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SUMMER DANCES WITH RECORDED MUSIC OF THE GREAT DANCE BANDS

After a successful summer dance free. So, plan to gather a group for a Historical Society will offer its 2nd Annual series of Friday night dances featuring the music of the great dance bands from the 1930's to the 1960's. The programs will provide recorded music of two great bands each Friday evening from Friday 25 JUN 1999 through Friday 20 AUG 1999. The programs will run from 7 to 9 pm on each date.

Through co-sponsorship by the Rutland Recreation Department, the dances will be held at the Godnick Adult Center off Deer Street in Rutland City. Lemonade or punch will be provided. There is no charge for admission. Both listeners and dancers of all ages are welcome.

The Program Committee of the Rutland Historical Society suggests that neighbors, relatives, friends, social or family groups might wish to come as a group to one or more of the dance evenings. Find out how good that music is that grandmother and grandfather reminisce about.

People of all ages are welcome and that is not a cliche. Last year there were young toddlers who danced with their parents: teenagers who had just discovered swing; and seniors who danced or just listened and reminisced.

You can afford to treat yourself or explore something new because it's all

season last year, the Rutland night out dancing to the music of the "big bands". Join us for the fun.

1999 FRIDAY DANCE **PROGRAM**

25 JUN Tommy Dorsey & Glenn Miller

2 JUL Russ Morgan & Benny Goodman

9 JUL Vaughn Monroe & Harry James

16 JUL Sammy Kaye & Louis Armstrong

23 JUL Guy Lombardo & Art Mooney

30 JUL Lawrence Welk & Count Basie

6 AUG Frankie Carle & Billy Vaughn

13 AUG Eddy Howard & Bert Kaempfert

20 AUG Ray Conniff & Herb Alpert

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST IN SOCIETY **ACTIVITIES**

SOCIETY TO BEGIN TV SERIES ON CHANNEL 15 IN RUTLAND IN JUNE

After much background work and planning, the Society will launch its long-awaited cable television series on Rutland's cable access Channel 15. Every other week the Society will produce a new program in a series entitled "Historically Speaking". The program will be hosted by various members of the Ad Hoc TV Committee. The programs will include interviews and historical pictorial material in a rather flexible TV magazine format. The Committee hopes to provide an informative and entertaining series about Rutland history and historical activities.

The programs can be seen on PEG 15 on the Rutland cable system beginning Wednesday 9 June 1999. Programs will be broadcast every Wednesday at 4:00 pm, Thursday at 1:30 pm and Friday at 7:30 pm.

This schedule will allow each program to be viewed six different times. We hope that local members will tune in to view what's happening "Historically Speaking".

COMPUTER GIFTS

Recently the Society received a gift of an Apple-type computer and a scanner. For nearly two years the Society has been involved in a WEB project with the West Rutland schools. During that time the Society enjoyed the loan of the above equipment. Recently the project director upgraded the loan to a direct gift in view of the Society's interest and projected use of the equipment in local public service. The Society is very appreciative of this support of our activities.

The local IRS office also has made a contribution of a 386 computer, monitor and printer to the Society. The local office was upgrading its computer equipment and judged that our local community service stance made the Society suitable for such a gift. Again our thanks to the IRS.

WE THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Since our last Newsletter, our Vermont members have received two mailings about historical programs that we judged would be of interest to our members. We want to reassure all our members that it is our Board policy never to share or sell our membership names or mailing lists. On occasion, when we judge information would most likely be of interest to our members, we will mail to the appropriate members at the expense of the sponsoring organization. Outside organizations never get to know the individual names and addresses of our members.

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DRIVE FOR SPONSOR MEMBERS

The Society's recent drive to recruit sponsor members has been rewarding in several aspects. Our sponsors now number nearly 40. Society members who called on various businesses, professionals and other individuals were happily surprised with the welcomes they received. Some who were approached had not realized the scope of the Society's services and all seemed pleased to receive a personal invitation. The Society welcomes our new sponsors as an addition to the ranks of our valued members and looks forward to a cordial ongoing relationship.

Sponsors and Contributors of \$50 or More

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CURRENT EXHIBITS

Visitors may view the following items at the Society:

- Nickwackett Fire House exhibit
- Ella Bean Livingston: Bringing Western Native American Culture To Rutland
- Sanborn Insurance Map of 1890 Rutland
- "Down At the Depot"
- The Livingston Collection: The Dakota Sioux, 1916-1918

These exhibits will run through the summer. The railroad exhibit "Down At the Depot" was developed for the opening of the new Rutland Railroad Station. If you missed it at the station, it is now on exhibit at the Society.

SCHOOL VISITS

This Spring the Society has provided special programs for the 1st and 2nd grades from Rutland City's Northwest School and the Rutland City High School's Native American Studies class. The Society tailored a special program for each group. School programs are of high priority in the Society's mission.

VERMONT MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

The Rutland Historical Society is a member of the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance. As such, our members are entitled to a 10% discount at most Vermont museums and galleries. Use your mailing label from this packet to give evidence of your current membership.

Although the Rutland Historical Society never charges a fee for its exhibits, programs and events, many other Vermont organizations are forced to do so. We thank our members for their support that allows us to offer these services free of charge.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPEN HOUSE

The Exhibit Committee offered a small exhibit table at a recent open house at the Rutland City Water Treatment Plant. The exhibit included artifacts and maps of Rutland's water system of 200 hundred years ago.

30 YEARS OF GROWTH

During 1999 the Rutland Historical Society is marking its first 30 years of existence. Much good has happened during those 30 years.

Since 1993 the Society has resided in the old Nickwackett Fire Station which was extensively remodelled to meet the Society's needs. A public meeting, research and exhibit area occupies the first floor. A library of books, documents, pictures and artifacts of Rutland's past is on the second floor. A local newspaper collection, some large artifacts, exhibit materials and miscellaneous items are stored in the basement. The facility is open on Monday evenings from 6-9 pm and on Saturday afternoons from 1-4 pm.

The Society provides its members with a quarterly magazine and a quarterly newsletter. Back issues of the quarterly magazine are available as are two history books.

All of this has been accomplished and maintained by volunteers who are supported by a membership of nearly 600.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Since the last Newsletter, the Society has presented slide shows on Rutland's history at the Bardwell House and at Mt. View Center. The reception of these programs by Seniors has been enthusiastic.

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DUES SCHEDULE

Sponsor \$50.00 Students \$8.00 Contributing \$20.00 (18 & under) Regular \$10.00 Senior citizens \$8.00 (62 & up)

Life Membership \$200.00 Memorial Membership \$200.00

A SPECIAL PROGRAM

On Sunday afternoon, 8 August 1999, the Society will celebrate its first 30 years with the following activities:

1:00 pm - The dedication of a Vermont Historic Site marker noting the contributions of Julia C. R. Dorr. The marker will be located on Court Street between the Grace Congregational Church and the Rutland Free Library, two institutions which were very much intertwined with the public interests of Julia Dorr. [Contingent on timely receipt of the marker].

2:00 pm - The First Republic Brass will offer a one-hour concert of historic American music on the east lawn of the Society at 96 Center Street. Please bring chairs. The rain location will be in the Fellowship Hall of the Grace Congregational Church across the street.

3:00 pm - Contributors to the Society's highly successful publications program have been invited to attend an informal reception at the Society. The public is invited to meet these contributors and to tour the facilities of the Society. Refreshments will be served.

NEW STEEL SHELVING

The Society has used a generous gift of stock to purchase an additional 12 units of closed steel shelving for the Library area. The Archives Committee and other members are now assembling the shelves.

A "98" ON THE LABEL MEANS THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

THE FACILITIES OF THE RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARE OPEN ON: MONDAYS 6-9 PM SATURDAYS 1-4 PM