

TENAFLY

## Computer room renamed to honor late member

Tenaflly Youth Services renamed the facility's computer room today to honor the memory and service of Mary Mandel.

Mary Mandel was a member of the Youth Services Committee until her passing in April of 2010. She moved to Tenaflly in the 1960s and served on the Youth Services Committee for years during which time she led the fundraising efforts enabling the Youth Center to relocate to its current location next to the McCandless Room.

Mark Slawson, Director of Tenaflly Youth Services, led the ceremony and Dr. Louis Mandel, widower, read the poem that inspired the plaque's caption "A Woman of Valor." The reading was followed by the installation of the plaque by Mark Slawson and

Dr. Mandel. Dr. Mandel then joined his son Richard and daughter Susan in cutting the ribbon across the entry to the computer room. Also in attendance at the ceremony were Mary's grandchildren, many friends and Youth Services Committee members Judith Lipson, June Johnston and Dianne Schiller.

The attendees reminisced about Mary's quiet strength, fortitude and dedication to youth services, the Girl Scouts and the American Field Service. The computer room was chosen to honor Mary because of her love of learning and enthusiasm for the Internet and creative computer programs. The computer room is used daily for homework and research by Tenaflly youth.