

Notes & Comments

TEHS 75th Anniversary at Waynesborough

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in mid-June, Society members met at Historic Waynesborough for a special guided tour led by expert docents Bennett Hill and Sally Spargo. Following a most informative and enjoyable exploration of the restored Wayne family homestead, attendees convened in the carriage house to witness State Senator Andy Dinniman present a special commemorative proclamation recognizing the Society for seventy-five years of valued community involvement. The day wrapped up with a 75th birthday party, complete with cake and other refreshments.



Below left, Bennett Hill leads a group of Society members on a house tour of Waynesborough. Below right, members Sue Andrews and Nancy Kimmons pose beside a plaque proclaiming Waynesborough's status as a Registered National Historic Landmark. *Photos Courtesy of John O. Senior.*



Medal of Honor Grove

In addition to presenting the commemorative proclamation, Sen. Dinniman (shown at right) provided an update on the Medal of Honor Grove at Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge. Following last year's massive volunteer effort to clean up the Grove, organized by the senator, a new non-profit organization has been created to maintain the site. And if that was not enough good news, Sen. Dinniman has sponsored a bill to designate the section of PA Route 23 in Chester County, between Route 100 and the Montgomery County border, as the Medal of Honor Grove Highway. As of this writing, the bill has passed the State Senate in a unanimous vote, and is awaiting approval by the House of Representatives.



100 Years of Paoli 1

As reported in the *Main Line Suburban Life* of June 29, 2011, Paoli Troop 1 celebrated its 100th anniversary on June 18 with an all-day celebration at its 20-acre property in Wayne. Founded by Rev. Horace Walton in 1910, Paoli 1 was the first Boy Scout troop in Chester County, and among the first in the nation. Active in the community throughout its long history, Paoli 1 has inducted more than 300 Eagle Scouts, with five more inductions expected this year. A remarkable record, considering the many other activities available to young people these days.

Rev. Walton was rector of the Church of the Good Samaritan; a brief biography of him appears in the *Quarterly* Volume 35, Number 1. Since the 1950s, Paoli 1's headquarters has been in eastern Tredyffrin Township, on the site of the old Indian School at Strafford (*Quarterly* V. 46, No. 4).

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