

HATT Annual Meeting

October 19, 2016 at Lake Naomi Clubhouse

At 6:30 p.m. all were welcomed by Chuck Waygood, HATT president. He invited the veterans to stand and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. We were then served a delicious dinner by excellent wait staff. The official meeting began at 7:35 pm.

Rick Bodenschatz introduced himself as the current program director and outlined the program for November which will be on the 9th at 10:30 am on the Korean War. The Home for the Holidays concert is scheduled for December 10th and tickets will be available as before at the Clymer Library. Watch for signs and information. He solicited volunteers to hang posters on the programs for November and we thank all who volunteered. Rick also mentioned that HATT is contributing to the Second Annual Wreath Laying in Pocono Lake Cemetery sponsored by the LIONS club. It will be on Sunday, November 20th and with the help of local groups, they will be laying Holiday Wreaths on all of the Veterans' graves.

There is no programming from January to April when we will have an April program at the usual time of Thursday evening at Clymer Library. Rick is working on programming for the 2017 calendar year and asked for suggestions.

Bruce Denlinger then introduced our guest speaker: Amy Leiser, Executive Director of the Monroe County Historical Association. She offered all of us a presentation called HERSTORY – The Women who helped shape Monroe County, PA. She began by thanking us for her third invite in three years and giving us a brief overview of the purpose of the Monroe County Historical Association. It is noted that she brings a wealth of information each time she shares with the group.

She began her discussion with Wintje DePuy (born 1763), mother of 10 of the DePuy family who homesteaded in Monroe County. Several women were mentioned who followed her with many children and not much on their personal contributions until Margaret Engels purchased Stroud Manor in 1847 and opened a tavern and boarding house calling it the Mansion House. From there better records indicated that many women added to the Civic betterment, professional pool and political arenas of Monroe County including Althea Stables, Mary (Greenwald) Erdman (first woman doctor), Bobby (Roberta) Westbrook (first woman reporter), Alice Wicks who opened Quiet Valley, Violet Clark-Eddy, artist, Lizzy Smith (first woman licensed funeral director) and many more.

Ms. Leiser reminded us that women have influenced many areas of our society including military, medical and dental professionals, artists, historians, teachers, judges and politicians. Of special note, in keeping with the societal attitudes of the times, women of color were not documented well at all but Ms. Leiser made special note that without ALL of the women of the county, we would not be where we are today.

The meeting was closed at 8:15 to loud applause in appreciation for the program and the knowledge shared.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved as corrected by the Board of Trustees Members who attended 11/21/16