



CALENDAR

*March 10th, Open House at the Station, 1-5 P.M.*

*April 4th, Chowder and Chatter, Sponsored by Advest, 6:30 P.M. at Southeastern Regional High School, Route 106, South Easton*

*April 7th, Daylight Savings Time Begins*

*April 14th, Open House at the Station, 1-5 P.M.*

*May 4th, Semi-Annual Bottle and Can Drive, 9:00 A.M. to Noon, at the Station*

*May 12th, Happy Mothers Day!*

*May 19th, Open House at the Station, 1-5 P.M.*

*May 22nd, Annual Meeting at Stonehill College's Industrial Historical Center, Route 123, North Easton*

*Easton Historical Society Newsletter is published quarterly by the Easton Historical Society.*

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## Chowder and Chatter!

The third annual Chowder and Chatter evening, underwritten by Advest, Inc., will be held on Thursday, April 4th at the Southeastern Regional High School, Route 106, South Easton, MA. The event will begin at 6:30 P.M. The meal, prepared by David Degan, Sheila Fox and the students has been a popular attraction: Clam and corn chowder, cornbread, beverages and delicious deserts. Everyone is encouraged to enjoy seconds and thirds!

Following the meal, a panel discussion will be held focusing on the traditions of Oliver Ames High School athletics. Throughout the decades, OAHS has had an excellent academic and cultural (particularly musical) reputation. The third component of this outstanding tradition is athletics. Two of the panelists were outstanding athletes at the original OAHS on Lincoln Street: Robert "Buddy" Wooster, Class of 1947 and Alice Maliff DeCouto, Class of 1952. Their children subsequently continued the traditions at the third OAHS on Lothrop Street. The other two panelists are coaches of the old school, coaching all three seasons: Sue Rivard and Bill Nixon. Audience participation is encouraged and appreciated!

**TO PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AND BECAUSE MAIL DELIVERY VARIES, ONLY RESERVATIONS POSTMARKED FROM MARCH 1ST WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Reservations should be mailed directly to Hazel Varella. After March 15th, open seats will be available to the public.

One of the Society's immediate goals is to purchase a digital camera. Some donations have been made, but more funding is needed. Please consider a donation when returning your reservation form.

The Society deeply appreciates the commitment and interest of Lee and Kevin Williams of Advest. Thank you!

## Chowder and Chatter Reservation Form

- Mail to: Hazel L. Varella, 121 Center Street, N. Easton, MA 02356
- Questions? Call Hazel at 508-238-3614.
- Names of attendees
- Address of Contact Person
- Telephone
- I (we) are enclosing a tax deductible donation of \_\_\_\_\_ for a digital camera. Please make your check payable to EASTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
- Thank you!

## The Station Master

President Dot Berry

Greetings members! First of all, let me thank you for your prompt attention to and return of the dues letters we sent out. Most people have paid up to date. Only about seventy or so haven't responded. Please be sure to send your dues in to avoid being taken off the membership list. If you are not sure you are paid up, please call the station and leave a message. You may also stop by during the March open house and pay your dues.

Please note the can and bottle drive which takes place on May 4th, from 9:00 A.M. to noon or so at the Station. The money from this event helps to pay our electric bills. Thanks to Ken Martin and Ed Hands for once again coordinating this important fundraiser!

Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting which is scheduled for May 22nd. It will be held at Stonehill College's Industrial Historical Center. Greg Galer,

curator, will be speaking. Greg is also the chairman of the Easton Historical Commission and an active preservationist. I am sure his topic will be of interest to all.

Finally, work continues on the upstairs research area. The Society has purchased several cabinets to house materials. We meet on Monday mornings to identify items and sort our collection. Help is always needed and appreciated. Please drop by and lend a hand!

## Curator's Corner

Paul Berry

Curator Paul Berry will begin a new series of displays at the Society's monthly open houses beginning in March. The displays will feature a focus on the different villages that make up Easton. The March open house will kick off with a feature on the Easton Centre village, which centers itself around the Soldier's Monu-

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### *New Open House Series -Villages- Begins in March*

ment. This neighborhood runs along Depot Street in both directions for a mile or so, and also

encompasses parts of Church Street, Purchase Street and Center Street.

In conjunction with this, the Society would like to ask you to consider contributing any items relating to this area, or other neighborhoods, or allow us to make copies of photos, papers, etc. Hope to see you in March!

## Working Rules and Regulations

Found recently in our archives was a paper published by the Gilmore Hinge Factory which details some rules and regulations for their workers. It constituted a contract between the company and the employee. Dated 1869, it gives some insight into the working day of blue collar America.

First off, work was a ten hour

day from 7:00 A.M. to noon and again at 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Lunch was given for the hour in between. Second, all workers were to be at their posts and ready for work. Overseers had to be punctually in their places also. Running late? You lost pay. Thirdly, no reading or unnecessary talking was allowed.

Workers received their pay on the tenth day of the month for the previous month. They could be docked pay for poor work, and had to pay for any equipment damaged by them. If any worker left employment without giving two weeks notice, that worker forfeited a week's pay.

Don't Monday's seem a bit easier now?

## Station To Station

Member News and Milestones

Kenneth J. and Janet M. Michel were honored recently by Stonehill College as the recipients of Stonehill's Alumni Service Award. The Michels have served on many committees, including the alumni council, alumni auction committee and class representatives, to name a few. Ken graduated from Stonehill in 1968, Janet in 1970. He formed Michel Associates, LTD. in 1986, serving the real estate and financial needs of individual and corporate investors. Janet is the scheduling coordinator at Cardinal Spellman

High School in Brockton.

DO YOU KNOW? Ernie Camara of the Easton V.F.W. is looking for information about George H. McClain, whose death during World War II is listed in the "History of Easton, Volume Two." Also, any additional information about George F. Schindler is another focus of Ernie's research. Please send any information you may have to Ernie, c/o Pvt. George F. Schindler Post 2547, P.O. Box 103, North Easton, MA. 02356.

From the "Once an historian always an historian" department: Duncan Oliver, co-editor of the "History of Easton Volume Two", and an author of other Easton historical materials, has moved to Cape Cod. His wife Carol and he have become active in The Historical Society of Old Yarmouth, and with John Braginton Smith he has prepared an extensive study of the maritime history of Yarmouthport. "Port on the Bay" reflects the thoroughness of research which Duncan has always been known for. Congratulations!

## Spotlight on History

A Compliment to the Society, and the Winners of the Chaffin and Briggs Preservation Awards

A Compliment for the Historical Society!

If you have not seen the Frothingham Park video yet, you definitely should. It was written, directed and produced by Rick Regan, a 1972 graduate of Oliver Ames High School. Rick is an Emmy Award winning writer / field producer for WCBS-TV News in New York city.

David Ames, the President of the Frothingham Memorial Corporation for twenty-five years and executive producer of the film, has indicated that "Ed Hands and Paul Berry's work in assembling photographs to support the video's story of the Park's early days was critical to giving impact to the Park's history. The importance of these pictures in the video cannot be overstated. They gave the story

meaning and impact."

In appreciation Mr. Ames presented a beautifully framed print of Frothingham Park scenes by Mary Bodio to the Society.

A project that coordinating producers Buddy Wooster and Ed Hands worked on for two years, the video was underwritten by the North Easton Savings Bank. It successfully captures not only the history of the park for seventy years but also the community's history. Copies of the video and the outstanding limited edition print of the park done by Mary Bodio are available from Buddy Wooster (508-238-6819), Home-spun Treasures and J. Inman Gallery. Be sure to take advantage of this rare opportunity!

The Easton Historical Commis-

sion honored preservationists on December 2nd, 2001. The ceremony took place at Unity Church.

Mary Bodio was honored with the William Chaffin Award for her continued commitment to preserving Easton's history with a series of outstanding paintings. These precious visuals capture the unique architectural and social character of the town.

The Clement Briggs Award was presented to the LaFarge Window Committee of Unity Church in recognition of the restoration of the two LaFarge stained glass windows that grace the building. An extraordinary effort was required to save these windows that are such a wonderful part of our culture.

The Society thanks all of you for your commitment to our town!

The Easton Historical Society invites you to become a member of our organization. Please use this form for a new membership. Include your check or money order payable to the **Easton Historical Society** and send it along to : Easton Historical Society, P.O. Box 3, North Easton, MA 02356.

New Member(s):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a gift, please include your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Individual \$10.00

Family \$15.00

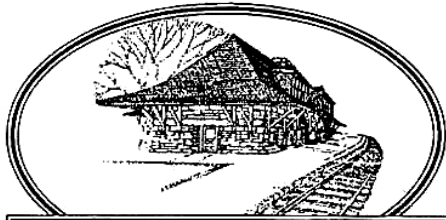
Corporate \$100

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