

# WINDSOR LOCKS PRESERVATION NEWS

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*A quarterly update and review from our President*

With Preservation Month "under our belts", we've officially moved into our seventh month as a corporation. Spring is here. Thoughts have turned to summer activities, the beach, swimming, cookouts and those long, hot, lazy days ahead.

As you read this month's news and updates, you'll see how busy we've been and how much fun we're all having. The group continues to grow. Word continues to spread about our efforts, our town, and of course about our Train Station.

Last month saw the official celebration of the life of Governor Ella Grasso. And included in that celebration was the Historic Train Station. Ella used the Station as a young girl to travel back and forth to school. And again in 1975, when she became our Governor, she returned to the Station, once again, to board the train for Hartford to her inauguration.

When Mickey and I recently completed the interviews for Channel 3, I learned so much more about the people who used and loved the Train

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Windsor Locks Train Station Magnets are now available!

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE

*Annual Craft Fair In November*

*Cookbook Release Approaching*

*Prints & Magnets Now Available!*

On June 3, the Preservation Association hosted the Soprano's Last Supper at Maneeleys in South Windsor. With almost 150 in attendance the night began with a Social Hour. After a few door prizes were drawn, the show began promptly at 7:30. The performance, based loosely on the HBO series The Sopranos, was provided by DillStar Productions. This acting group also has other hit dinner shows like Joey and Maria's Italian Wedding and The Irish Wake. A family style Italian meal was served and everyone ate well! Everyone there had LOTS OF FUN! The group raised \$1420.00 from tickets sales, \$576.00 from the raffle, \$725.00 from the ad book and over \$100.00 in prints/cards/magnets. Rick Ascrizzi from Dependable Appliance in Windsor Locks was kind enough to help pull the raffle! Thanks Rick!

On the last pages of this newsletter are a list of local businesses and people we'd like to THANK for their generosity and believing in us! Please patronize these businesses whenever you can, as they are helping in our community by sponsoring events like these!

AnnMarie Claffey and Barbara Tarbell have prints of

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Station. Many important events centered around the Station, such as the men going off to war for the Spanish American War, World War I and II and to Viet Nam. President Truman made a whistle stop in the early 1950's. Even many theater stars made their way into our small town to perform at Burnap's Opera House. Jane Carr, who deceased on the Titanic, saw her last glimpses of Windsor Locks from this tiny Station.

*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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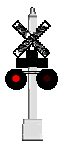
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"We're on the Right Track!"

## PRESERVATION NEWSLETTER

Effective June 1, the Preservation Association's newsletter is available quarterly. The newsletter, as with everything, had grown and due to the expense of producing and mailing it, we felt that for now, the quarterly letter should be sufficient to keep all informed. For those with email, your email updates are still sent as news and updates are available. ❖

**To everyone,  
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER  
and we'll see everyone in the Fall!**

**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 (unmatted) and Prints \$25.00 (matted).



## TRAIN STATION AND ASSOCIATION PROGRESS

The Train Committee received its second grant in May 2005. The grant of \$1000.00 was given to us by C & S Wholesale Grocers. The grant use was not specified and at this time, we are waiting for further word regarding the upcoming survey and the fees that may be needed for completion of that work. ❖

## GENERAL NEWS & UPDATES

In the past few months, Mickey Danyluk has begun researching the history of some of the homes of our members only to discover that many of the dates on the Windsor Locks Tax Records apparently are incorrect. Several homes he studied turned out to be at least 20+ years older than previously recorded. If you have an older home and would like to know the history or think it may be of interest to the group, please contact Barbara @798-5376 or Mickey @ 623-4143.

On Wednesday June 1, Barbara & Mickey had a special guest, Scot Haney of Channel 3. Scot was here to film and interview the two for the feature "Every Town Has A Story". Wayne Gannaway, from the Train Station committee also participated in the interview. They visited New England Air Museum, the Train Station, Noden Reed Farm, Memorial Hall, Donut Kettle, Dairy Creme and Scooters. Scot seemed amazed to learn all Windsor Locks has to offer!

There will be 4 segments to the story and from what we understand, the Train Station will be featured in a segment by itself. Look for us on Channel 3 Friday, June 10 beginning at 5pm and again Saturday morning.

On June 2, Windsor Locks dog warden Janet Orio passed away unexpectedly. After over 10 years of hopes of getting a new animal shelter, Officer Orio's battle was won when the town budget was accepted on May 31 and included the funding needed for the shelter.

On June 4, Faith DeCarlo, Janet Ramsay, and Barbara Schley were allowed to walk several dogs past Officer Orio's casket in a special tribute to her life's work with animals. The tribute walk took place immediately following the funeral ceremony.

Barbara and Mickey have forwarded a letter to the Board of Selectman to suggest that the new animal shelter facility bear the name of Officer Orio in her memory and honor. ❖

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS!

We want to thank the list of the following for all their help and support for helping us get the Sopranos event "off the ground!" THANK YOU is never enough when someone believes in you! THANK YOU ALL FOR THE SUPPORT AND ALL THE KIND WORDS!

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SPECIAL THANKS (continues)

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.

The next fund raising meeting is June 20, 2005 at 6pm at Ads Pizza. Please come! We NEED YOUR HELP!  
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### ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING

Officers for the Preservation Association will be elected this October. Anyone interested in nominating someone or running for a position should submit their name in writing prior to September 1, 2005. In order to run, you must be a paid member in good standing. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting in October. For questions or copies of the bylaws, please contact Barbara @ 798-5376 or Mickey @ 623-4143. ❖

### SPECIAL THANKS (continued)

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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 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

Mickey Danyluk, chairman of the Educational Committee, recently produced a documentary film entitled "Windsor Locks Celebrates 150<sup>th</sup> Years". This delightful film shows many interesting facts regarding our town and its amazing past! It is abundant with many unknown historical facts.

On May 25, the film was shared for the first time publicly. The film is available on DVD for a donation of \$15.00. To obtain a copy, please contact Mickey 860-623-4143.

If you have photos and / or old movies you might be willing to share with us, 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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