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FRIENDS *of* ELMENDORPH



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

EVERY cloud is alleged to have a silver lining. After being denied grant monies to assist in the Phase I restoration upstairs, it seemed that we were overburdened with clouds! Then, in October and December two wonderful "silver linings" occurred. First, we were given an anonymous gift of \$1400.00 to jump-start the installation of the insulation; and in December, the response to the special Holiday gift appeal was an overwhelming success. Through careful budgeting, we now have the necessary funds for the Phase I project.

Once again, you, our loyal members, and friends have shown that you value this project of restoration begun so long ago and that you plan to continue to be a part of its success.

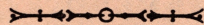
The terms of two of our hardest working Board members have expired and they will be stepping down in March. It will be difficult to fill the shoes of Shirley Brown and Larry Thetford. Both have given countless hours and shared their talents in helping us to reach our goals. They have had a huge impact and will be missed. The entire Board of Directors thanks them and wishes them well.

This winter our snow removal has been graciously donated by Arvine "Bucky" Coon. Our thanks and sincere appreciation are extended to Bucky.

Sincerely,
JOAN LEWIS
President



RESTORATION COMMITTEE



THANKS to all of you who so generously responded to our "Local History" fund drive. Work is already well underway on the second floor. Mason Lord, Craig Marchesault and their skilled crew from Hudson Valley Preservation are working under the direction of Herman Gorgens to level floors where possible, reproduce missing trim and doors, and all the other myriad details of the restoration. Later, Charles Hapeman will repair and replace plaster and Robert McCarthy & Sons will complete the electric wiring begun last fall.

We'll be adding a handrail to the stairway; and enlarging the doorway to the much used attic storeroom over the kitchen. For too many years our volunteers have been banging their heads on the low doorway as they moved art show flats and Christmas shop merchandise in and out of storage. This is the first significant modification we've made to our historic building but one long deemed necessary. The new door to the storeroom was found in the building. It probably came from a second floor south room partition removed before we acquired the Inn. As always, we try to preserve the original, historic features of our building as we strive to make it ever more useful to the community.

Members of the Egbert Benson Historical Society of Red Hook are currently working in the two unrestored second floor chambers - gathering together and indexing the Society's collections in preparation for the move into its new headquarters in the north room. They will be looking for help in furnishing their archive center with files and storage cabinets, a new copier, and, eventually, a computer to make the room a functional historic research center for the community.

NOTE: Sometimes needs are met in unexpected ways. A chance conversation with Red Hook Village Trustee Madeline Klein brought us an 8 foot wall hung projection screen for the South Room, donated by her daughter and son-in-law, Heidi and Dominick Andriola, who found the screen in their new home. All those who attend the annual April Clermont lecture series and other meetings where slides or films are shown will appreciate this new amenity as will our "Innkeeper" who struggled to set up our large tripod screen for each event. Thank you Madeline, Heidi and Dominick.

-Barbara Bielenberg



CHRISTMAS AT THE ELMENDORPH

The annual Christmas Open House fame is spreading! People from adjoining towns and even across the river have made repeat visits to sample the goodies and experience a time in history that we can only read about. Ellen Phelan and son John prepared wonderful breads and buns cooked in the beehive oven. Richard Coons and Gussie Townsend kept the mulled cider and hot chocolate flowing and filled the air with its unique aroma.

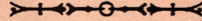
Music in the tap room was provided by Regina Scheff on fiddle and members of the Red Hook School Brass Band directed by Alan VanNess.

The Christmas tradition gets better every year as many of our same faithful members are "first in line" to volunteer their time. We would like to thank the following for their help and participation in the Open House:

HOST AND HOSTESSES	DECORATIONS
Nancy Nielsen	Blanche Traudt
John Nielsen	Doug Traudt
Betsey Wacker	Shirly Brown
Bobbie Walsh	Barbara Bielenberg



FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC. ANNUAL MEETING



The ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC. will be held on Monday, March 23, 1998 at 8:00PM at McCAFFREY's COTTAGE, Route 9 North, Red Hook, NY. The meeting will be preceded by cocktails at 6:00PM, followed by dinner PROMPTLY at 6:30PM.

Please send your proxy/reservations to **MARY CIOFFI, RD #3 BOX 72, RED HOOK, NY 12571**. All reservations ***must be made by Tuesday, March 17, 1998***. You may choose to attend the program without attending the dinner. Please let us know, so that we can arrange seating for you. Please make all checks payable to:



McCAFFREY'S COTTAGE

The speaker for the evening will be Bentley Roton from the Kaatsbaan Dance Center in Tivoli.

Now is the time for you to renew your membership for 1998. Please note the date on your mailing label. Your membership is paid through that date. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

PROXY

SPECIAL SPRING HOME FURNISHING SALE

 *Monday, April 27 - Saturday, May 2, 1998* 

FEATURING the contents of a Red Hook home, the partial contents of a Poughkeepsie homestead, and the virtually complete contents of a Long Island estate.

We are pleased to announce that through the generous donations and leads of several Friends of Elmendorph members, we are able to hold a "Home Furnishings Sale" this spring in the Tap Room at the Inn. The sale will run from April 27 through May 2. Dressers, dining table, hutch and matching side console, chairs, iron porch set, quality organ, armoire, etc. are examples of items in the sale along with quality accessories. Many boxes are yet to be opened at this point, so plan on surprises.

If you would like to get a jump on spring clean up and would like to donate items to the Home Furnishing Sale or the Elmendorph Etc. Shop, please call 758-5887 for arrangements. If no one is at the Inn when you call, please leave a message and we will get back to you. Remember that pick up service is always available.

If you have free time during the week of the sale and would be interested in clerking during the sale please leave a message on our office phone at 758-5887.

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DURING the week of the Home Furnishing Sale, (see above) the shop committee plans on sprucing up the Etc. shop for the upcoming season. A fresh coat of interior paint and general upkeep projects are in order. Volunteers are needed and you may call the Inn for particulars if you are interested.

The projected opening of the Elmendorph Etc. shop is Saturday May 9, 1998 at 10:00AM. Shop crew members will be on hand to receive donations on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday of the week prior to the opening.

We are now in need of volunteers for the summer to help out in the shop. This can be done on your schedule, whether it's 1, 2, or 3 days per week, 1 day per month, emergency stand by if we happen to be short handed on a particular day, or again, whatever your schedule permits.

As always, keep an ear out for people in need of unloading home items who may or may not be aware of our community project and the Etc. Shop. Two of the three major contributors for the Home Furnishing Sale came through Friends of Elmendorph referrals. Donations are tax deductible and the Etc. Shop is there to help.

Hope to see you soon this spring at the very promising Home Furnishing Sale and the grand opening of the Elmendorph Etc. Shop's 1998 season!

Shirley Brown and David Brown

Donors for the Red Hook History Appeal

AS OF JANUARY 26, 1998

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| John and Stanya Jimenez | Joe and Mary Zalenski |

FRIENDS of ELMENDORPH

February 9, 1998

DONATIONS

(OTHER THAN RED HOOK HISTORY APPEAL)

Susan Barich - *Auction*
Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Bertelsmann
Dr. and Mrs. Antonio Boba
Robert and Alma Bowman - *Auction*
Mary and John Cioffi - *in memory of Margaret O'Brien & Ardith St. John*
Caro Curran
Mark Day - *in memory of Rosemary Coons*
Noreen Freeman
Jay and Linda Greenblatt
Fredrick R. Griffiths - *in honor of Barbara Bielenberg*
Barbara Guidos
Richard and Margaret Gummere
Gillian and Randy Hannum
James Hardin - *in memory of Mary Hardin*
James and Ellen Hogan - *IBM Matching Grant*
Robert Leiby
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First National Bank of the Hudson Valley
Old Dutch Village Garden Club
Noel Phillips
Caroline Rider
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Mrs. Patricia Shaw Smith - *in appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis*
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson
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Marj and Henry Wheeler
Herbert Wise
Joe and Mary Zalenski
Dr. Frederick S. Zipser
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zitz - *in memory of Margaret O'Brien*

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Bertelsmann
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Noreen Freeman
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Jay and Linda Greenblatt
Gillian and Randy Hannum
Ronda Hayworth
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jouvanis, Jr.
Stephen and Melissa Lawson
Robert Leiby
Dan Schneider and Charlotte Pfahl
Isabella Scholte

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Christine Foreacre
Mrs. Patricia Shaw Smith

HISTORIC NOTES

RED HOOK Town Historian, J. Winthrop Aldrich, has given us a copy of Taverns and Stagecoaches of New England by Allan Forbes, published in Boston in 1953 from which we have excerpted the following description of travel by stage coach in 1877:

The best seat inside a stage is the one next to the driver. Even if you have a tendency to seasickness when riding backwards—you'll get over it and will get less bumps and jostling. In cold weather don't ride with tight fitting boots, shoes or gloves. When the driver asks you to get off and walk do so without grumbling. He won't request it unless absolutely necessary. If the team runs away—sit still and take your chances. If you jump, nine out of ten times you will get hurt.

In very cold weather abstain entirely from liquor when on the road; because you will freeze twice as quickly when under its influence.

Don't growl at the food received at the station; stage companies generally provide the best they can get. Don't keep the stage waiting. Don't smoke a strong pipe inside the coach — spit on the leeward side. If you have anything to drink in a bottle pass it around. Procure your stimulants before starting as "ranch" (stage depot) whiskey is not always "nectar."

Don't swear nor lop over neighbors when sleeping. Take small change to pay expenses. Never shoot on the road as the noise may frighten the horses. Don't discuss politics or religion. Don't point out where murders have been committed, especially if there are any women passengers. Don't lag at the wash basin. Don't grease your hair, because travel is dusty. Don't imagine for a moment that you are going on a picnic. Expect annoyance, discomfort and some hardship.

PLEASE NOTE: With respect for the rights and convenience of the IGA shoppers, please observe the parking signs at any Elmdorph event. You are requested to park in the George Cole Auction parking lot, just north of the IGA.

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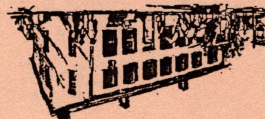
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