

**SOCIETY TO PURSUE GRANTS
FUNDING FOR RESTORATIONS**

On June 29, a special joint meeting of the Advisory Council and Masonic Hall Preservation Group was held to hear a proposal by Trustee Fran Mark to pursue grants funding for our building preservation and educational programs. Key to this proposal was the support of an experienced grants expert who would work with the Society to identify needs, then research available grants and submit the applications. In that regard, Fran introduced Mr. Victor Comeilius of Germantown who had worked with Fran when she was a county legislator to obtain funding for major restoration projects in Tivoli. Over \$700,000 was realized thru Mr. Comeilius's efforts and helped initiate the revitalization of the Tivoli hamlet thru succeeding restoration projects. Mr. Comeilius continues to work with Fran's successor Marcus Molinaro in a similar capacity.

Mr. Comeilius described the grants process, his credentials in many other projects, and the opportunities for grants support for specific needs in our Society. Initially, funding will be sought for major preservation projects for the 1777 Creek Meeting House building, and for National Historic Site Registry for the 1865 Masonic Hall building. The latter will then qualify the Hall for grants funding for preservation projects. The Board of Trustees voted to hire Mr. Comeilius, and Fran Mark will work with him to learn the grants process. A sub-committee will form under Fran to make recommendations for specific projects to be funded. —▶

**D.C. SPORTS MUSEUM
EXHIBIT CONTINUES**

The new inductees of the Sports Museum Hall of Fame were welcomed by current members at a special session held at the exhibit on Sunday July 9. Reporters from Taconic papers and the Poughkeepsie Journal covered the event and an extensive article in the Taconic papers described the exhibit and the accomplishments of the inductees. It was a great social event, accompanied by complementary food and beverages supplied by the Sports Museum. The exhibit will continue weekends thru Sept. 10.

A Sports Museum representative will be on hand to give information about the artifacts and the organization. See if you can find the famous TV and movie star on display who played baseball in Poughkeepsie!!

Weekends Noon-4 July 1 thru Sept. 10
at the Historical Center

GRANTS (cont'd)

The Board of Trustees will then vote on the projects to be included in the grant application. As the initial grants are retroactive, exterior restoration will continue on the Masonic Hall, and the painter is scheduled to begin next week.

"OPEN MIC" FOLK MUSIC**--featuring****Jean McAvoy & Jamie Rickert**

1865 MASONIC HALL Schultzville \$5.00

SAT. July 22**8:00 PM**

Musicians: "Open Mic" format

7:30 sign-up at the door.

Info: 266-3899

--- Shuttle Parking at the Town Hall --- Proceeds to restore the Masonic Hall ---

Jean McAvoy and Jamie Rickert have been well received at past Schultzville "Open Mic" sessions and both have an extensive background in performing. Jean, a local resident, is part of a group known as "Betty and the Baby Boomers", an acoustic quartet whose focus is vocal harmony. Jean performs both acappella and with accompaniment. In her non-musical life, she is an interpretive naturalist with the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve, a group dedicated to wetlands research and protection. Jamie is a guitarist and songwriter who has been a member of the Parish Mission Team of the Catholic Archdiocese of New York for over 20 years. He travels with members of the clergy for missions at Catholic churches. He also conducts retreats and does concerts, and has recorded three audio tapes. An extremely entertaining performer, Jamie presents both religious and secular music, much of which he writes himself. He resides in Yonkers.

PROMISE TREE, PROGRESSIVE DINNER PLANNED

We're pleased to announce that two of our most popular and important fund-raising events will again be held in the coming months. On Clinton Community Day (Sept. 2) held at our Historical Center site, our PROMISE TREE will offer goods and services for sale as donated by our supporters. There is always a wide variety to choose from....homebaked goods, flower arrangements, crafts, personal services, etc. And on Saturday evening **October 21**, our very well attended PROGRESSIVE DINNER will offer the tasty dishes and hospitality of members and local residents for appetizers (1st stop), main course (2nd stop), and desserts/coffee (3rd stop - Historical Center).

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - - PLEASE HELP

Promise Tree - donation of goods or services

Progressive Dinner - host for appetizers or main course

Call **Glenda Schwarze 266-5203** for information or sign-up

- - Thank you! - -

REMINDER
NO PROGRAM MEETINGS
JULY OR AUGUST
NEXT MEETING Sept. 8

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2000 CALENDAR OF SPEAKERS

Friday Sept. 8 "Rombout Hunt"

by Bette Davis

Friday Oct. 6 "Take the Trolley!"

by Charles Benjamin

Friday Nov. 3 "Blacksmithing & Engraving"

by Marty Johannes

Friday Dec. 3 "Holiday Dinner & Auction"

-- 7:30 PM at CHS Historical Center --

-- no meetings Jan., July, August --

2000 COFFEE HOUSE DATES

ALL 4th SAT. EVENINGS - 7:30 performer sign-up

'Walk-in's' all dates, plus featured performers below

** Held at Masonic Hall, Schultsville - Cty Rt 18 **

\$5.00 donation - performers & audience - 266-3899

Jul. 22 - Jean McAvoy & Jamie Rickert

Aug. 26 - Scott & Carol Derby

Sep. 23 - Denise Finley & Joe Murray

Oct. 21 - Rusty & Sarahjane Boris

SUMMER EXHIBIT
July 1 thru Sept. 10