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HIGH TEA ON BELLEVUE AVENUE

The home of David and Jacqueline Pleet at 70 Bellevue was one of six homes in the Forest Park Historic District that opened for this year's spring house tour. The house is typical of the late victorian style of architecture that was used in the Forest Park area near the end of the last century. The open center stair case & the third floor game room were a big hit with tour goers. Also on the tour was the home of Mrs. Malda LaRochelle at number 88 Bellevue.



70 Bellevue Avenue has a restored greenhouse (lower right corner of house).



Bellevue Avenue was originally the driveway of the streets oldest home.

The LaRochelle home was the first house to be built on Bellevue Avenue which was quite literally the driveway for the residence. The colonial revival style house is a combination of wood frame, brick and brownstone from a nearby quarry in East Longmeadow. The perfect spring weather and gracious homes helped to draw nearly 500 people on the first Sunday in May. The SPT raised just under \$4,000.00 from the tour. The proceeds will be used for a future preservation project.

DIRECTOR OF PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY WAS KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE 1998 ANNUAL MEETING.

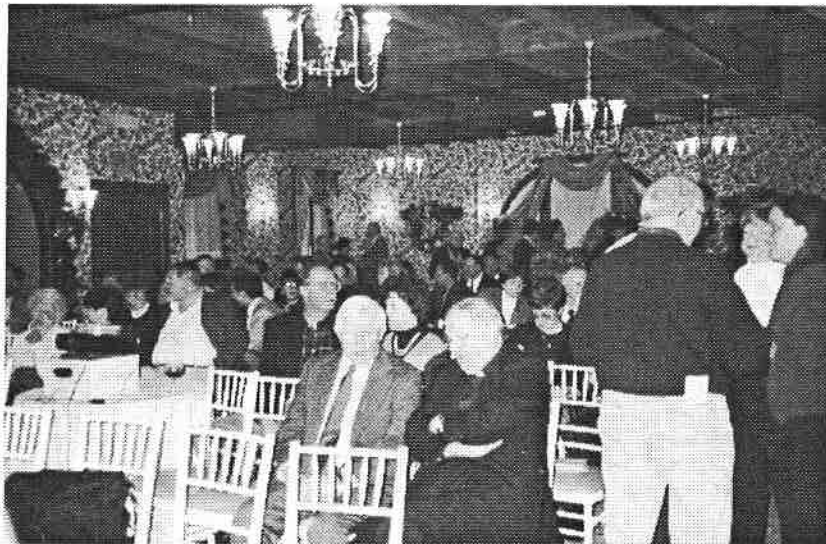
Arnold Robinson, Executive Director of the Providence Preservation Society was the keynote speaker at the 1998 annual meeting last November. Arnold addressed a packed Barney Carriage House featuring a slide show which illustrated the important role that historic preservation has played in the development of downtown Providence. "There are seven suburban shopping malls surrounding the city of Providence. Providence will never again be the major retail center of Rhode Island...Once everyone accepted this reality, said

Robinson, we were able to sit down with city planners and begin to form a realistic vision of what will work and how preservation will play a part in it." Entertainment, performing arts and studio space have attracted restaurants and specialty retailing which have all added to the revitalization in downtown Providence. Also on the agenda that evening was the SPT's Annual Preservation Awards presentation. Presenter Jim Boone's presentation included a slide illustration of before & after shots of the various preservation projects.

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1999 ANNUAL MEETING



Guests at the Annual Preservation Awards enjoyed the charming décor of the newly renovated banquet facility at the Barney Carriage House in Forest Park.

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