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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*A quarterly update and review from our President*

This week, on Thanksgiving Day, we had our first snow of the year. While others were home, celebrating the Holiday and giving Thanks with their families, I made a quick visit to see the Train Station, in its first blanket of white. I can only imagine how it must have looked, years ago... And I remembered all the things and new friends that I have to be thankful for!

This past week, we completed another television interview on our efforts to save the Station. We showed the reporter a photo of Main Street taken in the late 1960's. He could not believe that all of it – the old Main Street, was gone. I explained the importance of the Train Station in the life and growth of the town. And how it's especially important, now, more than ever, to make sure this special piece of our town's past has another chance.

We've seen the Preservation Association's 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary pass. The work to save this building continues to "pick up steam" each day. I hope that by next year, we can announce to everyone

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Windsor Locks Train Station Magnets are now available!

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE

*Annual Craft Fair A Success*

*Cookbook Release Approaching*

*T-Shirts, Prints & Magnets Now Available!*

The Fund Raisers hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Craft Fair on November 20 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. There was a wonderful variety of holiday items with over 35 vendors present. Barbara Carlson, fund raising chairman, organized the event and I'm sure it will become an annual function, after its success this year. Over 350 people attended the Fair and there were many positive comments made regarding how great the event was. One of the crafters donated a replica of the Train Station complete with trains to help the group raise money. Many crafters donated items that will be available at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Party. The Fund Raisers took in over \$1000.00 from food, prints, cards, cookbook orders and more. GREAT JOB, Barbara and committee members!

The Train Station cookbook is scheduled to arrive this week. The cookbook is compiled of recipes that were supplied by members of the Association. The book will be available at the Holiday Party on December 6. The cost for the cookbook is a \$10.00 donation. For info on the cookbook, contact Barbara Carlson at 654-1955.

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that work will begin and the Station will be on its way to once again becoming a focal point of Main Street. Only time will tell.

When the people of Windsor Locks lost Main Street, it was because the promise of a dream was made. That dream was lost, but not forever. I think the dream of the Train Station will soon become a reality.

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

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"We're on the Right Track!"

## IN THE NEWS & ON THE AIR

### CHANNEL 30 INTERVIEWS!

On Wednesday, November 23, several members of the Preservation Association were interviewed for a feature piece about the Train Station and the group. Barbara Schley, Wayne Gannaway and Carol Lavoie were interviewed by NBC 30's Brad Drazen for the station's "Where's Brad" segment which airs Monday nights at 6pm. The Train Station feature is schedule to air Monday, November 28 at 6 pm. ❖

### ANOTHER MEMBER APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RELL

Wayne Gannaway, member of the Train Station Committee, has recently been appointed by Governor Rell to serve on the Connecticut Historic Preservation Council. Congratulations Wayne!!! President, Barbara Schley received an appointment to this council in August 2005. The Council has numerous Preservation duties including review of nominations for properties to the National Register of Historic Places and making recommendations for grant allocations. ❖

## TRAIN STATION AND ASSOCIATION PROGRESS

The Train Station Committee received its fourth grant from Ahlstrom in Windsor Locks. The grant was in the amount of \$500.00 and was not specified. The funds will be used towards the Train Station Project.

In October 2005, the Town of Windsor Locks approached the Preservation Association regarding STEAP funding from the State of Connecticut. A grant for the Train Station, in the amount of \$225,000.00, was applied for and the application has been submitted. The grant, should it be awarded, will be overseen by the town's Economic and Development Committee. The Preservation Association agreed to put up \$25,000.00 towards the STEAP grant. All funding must be spent on the Train Station project. We expect word on the grant request by the beginning of 2006.

On October 31, the group contracted Dean Amadon, of Amadon & Associates, to complete a market appraisal of the Train Station and surrounding property. Amtrak representatives spoke with Mike Barile and expressed that Amtrak is willing to review our information but they will require the appraisal in order to proceed. The cost of the appraisal is \$2,500.00 and is being paid for by the Preservation Association. We expect the completed appraisal to be delivered to us by mid December.

Local Attorney Scott Storms, has agreed to prepare a Title Search for the group. The Title Search will need to be completed for a Phase 1 environmental study. Dave Fuerst, our environmental specialist, will be in charge of the other research necessary to complete the Phase 1 study. Attorney Storms is donating the Title Search and we expect its completion by the end of December.

Wayne Gannaway and Barbara Schley have been interviewing attorneys to represent the group in the upcoming negotiations with Amtrak. The group has decided to contract with Attorney Mary Jo Andrews in Hartford. Ms. Andrews has had past experience with the railroad and other real estate matters. ❖



**YOU CAN HELP!** Attend our public meetings, join our membership and attend fund raising events! Membership is only \$10.00 yearly. We have many items available for your generous donation! Notecards \$5.00, Cookbooks \$10.00, Magnets \$1.50, Prints \$ 20.00, DVD's \$15.00 and T-shirts \$13.99.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS!

We always take time to THANK our GENEROUS DONORS! Without them, the Holiday Party and our efforts would not be possible. Please patronize the businesses listed below. These are the people who help make **YOUR** community a **BETTER PLACE TO LIVE!!**

East Windsor Cracker Barrel	Ahlstrom
Stop & Shop – Windsor	Colonial Printers
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Hair Styles Unlimited	Dairy Cream at Bradley
Swede’s Jewelers	T G I Fridays
Quizno’s Subs	Robin’s Nest Crafts
Barbara Carlson	Jenn DiPoppo
Barbara Tarbell	Skooters
Revay’s	Starbucks

And as always a SPECIAL THANK YOU to BOB ZDUN at YANKEE SIGNS for all our beautiful signs!

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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Windsor Locks Train Station circa 1920

### ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING

On October 3, the Association held an election of officers for the upcoming year. Re-elected for another year are Barbara Schley - President, Mickey Danyluk - Vice President and Barbara Carlson - Secretary/Treasurer. Their terms will expire December 31, 2006.

T-Shirts and Sweatshirts featuring the sketch of the Train Station are now available for order. The next order will be submitted December 7 and should be delivered in time for Christmas. The shirts are grey with a black sketch of the Station on the back. The original sketch was donated to the group by local Suffield artist, Alice Williams. T-Shirts are available for a donation of \$13.99 and Sweatshirts are \$19.99. To order a shirt, contact Barbara Schley at (860) 798-5376.

AnnMarie Claffey and Barbara Tarbell have prints of the pen and ink sketch of the Station. The prints are \$25.00 for matted and \$20.00 for un-matted. In addition to prints, we have packages of 5 note cards with envelopes for \$5.00. All proceeds benefit our efforts to Save the Windsor Locks Train Station.

Barbara Tarbell now has magnets available of the Train Station. The magnets, which are business card-size (image on the front cover of this newsletter), are available for a donation of \$1.50.

### HOLIDAY PARTY SCHEDULED!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Party has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 6pm at the Windsor Locks Knights of Columbus Hall on Elm Street. We hope this year’s celebration will be bigger and better than last years! There will be a buffet with fried chicken, sandwiches, ziti, baked beans, salad, potatoes, veggies & dip, cheese & crackers, punch, desserts and more! And music, fun and a visit by SANTA! Our local Boy Scouts are coming to help serve the meal. There will also be a Silent Auction for some great gifts and items!

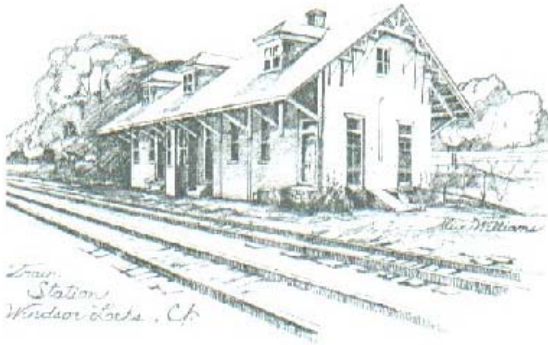
This year, our corporate sponsor, East Windsor Cracker Barrel & Country Store, is giving each child a FREE MEAL CARD to Cracker Barrel for attending the party!

The committee working on the party is Wayne & Rebecca Gannaway, Jenn DiPoppo, Barbara Tarbell and Barbara Schley.

A suggested donation of \$6.00 per person is encouraged to help with the cost of the food. Everyone is encouraged to attend so bring a friend, neighbor, co-worker or your family! It is not necessary to RSVP but please try to let us know if you’re attending and how many children are coming (and their ages) so we can plan appropriately. See you there!

To volunteer or to RSVP, please call Barbara @ 860-798-5376.

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The Historic Windsor Locks Passenger Train Station was built in 1875. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975 for its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ella Grasso, the first woman Governor in US History, boarded the train at this very station to attend her inauguration in Hartford. The station was an important part of the town not only as a means of transportation but for economic growth. The building, located on Route 159, is in danger of being lost to vandalism and neglect.

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## EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

*Video Production Underway*

The group was recently contacted by Peter Doherty, a videographer from Enfield. Mr. Doherty has offered to donate a video to be made about the town and the Train Station. We are seeking any photographs of Windsor Locks and/or the Train Station. We are looking to borrow photos and they will be copied by Mr. Doherty and returned. If anyone has photos but is not willing to loan them to us, Mr. Doherty can come out to your home to copy them. If you have photos and / or old movies you might be willing to share for this project, please contact Barbara Schley @ 860-798-5376 or Mickey Danyluk @ 860-623-4143. ❖

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### *Let's Save the Windsor Locks Train Station!*

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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.*

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