

THE FOXBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

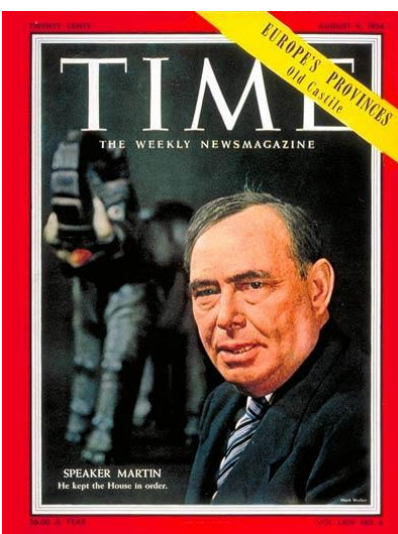
A REMINDER: Our records indicate that your dues have not been paid for the current year. Our year begins September 1st and ends August 31st. Please fill out application and return. Thank you!

November 2013 45th Year Issue #3

Tuesday, November 26, 2013, 7:30 p.m.
at Boyden Library, 10 Bird Street, Foxborough, MA
(Enter Baker Street entrance)



"Time Magazine" and "Life Magazine," popular weeklies of the era, honor Congressman Martin.



The Foxborough Historical Society Presents:

Congressman Joe Martin

Guest Speaker: Mike Kirby

From the pen of Program Chairman Patrick Lyons:

Congressman Joseph W. Martin, Jr., speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, will be the subject of November's meeting of the Foxborough historical society. Joe Martin, as he was known, was "a local boy who made good." He was a 44-year congressman from North Attleboro representing this area, including Foxboro. He rose to prominence during the Republican Party's glory days prior to the Great Depression, battled President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as he sought to implement the New Deal, and was the unquestioned leader of the GOP for much of the 1940s and 1950s. Martin served two terms as Speaker of the House, the last Republican speaker until Newt Gingrich in 1994. Martin began his political career serving in the Massachusetts House of Representatives (1912–1914). Then the Massachusetts Senate (1914–1917) and the United States House of Representatives (1925–1967). He entered Congress when Massachusetts was a historically Republican state. As Democrats gained overwhelming strength over the years, Martin managed to hold on to his House seat despite ongoing redistricting. Martin was Chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1940 to 1942. During the New Deal, he stood out as a major opponent of Franklin D. Roosevelt's policies and opposed his internationalist outlook on foreign affairs. However, he supported a few New Deal measures, like the establishment of the minimum wage. After 1952, Martin joined the moderate wing of the Republican Party and supported Dwight D. Eisenhower's internationalist outlook (through support of foreign aid), endorsed federal aid for school construction, and backed Lyndon B. Johnson's Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. Martin was familiar to Foxboro residents from his frequent appearances at civic events including the Fireman's Field Day and parade every August. Mike Kirby, our speaker, is a native of North Attleboro and an authority on Joe Martin. He first brought his journalism skills to Sun Chronicle readers in the spring of 1978 as a sports intern. He joined The Sun Chronicle full time in 1980 as a reporter, was named local news editor in 1986, assistant managing editor in 1987 and managing editor in 1998. In 2006, he was named editor of the newspaper. Kirby will use Martin as a subject to contrast those times with current political times.

50 YEARS AGO IN FOXBOROUGH

[News extracted from the Foxboro Reporter]

11/7/1963 Housing Authority starts to work to complete papers required by the state in connection with the town's bid to erect a housing project for the elderly.
School Committee moves towards Adult Education.
Dump road is now closed off.

New V.F.W. Post home dedicated last Saturday.

- 11/14/1963 More funds needed for Town Office, Special Town Meeting.
Lions Basketball Jamboree at FHS Gym featuring Harlem Jesters.
Every citizen benefits from Community Chest said Garrett Spillane.
- 11/21/1963 Town Meeting Dec. 9; Library site, Municipal Bldg. funds
Statue of library Soldier is to be lowered for repair. Sculptor of the famous statue. Charles H. Pizzano of Medford, climbed to the roof of the library last Saturday to examine cracks in the base of the new statue which replaced the original soldier who lasted over 90 years. Foxborough townspeople voted \$6000 for the statue to replace the Original Union soldier.
- 11/28/1963 Town shocked by assassination of President Kennedy.
Rev. John C. Harper formerly of St. Mark's, is rector of St. John's Church on Lafayette Square in Washington, "The Church of Presidents," to whom the new President Lyndon B. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson have turned for spiritual guidance in their trying hour.
Lutheran Church to hold first service here Sunday morning.
Warriors defeat Green Hornets on Thanksgiving Day 7-6.

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**Memorial Hall is open every Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
On the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon.**

The Foxborough Historical Society
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Membership Application Year 2013 – 2014

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Membership Confirmation
Year September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014

Treasurer or President

Date

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