

THISTLE



Millburn-
Short Hills
Historical Society

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FROM THE PRESIDENT - As our fourth membership year draws to a close, let me share these thoughts with you. I hope you are aware of the dedication to and involvement with the Millburn-Short Hills Historical Society by so many Township residents. We are 600 strong and--with your continued support--still growing. Our membership equals the Princeton Historical Society, which draws from a much larger community and is far older. Some of our projects and programs this past year

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 3, 1979

2:30 pm, St. Stephens Church

Reception following at 12 East Hartshorn Dr.

After a short business meeting, Mr. Frederick R. Selch of New York City will give a lecture and concert featuring his collection of antique musical instruments, "the finest in the nation" according to Antiques World. At the conclusion of the meeting and concert at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (an historic building in its own right) at 119 Main St., Millburn, you are all invited to our annual "wine & cheese" party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Weill, 12 East Hartshorn Dr., Short Hills. Donation - \$3.00 per person. Please call Sally Lepow at 467-8867 for reservations for the lecture and/or party.

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are described for you:

*An architectural and historic structures survey has been accomplished by over 100 volunteers under the direction of Ann Klemme. More than 500 homes, schools, and churches in our Township have been researched, computerized, evaluated, and described in a report submitted to the State of New Jersey for consideration to the State and National Registers of Historic Places. In addition, a committee is planning a publication based on the results of the survey.

*Four membership programs, organized by Joan Chesley, included a standing-room-only slide presentation of Hartshorn houses by Van Reintjes; two sessions devoted to Survey findings (350 residents attended); and a slide program featuring local gardens by former resident Lois Poinier. Our June program is described on the preceding page.

*Slide shows about Millburn's history have been shown to local groups by Lennard Fisk and his committee. Mr. Fisk is currently working on a slide show to celebrate the Battle of Springfield, and he and other members of the Township committee he co-chairs are planning celebrations of the Battle of Springfield.

*A membership directory was issued with a cover design by Jane Riedel, our talented membership chairman. Jane also has done sketches from old photographs of historic places in town for note paper. Judy Adams is working on printing and marketing them. Most of our maps and trivets have been sold, as well as almost 3000 copies of "A Little History."

*Other activities included exhibits at the library (Gloria Patrizio): a genealogy course co-sponsored with the Arboretum (Fran Land); oral history interviews (Eileen McHugh); articles, photographs for newspapers, and posters for meetings (Justine Kovacs); high school liaison and history prize (Judy Bailey); acquiring, preserving, cataloguing our photograph collection (Owen Lampe); and publication of the Thistle (Aline Coles and Jeanne O'Donnell. After three years of dedicated service, they have decided to step down as editors of the Thistle after this issue. We shall miss them!)

It has been a pleasure working with the Committee Chairmen, Officers, and Board members. My special thanks to the following people who are retiring from their present positions--Bernice Bertrand, Jane Riedel,

FROM THE PRESIDENT (Cont.)

Aline Coles, Jeanne O'Donnell, Bob Reinhardt--and to everyone who made this year so productive and successful for the Historical Society.

I look forward to seeing all of you June 3rd.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Christopherson

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - The following are amendments to the Society's constitution to be considered at the annual meeting on June 3rd:

Article 5, Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the five officers and six trustees elected as provided by the by-laws, and the most recent past president, ex-officio.

Article 5, Section 3. Any director who is absent for two or more regular board meetings during a calendar year without notifying the President of the Society of such absence in advance of the meeting may be subject to removal at the discretion of the board.

Article 6 - Audit. Change calendar year to fiscal year; two occurrences.

1979-80 MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYABLE JULY 1 - We are pleased that our membership now totals 608 individual members for the 1978-79 year. Memberships are renewable on the first of July, and we hope you will avail yourself of the application enclosed in this edition of the Thistle. Please express your interests in any of our active committees on the card included. We invite you to be with us again in 1979-80.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for possible programs next year, please write them on the back of the interest cards.

We would like to welcome to membership in the Historical Society those who have joined since the last edition of the Thistle:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Kane (Shirley)
65 Knollwood Road, Short Hills

376-8231

NEW MEMBERS (Cont.)

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGinn (Barbara) 761-5711
 82 Elm St., Millburn

Mrs. R. deV. Seymour (Frances) 379-3274
 116A Short Hills Ave., Short Hills

Mrs. James Stuart (Caroline) 376-7344
 11 Fairfield Drive, Short Hills

Mrs. Mary Lou Towey 379-2810
 122 Wellington Ave., Short Hills

Mr. and Mrs. Norman F. Wiss (Ann) 379-2152
 12 Chestnut Place, Short Hills

ORAL HISTORY - The Oral History Committee welcomes Sally Lepow as Phone Coordinator. Sally will be contacting committee members who have taken interview assignments to see how they are coming along, and she will accept the tapes when they are completed.

There are five interviews in process at this time. We are also making an updated list of interesting people to be interviewed in the future.

If you have a suggestion, please call Sally, 467-8867.

We plan to contact everyone who has indicated an interest in Oral History, which will give us an active list of interviewers. If you are not contacted before the summer and have an interest, please call Sally or me, 376-3792. Eileen McHugh, Chairperson.

PHOTOS OF OLD MILLBURN - A part of the decor of the new Charlie Brown's restaurant (formerly Mario's) will be a permanent display of 8 x 10 sepia copies of photographs of old Millburn, courtesy of the Millburn Short Hills Historical Society.

HISTORY PRIZES - History prizes are to be awarded to a Millburn High School student for an original research project on local Millburn history and to an outstanding history student.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - The nominating Committee, Frances Land, Chairman, Juli Towell, and Richard Chapman, will present the following slate of officer and trustees for election at the annual meeting on June 3. (*denotes officers and trustees to be elected.) Nominations from the floor will be entertained.

OFFICERS

President.....Elizabeth Christopherson
 *Vice-President.....Malcolm Warnock
 Recording Secretary.....Elizabeth Howe
 *Corresponding Secretary.....Janice Weisblat
 Treasurer.....Ashby Longwell

TRUSTEES

Blair Lawlor.....1980 *Barbara Cole Smith.....1981
 Ira Schwartz.....1980 *Ann Klemme.....1982
 Richard Chapman.....1981 *Juli Towell.....1982
 Frances Land.....Past President, Ex-officio

SURVEY PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE - The Survey Publication Committee needs people skilled in graphics, writing, editing, and lay-out. If you are interested, please telephone Elizabeth Howe, 376-1568 or Celeste Penney, 379-3983.

10% DISCOUNT ON GENEALOGY BOOKS - Members will receive a 10% discount on reprints of 1,100 hard-to-find family chronicles and genealogies from all areas of the U.S., plus local records, biographies, and accounts of military units from the Revolution to World War II. All books are facsimile reproductions of rare out-of-print volumes printed on durable acid-free paper. Discount offer expires December 31, 1979. To request a catalog send \$1.00 to Dept. HS, University Microfilms International, 300 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

"A LITTLE HISTORY" - A second edition of A Little History of Short Hills has been printed and will be available for sale at the June 3 party or from Judy Adams, 47 Highland Ave., Short Hills, 376-7831.

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS - It has been a most gratifying experience these past three years to be a part of a new and very real addition to the Millburn-Short Hills community. It has been exciting to watch the Historical Society blossom and grow under the capable leadership of Fran Land, Tiz Christopherson, and the dedicated members of their boards and committees. The enthusiasm which so many people brought to their jobs has been an inspiration and a privilege to share. We can only hope that the Thistle itself will continue to grow and improve as a visible measure of the Society and its membership and their commitment to the education and awareness of the community of the value of the surroundings in which we live. Good luck to the new editors!

Sincerely,
Aline Coles, Jeanne O'Donnell



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