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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Sagamore Hill National Historic Site  
20 Sagamore Hill Road  
Oyster Bay, New York 11771-1807

IN REPLY REFER TO:

June 19, 2024

Friends of Sagamore Hill  
20 Sagamore Hill Road  
Oyster Bay, New York 11771

Dear Friends of Sagamore Hill,

I'm writing to thank you and your fellow members, on the occasion of your annual meeting, to recognize the contributions of the Friends of Sagamore Hill (FOSH) over the last twelve months at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site and in the local community of Oyster Bay, New York.

Over the last year FOSH supported multiple in-park events, including the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Theodore Roosevelt Association's Annual Police Awards, a new citizen ceremony with USCIS, the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July commemoration, Constitution Day, as well as developed and sponsored Roosevelt-themed community events including "Teddy Returns Home," multiple Gable Lectures with Stan Haynes and Laurence Jurdem, and the recent Rough Riders exhibition at Theodore Roosevelt Park in Oyster Bay.

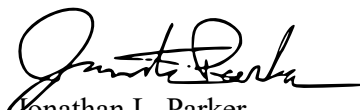
Your financial support of the park included the placement of a commemorative wreath at the presidential gravesite, decorative holiday wreaths at the Old Orchard Museum and Theodore Roosevelt Home, a commemorative wreath honoring Veterans Day, free copies of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution for the visiting public, lunch for 4<sup>th</sup> of July event volunteers and staff, free bus transportation for visitors during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, patriotic refreshments for new citizens, funding for an important taxidermy condition assessment for the Theodore Roosevelt Home, funds for the creation of a Little Free Library here at Sagamore Hill, and more.

Additionally, you've provided public visitor information, in the park, on multiple weekends via your information table, helped represent Sagamore Hill during the Oyster Bay Days event, and walked in community holiday parades alongside National Park Service staff to promote Sagamore Hill.

The Friends of Sagamore Hill's significant contributions as both park partners and volunteers over the last year directly facilitates and expands the National Park Service's mission to educate visitors and our local communities about the legacy of President Roosevelt, the Roosevelt family and to preserve the remarkable place that is Sagamore Hill. We appreciate your ongoing support of our mission and this national historic site.

Thank you - to you and all your members - for your partnership in helping us protect, conserve, and promote the natural and cultural resources here for the benefit and inspiration of the public.

With appreciation,

  
Jonathan L. Parker  
Superintendent