

Around Town

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Our Next Meeting:

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2003

**Location: Dunwoody Home
Newtown Square**

Time: 12:00 Noon

Cost: \$10.00

Special Program **Elizabeth Sellers Story**

DIRECTIONS

Enter at West Chester Pike and
Bryn Mawr Avenue
Auditorium

MAY MEETING

Thursday, May 8, 2003

at the

**Newtown Square Library
Bishop Hollow Road**

Lunch catered by Luigi & Giovanni

**Susan Knorr will be sharing the
benefits of the library
for the business community. An
informative tour will follow.**

President's Corner

Well, we had an excellent March meeting. Our township manager Jim Sheldrake gave us a general update on happenings in the area, accomplishments, and issues pending, etc. He also answered questions and remained after the meeting to talk to people individually. Great job Jim!

We also had a presentation by two gentlemen from the Professional Golfers Association of America; Jason Soucy (Tournament Director) and John Coolbaugh (Operations Manager). With the 64th Senior PGA Championship coming to Aronomink Golf Club this June 2nd to 8th it was extremely interesting to be given a presentation on how it will all come together and the impact it will have on us here. Their website is: www.seniorgpa2003.com. This site is well worth a visit. Newtown Square will get international exposure from this event. Even Newtown Square Colonial Days has been rescheduled!

For our April meeting we will be the guests of Dunwoody Village. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who has not yet visited Dunwoody. If you have not attended a meeting for a while please try and fit this into your schedule.

Arrangements are well under way to have our May meeting at the new public library. We will cater lunch and get a tour of the new facility. In addition, our speaker will outline how we can use the library resources for our business. Our final meeting before the summer will focus on our student scholarship winners.

I would like to continue the trend that Steve Videon started of having members' host our meetings. December is our holiday meeting and it is usually joint with the Marple group. We have only made preliminary arrangements for September, October and November (November is usually a business card exchange). If anyone would like to discuss hosting an association meeting, please contact any member of the board with your ideas. In addition, recommendations for speakers are very welcome. I hope to see you on April 10th.

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About Our Speaker—

Elizabeth S. Sellers, a resident of Dunwoody Village, was the owner and operator of Villanova Cheese, Inc. Prior to her move to Dunwoody she resided in Villanova where she raised four children as a single parent.

When she bought the cheese shop in 1969, loans were difficult to obtain, especially for women. The shop became a great success; carrying over 300 imported cheeses.

She sold her shop to her daughter and husband in 1983. The shop is now located in the Great Valley Corporate Center in Malvern, PA.

Come hear Mrs. Sellers tell her story and the struggles of starting and operating a new business as a young widow while raising four children. She'll be an inspiration.

Following the luncheon, Dunwoody Village staff members will be available to tour you through the newest addition of the retirement community ~ their state-of-the-art Assisted Living Building.



TOP TEN REASONS **for joining NSB&PA?**

#2 Get to know the fascinating history of your community and the exceptional people who made it what it is and will be in the future.

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History of Dunwoody Village

The name Dunwoody is an Anglo-Saxon word of Celtic origin meaning a fortified hill surrounded with groves of small trees of willow bushes.

The present Dunwoody property has been in the possession of the maternal side of the Dunwoody family since 1712 through the ownership of William Hood for whom William Hood Dunwoody was named. Mr. W.H. Dunwoody's elementary education was at the old octagonal schoolhouse on the farm property, which was dedicated by the Hood Family about 1798.

In 1905 Mr. William Hood Dunwoody obtained title and deed to the parents' farm of 125 acres in Newtown Square intending to develop it into a home for convalescents as a memorial to his parents, James and Hanna Hood Dunwoody. The home was to provide care for those discharged from hospitals who were weak from surgery, disease, accidents and other allied disorders. The Dunwoodys stipulated that the Home should be a place for the needy.

The responsibility for operating the Home was vested in a Board of Trustees consisting originally of 13 members. The first trustee meeting was held in 1915, but there were insufficient funds available at that time to work on the building. It was not until April 1922 when the project finally got underway and it was not ready for occupancy until September 1924. At that time the structure was considered the last word in efficient design and attractiveness being fire resistant and having many other safety features.

Prior to opening the Home, the board sent a questionnaire to 50 leading physicians and through this inquiry it was decided to restrict the facilities to male patients only. It was further decided to operate the remaining acreage as a farm that helped supply the patients with fresh milk, vegetables, chickens and eggs. Water was supplied by a spring on the east hillside. This same spring furnished water for the boilers that heated the home through the late 70's. The small pond, which likewise still exists, was constructed for a water supply in case of fire.

Mr. Dunwoody's brother married Mariana Zook, which started the long relationship with the Dunwoodys and the Zooks. Mr. S. Townsend Zook, who had been a business associate of Mr. W.H. Dunwoody, died in 1942. He had been one of the original trustees under the will as well as president of the Foundation since its inception. He was a man of great determination and had been the one responsible for supervision the building of Dunwoody Home. At Mr. Zook senior's death, his son, W.H. Dunwoody Zook, was elected president in 1945.

During the early 1960's the Board became interested in developing a retirement village to be constructed on the unused ground belonging to the Dunwoody Home. Many plans and many years later and with the help of many people, Dunwoody Village was created.

All the property is owned by Dunwoody Home, the parent foundation. The actual operation of the Home is partly supported by a legacy left by Mr. Dunwoody. The rest of the expense in operating the Home is paid for by the residents. The amount charged varies according to the financial status of the individual. The provision of the will prevents these funds and the endowment from being used for any other purpose other than the Home's operation. The total capacity of the Home is 43 residents.

The Village is a self-functioning satellite of the Dunwoody Home to which it owes its existence. It is self-sustaining and operates on a balanced budget from monies received entirely from monthly maintenance charges and entrance fees.

It was in 1972 that the petition was approved allowing construction of Dunwoody Village. The Continuing Care Retirement Community opened in 1974. At that time there were 198 apartments, 35 country houses and 61 medical beds.

In 1986 Dunwoody Village added 30 additional country houses, 20 more medical beds and indoor pool. In 1987 it was one of the first retirement communities to be accredited by the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission- a nation, independent accrediting organization.

In 1992 the new entrance to Dunwoody was completed and in 1993 the skilled medical wing was completed addition 40 more beds. In 2002 Dunwoody opened its new Assisted Living Wing adding 40 more beds-with enclosed garden areas and the ability to provide secure environments for those with early stages of dementia. At this time Dunwoody has 198 apartments and 65 county house, 81 private skilled nursing rooms and 81 private assisted living rooms.

Although the stone Home was razed in 1992 after trying unsuccessfully to get another organization to take over the building, Dunwoody still maintains the charitable side of the organization through the provision of subsidized care for some folks in our assisted living area.