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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The major events since the September newsletter are covered in this edition; please see the details inside. In summary:

- 1) We had a very successful reunion with 45 attendees, the largest turnout in quite a while (p. 2).
- 2) Our finances rebounded somewhat in 2009 but have not recovered to the level of two years ago (p. 7).
- 3) A start has been made on the restoration project for the Abraham Hasbrouck House. (See Our Houses article on this page.)
- 4) HHS's financial restraints have forced it to look for another non-profit organization to take over the Locust Lawn site. (See Our Houses article.)
- 5) The first-ever joint reunion of all the HHS family associations is scheduled for August 13-15 (p. 4).
- 6) We are now able to offer online sale of a variety of items featuring the family coat of arms (p. 4).

Financial worries continue. Market reaction to the recession has seriously depleted the endowment funds of both HFA and HHS, and the economic outlook is still uncertain. Your contributions to both organizations are needed to help us maintain an interesting environment which will attract increased visitation and a larger donor base to assure the survival of Huguenot Street and its important educational function. If you might consider including a bequest to us in your will, please contact us to discuss details.

HFA itself needs to attract the interest of more family members, and in this internet age Facebook provides a promising way to do so. We would like to be represented on Facebook but need tech-savvy volunteers to help us set it up and maintain it. If you (or anyone you know) would be interested in participating in this project, please contact us (see contact information on masthead).

Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr.

## OUR HOUSES

### Abraham Hasbrouck House

External restoration has begun with the painting of the windows and doors (see photo). Next, the shutters will be reinstalled. Specific plans have been approved for strengthening the rafters, and the job will now be put out for bids. This work must be completed before interior restoration can proceed. Details of the interpretation and furnishings plans are still under discussion.



Abraham Hasbrouck House with newly painted windows/doors

### Jean Hasbrouck House

Plans for this year include painting the casement windows, installing rear-door transom windows and installing a handicapped accessible path to the rear door.

### Josiah Hasbrouck House (Locust Lawn)

HHS's strained financial condition is affecting this house dramatically. HHS has regrettably concluded that it does not have the resources to maintain properties outside the Huguenot Street Historic District. This includes the Locust Lawn site, comprising both Locust

Lawn itself and the nearby Terwilliger House. While continuing to respect the wishes of the Locust Lawn donor (Annette Innis Young), HHS is negotiating with other non-profit organizations to find a suitable solution for this site.

Meanwhile, exterior painting was completed, and an engineering study is in progress to remedy serious cracks in one of the chimneys.

### HFA OFFICERS

Listed below are the officers elected and appointed at the annual meeting:

#### Elected (These comprise the board of directors.)

Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr., President  
Robert C., Hasbrouck, Jr., First Vice President  
John O. Delamater, Vice President  
Robert H. Freehill, Vice President  
William G. Hasbrouck, Treasurer



HFA Directors: L-R-William Hasbrouck, Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr., Robert C. Hasbrouck, Jr., Robert Freehill, John Delamater

#### Appointed by the President

Meryl S. Brown, Secretary  
Eleanor C. Sears, Assistant Secretary  
Thad M. Hasbrouck, Assistant Treasurer

The officers welcome your comments and suggestions. Also send in items you would like to have published in the newsletter (space permitting) either by regular mail or e-mail (see addresses on masthead).

### ANNUAL REUNION



"The Founding Mothers" presentation at the Abraham Hasbrouck House: Deyo sisters chat about life on Huguenot Street

Again this year we enjoyed a beautiful, sunny autumn day for our annual reunion in New Paltz on October 10. We had an excellent turnout with 45 attendees. Along with continental breakfast and socializing in Deyo Hall, we had another opportunity to visit the *A Notion to Sew* exhibit in an adjoining room, featuring the intricate needlework of Hylah Bevier Hasbrouck and three of her daughters at Locust Lawn. Also Dawn Elliot demonstrated the art of fishnet making she learned from Richard Hasbrouck. At 10AM we were briefed by HHS Executive Director Eric Roth and President Mary Etta Schneider on what's happening and planned on and around Huguenot Street. At 11AM we had our traditional short service in the French Church. Then we headed for the Abraham House, where we were treated to a performance of "The Founding Mothers", a historical sketch featuring the Deyo sisters married to Jean and Abraham Hasbrouck, as well as the house's builder, Daniel Hasbrouck, and his wife. Eric Roth spoke to us about the house and then led us on a tour of the recently restored Jean Hasbrouck House, which has drawn unanimous praise from visitors, including us. Along the way we were able to sample the attractions of the Celebration of the Arts Festival taking place between the Jean House and the DuBois Fort. After returning to Deyo Hall we had our group photo followed by a delicious lunch catered by Main Course Restaurant of New Paltz. The reunion concluded with our business meeting, the minutes of which are included in this mailing as well as on our website. Please visit our website ([www.hasbrouckfamily.org](http://www.hasbrouckfamily.org)) for pictorial coverage

in color of the reunion, including our group photos. Click on the reunion links in the lower left section of the home page. An expanded version of "The Founding Mothers" was presented during Old New Paltz Day, and photo coverage of that event is also on our website. The reunion this year will be on Saturday, October 9, which is on Columbus Day weekend. Mark it on your calendar and join us to reconnect with your Huguenot heritage and meet some interesting relatives! (See additional reunion news on page 4.)



French Church service at the reunion

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Many members still have not paid their dues for the membership year starting October 1, 2009, and a few are unpaid for longer periods. If you are in this category, you are receiving a reminder insert in this mailing indicating the details. Please continue to support your family association; we need you!

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The awards process for 2009 was unusual but the same as the previous year. Because of legal complications the main HHS scholarship fund was unable to pay grants. To cover the gap, HFA agreed to provide four \$1,000 Gertrude Hasbrouck scholarships instead of its usual two \$2,000 awards. The HHS Scholarship Committee selected the recipients from the qualifying applicants. For the first time in several years there were no "repeaters" among the recipients. And for the first time ever, an award was made to an applicant who, though a Huguenot descendant, is unrelated to any of the HHS family associations. All four are not only top

students but outstanding all-around individuals as well. Below are "thumbnail" descriptions:

Julia Hasbrouck, a descendant of Jean Hasbrouck, is in the third of a five-year program at Philadelphia Biblical University leading to bachelor degrees in music and biblical studies. She was born in Ecuador and has spent considerable time there. She noted the lack of formal music training among the church staff there and decided to combine her love of music and her religious commitment to help others develop and use their musical talents in the church by teaching formal music skills overseas. Her double major should prepare her well for this role. She intends to teach skills that will facilitate the creation of new music which is consistent with the local culture and will enhance the music ministry of area churches. She is already making excellent progress in that direction.

Chelsea Bradley's Huguenot ancestry is from the Gerow family. (Although not original New Paltz settlers, the Gerows were their contemporaries and comprise one of the HHS family associations.) Chelsea is a junior at Virginia Tech with a major in biology and a double minor in chemistry and medicine & society. She developed a particular interest in the aging process and now intends to attend medical school with the objective of subsequently working with the geriatric population, which is steadily becoming a larger segment of the total. She works in the intensive care unit of the local hospital and benefits from interaction with the geriatricians there. She also finds time to participate in triathlons as well as student government, the Campus Crusade for Christ and other volunteer activities.

Court Roper, a junior at Brigham Young University, is a descendant of the Blanchan and LeFevre families. He is a history major and plans to go on for a doctorate in either American history or international law. He has a long-standing fascination with history (including that of his own family) and portrays its study as a quest to understand our heritage and its linkage/relevance to present-day conditions. He gained international perspective as well as a great life experience while serving a religious mission for two years in Indonesia.

Daniel Fourie's Huguenot ancestor (also Fourie) emigrated from France to South Africa in 1689. His father came to America from Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). Daniel is a sophomore at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and plans

to become a mechanical design engineer, like his father. He already completed several upper-level engineering courses in his freshmen year, is participating in a co-curricular design team and completed an imaginative summer project creating a prototype transducer in a shoe to harvest electric energy from walking. It appears he has made a good start toward his career goal.

This year's award winners comprise a diverse group with a wide variety of interests. They all have one thing in common, however: the pursuit of excellence, and they are achieving it even before they graduate. We extend our best wishes for continued success to all these outstanding students.

### **HASBROUCK COAT OF ARMS ITEMS AND OTHERS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

We are now able to offer our internet users a number of attractive items decorated with the Hasbrouck coat of arms. Items initially available include tiles, mugs, magnets, badges, note/greeting cards, a keepsake box, a golf shirt and a tote bag. More will be added in the future. See and order these items online at [www.cafepress.com/hasbrouckfamily](http://www.cafepress.com/hasbrouckfamily). You can also see the full line of CafePress products at [www.cafepress.com](http://www.cafepress.com). If you see another item there that you'd like to have decorated with our coat of arms, let us know, and we can probably arrange it. Other Hasbrouck items (including an \$11.95, 13"x16" coat of arms print suitable for framing) are available online from the HHS Museum Shop ([www.huguenotstreet.org/store](http://www.huguenotstreet.org/store)). Most of them are also listed at the bottom of our home page with a link to the shop. Also available there for \$11.95 is an excellent new booklet titled *For the Village: The Story of Huguenot Street*, featuring a short history, descriptions and color photos.

### **TWO REUNIONS SCHEDULED FOR THIS YEAR**

In addition to our regular annual reunion this year on October 9, there will be a "mega-reunion" in New Paltz on the weekend of August 13-15, bringing all the HHS family associations together for the first time ever. The program for the weekend is still being developed. One potential item is of particular interest to our family: we're trying to arrange a concert by vocalist and HFA member Liesl Odenweller (see her on page 5). More details will

follow as they become available. Please plan to join us at one or both of these reunions!

### **100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY**



Eleanor with daughters Sally Skidmore (standing), Jane Odenweller and great-granddaughter Anna Hasbrouck O'Halloran

As reported in our last issue, long-standing HFA member Eleanor Hasbrouck Rawlings turned 100 on November 30. Her family marked the birthday with a celebration close to her home in Stamford, CT. There were about twenty family members present representing four generations (see photo). Eleanor enjoyed the festivities and was still in good shape at the end of the 3-hour affair.

The gathering provided an opportunity to get an update from Eleanor's talented granddaughters, both of whom were highlighted in previous newsletter articles. Classically trained vocalist Liesl Odenweller (see May '00 and Feb '05 issues) is still based in Venice and singing opera roles in Europe. She also sings with a touring baroque ensemble. And plans are being developed for her to perform a concert for the attendees at the joint family associations reunion in New Paltz on August 13-15. (See [Two Reunions](#) article on this page.) Archaeology/anthropology professor Joy McCorriston (see Sept '06 issue), based at Ohio

State University, still spends up to two months a year directing a team of scientists studying the development of ancient civilizations in the Middle East. They had been operating in Yemen; but growing instability there has led them to shift their activities to Oman, which is also yielding fascinating discoveries. Joy went there shortly after the party to begin this year's project.



Liesl Odenweller (left) and Joy McCorriston

## ULSTER COUNTY IMPORTS A PROMINENT AFRICAN-AMERICAN HASBROUCK

Last June Ulster County Executive Michael Hein fired the director of its Public Health Department amid growing evidence of serious mismanagement. Hein, who took office in January 2009, called it “a broken department” and initiated action to “reform the entire operation.” He launched a search for a new director to restore the health of the Health Department itself. “The next step is to truly raise the bar and make the Ulster County Health Department a model of best practices all around the state.”



Dr. La Mar Hasbrouck



Eleanor Rawlings's family celebrates her 100th birthday (Eleanor at rear center)

From a large field of candidates Heim selected Dr. La Mar Hasbrouck, a distinguished physician with an extensive background in public health, to run the department, which has a \$5 million budget and about 80 employees. For the last two years Dr. Hasbrouck was in charge of the Guyana office of the U.S. Government's Center for Disease Control, with responsibility for local implementation of the government's global Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. He was working with an \$8 million budget, 16 cooperative agreements and a staff of 35.

Prior to this assignment Dr. Hasbrouck was the senior medical officer of the CDC's Global AIDS Program management team. He has also served as a medical officer/epidemiologist for the CDC's Division of Violence Prevention; a short-term consultant with the World Health Organization in Dhaka, Bangladesh; an epidemic

intelligence service officer with the CDC's epidemiology program office; and an assistant professor of medicine at Emory University in Atlanta. He has also been on CDC missions to Nigeria, Namibia, Uganda and Haiti. Last year he received a Meritorious Honor Award from the U.S. Department of State.

Dr. Hasbrouck holds a medical degree from the UCLA School of Medicine, where he was a dean's scholar, and a master's degree from the Univ. of California/Berkeley's School of Public Health. He held a 1998-2000 epidemic intelligence service fellowship from the CDC and a 2001 primary health care policy fellowship from the U.S. Public Health Service.

Dr. Hasbrouck assumed his new position in November. He will be working with local hospitals and physicians as well as the department's staff and residents of Ulster County. "You can't do this job, in my opinion, from behind a desk," he said. "You have to get out." And as part of the departmental transformation, he is committed to making his office accessible and transparent to the county's residents.

Somewhat surprisingly, his is not an example of "the return of the native." Dr. Hasbrouck is a native of California. Although he did his internship and residency in New York City at The New York Hospital/Cornell Medical Center and Sloan-Kettering Memorial Cancer Center from 1994 to 1997, he had never before been to Ulster County and had no prior knowledge of the Hasbrouck family's roots there (both white and African American) or how he might be connected (although with that name he almost certainly is). Rather, he applied for the Ulster County position because he was "looking for opportunities to put a measurable footprint on the community in public health." Now that he is there, he has shown an interest in the history of the local area, and we hope he'll have time in his busy schedule to become further acquainted with it – and maybe discover his family roots.

Dr. Hasbrouck hit the ground running in November with a plan to address the threat of the H1N1 "swine flu" virus. He has embraced Michael Hein's call to make Ulster County "the healthiest county in the state." We wish him success in this new job and are confident that his outstanding success in his previous positions will continue here.

## **JUDGE GILBERT D. B. HASBROUCK AWARD**

In 1997 HFA agreed to sponsor this award established by the Esopus-Port Ewen Library to recognize significant contributions to the library in the areas of preservation, growth and development. The award commemorates a distinguished family member (see HFA Journal of February 1998 for a biographical sketch) who in 1939 donated the impressive house in which he was born to the library, which occupied it for 68 years. The award is represented by a plaque on display at the Library with recipients' names, plus a commemorative gift to the recipients. The award is made only when a worthy candidate is identified. The 2009 award went to Mary Dwyer Williams, owner of Ye Olde Book Shoppe in Kingston, a charter member of the Friends of the Library who has volunteered there for over twenty years as well as running the library's semi-annual book sales all through that period. The award was presented on behalf of HFA by VP-Director Robert Freehill at a dinner ceremony in November.

## **WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:**

John F. Cheffy, South Lake, TX  
Beth Marie Cloven, Fort Collins, CO  
Kimberly Cox, Manassas, VA  
Blake Hasbrouck, Colorado Springs, CO  
Richard P. Hasbrouck, Monument, CO  
Ryan Hasbrouck Colorado Springs, CO  
Amy Saiz, Glenwood, MD  
Dorothy Salesses, St. Paul, MN  
Sharon Sipos, Chesterfield, VA

## **WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBER DEATH:**

Francis Mac Dowell

## **FINANCES (in \$ thousands)**

### **2009 Yearend Assets**

HFA Endowment Fund	338	
HFA General Fund (unrestricted)	<u>80</u>	
Subtotal	418	
Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund	1,788	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>2,206</b>

### **HFA ex-Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund**

#### **2009 Income** (ex-capital gains/losses)

Investment Income	26	
Dues and Donations (unrestricted)	5	
Life Dues and Donations (endowment)	1	
Jean House roof donations	2	
Other (book sales; reimbursements)	1	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> (3 restricted)		<b>35</b>

#### **2009 Expenses**

Jean Hasbrouck House maintenance	8	
Locust Lawn maintenance	5	
Scholarships	4	
Other programs	10	
Accounting fees	1	
Occupancy	5	
Administration	2	
Excise taxes	1	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>36</b>

<b>NET LOSS</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>NET LOSS EX RESTRICTED INCOME</b>	<b>4</b>

### **Helene Hasbrouck Anderson Fund** **(for Abraham Hasbrouck House)**

#### **2009 Income** (ex capital gains/losses)

Investment Income	76	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>76</b>

#### **2009 Expenses**

Maintenance, preservation	27	
Archaeology (artifact analysis)	14	
Accounting fees	2	
Excise taxes	2	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>45</b>

<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>31</b>
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Along with the stock market, HFA's finances rebounded in 2009. But, also like the overall stock market, it was not nearly enough to recover to the levels of two years ago. (The representative S&P 500 stock index lost 24% for the two-year period.) Our HFA Endowment Fund suffered the most. Although it shot up 50% from the market's low in March and gained 29% for the full year, it was still down 27% for two years. Our General (operating) Fund was virtually unchanged for 2009 and down 11% for two years. And the Helene Anderson Fund (dedicated to the Abraham Hasbrouck House) advanced by 16% last year but was down 7% for the two-year period – still an above-average performance owing to its large cash position during the worst part of the market decline.

Income-wise, reinvestment of its cash last year at higher rates allowed the Anderson Fund's income to recover to its 2007 level. On the other hand, investment income from the Endowment Fund plunged 30% from 2008 and 35% from 2007 with its closed-end funds experiencing large dividend reductions from their underlying holdings as a result of the economic recession, while its cash reserves earned almost nothing with short-term interest rates near zero.

Looking ahead, the Anderson Fund is in good shape with an income level that should be able to fund our extensive restoration/interpretation project for the Abraham House. The Endowment Fund is more worrisome. The predicted economic recovery should help both its asset value and its income (which supplies the General Fund and provides our operating funds). But that is likely to be a gradual process at best. In the meanwhile, the reduced income level correspondingly reduces our ability to fund our activities and furnish badly needed financial support for the Jean House and Locust Lawn at a time when HHS's strained finances need such assistance more than ever. Your contributions are needed to help improve this situation.

## **2009 CONTRIBUTORS**

### **Endowment Fund**

Atkins, Mary Elizabeth  
Duke, H. Benjamin  
Graham, Douglas R.  
Hasbrook, Randy  
Hasbrouck, Joseph F.  
Hasbrouck, Robert W., Jr.  
Helwig, Bette Jeanne  
Ihle, Janet  
Kleinknecht, Dorothy  
Patterson, Mary C.  
Quinn, Winona  
Ryder, Frances  
Sweeney, Marie

### **General Fund**

Atkins, Mary Elizabeth  
Baldwin, Rosemary V.  
Delamater, John O.  
Donsky, Melinda  
Esserman, Edward  
Gilmore, Randall  
Harbaugh, Lura Jean  
Harling, David E.  
Hasbrook, Randy  
Hasbrouck, Betty F.  
Hasbrouck, Donald H.  
Hasbrouck, Jack W.  
Hasbrouck, Mary Ellen  
Hasbrouck, Paul M.  
Hasbrouck, Peter V.  
Hasbrouck, Phyllis R.  
Hasbrouck, Raymond F.  
Hasbrouck, Robert D.  
Hasbrouck, Robert W., Jr.  
Hasbrouck, Sherman St. C.  
Hasbrouck, Thad M.  
Hasbrouck, William A.  
Helwig, Bette Jeanne  
Horton, Ann  
Ihle, Janet K.  
Kline, Donald H.  
Knox, Lois A.  
McDonald, Dorothy J.  
Monsees, Ralph H.  
Quinn, Winona C.  
Ryder, Frances  
Sears, Eleanor C.  
Smith, Caroline V.

### **Locust Lawn**

Delamater, John O.

### **Jean Hasbrouck House Roof**

Ashton, Robin  
Atkins, Mary Elizabeth  
Carey, John H.  
DeNaples, Mary  
Dixon, Jane Steen  
Eckert, Barbara J.  
Forristall, Jean  
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Quinn, Winona  
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**Thanks to all of you! We really appreciate  
(and need) your support!**



Reunion attendees leaving the Jean House, which shows its need for a new roof