BOROUGH HALL REPORT CENTENNIAL EDITION

Borough of Allendale, NJ 1894-1994

Allendale "100" Committee Announces Schedule of Events

Listed in this special Centennial edition of the <u>Borough Hall Report</u> are the many events that will be taking place during the rest of the year to celebrate Allendale's 100th birthday.

Although many of them have been publicized in news releases and flyers posted around town, you may want to tack this issue on your home bulletin board as a reminder of what's coming up.

The Allendale "100" Committee meets the third Wednesday of every month at 8 pm in Borough Hall. Volunteers are still needed to help with the many activities slated. If you're interested, come join us.

Last Call For Donations

The income committee asks residents who have not as yet sent their donation in to do so to become listed as a sponsor of our Centennial Journal. There is still time to get listed, if they act quickly. The deadline is June 15.

Your contribution and sponsorship of the Journal will help defray the cost of many of our activities this year as well as pay for the expense involved with printing the 9 in. x 9 in. Journal, which will be a treasured keepsake for years to come. Here are the sponsorship fees:

 Gold Circle:
 \$125.

 Silver:
 \$50.

 Sponsor:
 25.

More than half of Allendale residents have pledged their support already, with more donations coming in daily. We hope we may count on those who have not contributed as yet.

Just send your check, payable to "The Allendale '100' Committee, Inc.", in the amount shown for the category chosen and indicate how you want you and/or your family listed in the Journal. Send both to: The Allendale "100" Committee, 500 W. Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ 07401. Thank you.

If you'd prefer to take out a display ad to show your appreciation of what Allendale means to you, contact Mike Carey at 327-1220.

Gala Ball Comes To The Fore

Things are well underway for the Centennial Ball, which will take place at the Sheraton Crossroads on Route 17 in Mahwah on Friday evening, November 4th. The festivities will start with a welcome cocktail party followed by a cash bar, dinner and an evening of dancing to the music of Bud Maltin and his orchestra.

The cost for this extravaganza is \$75 per person and is limited to 500 people. Residents and well-wishers are invited to buy and form their own tables of 10. Ask about partial tables as well. Dress is black tie optional. Call Cathy Ridkes at 818-0506 or Jill Welter at 327-3683 for information and tickets.

Many Free Events Scheduled

So that as many townspeople as possible can participate, the "100" Committee has planned many free events for this fall. They are:

September

Fifth: Attend our "Big Band" Concert at the Red Barn in Crestwood Park. Allendale's own Rod Ruth will lead a large orchestra in presenting notable tunes from the 30's and 40's.

Twenty-Fourth: In the morning come and see our special Centennial Parade and see an 1860's baseball exhibition with the Ohio Muffins squaring off against the townies in the afternoon. The game will be played by the rules in existence at that time. If you'd like to find out what baseball was like in its beginnings, come and watch. Guaranteed this will be one learning experience you'll have many laughs over.

Or, if your prefer, join Diane Golder that afternoon as she conducts her second walking tour of historic Allendale. But be sure to reserve your space with Diane by calling her at 825-8530 after Labor Day to reserve your spot among the 24 that are available. This will be a repeat of Diane's successful tour in early June. The tour will cover Franklin Turnpike, Cottage Place, East Allendale Avenue and the periphery of the Celery Farm. You'll see first hand why Allendale was once called "The Newport of New Jersey."

Twenty-Fifth: On Sunday morning the Ohio Muffins will challenge the ladies to a repeat baseball exhibition, while the afternoon is reserved for our residents' Centennial Picnic. Come join us. There will be free hamburgers and hot dogs for all, and free pony rides for the kids. There may even be free ice cream for the children if our budget allows. Soda and beer can be had for a modest souvenir container charge.

November

Twentieth: To cap off all of the year's festivities, you and your family are invited to an inter-faith community hymn sing to be held at Northern Highlands Regional High School at 7:30pm. Sponsored by all the churches in town, this service will express thanks for the blessings showered on Allendale for the 100 years of our existence.

While not actually a free event, the distribution of one free copy of the Centennial Journal to every household in town ranks as one of the highlights of the year. The journal will cover the history of Allendale from its origins to the present day. It will be a lavish production loaded with historical pictures and memorabilia, and will be referred to in years to come by those wanting to recall the happy events that took place this year.

Golfers Invited To Compete For Centennial Invitational Honors

The Allendale "100" golf committee is holding a golf tournament at noon on Tuesday, June 21 at the Emerson Golf Club in Emerson. It promises to be a fun outing with a shotgun start and scramble format. Both women and men golfers are invited to compete for prizes, regardless of handicap. After the tournament golfers will gather at the Red Barn for a catered dinner. The entire package, part of which is tax deductible, is priced at \$125 per person which includes most fees and dinner that evening.

Call John Corcoran at 934-1605, evenings for reservations. You may want to set up your own foursome for the event, and even have your spouse join you for dinner at an additional cost.

Volunteers Needed For Several Activities

As might be imagined the logistics involved in putting on some of the events planned will demand extra hands to make sure things come off as scheduled. For example, the golf committee is looking for teenagers to help with the set-up and cleanup at their dinner on June 21. If your teenager would like to assist, have her/him call John Corcoran at 934-1605 (evenings) for assignment.

Perhaps the most urgent need for help will be at the family picnic on Sunday, September 25th. Rich Burgess, picnic chairman, would like enough adults to set up, cook, serve, sell ice cream and dispense refreshments. If you can offer a couple of hours that afternoon, call Rich evenings at 327-1406. He's looking for enough volunteers so that every worker there will have a chance to meet and chat with their neighbors.

Also, marshals will be required for crowd control and maintenance of the order of march the day before at the Centennial Parade. Call Brian Mahoney at 327-4494 or Rod Ruth at 327-7374 if you can help out on the morning of the 24th.

Historic Mural Attracting Interest In The Downtown Area

One of the more unique features of the 100th celebration is the creation of the Allendale mural on the wall facing the vacant lot where the pizza parlor used to be. Local artists, under the direction of George Takayama and Stiles Thomas, the originator of the idea, have developed a large mural to illustrate the many historic buildings of Allendale, the celery farm, the trolley, the strawberry fields and other vistas associated with our past.

See the mural at your leisure. No other town has one.

Talent Call

The Centennial entertainment Committee is seeking amateur acts, singers, dancers, comedians, musicians, etc. to perform at any or all of the planned Centennial events -- the ball, parade and picnic. No experience necessary! It's all in fun. All ages are welcome!

<u>BE A HAM!</u> - Get an act together - solo or with your friends or organization for our VICTORIAN VAUDEVILLE SHOW. We will entertain at the Centennial Ball and Picnic. Call Shirley Lally at 327-3214 for further information/suggestions or fill out the enclosed mailer.

BE A MAYOR, A MOGUL OR A MOVER AND SHAKER! - Play a VIP from Allendale's past, dressed in period costume. You will circulate among the crowd at the Centennial Ball cocktail hour, parade and/or picnic, familiarizing them with your special role in Allendale's history. No acting experience necessary, - just an outgoing personality and the ability to memorize a few facts. Call Diane Golder at 825-8530 for additional information.

We also need help with costumes, rehearsals, production, musical accompaniment, etc. If you are interested in performing or helping in any way, please clip this section and mail it to - Centennial Committee - Talent Call, 500 West Crescent Avenue, Allendale NJ 07401.

Name_____

Address

Phone#

I am interested in: performing solo/group; playing a historical figure; helping with costumes, production, music; would like to be on entertainment committee. (circle all that apply)

Allendale Centennial Schedule of Events

(As of June 1, 1994)

JUNE

- 5 Walking Tour of Allendale (Rain Date: June 12)
- 21 Golf Outing Emerson Country Club noon
- 21 Golf Dinner at Red Barn

JULY

On-going Downtown Beautification Program

AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

- 4 "Big Band" Concert at Red Barn, Crestwood Lake
- 24 Centennial Parade morning
- 24 Ohio Muffins Men's Baseball afternoon
- 24 Walking Tour of Allendale (Rain Date: October 2)
- 25 Ohio Muffins Women's Baseball- morning
- 25 Allendale Family Picnic afternoon

NOVEMBER

- 4 Gala Ball Sheraton Crossroads evening
- 20 Interfaith Hymn Sing Northern Highlands 7:30 p.m.