

THE DUKE ELLINGTON SOCIETY

CHAPTER # 90

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NEWSLETTER  
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THIS IS DUKE ELLINGTON MONTH AND THE WORLD IS CELEBRATING HIS LEGACY. THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION HAS PREPARED AN ELABORATE EXHIBITION OF ELLINGTON AND HIS WORKS TO BE SHOWN STARTING APRIL 29th, THE DUKE'S BIRTHDAY. THE EXHIBIT WILL RUN FOR 6 MONTHS AND THEN GO ON THE ROAD TO PRINCIPAL CITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES FOR 3 YEARS. THE SHOW IS CALLED, "BEYOND CATEGORY", THE MUSICAL GENIUS OF DUKE ELLINGTON" THE OPENING KICKOFF IS A CELEBRATION ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

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AT OUR SATURDAY NIGHT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OUR PRESENTER WILL BE OUR NETHERlands MEMBER, WHO HAS A FELLOWSHIP AT THE SMITHSONIAN FOR ELLINGTON STUDY, WALTER van de LEUR. HIS PRESENTATION WILL INCLUDE MUSIC AND COMMENTRY ABOUT THE COLLECTION AND WILL FOCUS ON THE UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BILLY STRAYHORN AND THE DUKE. COME EARLY AND HEAR SOMETHING UNIQUE.

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REMEMBER, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL RENDER ITS REPORT FOR THE ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE AT OUR JUNE MEETING ON SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH. WE PROMISE YOU SOMETHING SPECIAL IN THE WAY OF A PROGRAM ON THAT NIGHT. WE WILL BE ELECTING A PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND SEVEN (7) AT LARGE BOARD MEMBERS. COME OUT AND GIVE US YOUR SUPPORT FOR ELECTING THOSE YOU WISH TO LEAD YOU FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

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IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE DATE OF OUR ANNUAL PICNIC WOULD BE SATURDAY, JULY 17TH AT THE PRESIDENT'S VACATION HOME AT LAKE CAROLINE, LADYSMITH, VA. . MORE ABOUT THE EVENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER ALONG WITH A READABLE MAP OF DIRECTIONS. WE USUALLY HAVE A SWELL TIME WHAT WITH MUSIC, SUNNING, BATHING AND WHATEVER.. MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A GOOD GATHERING.

AT THE GALA OPENING OF "BEYOND CATEGORY" AFOREMENTIONED, OUR VICE-PRESIDENT TED HUDSON, WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING PERMISSION TO HAVING A FLYER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ATTENDING THE EVENT AND POSSIBLY DURING THE EXHIBIT DURING ITS EXTENSIVE RUN. THIS SHOULD GIVE US A BOOST TOWARD LETTING THE PUBLIC KNOW OF THE SOCIETY

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WE RECEIVED A BEAUTIFUL NOTE FROM OUR BELOVED "GENE" ALLEN THANKING ALL OF US FOR OUR LOVE AND CARING DURING HER LOSS, AND SHE LETS US KNOW THAT SHE TOO LOVES US MADLY. THANKS GENE.

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SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY WILL OR HAVE BEEN GUESTS OF LOCAL RADIO STATIONS CELEBRATING DUKE'S BIRTHDAY, AMONG THEM ARE JACK TOWERS AND PAT WILLARD. THERE MAY HAVE BEEN MORE AND FORGIVE ME IF I HAVE MISSED SOME OF YOU. WE NEED MORE OF OUR MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN SUCH ENDEAVORS TO IMPROVE OUR IMAGE.

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DON'T FORGET THE NEW YORK MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL ELLINGTON '93 FROM AUGUST 11 THROUGH 15, 1993. THE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES ARE REDUCED IF YOU REGISTER BEFORE MAY 31, 1993. GET ON BOARD !

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