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Annual

Ballroom Memories

Swing Dance and Concert

Featuring the

Strictly Sentimental Swing Band

Monday April 22, 7:30 p.m.

Post 10 American Legion

830 Willett Avenue, Riverside

For the joint benefit of

The East Providence Historical Society

and

the Legion's Gilbert/Kremp/ Scholarship Fund

Donation, \$10.00 per person

**Tickets can be reserved and held at the door for payment
By calling the society, 438-1750, or the Legion, 433-9859.**

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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 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*

In Memory of . . .

*Donations were made to the Society's
Memorial Fund
in memory of:*

Edward Adams

who passed away in March.

Sadly Missed . . . Fondly Remembered

The Society's Memorial Fund was established in 1993, in memory of past members, for "the betterment of the Society and with no specific purpose."

The Memorial Fund is a qualified endowment administered by the Executive Committee.

Members and friends wishing to contribute may make checks payable to the **East Providence Historical Society** and mail to the Society at Box 4774, East Providence, RI 02916-4774

The John Hunt House Museum is Open

Tuesdays and Thursdays from

1:00 - 4:00 pm

and *by appointment*

telephone the East Providence Historical Society at (401) 438-1750 to make arrangements.

New Renewal/ Change
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Name(s) _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip (+4) _____ Phone _____

Amount Enclosed: \$25.00 Family \$15.00 Individual \$150.00 Life

President's Letter

David Kelleher

Dear Members,

Edna Anness and I met with Mr. Lemont concerning entrance into the Hunt House by city agencies. All understandings between the society and the city are now clear. The city will take care of a furnace contract, and the city will have access to the building with notification to the society.

The board voted to raise funds by having Split the Pot at all suppers and pass the basket at all general meetings.

Ray Anderson announced that the Garden Tour set for June 8th is well on its way. There are 15 houses in the Pleasant St. area ready to participate. Tickets are \$15.00.

Edna Anness and the Museum Committee met to discuss participation in an upcoming display at the Convention Center in Providence called Rhode Island Originals. They have decided to submit two displays, one about the Rumford Baking Powder Company, and the other about the amusements parks that once graced the city. Ed Serowick, one of our members, is also submitting a display for the Carousel Commission with some excellent artifacts of the Loeff Carousel. Ed will also be displaying some of these artifacts in the display case at City Hall in May.

Florence Adams is chairperson for the nominating Committee. She and two other members will be working on a list of candidates for office for the 2002-2003 season. She will report their findings at the May Meeting.

Plans are being made for an Open House to show off the renovated summer kitchen in September. A number of small projects need to be completed before the public is to view this new display area of the house.

If you didn't make it to the March Meeting, you missed a great night of memories of World War Two. Joe Crevier, Lionel Owkins, Ken Prior, Bob Wertz, and Joe Ianneri recalled poignant as well as humorous experiences. A grateful thanks to these veterans and to Ray Anderson, our program chairman for another great program.

Our board has had a number of our members with medical difficulties as of late. Thankfully, Mona Breault is recovering and is back with us. Jo

Marchi had some surgery, and George Adams is hospitalized.

Doreen Bonney has stepped in to do the Gazette this month.

Sincerely,

Dave

From the Attic

Edna Anness, Museum Curator

We'll keep it short this month while Doreen is substituting for George Adams on the Newsletter. The Open House for the completion of the Restoration is now set for September 29th with the Rumford Company collection being featured in the restored basement area. Finding "old" lumber to use as shelving in the cold cellar and over the mantle is delaying the finish.

We have submitted two proposals for our Historical Society display at the Providence Tourist Bureau's "Rhode Island Originals" Exhibition Sept.3 to Oct. 15 at the Providence Convention Center. We'll let you know if we are selected.

Only one person volunteered to help clean the Hunt House! Hence we are still looking for volunteers. Maybe a Girl Scout Troop in East Providence looking for a community project might volunteer. Or a Service Club at the High School or in the Community????? Call 438-1750 and leave a message.

Arline Butterworth is accessioning and manning the Hunt House phone on Thursdays. Her husband Austin repaired an antique chair in the collection. Joan Hanlon set up a new filing card system for our tape recordings of Oral Histories and Programs. Ed Serowick provided us with a beautiful set of glossy photos for our RI Originals application. Many hands make our work much easier.

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM:

Virginia McGivny-17 photos of Jacques Lunch in Watchemoket Square (The Carousel Clock started out in front of this restaurant.) and demolition of buildings for Rte 195 Expressway.

Arline Butterworth-photo of Hoyt School being demolished for Rte 195

Virginia Berwick-graniteware ladle

Joan Hanlon- two books:"How New England was Made" and a McGuffey Reader

Clint Sellev-Rumford Co. Papers

Janet Bache-Hunt's Mills postcard

John Agren- lapel pin-"Rumford Business Men's Association" (Any one know what that was?)

Paula And Ray Anderson- map of Post #4 Dist #3 Rumford Auxiliary Police



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

Monday, April 22
7:30 PM Ballroom Memories
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May

Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 PM
 Board Meeting *members welcome*
 John Hunt House Museum, Hunt's Mills Road,
 Rumford.

Monday, May 27, 7:30 PM, Members Meeting
 Newman Church, Rumford. *Public Invited*
 Program: "Etched in Stone". *Karin Sprague,*
 stoncarver,

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 society has been changed to: ephist@cox.net

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 The Society has a "Return Service Requested"
 arrangement with the Post Office.
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undeliverable mailing Please advise the Society
 of all changes, temporary or permanent. Thank you
 for helping us save money.