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John Hunt House

# Gazette

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## President's Letter

Kris Rose

Dear Members,

I hope you are all enjoying the summer and keeping cool when the hot weather attacks us!

Here is an update on society business:

--The **heating and cooling systems** at the John Hunt House have been inspected by city officials and we have their assurance that it will be maintained in good working order.

--The society's website, [ephist.org](http://ephist.org), is up and running thanks to member **Reinhard Wohlgemuth**. We encourage you to check in frequently to keep up on society events. We are also looking for **volunteer reporters** to write-up society activities to be included on the website. If interested, contact [reinhard-kathy@att.net](mailto:reinhard-kathy@att.net).

--**June Picnic**. We had a good turn out for the annual picnic. Thanks to all who came and brought salads. Thanks also to the cooks and strawberry shortcake makers, whose names are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Congratulations to **Barbara Tewksbury** who won split-the-pot!

--The Board is considering adding **e-mail addresses** to the membership list. If you have an e-mail address and would like it included along with your mailing address, contact **Mona Breault, Membership Chairman**, at the September meeting or when you renew your membership.

--It has been suggested that the John Hunt House Museum be **open on weekends** for a few hours rather than Tuesdays and Thursdays; the reason being that more people have free time on weekends to visit museums. A schedule would be set up with the museum docents. Visitors could still make appointments to tour the museum at other times.

--I would like to thank the following members who have agreed to continue as **chairpersons** for the following committees:

**Grounds:** Ray Anderson  
**Markers:** Kris Rose  
**Membership:** Mona Breault  
**Museum:** Virginia Berwick  
**Newsletter:** Doreen Bonney/Florence Adams  
**Program:** Ray Anderson  
**Publicity:** Florence Adams

We are in search of chairmen for the **Building and Preservation Committees** and a **Museum Curator**. If you are interested or know someone who would be, please give me a call, **434-5581**, or contact me by e-mail, [eprov163@ride.ri.net](mailto:eprov163@ride.ri.net).

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we will see you in September!!

Kris Rose



**MAKING 'WAVES': WOMEN  
IN WORLD WAR TWO**  
Members Meeting  
Monday, September 22, 7:00 pm

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**OFFICERS**

|                    |                                |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Kris Rose          | President                      |
| Nancy Moore        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President |
| Edna Anness        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President |
| Jeanne Davis       | Recording Secretary            |
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| Peter Allen        | Treasurer                      |
| David Kelleher     | Immediate Past President       |

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Ray Anderson                 | Buildings      |
| Kris Rose                    | Grounds        |
| Mona Breault                 | Markers        |
| Virginia Berwick             | Membership     |
|                              | Museum         |
| Doreen Bonney/Florence Adams | Museum Curator |
|                              | Newsletter     |
| Ray Anderson                 | Preservation   |
| Florence Adams               | Program        |
|                              | Publicity      |

The John Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford, is closed July and August. Society telephone, 438-1750, monitored regularly.

*Warm Welcome to our  
New Corporate Member:  
East Providence  
Fuel Oil Company*



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 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**

**East ● Providence ● Historical ● Society  
Historical Marker Program**  
Your home may be eligible for a **Marker**. Any building in the City of East Providence which contributes to the historical development or architectural character of the City is eligible to be considered for a **Historical Marker**. Request information by sending your name, address and phone number to the **Marker Program**  
East Providence Historical Society  
P.O. Box 4774  
East Providence, RI 02916-4774

**A BIG "THANK YOU" TO THE  
FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS!!**

**JUNE PICNIC COOKS**

Les Haworth, Dave Kelleher, Dan Moore, Jim  
Rose, Bob Tewksbury

**STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE SERVERS**

Florence Adams, Sophie Allen, Barbara Flynn,  
Sophie Fredrick, Ruth Peirce, Helen Smith

**SPLIT-THE-POT**

Billie Arden

**TICKET SELLER**

Peter Allen

**JOHN HUNT HOUSE MUSEUM DOCENTS**

Jeanne Davis, Joan Hanlon, Gladys Panzarella,  
Kit Rodman, Eunice Tuckerman,  
Charlene Underhill

**ARE YOU A WRITER OR A  
WANNABE?**

Reinhard Wohlgenuth, Society Webmaster

We are looking for volunteers to write reports covering the special events and programs that the society sponsors. Since we have a website, ephist.org, we would like to post the reports to promote interest in the society.

You don't have to be the winner of a spelling bee or hold a degree in English Composition. Just your enthusiasm about the event is enough. Put your thoughts on paper and get it to Ray Anderson, Program Chairman, c/o P.O. Box 4774, 02916. Or, if you have access to a computer, we'll soon have an e-mail address which will make my job easier.

"A picture is worth a thousand words." Especially true of the computer. It doesn't matter whether it's a printed photo or a digital one. I can scan a print and the original will be returned.

So, try your hand at writing and discover the hidden author in you. It will also help to advertise the East Providence Historical Society.



**NOTICE**

**'COOL' THOUGHT FOR  
A HOT DAY:**

**CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

*Monday, December 8, 6pm*  
Newman Church

**Save The Date**

*Billie Arden, Chairman*





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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 pm  
*Board Meeting Members Welcome*  
John Hunt House Museum  
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Monday, September 22, 7:00 pm  
*Members Meeting Public Invited*  
Program:  
*Making 'Waves': Women in World War Two*

### DECEMBER

Monday, December 8, 6 pm  
*Society Christmas Party*  
Newman Church, Rumford  
Details to be Announced

### 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.