

CALENDAR

May 12 7:30 P.M. DHS Board meets with Brendan and Maureen Joyce.
May 18 10:00 A.M.- Dennis Town Elections. It's important to get out and vote!
8:00 P.M.
May 20-28 Third grade school program at Josiah Dennis Manse.
June 14 Flag Day. Fly the flag, also the Bicentennial flag.
Anytime We are still accepting sponsors for Nancy Thacher Reid's History of
Dennis. Mail a check for \$100.00 to DHS, Box 607, South Dennis, MA
02660. Please make a notation of how you would like your name
listed on the sponsorship page.

WE HAD A FLAG DAY IN APRIL!

What an interesting program we had on April 18th. DHS member Ed Gelsthorpe of East Dennis presented his program on "The History of Flags". Not only were his flags beautiful, but his narration was informative and entertaining. If you missed it and ever have the opportunity to catch it somewhere else, our advise is---do it! The Board members once again provided some delicious refreshments. Our Program Chairman Gertrude Lailey does a great job of finding nice programs for us. Thank yous to Gertrude, DHS Board, and Mr. Gelsthorpe!

DHS CUP PLATES

In 1984 DHS introduced some cup plates featuring the seal of the Town of Dennis. The Cup Plate was designed by Nina Sutton of Sandwich. It was engraved by Alvin White and pressed by the Pairpoint Glass Co., Inc. of Sagamore. The plates were sold out except for a certain number that were held out to be released during our Bicentennial Year. They will be presented for sale on June 20th at the DHS Birthday Dinner at Lighthouse Inn at \$25.00 plus \$1.25 MA tax and are available in clear or blue. They may also be ordered by mail by sending \$30.00 to Dennis Historical Society, Box 607, South Dennis, MA 02660. Please state which color you want.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership Chairman Isabelle Flynn has announced 12 new members up to mid-April. Our new members are: Mr. and Mrs. Alden Grove, Nelson W. Stanford, Alfred and Priscilla Reylik, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad MacQuarrie, Mrs. Virginia Reynolds DeAngelis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chamberlain and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred F. Wild. Long-time member Pauline Nickerson Kennedy is our newest Life Member. How nice to have you join us in our Bicentennial Year.

OUR HISTORIC HOUSES....

....need some help from our membership. The Dennis Historical Society was formed in 1962 to enable the town to accept the gift of the Jericho House from the estate of Elizabeth Reynaud, author of "This Narrow Land" and other books. At that time Dennis had no historical organization and it was anticipated the gift would go to the Historical Society of Old Yarmouth. An interested group of Dennis citizens formed the Dennis Historical Society for the purpose of "establishing a Dennis Historical Center and will be glad to actively assist in furthering the purpose." Several years later the town purchased the Josiah Dennis Manse. Over the years both houses have been well maintained and staffed by the town and DHS members. However, many of our long-time volunteers are no longer able to assist with hostessing duties as they have in the past. In order for the houses to be open in the summer we need more volunteers. We anticipate many visitors this summer because of the Bicentennial Year and a special Cape Heritage event (more on this next month). Being a host or hostess is very easy. All the information you need is provided. There will be an orientation day at the Manse on May 19 and 26 at 9:30 A.M. Please volunteer for one or more times--the more you become involved, the more interesting it becomes. It's a very pleasant way to pass a summer afternoon from 2-4. Please call Lilla Smith at 398-3367 to assist at Jericho (the Barn Museum is especially interesting for men) or Phyllis Horton at 394-0017 to help at the Manse, where we have a Maritime Wing that is very interesting to men, also.

CASTING CALL

The Dennis Recreation Department will be casting for a revue "Dennis...200 Years Young" written by Ben Thacher and directed by Marcia Wytrwal to be presented June 25, 7:30 P.M. at Wixon Middle School. If you are interested in working on this project please call Mike Farreau at Dennis Town Hall 394-8300 ext. 51 or 59.

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