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DEAR FRIENDS,

Sorry this newsletter is late, but we held things up so that we could give you a firm date on a big fundraiser in October. Lottie Kittner is doing her usual, thorough work in heading things up -- you'll find details inside.

We have received final approval from Washington of our plans and specifications for the sills, foundations and first floor framing. This means that the clock starts running -- we must sign contracts by the end of October to fulfill the requirements of our matching grant.

One of our most dedicated families has left our area. Joe, Ardith, Evan and Andrew St. John have moved to Charlotte, North Carolina with I.B.M. Joe has been Treasurer of the Friends of Elmendorph, Inc., served on the Board of Directors, and the St. John family are Charter Members as well as Life Members. All of us express our deepest thanks to them for the numerous hours they have devoted to us. Before leaving, Joe gave us a nice farewell gift -- read more inside.

The Board of Directors is happy to announce that Harold Fell, Sr., former Mayor of Red Hook, will replace Joe on the Board, and Jim Donahue, present Board Member, will take over the job as Treasurer. Jim worked in banking for many years and Harold -- well, what can we say about the guy who climbed on the roof of the garage to shingle it, ran a food booth for us on Hardscrabble Day, ran a Square Dance for our benefit, mowed the lawn, got an I.B.M. grant etc., etc., etc.

NEW FRIENDS

Our membership list keeps growing. Here are the latest new members and new contributors -- Mr. & Mrs. Warren Franklin, Cynthia Morrison, Mr. & Mrs. George Reid, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Vance Keeling, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Maguire and Mrs. Edward Shields -- all from Red Hook. Also, Mrs. Elizabeth Griffing (Ohio), Mary Carr (New York City), Natalie A. Lunn (Bard College), Annandale-on-Hudson, and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Claps, Queens Village, N.Y. Thanks to all of you for your support and friendship.

NEW HONORARY MEMBERS

In June, we asked the local students to show us what the Elmendorph would have looked like 200 years ago through the medium of art or to write a short story about what it would have been like to be the son or daughter of the Innkeeper or to stop at the Elmendorph on a stage-coach. The following were winners of the contest and are now HONORARY MEMBERS of the Elmendorph:

FIRST PRIZE -- ART

KIM HAACK
ROBBIE DuPONT
DEBBIE WIZEMAN
DORIS GREY

HONORABLE MENTION -- ART

RONALD CLUM
KENNY GREY
TRACY THETFORD

FIRST PRIZE -- WRITING

MAURA CALLAGHER
TRACY THETFORD
KATHY LEONARD
KIM GERSHOWITZ
MOLLY CATHERINE DEWSNAP

HONORABLE MENTION -- WRITING

KRISTEN HAACK
ERIC ANDERSON
DONNA LOWN

We hope to print some of their imaginative stories for you in one of our newsletters.

DON'T FORGET US -- THERE ARE A VERY FEW OF OUR MEMBERS WHO FORGOT TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIPS IN FEBRUARY -- PLEASE DON'T FORGET US. WE ARE MARKING YOUR ADDRESS LABEL WITH AN "X" TO REMIND YOU. WE NEED YOU!

HARDSCRABBLE DAY WRAP-UP

On June 16, our weather was glorious again. We had a huge food tent thanks to Kevin Snyder, Brooks Curtis and the Red Hook Lutheran Church. Harold and Gladys Fell took charge of the preparation and selling of food.

Entertainment was provided by Jay Chapman, "Tarky" Vangel and Joe Zalenski, who sang, strummed and fiddled.

Tours were a tremendous success led by Heather, Gidget and Caryll Gayton (three generations). By the end of the day, six-year-old Heather was sound asleep after being the celebrity of the day.

Blanche Traudt decorated the Tavern Room in the theme of "The Innkeeper's Family." Heidi Skog had a much-admired exhibit of photographs of local children.

Our crafts people, Doug Brown, Jim Donahue, Barbara Bielenberg and Trudy Weyerman caned, rushed and spun us under their spell.

Surely we're bound to forget someone, but giving us extra special time that day were Lorraine Seeley, Adelaide Norton, Shirley Brown, Gloria & Bill Weigand and Josepine Waryas.

Thanks to all of you -- we made some money and had lots of fun.

JOE'S PARTING GIFT

A CONTRIBUTION OF \$2,000 WAS PRESENTED TO THE FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC. BY JOSEPH ST. JOHN, AN EMPLOYEE OF IBM, KINGSTON, WHO APPLIED FOR AND WAS GRANTED THE FUNDS THROUGH IBM'S FUND FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM.

THIS PROGRAM MAKES AVAILABLE SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO LOCAL NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH EMPLOYEES HAVE SHOWN A SUSTAINED, DEDICATED AND CONTINUING INVOLVEMENT. IT IS INTENDED TO RECOGNIZE AND SUPPLEMENT THE EFFORTS OF IBM EMPLOYEES WHO ARE GIVING OF THEIR TIME AND RESOURCES FOR WORTHY COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.

THIS DONATION WILL SUPPLEMENT THE COST OF FOUNDATION WORK, SILLS AND FIRST FLOOR FRAMING.

ELMENDORPH GROVE

You must have noticed that on the north side of the property we had a mess! We were overgrown with brush and beer cans. Len Rall, Doug Traudt and the St. John family worked and worked on this area, and now the brush is gone, the cans are gone, the broken glass is disappearing, and it really looks like a picnic grove. Even I.G.A. has some extra parking space after many pounds of dirt were put back where they belong. Beautiful job, everyone!

FALL FOLIAGE DAY

THE RED HOOK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC. IS SPONSORING A FALL FOLIAGE PROMOTION FOR OCTOBER 6TH THROUGH OCTOBER 13TH.

ON SATURDAY, THE 13TH, THERE WILL BE SIDEWALK SALES, AS WELL AS A FLEA MARKET AT THE VILLAGE PARKING LOT.

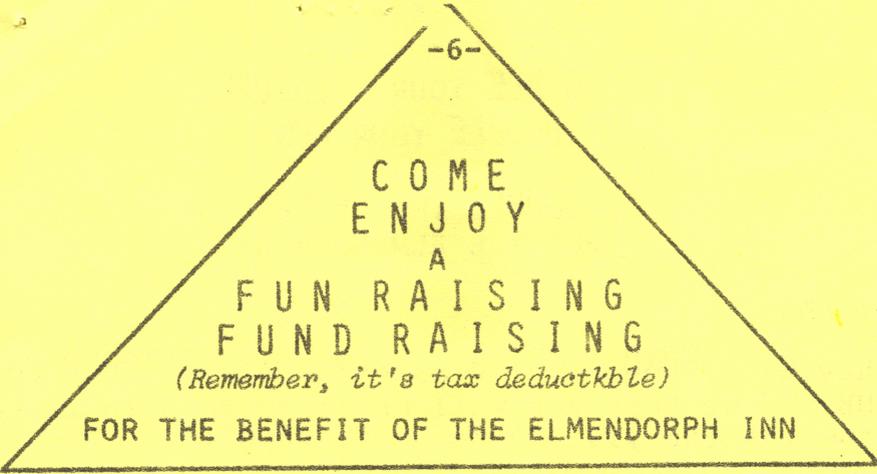
ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE BY JOE ZELENSKI AND JAY CHAPMAN.

THERE WILL BE SPECIAL SALES BY MERCHANTS AND CONTESTS WILL BE HELD.

THERE WILL ALSO BE BROCHURES ON A WALKING TOUR OF RED HOOK AND MAPS AND DIRECTIONS OF A DRIVING TOUR THAT WILL START AT HAPEMAN ROAD, GO OVER TO TIVOLI, SOUTH TO BARD COLLEGE, RIVER ROAD TO 96, BACK TO STONE CHURCH ROAD, PAST THE RHINEBECK AERODROME -- WHICH IS IN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK -- AND RETURN TO ROUTE #199. THE CHAMBER WOULD LIKE TO LET PEOPLE KNOW JUST WHAT THE TOWN OF RED HOOK CONSISTS OF.

SPECIAL BUMPER STICKERS AND T'SHIRTS ARE BEING ORDERED USING THE MOTTO "I'M HOOKED ON RED HOOK" AND UTILIZING THE PICTURE OF THE HOOK IN THE MOTTO.

SINCE PROMOTING RED HOOK ALSO PROMOTES THE ELMENDORPH, WE CERTAINLY ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSE THIS EFFORT.



I. A NIGHT AT THE RACES

10 FABULOUS, EXCITING RACES ON SEALED FILMS
COME PLACE YOUR BETS!

II. POT O' GOLD DRAWING

12 CHANCES TO WIN. \$10 DONATION
BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKET NOW!

III. THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

M.C. - THE ONE, THE ONLY - JOE O'BRIEN
AND OTHER SURPRISES!
(THE MARX BROTHERS MAY SHOW UP YET.)

IV. DISCO DANCING

TO THE "GOLDEN" OLDIES AND THE "NEW" SOUND.

ALL

SATURDAY	OCOTOBER 20TH	8:30 PM	ELKS CLUB RED HOOK
TICKETS: \$2.50 PER PERSON			DOOR PRIZES

Tickets (raffle or party) may be bought through any board member - or any of the following committee members:

- Lottie Kittner - chairman
- Paul Fredricks
- Caryll or Gidget Gayton
- Jo Waryas
- Lorraine Seeley
- Marilyn Angelier
- Manny Mangione
- Hank Wilga
- Sonny Day
- Doug Traudt



10 Drawings
\$25 Each
2 Grand Prizes
1st-\$100 2nd-\$50
Donation-\$10

Benefit: Friends of Elmendorph, Inc.
Red Hook, N.Y. 12571

Name
Address

DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE
DOUBLE YOUR FUN
-and-
DOUBLE THE FUNDS
FOR THE ELMENDORPH!

DEAR FRIENDS:

We are having a FUND RAISING on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH at the ELKS CLUB and we hope you will be there to help raise some moneys towards the \$15,000 MATCHING GRANT.

Just think....while having fun and enjoying the evening....
....every dollar we earn will be DOUBLED for the benefit of the Elmendorph Inn.....and.....
....it's TAX DEDUCTIBLE to you.....and.....
....THIS might be your LUCKY night!
(..the odds of your winning are better than buying a dozen lottery tickets....and the benefits stay closer to home.....the ELMENDORPH!)

Just visualize.....the ELMENDORPH INN.....
....with a bright new coat of paint.....a bit of landscaping....the hustle and bustle of organizations' activities inside....and YOU know YOU had a part in turning that image into a reality....What price would you pay for PRIDE in your community?.....

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! WE WANT YOUR SUPPORT! WE WANT YOUR MONEY!
BUT.....WE ALSO WANT YOU TO HAVE A GOOD TIME.

SO..... an evening has been planned.....

The filmed races are lots of fun. The raffle tickets being sold now will be drawn that evening. Our own JOE O'BRIEN will keep things moving.....and we are hoping for a MARX Brothers look-alike contest.

The evening should be casual.....lots of laughs.....
BUT.....IT CAN'T BE ANYTHING WITHOUT YOU!
PLAN TO BE THERE.....PLEASE.

Sincerely in service to
the Friends of Elmendorph,

Lottie

Leocadia Kittner, Chairman

P.S. IF you are NOT contacted, please call me (day or night) at 758-8891 I will be happy to get tickets to you.....give you more details..... answer any questions.....Remember.....

YOU are the ingredient for a FUN FUND RAISING!

SPECIAL THANKS

Alexander and Diane Bulay, owners of the Lyceum Theatre in Red Hook, donated movie tickets to the first prize winners of the Elmendorph Contest. How nice of you!

Robert Cole has fixed our kitchen plumbing and John H. Coons has cut umpteen panes of glass for our windows.

EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS

ONE FINE DAY IN AUGUST, JOHN DENTER (DENTER SAND AND GRAVEL) ARRIVED WITH A DUMP TRUCK, BACKHOE AND TRAILER, AND IN A VERY SHORT TIME, PROCEEDED TO GET RID OF THE CONCRETE ISLAND IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING, LAY DOWN GRAVEL IN THE PARKING AREA AND GOT RID OF ALOT OF BRUSH. HE ALSO DONATED PARKING LOT MARKERS. ALL OF MR. DENTER'S WORK WAS DONATED AND WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL.

REPORT FROM ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

Through the efforts of Doug and Shirley Brown, we have received an early brown plaid homespun coverlet from Edmund T. Redder, Fairfield, Conn. and Henry Redder, Tetskey, Michigan. The Redder family is an old Red Hook family.

ELMENDORPH, ETC.

Remember when we told you that our shop had a goal of \$6,000 to make this year? Well, Friends, the shop is over the half way mark toward their goal. Keep the furniture and knick knacks coming -- we are going great. We also understand that the volunteer sales crew is having alot of fun working at the shop.

DOWN THE ROAD

Just a few miles south of us is another restoration project -- the old Stone Church and Parsonage on Route 9 in Rhinebeck.

On Sunday, September 30 at 4 PM, "The Messiah Ringers" will perform at the Church. All donations will go to the restoration project at the site

OUR SPECIAL HONORARY MEMBER

THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT MR. JAMES WOOD IS NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GRAND UNION COMPANY (FROM WHOM WE PURCHASED THE BUILDING, IN CASE YOU FORGOT), MR. WOOD WROTE TO THE REV. J. ELLIOTT LINDSLEY (WHO NEGOTIATED THE SALE) THAT HE IS IMPRESSED BY AND CONGRATULATES OUR EFFORTS AFTER READING OUR LATEST NEWSLETTER.

MR. WOOD, AS FATHER LINDSLEY TOLD YOU, WE WOULDN'T BE SUCCESSFUL IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR FAITH IN OUR DREAM OF A RESTORED ELMENDORPH. WE ARE INDEED PROUD THAT YOU ARE AN HONORARY MEMBER.

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Alaxander and Diane Boin, owners of the Lyceum Theatre in Red Hook, donated movie tickets to the first phase winners of the Elmendorph Concert. The nice of your... Robert Cole has fixed our... and John H. Coons has cut... another part of glass out of window.

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ONE FINE DAY IN AUGUST, JOHN DENTON (DENTON SAND AND GRAVEL) ARRIVED WITH A DUMP TRUCK, BACKHOE AND WALTER, AND IN A VERY SHORT TIME, PROCEEDED TO GET RID OF THE CONCRETE ISLAND IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING. HE LAY DOWN GRAVEL IN THE PARKING AREA AND GOT RID OF A LOT OF BRUSH. HE ALSO DONATED PARKING LOT MARKERS. ALL OF MR. DENTON'S WORK WAS DONATED AND WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL.

REPORT FROM ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

Through the efforts of Lou and Shirley Brown, we have received an early brown plain homophone coverlet from Edward T. Redder, Wallfield, Conn. and Henry Redder, Teterboro, Michigan. The Redder family is an old Red Hook family.

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Just a few miles south of us is another restoration project - the old Stone Church and Parsonage on Route 9 in Windock. On Sunday, September 30 at 4 PM, "The Mosaic Mingers" will perform at the Church. All donations will go to the restoration project at the site.

OUR SPECIAL HONORARY MEMBER

M/M Herman J. Gorgens
RD 2, Box 99
Red Hook, N.Y. 12571

MR. WOOD, AS FATHER LINDSEY TOLD YOU, WE WOULD'N'T BE SUCCESSFUL IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR FAITH IN OUR DREAM OF A RESTORED ELMENDORPH. WE ARE INDEED PROUD THAT YOU ARE AN HONORARY MEMBER.