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Co- Presidents Letter

To Our Dear Valued Members,

On behalf of the AHS Board of Directors, we wanted to reach out to our members with this special edition of our newsletter, acknowledge the challenges we are all facing, and wish everyone the best.

This is the first time since its founding in 1960, that the AHS has been forced to close our buildings and put our activities on hold. We are saddened that our important Patriot's Day programming was cancelled, along with the May 17 Open House Celebration into which we put so much work and planning. However, like much of the world, we are continuing to meet and communicate via email and web conferencing, so life goes on.

To say that these are challenging times is an understatement. We are looking forward to that time, hopefully soon, when we can begin to look back on this difficult moment in history and reflect on the best qualities of ourselves that got us through it. Being historians at heart and aware of the significance of this pandemic, we see an opportunity to help document what our community is going through. Like many historical societies, we are looking to collect and organize diaries, stories, photos, and memories of these times. The COVID-19 Pandemic has affected all of us here in Acton in many different ways, and we are all eyewitnesses to the events that have been unfolding the last few weeks. This living history initiative, and how best to collect and organize it, is being discussed at our Board level. More information on how you can help, in future mailings!

We will be updating our website on a regular basis to keep you current with issues and events, and look forward to better times ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Klauer and Doug Herrick

Looking for Things to Do?

While we're all sheltering in place, you can still connect with Acton history. Our website has plenty of content for you to enjoy – Over the past few weeks, we have expanded our online [World War 1 Exhibit](#) and created a virtual recap of Barbara Head's wonderful [hat exhibit](#) from the fall. Check out our recent blog stories on [West Acton's roller skating rink](#) and [Acton's first women voters](#). Find other stories indexed by [subject](#) and [people](#). See if you can help us to identify some of our [mystery pictures](#). Or take a virtual tour of the Hosmer House while we wait to reopen our physical events and open houses!

Visit the Jonathan Hosmer House on Your Smartphone

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