

Sharon Hill Historical Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Station Update

We are now in the process of completing the work for PENNDOT which is finalizing the plans and obtaining permit approvals. When this step is completed, the bidding process for the project will begin.

Images of America

Sharon Hill Historical Notes

The Society would like to thank you for your input into our book. We appreciate all the new facts and images that you are contributing. If you have more please let us know.

On page 44 of the book is a picture of *The Heights*. We now have identified its location thanks to Lindy Wardell of the Darby Borough Historical and Preservation Society. This Bunting home was located on what is now MacDade Boulevard where the Holy Cross cemetery is today. Joseph Shallcross Bunting was a business man in Darby and Chester.

UPCOMING DATES

September 9th . . . 7:30 PM

General Meeting

July 3rd 12:00 NOON

Parade & Trolley Ride

December 9th 12:30 PM

Christmas Tea

CIVIL WAR ROAD SHOW

At our Fall meeting on September 9th, Judy Anastasi, President of the Norwood Historical Society will provide us with information concerning the Civil War Road Show.

The Norwood Historical Society was selected to host the event and we will learn how our Society may participate in the presentation which will coincide with the 100th anniversary of Norwood Citizens Fourth of July Association in 2012.

The Show is sponsored by the PA Historical & Museum Commission and will relate the story of Pennsylvania's role in the Civil War through exhibits and lectures.

All are invited. Please join us.

FOURTH OF JULY

This year the celebration of the Fourth of July will be held Saturday, July 3rd. We are proud to announce that the Historical Society has been chosen as Parade Marshals and will lead the parade at 12:00 Noon.

We have reserved the open-air trolley again this year. If you would like to join

us on the trolley or walk in the parade, please call Jean at 610-583-9246 or Kathy 610-459-8944,



L to R; Bob Clarke, Kathleen Clarke, Jean Shiber, Marcella Frick, Sue Finn

HERITAGE COMMISSION AWARD

The Historical Society was honored to accept one of the annual preservation awards presented by the Heritage Commission of Delaware County. The ceremony took place at the County Council meeting of May 4th.

The Heritage Commission was established in 1977 to oversee and support organizations which promote and preserve the cultural legacy of Delaware County.

Our Historical Society was acknowledged for the pictorial history of *Images of America* under the category of

Publications. The Society members who attended the ceremony were: Bob Clarke, Sue Finn, Marcella Frick, and Rita Novello. Accepting the award were Kathleen Clarke and Jean Shiber

We also had the opportunity to observe the awards granted to various projects that had been recognized throughout the county. We found that preservation is taking place in many different forms by interested parties throughout the County.

INTRODUCING

You may notice two new names in our list of officers and board members. At our recent Board Meeting Sue Finn was elected to serve as Vice President of the Society.

Bob Clarke was appointed as our newest Board Member.

Welcome aboard!

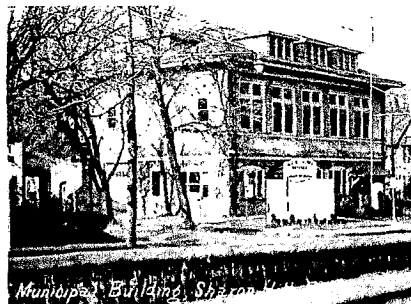
IMAGES OF AMERICA BOOK SALES

Orders for books continue to come in and we are approaching the 350 mark for sales.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we purchased 400 books and expect to sell all of them. We will gladly order more if necessary. Please continue to spread the word!

MEMBERSHIP

If you have not sent in your membership dues, you will find a form in this mailing reminding you to do so. We thank all of our members and we depend on your input and support.



WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

In May, 1943 Councilman Edgar Hewish requested permission from Borough Council to erect a memorial board to list the names of those serving in WWII.

With permission granted, Mr. Frank Holbrook proceeded to design and build the board which was unveiled on Armistice Day (now known as Veterans' Day) 1943.

At the time of the unveiling 369 service personnel were listed on the board. Quite a large number for such a small town, don't you think?!

Too small to be read in this photo is the overhead sign which says "Welcome Home" indicating the picture was probably taken shortly after the war ended.

We recently acquired this much sought after picture postcard (shown above), from member Ken Watkins, which shows the Memorial Board in front of Borough Hall. We are very grateful to our members who provide us with pictures, etc. and for the record we apologize below to Ken for a recent error.

A CORRECTION AND AN APOLOGY

In the last edition of the newsletter, we made an embarrassing error.

When writing an account of the donation of the Tom Thumb wedding picture in the pictorial history, we wrote that Ken Watkins (age 84) was the donor. Of course, it should have read (**Page 84**).

Ken couldn't have been more gracious about the error but told us that he had to check first to make sure he hadn't grown a beard (ala Rip Van Winkle) before realizing a typo had been made. Thanks for understanding, Ken!

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