

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Roger D. Thorne joined the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society in 2002 after retirement as an industrial facilities services executive, and has actively researched, written and spoken on local history ever since. Of all the history projects he has pursued, Thorne states that the Main Line Airport may be his favorite.

Lt. Col. Kevin J. Berry is Vice Commander of the Civil Air Patrol's 1800-member Pennsylvania Wing. Col. Berry has a master rating in CAP Aerospace Education, holds Emergency Services Specialty Qualifications as a Mission Pilot, Communications Unit Leader and Air Branch director, and has served as both a Group and Squadron commander. Col. Berry, who lives near Butler, PA, is a Registered Nurse by profession, but spends the majority of his time in volunteer service to the Civil Air Patrol.

Bill Holmes is Chair of the East Whiteland Township Board of Supervisors. He began serving on the Board in 2008, and was re-elected for a second term in 2014. A 1986 graduate of La Salle University in Computer Science, Bill has been an Information Technology professional at The Vanguard Group since 1995.

Robert Beggs is co-founder and past Board chairman of the American Helicopter Museum & Education Center in West Chester, PA. He also chaired the AHS International History Committee for many years, and is an expert on the history and development of rotary wing aviation. In 2014, Bob retired from The Boeing Company to lead Good Works Inc, a home repair ministry in Coatesville.

Michelle H. Kichline, Chairman of the Chester County Board of Commissioners, was elected Commissioner in 2015 following a judicial appointment to the Board in 2014. A lifelong resident of Tredyffrin Township, Michelle previously served as a Tredyffrin Township Supervisor. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from Temple University, and spent over a decade as an attorney at Wisler Pearlstine LLP.

Dennis Dispenziere was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Ricoh in the Americas on April 1, 2017. He is responsible for all Ricoh finance operations in the U.S., Canada and Latin America, as well as overseeing all information technology. Dispenziere has served at Ricoh in finance and operations for more than 35 years.

State Senator Andrew E. Dinniman represents Pennsylvania's 19th District, and has served in that position since 2006. Prior to his legislative tenure, Senator Dinniman served as a Chester County Commissioner for 15 years, making him the longest-serving commissioner in county history. He has been a teacher, an acclaimed international studies professor at West Chester University, and has a love of our local history.



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Welcome to the



Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony for the

MAIN LINE AIRPORT

Thursday * October 5, 2017 * 2:00 pm
70 Valley Stream Parkway, Malvern, PA



The Main Line Airport in high summer, 1940

Marker Dedication Ceremony

We are truly grateful for the financial and material support
of the following individuals and organizations,
without which this event could not have been held:

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Roger & Carol Thorne
Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society
Meg Wiederseim
Priscilla Morris Wellford

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Ian Alexander - Master of Ceremonies

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

Roger D. Thorne – Board Chair, Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society

REMARKS:

Lt. Col. Kevin Berry – Vice Commander, PAWG, Civil Air Patrol
Bill Holmes – Chair, Board of Supervisors, East Whiteland Township
Robert Beggs – Co-Founder, American Helicopter Museum, West Chester, Pa.
Michelle H. Kichline – Chair, Chester County Board of Commissioners
Dennis Dispenziere – Senior Vice President and CFO, Ricoh Americas
Andrew E. Dinniman – Penna. State Senator representing the 19th District

PRESENTING THE MARKER:

Unveiling the Marker:

Anthony Morris, Esq. – Son of Nicholas Waln Morris, Vice-President
and flight instructor, Demorr Aeronautical Corporation at the Main Line
Airport.
Daniel Kurkjian – Son of Haig Kurkjian, President, Haig-K Aircraft
Corporation, the Main Line Heliport.

Reading the Marker Text:

Virginia Devaney Somers – Daughter of Charles Devaney, President,
Demorr Aeronautical Corporation at the Main Line Airport.

CLASSIC AIRCRAFT FLYOVER:

As the ceremony concludes, several vintage aircraft from the period of the
Main Line Airport will perform (weather permitting) a low-level flyover
of the dedication site.

CLOSING & RECEPTION:

At the completion of the Flyover, all are invited to a small reception within
the adjacent Ricoh campus.