

Annual Report for The East Hampton Neighborhood House Association - June 1, 1998 thru May 31, 1999.
Given by Resident Director Penny Benbenek

The year has gone by quickly. We have had a kind of "falling off" in the way of parties and functions, but we've still managed to keep monies flowing in with our regular classes and our Nursery Group. The following is a review of the past year:

(1) June 29, 1998 thru September 3, 1998. - East Hampton Sports Camp made us their summer home for the 7th straight year. We collected a total of \$4200.00 for the season (they were charged by the hour....\$30 per, basically \$105 per day, for 40 days) *I hear their tuition is now around the \$900 range per child for the season. Last year they finished with about 77 children at the old rate of approx. \$700 per or approx. \$54,000 gross This year that figure would be approx. \$69,300 gross speculating that they would end with the same number of children. Right now, they have about 50 children officially signed up, still making them \$45,000 gross. I would welcome any input from the board as to whether this is a "fair" arrangement for the house. Considering the wear & tear on the building, I think we should set one figure for the season and not go by the regular "hour" method used for everyone else.*

(2) August 10, 1998 - A Certificate of Insurance was received from the Board of Elections concerning the use of our building as a polling place. In my years here, this issue was never addressed, I believe the burden was always ours. It was a relief to see that the County is finally taking responsibility. (copy attached)

(3) September 4, 1999 - I dropped tables on my foot requiring use of Worker's Comp. As it has not been used before, we all got an education on how to file for it properly.

(4) September 14, 1998 - after discovering that our fax line that had been installed in May of '98 was never actually connected, the phone company was called out to re-install it. Credits covering the 4 months that we were supposed to have been operational, were issued against future billing.

(5) October 10th 1998 - The East Hampton Neighborhood House was represented in the Town's 350th Parade by members of the House's staff and Boards, friends, and families. It was a memorable day and one that we were proud to have participated in.

(6) December 1 through December 2, 1998 - the front and back doors were finally replaced with brand new, more energy-efficient models. The work was completed as quoted by Geoffrey H. Kennedy, Inc.

(7) In January/early February 1999 - I was contacted by The East Hampton Library concerning some Christmas decorations they wanted to donate. The decorations were donated to the library from Treasure Island in Wainscott. They had surplus & the ladies there thought that we could use them here as most of them were child-oriented. I sent a thank-you letter to Treasure Island for their generosity to the community. A copy of this letter is included in this report.

(8) April 1999 - Two coats of paint were applied to both new doors and jambs by James Newman Jr.

(9) May 10, 1999 - after gaining prior approval from the board during our last meeting in April, I drafted and sent a letter to The Restoration Christian Church explaining that as of August 1, 1999, they will need to find a different place to worship. A copy of that letter is included with this report.

Our regular week of classes remained pretty much the same as last year:

Monday - Oscar Giles' Karate meets in the gym from
5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

* As of May 31, 1999, Oscar has thrown in the towel. Due to the competition of the Karate studio down the road from here...he thinks it's best to give up his class at this time.*

Floyd Lifton's Wu Mei Kung Fu class meets
from 7:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Tuesday - no activities scheduled at this time - open

Wednesday - Oscar Giles' Karate class meets from

5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Thursday - The Women's Service Club meets from
6:30/7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Friday - Floyd Lifton's Wu Mei Kung Fu class for kids
meets in the gym from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M.
(9/18/98 thru 11/20/98)

Friday nights are open for parties

Saturday - Left open for parties & functions

Sunday - The Restoration Christian Church meets using
all available space from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 P.M.
their last service will be on August 1, 1999

Sunday P.M. - left open for parties & functions

List of Activities/Functions held during the year:

Hampton Waters Property Owners Assoc. meetings - 2
Old Orchard Property Owners Assoc. meetings - 1
Settler's Landing Property Owners meetings - 1

Adult Birthday Parties - 1

Anniversary celebration - 1

Antiques Show - 1

Ballroom Dance Classes - 2 (1 hour classes)

Bachelor Parties - 1

Children's birthday parties - 3

Christenings - 1

Church Dinners - 1

Clean & Sober Christmas Party - 1

East Hampton Boy Scouts Troop #298 - 3 meetings

per month each approx 1 - 1 1/2 hours long from

Mid-September 1998 thru January 26, 1999. - *N/C*

General Election - 1

Graduation Parties -2

Local Artist Music Show - 1

Political Party meetings - 1

Primary Election - 1

Rain back-up for party - 1

Self-help Courses- 4 (2 hour each)

Wedding Receptions - 3

Once again, I would like to thank the Board for allowing

me to be the Lady of the House. You'll never know how much it's meant to me to be able to watch and grow with my daughter, something I would not have been able to do at another job. I'm grooming her to take over...just kidding. Before I close, I must mention that I was contacted just last week by the E.H. Star, wanting to do a write-up on our "appeal". Seems they've just come across our letter and brochure and were curious as to whether we had met our "goal" and if we had had the roof repaired. A Mr. Peter Beller called and wants to come and take pictures next week, of the above mentioned roof and do a short piece in their paper. I spoke to Mike about this and I agree with him that this sounds like a "fishing expedition". Our letter was sent out, well before Christmas, so why all of a sudden, are they interested in helping us? How do I put them off without raising questions? Thank you for your time and trust.