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NEWSLETTER

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**Friends Meeting House and Cemetery
Association of Randolph Township, NJ
Established 1898**

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MEMORIES OF THE 250TH CELEBRATION

The celebration of the **250th Anniversary** of the Friends Meeting House and Cemetery Association on October 11, 2008 was a great success. The afternoon began with a short commemorative silent meeting in the meeting house. The group then adjourned to the outside grounds where Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen and Margaret Nordstrom, Chair of the Morris County Board of Freeholders addressed the group. A plaque was awarded to Peg Steneck for her twenty-three years of dedicated service to the FMHCA and a replica of a table in the meeting house was given to Paul Basile in honor of his many years of restoration work.

A history of the Meeting House and its founders was written by Dr. Margaret Steneck for the occasion and made available to those present. There were displays, memorabilia, tours, and a genealogy table where expert genealogist. Allene Rental, was present to answer genealogy questions. Delicious refreshments were provided by the members of the association. It was a very joyful occasion.

The pictures below highlight some of the special moments of the celebration.



WHERE ARE WE NOW?

In October of 2008 James Brotherton took over the leadership of the association. Donations have continued to flow into the treasury, new trustees have been elected, and there has been continuing progress on the completion of unfinished details in the Meeting house.

Regular tours of the premises have been ongoing and there is renewed interest in the building and its history. Charles H. Brotherton whose grandfather founded the cemetery association passed away in the spring of 2009. After the death of his father, he was treasurer of the association until he moved to Greensboro, North Carolina, thirty-three years ago. A funeral for him and his wife will take place in the cemetery in the fall.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped during the last twenty-five years to restore the property to its original state.



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

A meeting of the Association has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, June 14, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the meeting house. If you have a vision for the Meeting House in the next twenty-five years, plan to attend and share your ideas. Grant money is available to fund projects but short and long-term goals need to be formulated.

Lunch will be at noon on the 14th. We will also decide the date for the Annual Meeting which will be sometime in October.

See you on June 14th.