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President's Letter

Nancy Moore, President

Hello Everyone:

This Society is about to come out of hibernation and, I for one, look forward to seeing you all at the members' potluck supper on March 27th. I don't know if we will all be hungry as the bears but our bountiful suppers usually suffice for the heartiest eaters among us. The telephone crew will be calling for your delicious contributions.

There are a few housekeeping items to bring you up to date on:

- 1) Thank goodness for second hand furniture stores! We now have two sturdy, attractive and very practical sets of shelving for the library/research room.
- 2) The second printing of "Images of America: East Providence, RI" is off the presses and in our hands. If you were on the sign-up list, we will contact you. If you need a copy, we will have them at the next meeting. The cost is now \$19.99 + 1.40 tax.
- 3) Edna Anness is gearing up to guide us through the preparations for the American Chemical Society's award presentation to the Rumford Company on June 12th. We are in the very unique position of holding the artifacts for the company, and as such, the Hunt House Museum and the Rumford Collection will be a hot commodity in June. As Edna identifies the tasks which need to be done, please step up and choose to help wherever you feel your talents lie.

As always, we encourage you to bring a friend along to a meeting or share your newsletter with a neighbor.

BAYSIDE TAP COMPANY/ POT LUCK SUPPER

Members Meeting

Monday, March 27, 6 p.m.

Newman Church, Rumford

The Bayside Tap Company was formed in 1997 for the purpose of promoting tap dancing in the community. The company was founded by Erica DeCoste and Beverly Parsons as a non-profit organization to give talented tappers an opportunity to perform. The company has performed in nursing homes, for Brownie troops and at the Rhode Island Convention Center. We have competed in Boston for Dance Olympus and won gold and silver awards.

The current members include: Rebecca Parsons, Kassandra Stumpff, Emma Wroblinski (rehearsal assistants and company members), Brittany Bonanno, Sarah Botelho, Kristin Daley, Tess Frias, Kelsey Lepore, Ali Streit (company members), Erin Butler, Laura Cook, Zaryah Guyton, Megan King, Emma Lepore, Tabitha Medeiros, Chelsea Robin (apprentices). They can be reached at 435-4908.

We'll start off the evening with a *Pot Luck Supper* at 6 o'clock. Always a favorite. The Telephone Committee will call the membership for main dishes, salads and desserts. Coffee, tea and East Providence water will be offered.

A business meeting will follow. The public is invited.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Society has a "Return Service Requested" arrangement with the Post Office. *There is a CHARGE every time we retrieve an undeliverable mailing.....* Please advise the Society of all changes, temporary or permanent. Thank you for helping us save money.

IN MEMORY OF

Marian Craven
 who passed away January 31, 2006 .
Sadly missed...fondly remembered.

SOURCE OF \$1,000.00 GIFT

Dear Nancy (Moore, President),

I want to call your attention to something that bothers me a little bit and that is the statement made in the (January) Gazette that "John Agren gave \$1,000.00 to the Historical Society".

I did not give \$1,000.00 to the Historical Society. The gift came from "The Hakan Hammarlund Gift Giving Account" and was made in his memory by me. So, while I am responsible for the gift, I personally did not make it.

It is a small matter, I know, but I wanted my grandfather to receive credit for the gift, not John Agren. His house, at 251 Newman Avenue, is on the historical register. Hakan was employed by the Rumford Chemical Company when he came to Rumford from Sweden in 1885.

Best wishes for a great 2006!

Yours truly,
 John Agren

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 a Life Membership for \$150.

Please make check payable to:

East Providence Historical Society

and mail with form below to:

**Mona Breault, 34 Josephine Avenue,
 Rumford, RI 02916-3018**

Membership Form New Renewal /Change

Name(s) _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone # _____

Amount Enclosed:

\$25 Family **\$15 Individual** **\$150 Life**



GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

JUDITH SHARPE: Antique mahogany ogee frame wall mirror, two hand painted bisque cologne/hair receiver bottles, E.P. High School Graduation program from donor's father, Wesley Sharpe.

The Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford, will be open on Sunday, March 12, 1 to 4 p.m. Admission \$3, \$1 East Providence residents. Free, society members.

Providence Post. She and other volunteers helped raise over \$800 at the annual Valentine's Day Craft & Bake Sale at R.I. Hospital. The fund provides daily financial and emotional support to children with cancer and their families.

Virginia Berwick, Cheryl and Jeff Faria served as Hunt House Museum docents on Sunday, March 12. (Contact Virginia, 434-0998, for docent information). *Volunteers are needed the second Sunday of each month.*

WISH LIST FOR 2006: Short Term

Kitchen Repairs:

- 1) light switch
- 2) floor (linoleum?)
- 3) formica counter tops
- 4) cleaning

Library:

- 1) secure shelves
- 2) replace books
- 3) more 18" shelving needed?

Office:

- 1) repair typewriter
- 2) sort through files and drawers

Outside:

- 1) new faucet gear
- 2) summer plantings in Rumford Baking Powder Co. colors (red & white)
- 3) remove stones from under the back porch

Gazebo:

Determine whether E.P. High School students can finish construction by June 12 (American Chemical Society award day). If not, gather volunteers to get it done. Install benches.

WISH LIST FOR 2006: Long Term

- 1) roof chimney solution
- 2) heating/AC problem
- 3) use of 1st floor of 1905 Amusement Park Office Building (next to Hunt House Museum)

RECOGNITION DEPARTMENT

Peter and Catherine Allen, vacationing in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, were pictured (in color) in the February 17th *East Providence Post*.

Sophie Fredrick, Tomorrow Fund volunteer, was pictured in the February 17th *East*

IMPORTANT NEWS

A **big event** is coming up on June 12th at 11a.m. on the grounds of the old *Rumford Chemical Works*. The **American Chemical Society** is presenting a plaque indicating that the Rumford site is a **National Chemical Landmark**. The plaque will stay in the Hunt House Museum Rumford Collection until such time as Rumford Center (former Rumford Chemical Works site) is completely renovated and a suitable site outdoors is created for it. The plaque recognizes **Eben Horsford** for his invention of *Quick Acting Baking Powder*.

After the presentation and a talk by **Dr. Paul Jones**, of the University of Michigan and editor of the *Chemical Society Journal* and an authority on Horsford (you will remember him from the Rumford Exhibition in 1994), a brief history of the plant by **Edna Anness**, historical society Acting Curator, and special guest comments, we will transfer to the Hunt House Museum for an outdoor buffet luncheon and tour of the *Rumford Collection*. The luncheon reservation deadline will be posted in the April Gazette.

Society members, the public, and those with a "Rumford Connection" are welcome. Some Horsford descendants will be attending.

Stay tuned!!!!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

Monday, March 27, 6 p.m.
Pot Luck Supper
Newman Church, Rumford
Program: Bayside Tap Company
Business Meeting

APRIL

Wednesday, April 5, 7 p.m.
Board Meeting *Members Welcome*
Hunt House Museum
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Sunday, April 9, 1 to 4 p.m.
Hunt House Museum Open
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford
Admission Charges

Monday, April 24, 7 p.m.
Members Meeting *Public Invited*
Newman Church, Rumford
Program: Members Don and Nancy Doucette report
on MA cities/towns

MAY

To Be Announced

JUNE

Monday, June 12, 11 a.m.
National Historic Chemical Landmark Ceremony
Honoring Rumford Baking Powder Company
Buffet luncheon at Hunt House Museum
Details in April Gazette

Monday, June 26, 6 p.m.
Annual Meeting/ Elections/Picnic