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Greetings,

To familiar faces and to those I have yet to meet, let me extend a sincere wish for a healthy, happy and active New Year.

As your newly elected President of the Portland Historical Society, I made a promise to try to reach each of our 234 members. This letter is a first attempt.

Let me thank you for your membership dues (1977-1978 bill is enclosed). At the same time let me ask you to consider working on one of our committees. A phone call to any chairman will put you on that committee.

Martha Johnson (342-1388) our ways and means chairwoman needs workers. Our treasury must be increased if we are ever to consider a permanent site for our headquarters. Ideas for fund raising would be greatly appreciated.

John Conklin (342-1989) is attempting to get recorded histories of our town and her people. Perhaps you know someone John could interview with his tape recorder. Someone who remembers the way it used to be. Maybe you could go along with John.

Jack Dillon (342-3657) Museum chairman is still looking for a site in which we could display the many documents we have been given and those I am sure would be given.

The Historic Sites committee under Phyllis Greene, plans a busy year of identifying sites of historic importance. Hal Krieger our Vice-President and publicity chairman could certainly use some help. Finally, Ruth Hale as program chairwoman would appreciate hearing from you. What programs would you like? Do you know someone who might be able to put together an evening's entertainment of historic significance?

Whether active involvement on one of the above committees or active participation and expression of your ideas at meetings or simply enjoyment of the program offered, we need you. Your views on what directions the Society will take and what projects you feel are important are earnestly sought and will be given full consideration. No idea will be by-passed.

Interested residents of the area are invited to become members of the Society. Annual dues are \$2.50. They may be mailed to Portland Historical Society, P.O. Box 98, Portland, Connecticut.

Our next meeting will be February 9, at 7:30 at the Zion Lutheran Church. Mr. Jack Dillon will discuss the life of the Quarry worker. Won't you come and join us?

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Aresco, President