



Pictured left to right: Cosmo Sasso, President, Saugerties Lions Club; Doris Lamon, member, Ellenville Lioness; Sylvia Kalipolites, member, Ellenville Lioness; Rev. John Capen, District 20-O Hearing Chairman; Dino Sumerano, President, Hurley Lions Club (holding plaque); and PDG Glynn Meggison, trustee, New York State and Bermuda Foundation of MD 20 Lions.

Infrared Hearing System Becomes Reality for UPAC

November 19th became a very special day for the hearing-impaired of Ulster County.

An Infrared Hearing Assistance System was dedicated at the *UPAC Broadway Theatre*. Under the leadership of Zone Chairman and Past President of the Kingston Lions Club, Boiceville resident Hildy F. Meissner and Ron Marquette, Executive Artistic Director of UPAC, the project became a reality. The project was made possible by a joint effort from clubs and foundations that contributed just over \$10,000 so that the hearing impaired can enjoy performances at UPAC.

Contributing to the effort were: the New York State and Bermuda Foundation of MD 20 Lions; the Kingston Lions Club Foundation; the Lions Clubs of Saugerties, Town of Esopus, Town of Ulster, Kingston, Hurley, Highland, Kerhonkson, Marlboro-Milton, New Paltz, Rondout Valley; and the *Lioness Club of Ellenville*.

Those in attendance at the dedication experienced first-hand the use of the system to enhance hearing through amplification in the headsets. The mission of the Lions Clubs is not only to assist the sight impaired but those that are hearing impaired as well. ☆

HMPC Names Three to Board

At the *HMPC's* annual meeting on November 3rd, Stephen Bradley, Phyllis Lennert, and Irwin Rosenthal were unanimously elected to the Board of Directors. Steve Bradley was completing a one-year appointment, and board members Mary Sheeley and Sally Berger had opted to not run for re-election, although they will both continue as active members.

Newly-elected members of the *Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee, Inc.* will become official at the January 2005 re-organizational meeting of the Board of Directors.

A record number of *HMPC* members attended the annual membership meeting to cast their ballots for directors and hear presentations by Bill Krattinger and Stacey Matson-Luvic, representatives from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Both speakers answered widely-divergent questions from members of the audience. The responses were open and detailed, generating still more discussion.

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HMPC President Marion Dumond commented that the meeting was all a president could hope for, with openness, courtesy, and enthusiasm. It was clear by the conclusion of the meeting that the *HMPC* members supported the idea of the Village of Ellenville retaining ownership of the **Hunt Memorial Building**, of immediate repair to the roof (to at least hold it at status quo through the winter), and the commencement of a fundraising drive through the winter months for the installation of a new roof in the spring of 2005.

The Board of Trustees will seek grants for architectural/engineering studies of **Hunt Memorial** structural needs before roofing bids are sought.

At the January Board meeting, the nine-person Board of Directors will elect officers to serve during 2005: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Those offices are currently filled by Marion M. Dumond, Phyllis Rubin, Barbara A. T. Hoff, and Robert Berger. ☆