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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

During my 7+ years in Windsor Locks, I've always thought of myself as just "passing through". I had moved here in hopes of finding something from the past. Something that would show me that the spirit and heart of small town America still exists. With the world moving at a faster pace than ever before, I had hoped that I would find the place I should be.

In the past couple of months, it's become clear what brought me here – the Old Train Station. Each day, as I drive to the end of my street and make the turn onto Main Street, I see the potential of what can be. With the holidays upon us, I can envision the Station. Lit up with bright lights glimmering, a ray of hope and joy onto all who pass. I think to myself how wonderful it would be to behold a huge Christmas tree, decorated, glowing in one of the bay windows. But for now, this year, I will place a wreath and 2 red ribbons upon this building to remind all who see it that our thoughts are there.

More recently, my thoughts have turned to all the possible uses this great structure has to offer each of us. It could be a deli. It could be a museum. It

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Fund Raising Committee is currently holding meetings to gather ideas for raising the necessary funds to aid in the Train Station Project. The committee is headed by Paula Snelgrove.

The committee held a Gift Wrapping Event at Barnes & Noble in Buckland Mall.

We desperately need volunteers who are committed to our cause! If you have any time to spare and would like to aid a fun group of people who are committed to making our town a better place, please call Paula at (860) 212-4776.

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TRAIN STATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

The subcommittee for the Windsor Locks Train Station held its first meeting on November 22, 2004 at the offices of Alaimo & Barile Realtors. The committee members are as follows:

Barbara Schley – Chairperson
Mike Barile – Broker
Gwen Bishop – Attorney
Wayne Gannaway – Restoration/Historic
Matthew Udal – Financial Advice
David Fuerst – Engineering

When putting together this strong group of professionals, it was important to have a well

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could be a meeting place. It is "home". It's home to many fond memories for those young and old. This building, even in its neglected condition has shown me that what I was searching for all along is right here in our small town. The spirit that lives inside each of us. The spirit of what the past history of Windsor Locks represented. The spirit of neighbors helping each other and of the townspeople having pride in their community.

As the holidays rapidly approach, I realize how much I have to be thankful for. I've met many new friends during this journey that I've decided to make. And I'm thankful to know that Small Town America still exists!

Join with me and Let's Save the Windsor Locks Train Station!

HAPPY HOLIDAY!

The spirit of the Station is alive and well! So please, join with us and "Let's Save the Windsor Locks Train Station!"

Barbara Schley, President
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UDATES

TRAIN STATION AND ASSOCIATION PROGRESS

To date, the group now has over 75 members! We have raised in excess of \$3,000.00. Amtrak has now officially assigned us a project number and the Engineering Permit is almost in place. We expect the structural assessment of the building to be completed by the end of the year!

Mr. Elmore has presented the Train Station Committee with an initial plan of the overall area of the building and surrounding property. The group made several minor changes to the plan and the revisions are in the works!

As a note, it's amazing how quickly the group has moved since October 27, 2004 when we held our first meeting and signed up the first member! ❖

LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our fund raising committee is currently holding regular meetings. Due to the ongoing necessity to raise monies for the Train Station Project, the decision was made to add a co-chairman to the committee. We are happy to announce the addition of Barbara Carlson as the new co-chair of the fund raising committee. Barbara comes to us with past fund raising experience through Girl Scouts and other organizations. We feel that Barbara will be a much needed addition to our "team"!

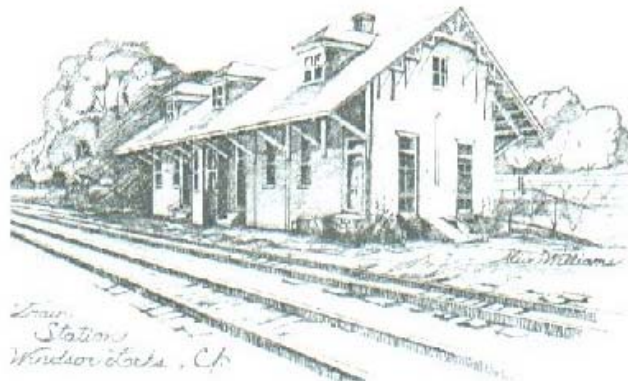
The members of the fund raising committee have several ideas they are currently working on. There will be a survey at the December 6 Christmas Party to get an idea of what types of functions people would like to be involved with or attend. Please take time to fill out this important survey.

We're looking for the following:

- Any useable items for an upcoming tag sale
- Photos and/or stories relating to the Train Station
- Recipes to be used in a compilation cookbook

If you would like to "get involved" and have a small amount of time each month to spare, contact Barbara Carlson at (860) 654-1955. We would love to have everyone as involved as possible to get this very important goal of Saving the Train Station accomplished!

From all of us at the Windsor Locks Preservation Association, we wish you and yours a HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR! ❖



Windsor Locks Train Station Drawing by Alice Williams

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

As mentioned before, we have much to be thankful for during this special Holiday Season! To the people and businesses listed on this page, the Windsor Locks Preservation Association is forever grateful for your many gifts and kind words of encouragement! **THANK YOU**, all, for letting us know that "We're on the Right Track!"

BUSINESSES PROVIDING ASSISTANCE & SERVICES

Colonial Printers

- Concorde Way, Windsor Locks - printing services

Yankee Signs

- Windsor Locks - signs and banners

Mike Barile

- Main Street, Windsor Locks - Real Estate advice

Gwen Bishop

- Main Street, Windsor Locks - legal services

Matt Udal

- Brick Walk Lane, Farmington - Financial advice

Rick Lawrence

- Manchester, Structural engineering

Tom Elmore

- Springfield, MA - Landscape/site architect

Denise Balboni & Staff

- First National Bank of Suffield

Alice Williams

- Suffield - Art Work

SILENT AUCTION DONORS

Alexander's Restaurant	Windsor Locks
Media Play	Enfield
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NAPA	Windsor Locks
Chicago Sam's	Enfield
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Classic Styles	East Windsor
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Cracker Barrel	East Windsor
Outback Steakhouse	Manchester
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Ramada Inn	Windsor Locks
Daley's Florist	Windsor Locks
Red Robin	Manchester
Mickey Danyluk	Windsor Locks
Barbara Schley	Windsor Locks
Jen DiPoppo	Windsor Locks
Skip's Barber Shop	Windsor Locks
Geisslers Supermarket	East Windsor
Stop & Shop	Enfield
HARP Mechanical	Windsor Locks

rounded core group to represent the overall aspect of what the Station Project will require. All questions concerning the Train Station Committee can be addressed through Barbara at (860) 798-5376. ❖

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS BESTOWED!

The Windsor Locks Preservation Association bestowed Honorary Memberships to the following individuals for their exceptional contributions to the group!

Richard Lawrence of The Lawrence Associates in Manchester, CT. Mr. Lawrence and his firm have donated the structural engineering report which was necessary to get the group on its way! Mr. Lawrence, we can never say enough to thank YOU!

Jessica Ciparelli of the Reminder News. Jessica's coverage of our story from the time it broke to the media, to date has aided us in obtaining several substantial service donations. Without her direct coverage, we would not have traveled this far in such a short period of time!

Tom Elmore of Elmore Design Collaborative. Mr. Elmore has graciously and patiently worked with us to begin all the necessary site work that will be required as a portion of the scope required by Amtrak. Mr. Elmore comes to us with an extensive architectural landscape background and is especially attuned to our special needs for historical restoration. Mr. Elmore, we couldn't do it without you! ❖

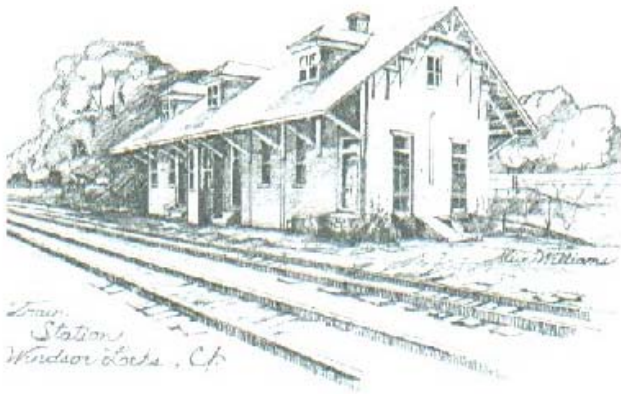
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Stop & Shop	Windsor
Headline	East Windsor
Sunsplash	East Windsor
Judy Jenkins	Windsor Locks
TGI Fridays	Enfield
Maine Fish Market	East Windsor
WalMart	East Windsor

For questions about the group or for membership information, please contact Barbara Schley @ 860-798-5376, Mickey Danyluk @ 860-623-4143 or Barbara Carlson @ 860-654-1955.

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The Windsor Locks Preservation Association was formed on October 25, 2004. We received non-profit status in December 2004. Our goals are to encourage and educate the public and town government on the importance of preservation. Our main focus is to obtain and preserve the Historic Windsor Locks Passenger Train Station. Additionally, we are introducing an educational program into the school system and have encouraged students to become involved in our efforts.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Educational Committee held its first meeting on November 10, 2004. The Centennial Film, depicting the celebration events of Windsor Locks 50 years ago was shown. It's amazing to see how much times have changed in our small town!

Mickey Danyluk, our Vice President and Historian, heads this committee. Mickey holds vast knowledge concerning our town history.

Currently, Mickey is introducing an educational program back into the local school system. He has given forms to schools asking that students speak about their lives and family events. We will also be requesting stories and photographs from area residents for more information on the Train Station and its past.

If you are interested in sharing Train Station stories or photographs or in volunteering to aid Mickey on current and upcoming Education Committee events, please contact him at (860) 623-4143.. ❖

Let's Save the Windsor Locks Train Station!

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