

Mr. Willard A. Snyder, President Emeritus of the Lynn-Heidelberg Historical Society is being recognized with the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spirit Award by the Greater Northern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce. Willard was born in Andreas, Pennsylvania, on January 17, 1936. He grew up on a farm near Normal Square where he was active with the 4-H. Willard is a former teacher at Northwestern Lehigh High School where he taught business classes. He spent fifty plus years at the New Tripoli Bank, where he served as a Director, retiring in 2011.

He is the son of Guy and Margaret (Kemmerer) Snyder. Willard graduated from Lehighon High School in 1953, attended Bloomsburg State Teachers College and earned his B.S. in Business Education in 1957. He married Lucille George and they have three sons, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Willard serves his community in many ways including his dedication to the Lynn-Heidelberg Historical Society and Ontelaunee Park.

Willard is being recognized because of his service and dedication to the Greater Northern Lehigh area in business and his many philanthropic endeavors. His community involvement continues and has included: President of the Lehigh County Bankers Association and the Lehigh Valley Chapter of American Institute of Banking; Chairman of the Executive Committee of Group III of Pennsylvania Banking Association; President of the Pennsylvania Association of Community Banks; Director of the Board of Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburg; member of the Independent Community Bankers Association of America (ICBAA); member of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Scholarship Foundation Board; Past President of the Lynn-Heidelberg Historical Society; services as deacon, elder, president, treasurer and superintendent of the Sunday School at Ebenezer United Church of Christ; Vacancy Board and township Sewer Authority of Lynn Township; Treasurer of the New Tripoli Fire Co.; founding President of the Northwestern Lehigh School Foundation; Kutztown University Advisory Board. Willard serves at his local Grundsow Lodge, is active with the Slatington Lodge 440 Masons, continues to be active with the Boy Scouts of America, and continues to serve at his church whenever the opportunity presents itself. He is an honorary member of the Future Farmers of America and is the recipient of the God and Country Award from the Boy Scouts of America.