

June 1, 1996 Through May 31, 1997.

As the year closes on my ninth term as Resident Director, you'll be happy to hear that I'll be nine times more brief than my first year in this report. I do have news for you but thankfully it's only a few repairs & updates.

- (1) June 1996 - two panes of glass in the gym doors had to be replaced due to cracks & holes.
- (2) June 1996 - the small platform leading from the door closest to the playground was replaced as it splintering and becoming unsafe for the children who use our building.
- (3) September 1996 - the ceiling in the nursery room was repaired and re-sprayed after being damaged by water trapped as ice during the winter of 1995.
- (4) March 1997 - after approximately a month of intermittent work, the bathroom (formerly known as the men's room) facing Three Mile Harbor Rd. was finished and is now handicapped accessible. You will be happy to know that I am aware of one person whose life has become much easier now. Bobby Hettiger is a High School student who attends a Kung Fu class here on a weekly basis. Bobby was born with spina bifida (a hole in his spine) which is a birth defect that has required him to crawl or walk with crutches all his life. He now uses a wheelchair with more grace and agility than some people who have the use of their limbs. While the Kung Fu class has met here for well over a year now, Bobby has never complained once about being able to use our facilities, he had to hop out of his chair to even enter the old bathroom. As I have known him since he was a baby, I am pleased to be able to offer him something that many of us take for granted. This was a much needed improvement and I'm sure many more people will be pleasantly surprised when the Elections roll around again. Many of our voters are elderly and use walkers, wheelchairs, and the like.
- (5) May 1997 - The East Hampton Lions Club had arranged to hold an auction here but were unable to due to schedule conflicts. As part of that arrangement, the Lions Club wanted to donate a dozen tables in exchange for use of the building. Twelve tables were received even though the Lions were not able to use us. We have the tables for our use during parties, etc. and when the Lions have a function, they are welcome to borrow their tables.
- (6) May 1997 - As I had mentioned at one of our last meetings, the fire inspector had written us up for two violations. One of those cited was the tank for the Ansell system for the stove. It was believed by the Inspector that the tank was not in good working order because he could not find evidence showing the last time it had been hydrostatically tested. When the men came to inspect our fire extinguishers this year, I mentioned this problem to them and they performed the test and it was discovered that we needed a new tank. At this point I had not yet received documentation from the Fire Inspector's office but I knew we were being written up for it. I had visited their office asking for a copy of the report but there was none in our file. Just last week I finally received the report with an apology that it had been misfiled. The tank was cited. So we are now out of trouble with this violation. I am currently in touch with the former Fire Inspector to resolve the other violation requiring a fire extinguisher to be mounted outside between the three outside sheds that have no electric supply. He never cited us for it and he does not think it's required - I'll keep you posted.
- (7) I forgot to mention this earlier: the fee paid to us for use of the house during elections is now \$70 per district versus the old fee of \$30. We usually have 5 districts, so this is quite a substantial increase. The house

is available from 5:30 a.m. to usually 11:00/11:30 p.m. on both general and primary Election days. This is the first time in my years herè, that there has been such an increase.

As last year, this year is slow to take off, but the building is in constant use during the week. East Hampton Sports Camp is joining us again for their 5th summer. I have also spoken recently with the Ross School. They are looking for space to have martial arts classes. Although they are trying to coordinate their schedule to work around ours, they have given me dates to start in September '97 (@\$30 per hour). Right now, our schedule consists basically of martial arts classes and church meetings but there have been many other uses as you will see later in this report.

I am still working on the doors that we discussed at our last meeting. I have been in contact with David Griffiths Inc. This is an especially busy time of the year for them and I am doing my best to prod them. Look how long it took to get the bathroom started. I will continue to nip at their heels and hopefully by our next meeting, things will be happening.

One other item to consider: the wood floors. Take a good look. Although it's not feasible at this time, they are in dire need of SOMETHING. I have waxed them several times in the past but it just doesn't hold up to the heavy traffic (dancing; ride-on toys used by nursery group; floor hockey in Sports Camp, etc.) Can I scout around for prices to refinish them after the summer is over? We had the floors sanded down and refinished almost 8 years ago.

As I close, I would like to thank you all again, on behalf of Emmie & myself, for allowing us to take care of the Neighborhood House. If it weren't for this opportunity, I would not be able to live in East Hampton, I couldn't afford it! In return, I think of this place as my home; the entire building, and I do my best to maintain it as such. I look forward to completing a decade with you and to the growth and fulfillment of the Neighborhood House's purpose. Thank you...Sincerely.

Current weekly schedule of activities:

- Mon thru Fri : As per the regular school year, the Neighborhood Nursery Group for 3 & 4 year old children meets from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. daily
- Mon p.m. : Oscar Giles' Karate class meets from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Floyd Lifton's Kung Fu class meets from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- Tues p.m. : open at this time (not regularly used)
- Wed p.m. : Oscar Giles' Karate class meets from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs p.m. : The Women's Service Club meets from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- Fri p.m. : Floyd Lifton's Kung Fu class meets from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
After 5 p.m. - open for parties & functions
- Sat a.m. & p.m. - open for parties & functions
- Sun p.m. : The Restoration Christian Church meets from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
After 1:30 p.m. - open for parties & functions

Other meetings/social/political, etc.

Anniversary celebrations - 2
Antique shows - 4
Bachelor parties - 1
Ballroom Dance classes -(11) 1 hour classes Dec 96 & Jan 97
Boyscout Troop meetings - 4 *at no charge*
Children's birthday parties - 2
Children's Roller Hockey Victory party - 1
Christening - 1
Family reunion - 1
Graduation parties - 1
General Elections - 1
Hampton Waters Property Owners meeting - 2
Hayground School fundraiser - 1
Independence Party strategy meeting - 1
Jehovah's Witnesses Bon Voyage Celebration - 1
Memorial Service (after funeral) - 1
Old Orchard Property Owners meetings - 1
Primary Elections - 1
Settler's Landing Property Owners meetings - 1
75th Birthday/Family Tribute - 1
Wedding Receptions - 3
East Hampton Sports Camp - 9 to 12:30 daily July 1 thru Aug 30th
Restoration Christian Church guest speakers/outreach programs -(6) 2 hour sessions (charged out additionally to regular Sunday service)