some technical difficulties with the sound system (blown condenser or some such) so we had to shelve (for another time) the skits and entertainment. My apologies. I think the phrase is "circumstances beyond our control." Considering we are in a machine dependent society - we were totally subject to the power of the machine...or should I say the lack of power of the machine. I do hope you understand.

Sincerely in service to
FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC.

Lottie

Leocadia (Lottie) Kittner
Chairman, Nite at the Races
Fund Raising Party

ALLOW US TO BRAG

We have managed to turn a brambles and dumping ground into a future garden. Among those who helped were Joe and Jim St. John who cut down and piled up trees and brush; Doug Traudt who carted away piles and piles of debris; Len Rall who cut down stumps, raked and sowed grass seed; Nelson Garlinghouse layed the stone walk at the back of the shop; Bill Weigand set the stones for the rock garden; Barbara Sheeks weeded and planted; Margaret O'Brien brought many rockery plants and Josephine Waryas helped to weed. The flower bed at the rear of the shop will be finished in the Spring. We hope to have an area where you can sit and rest awhile. We particularly wish to thank Donald Finn for cutting off all the metal pipes that created such an eyesore and Bill Rhoades for trimming the large tree so that the floodlight can be repaired.

Now, the person who deserves so much of the credit for planning and supervising, as well as some of the hard labor, is Helen Garlinghouse. She says, "If there is anyone out there who likes to garden, please don't be backward in coming forward. There will always be weeding, cultivating, raking, trimming, mowing and all the various and pleasant tasks a garden entails. We are pleased with our beginning and hope to create a garden of which our community will be proud. So, if you find an outlet for your energies in helping nature, please call Helen (758-6925) after 11 AM."

A SUCCESS STORY

Our shop, "Elmendorph Etc.", closed the last weekend in October. We were glad to close because it was becoming unbearably cold. However, we were sorry to close because we actually enjoy so many things there -- our group who work, our friends who visit, the things that come in for us to sell and the ever-flowing coffee.

The shop was open 52 days, 312 hours. We realized \$5,276.33. Without our volunteers and donations of things to sell, this could not work. That is why I wish to thank all those generous people who gave us of their excess. Those who helped so much by giving of their time and energy should be mentioned. These are the folks who worked for love of the Elmendorph and the happiness we shared in each others company:

Jackie Appleby, Virginia Apsey, Bob Bielenberg, Doug and Shirley Brown, Martha Cookingham, Rosemary Coons, Harold and Gladys Fel, Lillian Gorgens, Mary Hardin, Linda Keeling, Edith Kennedy, Elvira Nuccio, Margaret O'Brien, Nancy Proper, Thelma Rennie, Karl Sandfort, Barbara Sheeks, Laura Schrader, Anita Sprague, Ardith & Joe St. John, Anna Teator, Blanche Traudt, Jo Waryas, Gloria and Bill Weigand and Carolyn Yablonski.

Some of these people were constantly helping keep shop while others gave what hours they could spare. We are grateful to all of them. Please come back when we open in May. We need you.

Helen

Don't forget, if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or if you have purchased a new room of furniture, we are always available to accept or pick up your items for sale. Let's try to have our shop full for reopening in the Spring.

ELMENDORPH'S CAT

Did you know that we have a large male cat that keeps wandering into the building? We think that the neighbors feed him, but he has selected the Elmendorph as his sleeping grounds. He manages to find a way in. Perhaps some of the students can think of a name for him.

THE ELMENDORPH INN

BY

ERIC ANDERSON

There were four of us in the stage coach and it was getting late. The road was dark and dusty and it was hard to see. The fog was coming in, and it didn't help any. We had been traveling for nine hours and I have to admit we were all sleepy. I could see the lights of the inn from the candles up ahead, and it was a good sight. I walked in and stopped at the counter to check in. We were all surprised to see the owner of the inn, Mr. Cornelius Elmendorph, at the counter. We thought that there would be someone else there, but apparently not. The other three people went up to their rooms. I stayed down to chat with Mr. Elmendorph. I told him that I was on a special mission, and my bags were important. I asked Mr. Elmendorph if he could put them in a safe place.

He took me into his office and put my bags into his safe. I was much relieved now. I asked him if he had a quiet room for me. He said all the rooms were full up, but he let me bed down in his office. I thanked him very much and went to sleep.

In the morning, I thanked him again, paid him for the room, and was on my way. I will never forget that good night at the quiet, handsome Elmendorph Inn.

Eric wrote this for our contest last June while he was in Mrs. Dewsnap's sixth grade. He won Honorable Mention and is now an Honorary Member of the Friends of Elmendorph.

HERE AND THERE

Bravo to Harvey Auster for writing such a sensational story about the (now gone) Red Hook Hotel in the Gazette Advertiser recently. The razing of the hotel in the 1960s is still a vivid memory, and makes us redouble our efforts to prevent such a loss again. Remember, it was Cornelius Elmendorph who built the Red Hook Hotel -- we had close ties.

ELMENDORPH'S WISH LIST

An Art Editor for the Newsletter

Central Heat

Someone to take away old refrigerators and stoves

600 new members

An Assistant Secretary to help write Thank You notes

Lots of new old items for the Shop when it opens in the Spring

100 student members

50 Life Members

The east chimney stablized

New Wiring

Repair of cellar entrance

10 new organization memberships

Members in five new states (we already have New Hampshire, Conn., Mass., New Jersey, Oregon, Maryland, North Carolina, Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania)

Please use this membership application for
your friends

Do you know any former Red Hook residents? Does your teacher belong? Do your parents belong? Let's double our membership!

C R N

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Annual Dues

Individual.....\$ 3

Family 5

Student(under 18) 1

Business/Organization 10

Century Club (life membership) 100

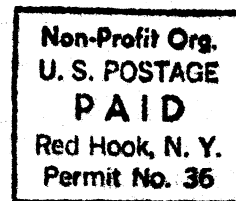
Membership \$ _____

Donation \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____
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