

- ECHOES -

March 1994

Dear Friends,

The next Friends of Elmendorph event is our annual meeting and dinner planned around remembering our dear departed friend and former president, Rosemary Coons, to be held at St. John's Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook. Rosemary's good friend and mentor, Winthrop Aldrich, will speak on her favorite Red Hook historical hero, Egbert Benson.

In Joe's last letter he looked forward to the December 5th open house. The event turned out to be truly wonderful. We had ice-sculpting, bread-baking in the beehive oven, great tasting mulled cider, cookies galore, popcorn stringing, tree decorating, and the inn was alive with people enjoying it all. Many thanks to all of YOU who made it happen.

When the icy grip of winter was broken for a spell, activity at the inn started up again — Mason Lord and Craig Marchessault of Hudson Valley of Hudson Valley Preservation are at work renovating the Middle Room. Many of us eagerly await the work to be finished so that we may begin to use it, and as soon as the Middle Room is completed, work on the Center Hall will begin. Some of us are even talking with the Bielenbergs and Herman Gorgens about how to get started on the north room (the tap room) this year! We are an ambitious group. Let's pray we succeed.

One last item — in Joe's last letter he hoped that there would be lots of snow in the higher elevations. Joe says, "I (and other ski bums) got what was hoped for and then some. Now I hope (with other golf nuts) for a glorious spring and summer."

With optimism and good will, we send our sincere best wishes to all.

Joe Kavaky, President

Faith Compo, Secretary and Editor

When the old Inn went into hibernation with the icy, bitter cold and snow upon snow upon snow, you could almost hear the house straining and groaning against the grip of Old Man Winter.

FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC.

February 18, 1994

LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bader
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Degenhardt

NEW MEMBERS

Richard and Gail Bennek
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Druckerman
Marilyn Foreman
Andrew and Loretta Halperin
Peter and Teresa Hardin
Mrs. L. E. Huback
Nadine R. King
Mary H. Thorley
Cheryl Wolchok



DONATIONS

M. S. Albach (*IBM Grant*)
Mr. & Mrs. David Brown
Julian L. Cohn
Leslie Coons (*in memory of Rosemary Coons*)
Richard Coons (*in memory of Rosemary Coons*)
Feeks Communications Inc.
(*to commemorate daughter winning dollhouse*)
Marilyn Foreman
Mr. and Mrs. John Gilfeather
(*in memory of Rosemary Coons and Harriet Johnson*)
GTE North
Anne Elmendorf Impelizzari
John and Stanya Jimenez
Mr. and Mrs. John Krieder
Gay and Marie Milbrandt
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Norton
(*in memory of Rosemary Coons and Harriet Johnson*)
Old Dutch Garden Club
Red Hook Lions Club
Mr. and Mrs. George Reid (*IBM Grant*)
Caroline Rider
Helen Roberts
Karen Streifeneder
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Willets
(*in memory of Elizabeth and Walter Willets*)

Restoration Committee

- Barbara Bielenberg

After a quiet winter of planning and preparation, the Elmendorph is again bursting with activity. Hudson Valley Preservation has begun the long-awaited restoration of the Middle Room and, following public advertisement and distribution of plans and specification to interested contractors, has also won the contract to restore the Center Hall. The Middle Room restoration is funded in part by the balance of our New York State EQBA grant, but the Center Hall is entirely funded by the proceeds of our auction, Elmendorph, Etc., yard sales, and the generous donations of our members.

While the restoration work is in progress, access to the Middle Room and Hall may be limited. We regret any inconvenience this may cause, but we know you join us in looking forward to the completion of these two important rooms.

Ogee Clock Restoration Work

- Shirley Brown

Thank you to **Michael Fitzmaurice** for the restoration work done on the Ogee Clock, donated by **Bessie Coons** a few years ago. It had been stored and neglected for many years and the case was in poor shape; but when the label of a Red Hook clockmaker was discovered inside, Mrs. Coons thought the Elmendorph Inn might be an appropriate home for it. Mike did a beautiful job of restoring the veneer on the case, the reverse painting on glass is in perfect shape and it is a handsome piece. Our gratitude to Mrs. Coons, Michael and to **Harold Fell** who brought it to us.

Friends of Elmendorph, Inc.
ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Friends,

The ANNUAL MEETING of the FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC. will be held on **Monday, March 28, 1994** at 8:00 p.m. at **St. John's Reformed Church** on the Old Post Road in Upper Red Hook. The meeting will be preceded by a fruit punch social and dinner at 6:15 p.m.

Please send your proxy or dinner reservation to: The Friends of Elmendorph, Inc., P.O. Box 1776, Red Hook, New York 12571-0044 by Monday, March 21st, or call Mary Cioffi at 758-6204.

Our speaker for the evening is **J. Winthrop Aldrich** who will speak on Egbert Benson.

You may choose to attend the program and meeting without coming to the dinner. Please let us know so we can arrange a seat for you.

Now is the time to renew your membership. A membership envelope is enclosed. We appreciate your continued support.

-----**PROXY**-----

I/We will not attend the ANNUAL MEETING of the FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC. In my absence I hereby appoint the President or his deputy or _____ as my proxy to vote on all matters that may come before the membership on March 28, 1994.

Signature

Signature

Date: _____

Date: _____

-----**Dinner Reservation**-----

March 28, 1994

DINNER SELECTIONS SERVED FAMILY STYLE - \$12.00 Per Person

(Includes Tomato Juice, Cole Slaw, Rolls/Butter, Entree, Apple Pie, Tea, Regular or Decaf Coffee, and Tip)

HOW MANY?

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1. Roast Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas

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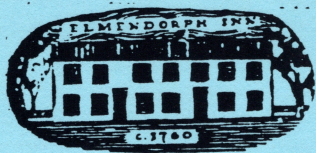
2. Baked Virginia Ham, Mashed Potatoes Peas

Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH

"The taverns were informal clubs and gathering places for men. They served as a focal point for all comers and frequently were the places of meeting for civic bodies, committees, and councils of one kind and another. On muster days, the militia converged on the nearest tavern, and on election days the tavern was the busiest spot in the community. Its influence as a source of information and communication can hardly be overestimated."



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