

ANNUAL REPORT FOR  
THE EAST HAMPTON NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE  
MAY 1, 1988 THRU JUNE 1, 1989.

GIVEN BY RESIDENT DIRECTOR - PENNY GREENE

Since May 1, 1988, it has been my pleasure & privilege to serve as Resident Director of the Neighborhood House. I inherited a system that although it functioned smoothly, needed a little tailoring and revision. Changes needed to be made which would be more beneficial to the Neighborhood House. The following is a list of such changes as approved by Mr. Hennlin, Mrs. Usher, & myself:

- (1) The donation required for an all day party of at least eight hours is now \$150.00 versus the old donation of \$75.00-\$100.00. This price is far below comparable facilities' prices. And considering that most of these type functions last for more than twelve hours (ex. deconating usually begins around eight in the a.m. and the party goes till curfew), this price is a real bargain as this report will later show.
- (2) Parties four hours or under now donate \$100.00 depending on the type of function.
- (3) A midnight curfew has been instituted for all events. All festivities end at this time with clean-up to follow.
- (4) As of March 1989, the Neighborhood House will not host anymore bachelor parties. Due to past unpleasant experiences, it has become necessary to take this drastic action.
- (5) The clean-up deposit has been raised from \$50.00-75.00 to match the house donation. In most cases, this figure has been an incentive to those who do not want to pay \$150.00 for someone to clean up after them. But there are still those to whom "money is no object". This action became necessary after the \$50.00 fee lead to frequent clean-ups by myself often ending at 2:30 a.m., just hours before the next scheduled event.
- (6) All weekly activities were asked to increase their donation fee as long it wouldn't scare them away from our facilities.  
Weight Watchers agreed to pay \$100.00 per month - an increase of \$50.00  
Lamaze agreed to pay \$60.00 per month - an increase of \$25.00  
The Karate class was not increased from it's original \$50.00 monthly fee due to the fact that it's Saturday class often gets bumped in favor of a party.  
All new activities & workshops donate a fee of \$10.00 per hour.
- (7) The lights on the Basketball court are never put on at night except when parking from a party necessitates it. The lights would only encourage the wrong element to appear & we have our hands full during the daytime already.
- (8) The phone in the kitchen is removed during parties, hopefully decreasing our phone bill. The honon system hasn't worked.

All in all, these changes have been successful so far. None being too demanding or sudden.

Among the other changes occurring in the Neighborhood House are the costly maintenance & repair fees. A lot of money has been spent in the past year but for good reason. Many repairs were necessary & unavoidable. Others were cosmetic, while others were concerned with updating the safety of our building and surrounding areas.

On the necessary & unavoidable:

A new hot water heater was installed which replaced the work previously perform-

ed by two old heaters whose outer casings were so rusted it's a wonder they lasted as long as they did.

The furnace was serviced & cleaned after a blowback at 3:00 a.m. causing fuel fumes to permeate the house.

The three cesspools were pumped after determining that it had been over a year since their last checkup. One pool had to be raised to be found. This required some digging & expertise on the part of Mr. Ott, as he was the only one who knew of a third pool and that it had not been pumped for some time because he has an excellent recollection of his jobs.

A leak in the roof was patched. Due to the maturation & sagging of the roof shingles, a leak developed which caused the kitchen ceiling to become waterlogged and unsafe. The leak was found and the ceiling tiles were replaced.

A new refrigerator was necessary after the freezer portion of the old fridge became inoperable & damaged.

A commercial dishwasher was purchased to ease the burden of the Lion's club & the Ladies' Service club as well as those who use the facilities. It now decreases the cleaning time to three minutes.

Because the wiring in this house is old it would only accommodate 40 amps. Due to the new dishwasher, it was necessary to install 100 amp service throughout the house to avoid the constant blowing of fuses since the dishwasher required 38 amps.

As a result of the Fire Inspector's visit, a few violations had to be satisfied. One of these being, the installation of two smoke alarms upstairs which were wired to the electrical system with a battery back up. The other violations have yet to be satisfied but the Inspector has been made aware of our problem. We are required to install two fire doors in the kitchen - one will be the door leading to the upstairs apartment, the other is the door leading to the nursery room. A third door located next to the stove, only requires a galvanized skin to protect it from heat. The problem stems from the fact that these doors are considered a special order through the lumberyard and are not stock items. These doors normally take a minimum of six to eight weeks for manufacture and delivery. Because of a snafu between the lumberyard and the door vendor, one of the door orders was misplaced & had to be re-ordered. Herbert K. Anderson III is in charge of the ordering & installation of these doors and I have expressed my concern to him and he is doing his best in light of the situation. He has promised that once the door we lack is in, he will install the two doors and the galvanized skin a.s.a.p. The Fire Inspector has advised me to call him when all work is complete, only then will he come back to see that all violations have been satisfied.

On the cosmetic side:

The yard was cleaned free of leaves. All shrubs and overgrowth were trimmed back and carted away.

The split rail fence out front was repaired & replaced as needed.

The basketball court was cleaned free of overgrowth to allow our youth a place to congregate instead of the streets.

The kitchen was re-painted white with a fine-retardent paint. The library was repaired & re-painted white. The nursery room & its adjacent restroom were both repainted. The two restrooms facing Three Mile Harbor Road were re-painted white. This increased updating of the facilities has not gone unnoticed by the public. All agree it looks 100% better and we are receiving more requests for the use of our facilities daily.

Still to come is the sanding down and re-finishing of both the nursery & gym floors. The men doing the work are Francisco Mendez & Jorge Calderon, two local men who are well versed in various phases of renovation. They are responsible

for the beautiful paint job downstairs as well as our apartment upstairs for which they were hired first by us. They are scheduled to begin stripping the nursery down on July 9, 1989. As they will need time to do a proper job, I am not scheduling any new activities from that day through the end of July. All weekly activities will spend the first week in the gym area while the nursery room is worked on. After the nursery has dried satisfactorily, the weeklys will be transferred to the nursery room for the remainder of the month. This is being done with as little interference as possible and everyone will be glad they sacrificed in the end.

Finally, on the issue of safety:

All swings were repaired and/or replaced as required

The see-saw was secured with chains.

The overturned slide & broken see-saw were removed to the dump.

New cellar doors were installed. The cedar tongue & groove although decorative did not stand up to frequent use.

Lights were installed along the driveway; on the signpost; along the side of the house illuminating the swingset area; and on the telephone pole on the cul-de-sac illuminating the backyard area.

There are countless other repairs & alterations that have been made but are too trivial to mention, but all have been made with an eye toward improving the appearance of the Neighborhood House.

In closing, this has been a year of challenge & testing. We are moving in a more positive direction. As each new project "spruces up" the house, more & more people come to our doors. My only other suggestion would be that we place an ad in the E.H. Star under Community Activities. This action only to let more people know that we exist. I constantly receive phone calls asking who or what we are. I think a lot of people are of the opinion that we are a private club or organization and that we are not available for them to use.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all personally for giving Ennie, Emmie, & myself this tremendous opportunity. I hope we haven't disappointed you as we look forward to 1990 and on.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ACTIVITIES  
MAY 1, 1988 - JUNE 1, 1989

WEEKLY

MON. - OSCAR GILES'S KARATE/ JOE FRANK'S KARATE\* 5:30-7:00 / 7:00-9:00  
TUES. - WEIGHT WATCHERS 6:00-8:30  
WED. - OSCAR GILES'S KARATE/ JOE FRANK'S KARATE\* 5:30-7:00 / 4:00-5:30  
7:00-9:00

THURS. - CAREN SCHOEN'S LAMAZE 6:30-9:30  
SERENA SEACAT'S TAP DANCE 3:30-7:30  
(8 WEEK SESSIONS WITH MONTH LAPSE BETWEEN SESSIONS)

FRI. - LEFT OPEN FOR PARTIES, ETC.

SAT. - OSCAR GILES'S KARATE 9:30-11:00  
(IF NOT PRE-EMPTED BY ANOTHER EVENT)

SUN. - LEFT OPEN FOR PARTIES, ETC.

(CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS LEFT OUR FACILITIES IN OCTOBER 1988 TO CONGREGATE AT ANOTHER LOCATION. PER MR. DENTON, THEY WERE TO RESUME MEETINGS HERE IN APRIL 1989. BUT, AS OF YET, I HAVE NOT RECEIVED WORD FROM MR. DENTON OR ANY OTHER MEMBERS.)

\*AS OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1988, MR. FRANK NO LONGER IS WELCOME TO TEACH CLASSES HERE\*

PROPERTY OWNERS MEETINGS - ANNUAL OR OTHER

OLD ORCHARD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOC. - 1  
HAMPTON WATERS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOC. - 3  
LION HEAD BEACH ASSOC. - 1  
SETTLER'S LANDING PROPERTY OWNERS - 1

OTHER FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

BABY SHOWERS - 2  
BACHELOR PARTIES - 2  
CHRISTENINGS - 5  
BRIDAL SHOWERS - 2  
WEDDINGS AND/OR RECEPTIONS - 7  
GRADUATION PARTIES - 5  
ADULT BIRTHDAY PARTIES - 1  
CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTIES - 3  
PRIMARY ELECTION - 1  
GENERAL ELECTION - 1  
YARD SALES - 1  
L.I. MACROBIOTIC ASSOC. LECTURES - 2  
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES 50'S DANCE - 1  
LOCAL ROCK BAND REHEARSALS (JIM KOEPEL) - 4  
E.H.H.S. BASKETBALL TEAM 1989 VICTORY PARTY - 1  
PHYSICAL ATTRACTION DANCE RECITAL - 1  
ARMDI CHAI-TOV CHAPTER AUCTION - 1  
RONALD BRACK CHIROPRACTIC WORKSHOP - 1  
SPRINGS STRINGS CONCERT SERIES - 2  
CHAMBER MUSIC REHEARSAL (ELY SCHUYKER) - 3 (PAID TO HAVE PIANO TUNED IN EXCHANGE FOR USE OF STAGE APPROX. 4 HOURS USAGE)  
CAMPHAMPTON CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP - JULY 5, 1988 - AUG. 19, 1988  
WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER - 1  
"LIFE UNDERWATER" MOVIE PRODUCTION LUNCHEON - 1  
LIVING WATERS FULL GOSPEL CHURCH SQUARE DANCE - 1  
EAST END GAY ORGANIZATION SQUARE DANCE - 1  
PYRAMID OF INSIGHT PSYCHIC FAIR - 1  
TREESCAPE PROPERTY OWNERS COCKTAIL PARTY - 1 (WE WERE USED AS A RAIN BACK UP BUT WERE NOT NEEDED. COLLECTED \$150.00 DONATION ANYWAY AS AGREED)