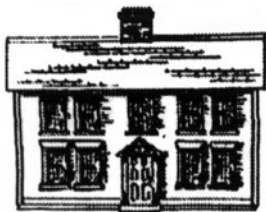


THE EAST PROVIDENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



John Hunt House

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President's Letter

Nancy Moore, President



Hello Everyone,

We had a full house for George Donovan's film "The East Bay Bike Path" and it was so good to see you all again this year. George led an interesting discussion afterward, and for those of you who could not attend, there is a copy (both video and DVD format) on loan for home viewing. If you wish to reserve this heartwarming film, please leave a message for Edna Anness at the Hunt House Museum – 438-1750.

The photo below shows members Mona Breault, Jeff Faria and Pat Henry at the kickoff celebration of the fish ladder at the

horseshoe dam at Hunts Mills. There was much press around the event and NOAA, the Army Corps of Engineers, the US Coast Guard and state and local officials were all represented as well as many local people who have worked for years to get spawning grounds opened in the Turner Reservoir and Central Pond. The project has been rolled into the "stimulus" category and will be finished by October 2010. We have the plans at the Hunt House Museum if anyone is interested in seeing them.

For those of us in preservation, this means that the site for rebuilding a grist mill will be lost for now, but the archeological

digs for the gas pipeline on the Seekonk side revealed substantial evidence that the hill above the falls was a prime Native American fishing site. So—score one for the fish!

This month we lost a founding member of the Society, Earl Berwick Sr. Earl served in many capacities, most recently as Buildings Chairman. His attention to detail and his love of recreating what once was made him invaluable in this role. Thank you to Earl and Ginny and their family for their stewardship of this group for forty years.

And I am so very happy to announce that we have a new co-editor for the Gazette to work along with Florence Adams. Reinhard Wohlgemuth, our Web Master, has volunteered to take on the job which Doreen Bonney has done for so many years, even when she moved to Florida. Computers ARE wonderful! We are so grateful to Doreen for all her hours and talents. The Board has voted to give her a life membership in appreciation. We wish you many warm sunny years in Florida, Doreen, and we give you a thousand thank yous! And we also give a thousand thank yous to Florence for continuing as editor with Reinhard.



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The East Providence Historical Society

is dedicated to preserving the heritage
and enjoying the history of our city.

**If you are not a member we invite
you to join now.**

Annual dues are \$15 individual, \$25
family or business, or a Life
Membership for \$150.

Please make check payable to:

East Providence Historical Society

and mail membership form to

**Mona Breault, 23 Case Street,
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Calendar Of Events

OCTOBER

Monday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.
Members Meeting – *Public Invited*
Newman Church Chapel
Rumford

Program: *Growing Up In The
Lesser Known Germany – Part I*
Member, Reinhard Wohlgemuth

★ Note the additional infor-
mation on the next page.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – *Members Welcome*
Hunt House Museum
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Monday, November 23, 7:00 p.m.
Members Meeting – *Public Invited*
Newman Church Chapel
Rumford

Program: *Phanuel Bishop*
Chip Bishop, Rumford Resident,
will speak about his relative.



- Ophelia Alves
- Stephan Palozzi

A warm welcome to our new
members.

Gifts To The Museum

Kenneth & Irene Roberts:

- A book entitled, "Vital
Records of Rehoboth".
- The classic map of
Riverside for framing.
- A collection of articles on
Riverside.

Ruth Peirce - A PREVIOUS GIFT
NOT YET NOTED:

- Pictures & material
pertaining to the East
Providence District
Nurses.

Tip Of The Baker's Hat

Tony Valerio was the 'sole'
cookie baker for the September
members' meeting. This is not a
'fish' story!

Membership Form

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | New |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Renewal/Change |

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

\$15 Individual

\$25 Family/Business

\$150 Life

Gardening Tips

Jeff Faria, Master Gardener

- Continue mowing the grass until the average temperature is 50 degrees. Mulch your leaves into the lawn with your mower if there are not too many. They will break down over the winter.
- Tulips can still be planted for next year until the ground freezes. All other bulbs should be planted by now!
- Tender vegetables such as beans, cucumbers, tomatoes and squash will be damaged by frost. Semi-hardy vegetables like beets, carrots, kale, radishes and spinach will survive a hard frost.
- Make notes about plants and changes you'd like to make for next year's garden. Ours is to use taller stakes for our dahlias, zinnias and Bells of Ireland.
- Continue watering evergreens to keep them hydrated for the winter. Use burlap screens to protect evergreens from severe winds.

Growing Up In The Lesser Known Germany – Part I

Many Americans' knowledge of Germany is limited to Munich and the Alps, the Rhine River and maybe the port city of Hamburg in the north.

But there is more to the country than that.

Reinhard Wohlgemuth, a member of the East Providence Historical Society and the Rhode Island Postcard Club, was born and raised



Reinhard spent the early years of his life in the apartment above the Bahnhof (station) on this postcard.

In Memory Of:

Earl Berwick, Sr.



Sadly missed...fondly remembered

north of Hamburg and would like to introduce you to the beauty of his home state of Schleswig-Holstein by telling about his youth through postcard images. He enjoys sharing his knowledge about postcards and history; in his presentation he will tell you about the land and some of the customs he grew up with that seem strange or even dangerous today.

Reinhard's presentation will also be a reminder how much has changed over the past 50 years. Life definitely was different then and he has added many family photos to liven things up. Old photos are always good for a laugh!

Part I of his presentation covers the first 4 years of his life in Ralsdorf, a small village near Kiel. He will also introduce you to the region around his second home: Timmdorf. Talking about Timmdorf and his school years will make up part II at a later date.

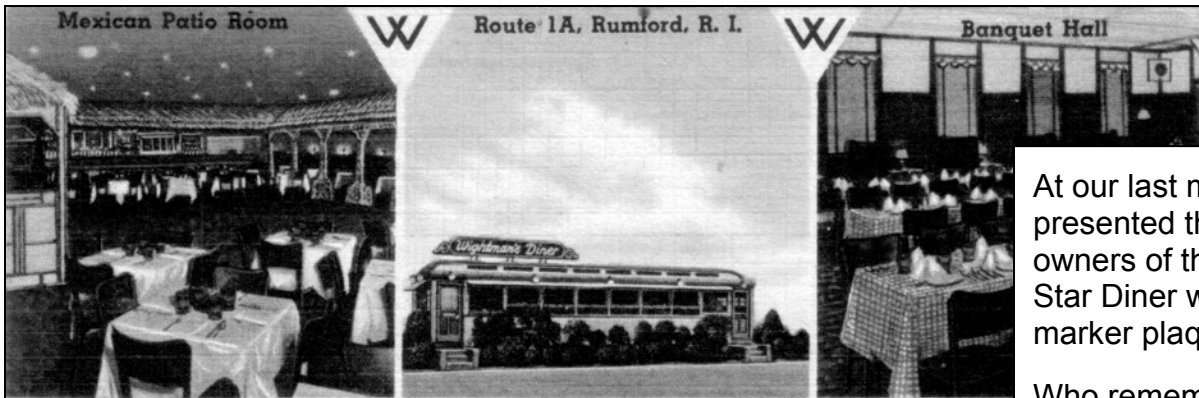


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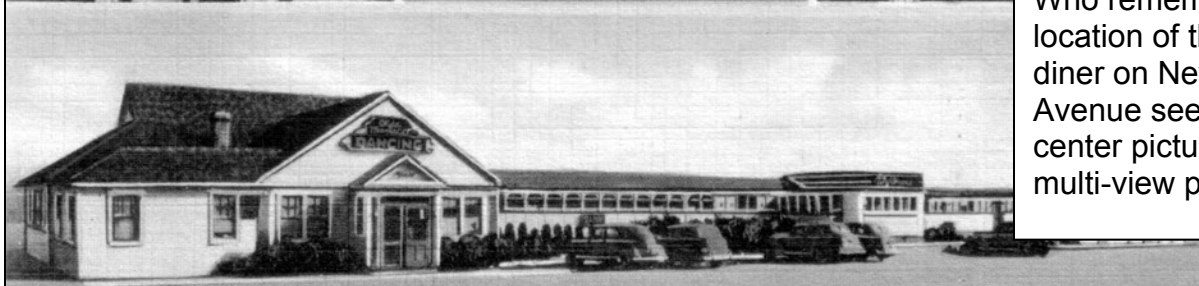
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



At our last meeting we presented the new owners of the historic Star Diner with a marker plaque.

Who remembers the location of the other diner on Newport Avenue seen in the center picture of this multi-view postcard?



Largest Diner In The World - Route 1, South Attleboro, Mass.