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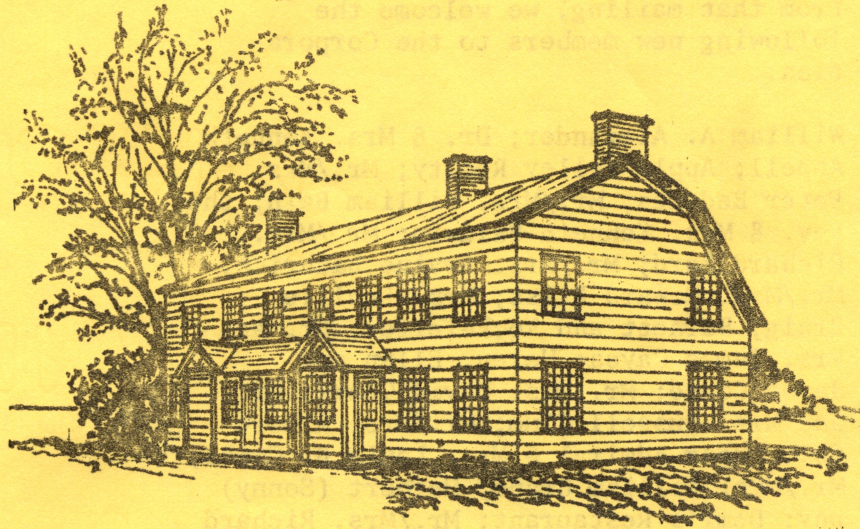
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Dear Friends,

Since the last newsletter, we have been tremendously busy. The Fund Raising Committee has met and have lots of enthusiasm and plans. The Building Committee has also met and are busy every weekend. We have had some wonderful professional help that has been donated and we received very important items belonging to the building.

Here is a rundown on some of the things that have happened recently. You will read more details within this newsletter.

Spring work began on April 23 with the removal of the east shed of the building. Our water was hooked up and our front door no longer sticks. Our membership drive was tremendously successful. We have a report on our Annual Meeting and exciting news about the National Register application. We have Elmendorph's original doors back and we look forward to a big fund raising event on June 17.

We were disappointed that the CETA program did not work out for us as we planned, as we had hoped to use the CETA workers to remove the asbestos shingles and paint the exterior of the building. We understand that the funds are frozen in Dutchess County at the moment. Oh, well, we can't win them all. June is a bad month for us as far as finances. We have both our mortgage payment due as well as our annual insurance premiums. (Don't worry, we have enough money) Now is the time to renew your membership if you have not already done so, or to encourage new people to join us.

For many of you, this will be the first newsletter you will have received. Please let us know if there is anything you would like to see included in future issues. Now that we have over 200 members, we will be mailing through the Dutchess Arts Council at the bulk non-profit rate. Please be sure that we have your correct address, as the newsletter will not be forwarded by the Post Office.

We appreciate the encouraging notes we have received from some of you and hope to meet all of you in person on June 17.

SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Since the last newsletter, we had a mass mailing to homes and businesses. From that mailing, we welcome the following new members to the Corporation:

William A. Alexander; Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Appell; Apple Valley Realty; Mr./Mrs. Peter Bedanes; Mr./Mrs. William Bain; the Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Baldwin; Mr./Mrs. Richard Bard; Mr./Mrs. Arvine Bathrick; Mr./Mrs. Howard Bliss; Mrs. Lucille Braig; Burnett and Rockefeller; Dr. and Mrs. James Cayea; Helen, Ellen and Jason Couse; Mr./Mrs. David Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Clum; Mr./Mrs. Albert Cole; Rear Admiral & Mrs. Louis B. Combs; Mr./Mrs. William Crane; Herbert (Sonny) Day; Demi's Restaurant; Mr./Mrs. Richard Dill; Mrs. Theresa Dillon & family; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Ekert; Gottlob Fischer; Mr./Mrs. Adolph Frey; Mr./Mrs. Reinert Frey; Mr./Mrs. Thomas Furey; Mrs. Clinton Gallagher; Mr./Mrs. Hugh Gayton; Mary B. Hardin; Mr./Mrs. Burt E. Hart; Mr./Mrs. Albert F. Hejnal; Florence C. Hill; Hoffman's Farm Market; Mary Hoffman; Red Hook I.G.A.; Mr./Mrs. Lawrence Hagen; Mr./Mrs. John Jimenez; Mr./Mrs. John Krish; Mr./Mrs. William Landauer; Mr. * Mrs. Arvid Lekstrom; Mr./Mrs. Peter Lester; Linden Farms; Little Village Shop; Mary A. Maracich; Mr./Mrs. Eugene Maroney; Sandra D. Martin; Mr./Mrs. Sidney Mead; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Mersel; Mr./Mrs. John H. Meyers, Jr; William McDonald; Mr./Mrs. Gay Milbrandt; Mr. & Mrs. Elwood Miller; Mr. & Mrs. Donald Moore; Joe Morabito; Mr./Mrs. William Murray; Mr./Mrs. Frank Oja; Mrs. Julia T. O'Neill; Mr./Mrs. Barton Orlich; Mr./Mrs. G. Carl Pack; Mr./Mrs. Donald Peterson; Mrs. Elsie Quinn; Red Hook Grange #918; Edward Reisert; Philip Rhynders; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rockefeller; Cdr. & Mrs. Ray Rogers; Marjorie Saenger; Mr. & Mrs. Ted Schacklinsky; Mr. & Mrs. Frank J. Schleyer; Louise & Laura Schrader;

Ludwig S. Schalter; Mr. & Mrs. Karl Schoelpple; Peter M. Scofield; Mr./Mrs. Gus Shaw; Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Sheffer; Miss G. Christina Shook; Mrs. Christine Sievers; Silver Lake Dairy; Jane Silverstein; Mr./Mrs. Frank Smithers; Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Stambler; Mr./Mrs. Carl J. Stockenberg; Mr./Mrs. F. N. Stoppenbach; Mrs. Anna Teator; Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Thomas; Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Townsend; Mr. & Mrs. Albert R. Trezza; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Tripp; Murray Van Ness; Miss Carol Wagner; Jean Weinberg & Peter Grimm; William Walter; Mr./Mrs. Don Wise; Grace L. Welch; Mr./Mrs. Henry Wilga; Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Wilken and Robert A. Zaleski.

A BIG WELCOME--+ ALL OF YOU.

DONATIONS

We usually do not list the names of people who have donated, since most of our new members donate in addition to joining. However, there were a number of people who sent donations (and some of them were sizable) but did not fill out a membership application:

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Benya; Heinz Bertelsmann; Mrs. Charles Buerkert; Richard Burkhardt; Florence Clarke; Mr./Mrs. Gerhard Hoss; Mr./Mrs. Woody Klose; Mrs. Nellie Kukon; Helen McManus; Edmund Mayer; Mr./Mrs. William Olah; Allen Porter; Mr./Mrs. Lloyd R. Rockefeller; Mrs. John Rupprecht; Mr./Mrs. Andre Schwed; Joseph J. Sondey; Mr./Mrs. Stanton R. Tremper; Anna van Wagenen and Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Wheeler.

We thank all of you for your generosity. Now a hint -- if you want to continue to receive our "exciting" newsletter, let us know that you want to be members so you will be sure to continue to receive the news.

In the last newsletter, we gave thanks to Lottie Kittner and her crew for doing a great job of getting this massive building off the ground. As you can see, the results were fantastic! We now have a roster of about 300 members, with a response from 175 new people.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was held at the Elks Club on February 13, 1978. About 70 members attended. Lottie Kittner (Membership Chairman) said that our membership goal is 10% of the population; 50% of the businesses and 100% of the organizations in the Town of Red Hook. We are so pleased that we have so many members in other towns and even other states who support our efforts, but we hope that our Red Hook people keep working 'till we reach our goal.

At the meeting, the following Board of Directors was elected: Richard Barrett; Robert Bielenberg; Rosemary E. Coons; Helen Garlinghouse, Paul Fredricks; Herman Gorgens and Joseph St. John. Later in the month, the Board elected Herman Gorgens, President, Rosemary Coons, Secretary; Joseph St. John Treasurer and Paul Fredricks, Vice President. Lillian Gorgens was appointed Assistant Treasurer.

Special recognition was given to the Rev. J. Elliott Lindsley for his outstanding personal involvement in 1977 in obtaining the building; to John Fish for a generous donation which made possible the down payment on the building; to William Walsh, our attorney, who donated all of his very capable legal services, from incorporating us to the final legal process of the purchase and filing of the deed and mortgage; to Harold Fell for obtaining an IBM grant and giving much time to repairing the garage plus many other helpful services and finally to Lillian Gorgens, out-going Treasurer, who was one of the original incorporators and did all the bookkeeping for three years.

Honorary Memberships were given to Geesoo J. Namardi from Iran and Sophie Demerle from France, A.F.S. students living in Red Hook this year.

The Annual Award for Preservation was given to the VILLAGE OF TIVOLI for recognizing and encouraging preservation.

At the meeting, the By-Laws were changed to say that any person submitting an application in writing and paying the membership fee decided upon by the membership, shall be considered a member of the Corporation. This precluded the necessity of voting in new members every year.

The Treasurer's report showed that we had \$4,922.18 in income in 1977. Of course, we also paid much out (such as buying a building) but we should be very proud of this. 1978 should show a growth, if the year to date is any indication.

MANNY HAS TICKETS

Emanuel Mangione's mother has made a beautiful afghan and Manny has taken it upon himself to raffle off tickets for this lovely creation at \$1.00 a piece. After deducting the cost of material, all proceeds will be given to the Elmendorph. Be sure to pick up your tickets at his Barber Shop. The drawing is coming up soon.

OLD HOUSE JOURNAL

The newly-formed EGBERT BENSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY has purchased the Old House Journal which has detailed articles on restoration. This will be available at the Red Hook Library for research.

OH, BEAUTIFUL FOR A.B.F.

America the Beautiful Fund has been most helpful with advice and offers of help (both financial and how-to-do-it). We are members of the group and appreciate their tremendous interest.

ST. JOHN AND SON

Thanks again to Joe St. John and Evan who almost singlehandedly dismantled the shed on the east end of the building. This was a late addition of no particular importance in very bad condition.

ELMENDORPH NOTEPAPER

We sold so many of our notepaper packages, that we ran out and were unable to write thank you notes to our members. You will be receiving thank you notes very shortly, because we have ordered more. You will be able to purchase the new notepaper on June 17th for your own use.

ELMENDORPH MUG

Inge Pulver has designed a charming ceramic mug for Elmendorph. You will be able to place your order for one on June 17th at the building.

THANKS FROM HELEN

We were impressed with the up-beat spirit of those who attended the Annual Meeting. It reflected the Board's joy in the progress of the past year. The donation of refreshments by some of our members helped to make the end of the meeting a chance to mingle with those they knew or become acquainted with new friends. The surplus goodies added another \$5.25 to our treasury. Thank you to Chris Barrett, Carleen Baright; Gladys Fell, Rosemary Garlinghouse; Lillian Gorgens; Clara Losee; Elvira Nuccio, Margaret O'Brien; Thelma Rennie, Ardith St. John and Blanche Traudt. You're a great bunch.

Helen Garlinghouse

WEEKEND WORKERS

Thanks for lots of help to these people who have been working at cleaning, painting, fixing windows, etc. . . . Joe St. John & sons, Dick Barrett, Frank Nuccio (window expert), the Rev. J. Elliott Lindsley (and truck), Harold Fell (expert lawn mower), Paul Fredricks, Bob Bielenberg and Richard Coons.

Remember, weekend work has started. We will be at the building every Saturday through 6/10 and then again after the sale on June 17th. Please stop by, see the building, and give an hour or two.

ELMENDORPH'S DOORS ARE BACK

We were *tremendously* excited recently to receive three of the original doors to the building. One belongs in the cellar and is an enormous door with a massive keyhole and most of the original hardware intact. The other two doors have beautiful panelling and again, much of the original hardware. They are exquisite parts of the building and we are ~~to~~ thank David Snook of Nassau, N.Y. and Vincent Mulford of Malden Bridge, N.Y. for these. They will be receiving our newsletter regularly to keep up with our progress. The next time you come to the building, we will be happy to show you these beautiful pieces.

John White Delafield recently pointed out the uniqueness of our front door which is described in "Dutchess County Doorways".

PUBLICITY

A project such as ours needs an injection once in a while which is called publicity. The Poughkeepsie Journal has just featured us in the Sunday Area News Section, and it is our understanding that there will also be a feature article in the Kingston Freeman shortly by Louise Schwed. We appreciate the interest of the newspapers in our project and are grateful to know that many more people will now learn about us.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Richard Jenrette of Barrytown, recently appointed by President Carter to chair the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to Paul Fredricks, Board Member, who is the newly-elected President of the Red Hook Chamber of Commerce. . . . to Clara Losee, our hard-working researcher who was recently honored by the Rock City Grange for Community Service. . . . to Leslie Coons, student member and newsletter illustrator, who will be going to Germany for the summer through the American Field Service Program . .

... and to "Manny" Mangione, who has just delivered his first baby while on duty with the Red Hook Rescue Squad in Barrytown. He said it was a let down to go back to the Barber Shop.

EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS

To these people who have been most cooperative and generous with their time, talent and/or material goods:

to Robert T. McCarthy (electrician) for all the electrical work for our garage building to Robert Cole (plumber) for hooking us up to water in the building and seeing that we had bathroom facilities and a kitchen sink that works (we no longer have to carry water into the building for coffee nor do we have to walk three blocks to use a bathroom) to Jean Bradley for the use of her scaffolding which is on loan to us to the Rev. J. Elliott Lindsey who donated enough curtains for the entire building, old tools and the use of his pickup . . . and to Richard Baright (Stockenberg's Hardware) who donated all of the glass for the garage building. WHAT COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

LOOK AT THE TALENT WE HAVE

The Membership Drive brought about the following offers of help:

Plumbing (3); Painting (9); Carpentry (8); Electrical (6); Clean-UP (10); Restoration (14); Fund Raising (6); Hospitality (6); Membership (4); Research (13); Baking (26); Sewing (7); Phone calls (5); Mailing (5); Typing (8). Some of the unique offers of help were: window washing, use of a pickup truck, hauling, art work; stenciling; furniture refinishing; archeology; excavation, printing and masonry.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GARAGE

Our garage is being finished for our own use. We can use painters and carpenters. Our goal is to have the garage finished by June 10th. Can anyone help? We will use the garage for our fund-raising activities.

BIG FUND RAISER COMING UP -- HELP

On June 17th, we will hold another sale at the building, such as the one we had last fall. We need saleable items (no clothing please). We will be able to take furniture this time. Remember what we sold last year - - plants, books, dishes, games, toys, etc.

Of great importance are our bakers. We made a great deal of money on our baked goods last year. Jellies sell very well also. We are counting on all of you to come through again and we know that the people who belong to the Elmendorph must be the best bakers around because everything sold out last fall.

If you cannot bake, you may wish to donate coffee, tea, lemonade, cider, cups, napkins, sugar or powdered cream.

Please be sure to call Helen Garlinghouse after 11 AM at 758-6925 to let her know when you can bring items for the sale or if you can help at the sale. Please bring your baked goods to the building by 9:30 AM if possible on the 17th. All other items must be set up before the day of the sale. June is our heaviest month for bills (mortgage and insurance) so let's really raise the dough! (pun)

Anyone interested in spinning, weaving, etc. at the building on that date should contact Rosemary Coons.

LADIES DAY

Ladies Day will be at the building on June 10th from 9-12. This is for anyone willing to wash windows and hang curtains. You may have to bring your own equipment. Does anyone have any extra curtain rods? We want to get the building "prettied up" for the following week.

DO WE HAVE NEWS FOR YOU!

The New York State Board of Historic Preservation met on April 6th and recommended to the State Historic Preservation Officer that the ELMENDORPH be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. We have gone over an important hurdle.

If all goes well, we should know by the end of the summer and will then be eligible for matching grants-in-aid. Remember, though, we will have to MATCH money from the federal government, so roll up your sleeves and let's get to work.

RENEWAL REMINDER

If you joined us in 1976 or 1977 and have not renewed your membership in 1978 due to an oversight, we have attached an envelope to this letter to remind you. If there is no envelope attached, then you are paid up to date. May we count on your continued support?

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