In Memoriam: Jean Dixon-Sullivan



Jean Dixon-Sullivan (nee Conley) of Berwyn, PA, formerly of the Chesterbrook area, passed away on February 21, 2016 at age 71. Born in Evanston, IL on September 26, 1944, she was the daughter of the late Henry Q. and Elizabeth Conley (nee Lane).

Jean was a graduate of Colorado Women's College in Denver, CO. She worked as a Retail Sales Representative for Regal Rugs in North Vernon, Indiana and retired in 2005. She was a proud member of the Board of Directors of Duportail House in Chesterbrook, served on the Tredyffrin Township Historical Architecture Review Board and Historical Commission, and was a member of the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society. Her efforts in preserving local history were appreciated and will be remembered.

Jean is survived by her husband, James Sullivan, her children Leslie Dixon (Scott Forzaglia), Beth Hornback (John), Jamie Turkaly (Christopher), Laurie Sullivan and Paul Sullivan, her grandchildren Matthew, Rachel and Joshua Hornback, and Ryan, Christopher, Jr., Katherine and Nicholas Turkaly. She is also survived by her siblings Henry Conley, Jr. (Laura) and Stephen Conley and her sister-in-law, Carter Crawford. She was predeceased by her brothers John and Dennis Conley.

Her memorial service was held at Duportail House on Sunday afternoon, March 6, 2016. Donations in her memory may be given to the "Food for Friends" program at Church of the Redeemer. Checks payable to "Church of the Redeemer" with the notation "Food for Friends IMO Jean Dixon-Sullivan" can be mailed to the Church at 230 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.



Jean Dixon-Sullivan, July 2015

Society Outreach at Local Events

On three consecutive early autumn Saturdays, the Society participated very successfully in public outreach programs to increase community awareness of our local history.

On Saturday, 17 September 2016, the Society participated in Tredyffrin Township Community Day from 4 pm until 7 pm at Wilson Farm Park in Chesterbrook. We joined other community organizations with exhibits along the walkway down to the amphitheater. The "Party in the Park" celebrated the 90th Anniversary of the Police Department and the 50th Anniversary of the Tredyffrin Public Library, with the rescheduled July 4th fireworks display following after dark.

The following Saturday, 24 September 2016, the Society exhibited for the first time at the 2016 Paoli Battlefield Heritage Day, held from 11 am until 4 pm at the Paoli Memorial Grounds in Malvern. Many visitors came to enjoy the demonstrations, displays, food, crafts, games, and more.

Lastly, the Society participated as an exhibitor for the sixth consecutive year in the eight-year history of the Paoli Blues Fest, this year held on Saturday, 1 October 2016, from 11 am until 6 pm at the Paoli Village Shops area in Paoli. Despite the cool and misty weather, people turned out to enjoy the sights and sounds, as well as great food and drink. The steady stream of visitors who visited our ten-by-ten foot exhibit tent throughout the day were fascinated by the diverse collection of historic photographs on display, and appreciated the opportunity to talk and learn about local history. This year we displayed a new set of six large, poster-size images for the entertainment and edification of our visitors.

Exhibiting at these community events is a wonderful way to introduce the Society to a new and wider audience, as well as to connect with many old and new friends who stop by and chat with our volunteers, who enjoy the opportunity to share their enthusiasm for the subject.— *JOS*