

**Haymarket Historical Commission
Chairman's Report - May 27, 2000**

Time has really flown since April 29th's Spring Concert at St. Paul's. Roslyn Langlois and her daughter Catherine Joy were sensational by all accounts. The audience agreed we should do a follow-up event, and we shall talk about that later. I have lots of thanks in my heart for the great cooperation I received from Mary Louise who worked with me every step of the way, Mary Carter, who was always available at the drop of a hat, Sara joined us for invitation writing. We sent out over 425 invitations. The sponsors were mainly the work of Mary Louise and Mary Carter. You ladies really put the heat on the merchants and used quite a bit of shoe leather to boot, because you visited personally each shop in Virginia Gateway. and elsewhere as well. Those of you who could not come donated!

The layout of the invitations and response card were produced on my computer, but the final copy of both, as well as the return address on the envelopes were sent to the printer. This was our major expense, but we saved money on the tickets and the programs, also prepared on my computer. The new Town copier is really great. Jeannie Heflin loaned us Mary Ruffo, who graciously, and with considerable expertise, manned the Town's new copier to get them copied. (250 copies were run off) - so we have quite a few leftovers. I did the stapling myself at the Town Hall two days before the event. Flyers were passed out by Doug and his son and wife, and larger posters were distributed to various sites in and around Haymarket. We even included an announcement in our invitation about the "Pancake Supper" being held the same evening. Press was notified by Eleanor, and we had two good pieces, both in the Potomac News and a picture-feature article in the Bull Run Observer. Roslyn was pleased with the publicity, and I believe it helped swell the audience. We had a very good turnout, and for that I am very grateful as I had really told myself we just had to do it for Roslyn, since she was donating her great talent for the Historical Commission and the Museum as well. Her husband got the piano moved, so that saved money and all we had to pay for was a "retuning" - \$84. The flowers were "donated" by Mary Louise, and that was a great final touch.

I'm very proud of all of you for the way you pitched in. Doug looked terrific in his uniform and he, Mary and Rachael Scott's daughter made fine ushers. Mary Louise and Rachael handled the money and the tickets at the door, and I made myself look busy. The devil tried to "knock me out" when I tripped on the step going into the church and fell on my knees just before the concert was to start. I just said a prayer and got up, determined not to falter. Thank God for His Loving Kindness! We have thank you letters yet to send out to sponsors and donors and will include a copy of the program. Hopefully that will be done this coming week.

Since our Treasurer, Rachael Scott is in Georgia to finalize her move to her new home at Waterfall Estates on Bull Run Mountain, I've been asked to give you this brief report: Donations: \$357.00 Sponsors: \$450.00 Tickets: \$494.00

<u>Total Receipts:</u>	\$1,301.00
Disbursements:	<u>500.31</u>
On Deposit	800.69

Rachael plans to give us a full written report at our next meeting.

There have been many distractions - most of which were of importance this month. Your Chairman went with the Mayor and Sara Turner on Tuesday evening a week ago to the Board of Supervisors meeting on the subject of the Bus Garage proposed for the Tyler School property by the School Administration. Mayor Kapp spoke and presented 400+ signatures on a petition against the intrusion. The traffic and the safety of the town were really being jeopardized. The following night, Wednesday, I went again with him to the Planning Commission and spoke on behalf of the Historical Commission. I pointed out what an "historic treasure" this Town is, and that it must be preserved for present and future generations to enjoy. About 16 speakers were there in opposition. All in all the opposition was formidable; we won by a unanimous vote. Mayor Kapp deserves a very big hand for what he did. The press quoted his "the intersection at Rt. 55 and 29 is like a "zoo". No one else caught the eye of the press like that! The people spoke, and that petition he circulated meant a great deal. We don't know yet what the School Board will propose as an alternative.

As you know, we had a Museum meeting this month and received our "marching orders" concerning the Auction and how we need to get out there and get some things together to auction off. I've just sent FAXes to the GPAAR and the PWAR REALTOR Associations asking for their help and their clients and customers as well.

Sara, Mary Louise, Mary Carter, Michele, Doug and I were privileged to attend the transfer of the deed from Alan Gossom to the "Town of Haymarket, a Municipal Corporation" at the Kapp home on May 16th. After the signing Mayor and Mrs. Kapp entertained all those present with a delightful buffet luncheon. We all got to be part of the "historic event" signing our names on the mat surrounding what will be a framed copy of the deed to be hung in the Town Hall. This was an idea of Shirley Kapp which marked the occasion well and will be viewed by many in the years to come.

On Sunday, the 14th Sara, Mary Louise, Mary Carter, Rachael and I drove to Baltimore for a meeting of the Museum Trustee Association held at the beautiful Baltimore Aquarium. We were treated royally at the reception

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overlooking the Baltimore Harbor, and then had a tour of the Aquarium itself before closing at 7:00 pm. It is worth the trip to see the wonderful exhibits, including a barrier coral reef, and a reproduction of the Amazon rain forest. We made some new friends, and hopefully we will continue to network with them as time goes on.

Last Friday I attended a luncheon meeting (11:00 to 2:30 pm) of the Virginia Municipal League at Woodstock, Virginia at the Mayor's request. I met a Council member from the Town of Edinberg who asked me how we get people interested in the Historical Commission in our Town. We had quite a little talk, which I will share with you later. His Town is in the process of trying to restore the Edinberg Mill, which I visited several years ago in its state of "falling down".

Other town meetings were attended this month, Planning Commission, ARB included. Your Chairman was present as were you faithful ones. We've been busy. And finally, Saturday, your Chairman was active with the Bicycle Derby which the Optimist Club put on. We need to write them a letter to thank them for their participation, as all of this counts toward the grant money we still need! God bless all of you for your fine participation this month. We are making progress.