

The Dill's Tavern Chronicle

January, 2008

www.dillstavern.org

Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society, 35 Greenbrier Lane, Dillsburg, PA 17019 Ph. 717- 502-1440



Purpose: To promote and encourage the study, collection, and preservation of the historical heritage of the Northern York County area.



Happy 2008 New Year
It's been a busy year of Events at Dills
Let's take a look at some of the recent happenings
in the latter months of 2007

September 15: →
A group of Northern High School
Grads of 1957 tour Dills

As a 2nd. day event to their 50th. Reunion



← September 22:

The board members of the Historic Peace Church rented the building for a special dinner cooked in the hearth by Linda Zeigler. President Vern Cleary combined still pictures and video to produce a DVD of the evening and made a gift of it to NYCHAPS.

October 12 – 14: →
Dillsburg
Boy Scout Troop 203
held a History Weekend



The Troop hiked from Calvary Church to the Square and ended at the Tavern. At Quay Park they were greeted by two paratroopers re-enacting the D-Day drop in Europe. Duncan Trussell and his friend Chris presented a program sharing the equipment and history of the 82nd. Airborne and the RAF soldiers who participated in D-Day. Friday night the boys drew straws allowing one patrol to sleep on the rope beds in the 1794 Tavern and the other spent the night in the tents of the Civil War Bucktail encampment. Saturday morning breakfast was cooked over an open fire while the boys were divided into 3 activity stations. They had the opportunity to construct wooden lanterns, stuff rye straw in the bed sacks or dig for artifacts in the 1819 basement under the guidance of Sam McKinney, Clair Zieders and Joanne Klase. A lunch of ham and gumbis was cooked in the Tavern hearth and in the afternoon, Ken Gulick and troops of Co. H and Co. B PA Bucktails shared the life and equipment of a civil war soldier. That evening the Scouts marched by lantern light to Monaghan Cemetery to honor veteran graves with a flag ceremony. Evenings found the boys engaged in ferocious games of farkle in the taproom. The event closed on Sunday with a Scout's own Service and flag ceremony. After months of planning the program, the youth and adults agreed it was a week end to remember – a trip back in history making learning fun.

2007 Events Continued



October 19: Camp Hill Red Hat Ladies

Louise Norris brought a group of Red Hat Ladies for an afternoon tea. The NYCHAPS Tea Ladies presented a fall-themed event which featured their signature menu of several teas, soup, scones, tea sandwiches and sweets. Served in the 1800 parlor, the fall foliage and dainty china place settings were complemented by this elegantly attired group.

November 12, 2007

A Dill Descendant Dines in Dill's Tavern

The 2nd. Annual Hearth Dinner Raffle was served with an early German flavor this year. Some vegetables grown by Greg Wonders in the Tavern's raised-bed garden were included in the meal preparation. The menu included rye biscuits, potato soup, pickled beets,

gumbis, pork loin and gingerbread. The meal was cooked by Linda Zeigler and served by Larry & Joanne Klase, Gayle Kolivras and Greg Wonders. Because of time conflicts, several folks whose names were drawn made a gift of their dining spot to other NYCHAP members. Guests included, Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Ivey, Mr. & Mrs. Don Spang, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Voorhees, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Reihart, Tammy Jacobs, Keith Myers, Mr. & Mrs. Lester Kimmel, and Mr. & Mrs. Don Simington. Brewer Staub gave his spot to Mr. & Mrs. Dean Wonders, Jean Martin to Mr. & Mrs. Clair Zeiders, Margaret Mullany to Dr. & Mrs. George Jackson and Anne Merovich to Bill & Laura Harkey.

Laura Harkey is the many greats-granddaughter of Mathew Dill. Her ancestors moved west to Ohio. Laura and her husband Bill found Dill's Tavern in a newspaper article about the project. They came to explore the connection and brought her father Ed. Schrank with them to tour the town. We are grateful for their continuous donations to the ongoing restoration project and thrilled by this family connection.



Linda



Gayle, Greg, Larry, Joanne

Sam makes an important loan to Dills

Sam McKinney's recent purchase of a high quality SLR camera and camera stand are now on loan to NYCHAPS for the purpose of making archival photographs of the tavern records. Over the winter months, we hope to make photographs of all the records to which we have access. This will enable full future access to all members for research and general reading purposes without threat to the condition of the original documents. As we have pointed out repeatedly, there is much information yet to be gleaned from those records and only by making them available for lengthy research can we eventually understand all there is to know of life at Dills.



Speaking of Sam, he has recently undergone successful knee replacement surgery and along with Kevin, hopes to be back working at the Tavern later this winter. The final two rooms, the 1819 dining room and kitchen will hopefully be completed later in the spring. Also, additional work will be done to the front including erection of the tavern sign that had been mocked up earlier and installation of a fence similar to the one in the old photograph on the web-site. Eventually we hope to rebuild the wellhead that can be seen in the photo, but that will require relocation of the street curb line since the well lies partially under the sidewalk and curb.

Try this new Web-Site – www.dillstavern.org It's Excellent

Have you checked the Society's web site recently? Besides past issues of the Chronicle in color, you will soon also find a link to our new site, www.dillstavern.org. This site was conceived and designed by Sam and Kevin with help from Dillsburg's own CX Media. Intended to focus expressly on the Tavern and Tavern events, we hope to attract web surfers (and ultimately visitors) with preservation interests. Check it out. We think you will find it very well done.

The Tavern Committee:

Bob Eichelberger-Chairman, Mervin Ice, Larry Klase, Joanne Klase, Connie Trostle, and Greg Wonders
Web Site www.northernyorkhistorical.org E-Mail Address nychaps@northernyorkhistorical.org