

April 2019 Newsletter

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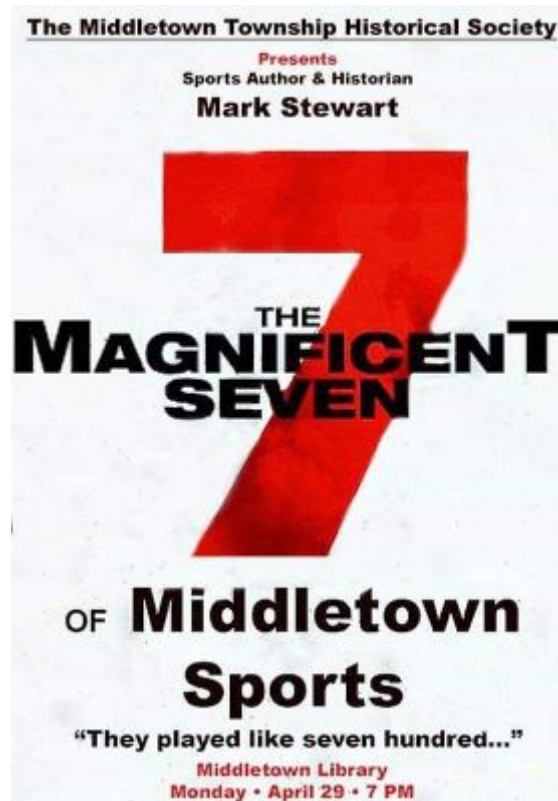
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Middletown Township Historical Society: April Happenings

This newsletter is meant to keep you updated on the latest events and news of the Middletown Township Historical Society. Also, be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for even timelier news and for historical items of interest.



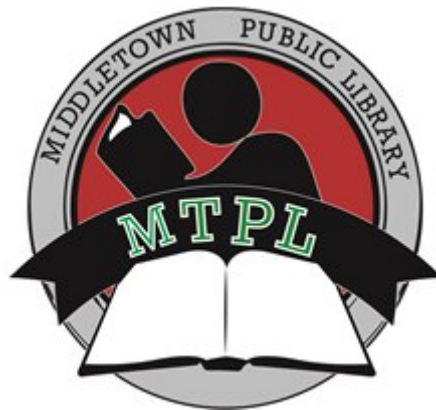
"The Magnificent Seven of Middletown Sports":

Monday, April 29, 2019, 7:00 pm

Note Special Date and New Location!

Mark Stewart, sports author and historian, will present his selections for the best athletes in the history of Middletown. Compile your own list and feel free to share during the Q and A session that will follow!

The event will begin at **7:00 pm** at the **Middletown Township Public Library** (see more info further in this email) on a special date of **Monday, April 29, 2019** (there will be no event on April 15, which would have been our usual date). Beginning in May, we will resume our events being held on our usual third Monday of the month.



Our New Event Location

After years of meeting in the Poricy Park Nature Center, beginning this month, we will hold our events in the Community Room at the Middletown Township Public Library on New Monmouth Road. With the exception of the event on April 29, all of our other events will be held on our usual third Monday of the month at this new location (excepting the months for which we schedule no events or have another organization host us offsite).

The library has been a friend to us and our town's history throughout the years, and they are looking forward to hosting us. It is our hope that its central location, good facilities, and ability to promote our events to more people will bring even more attendees to our events.

We thank the Poricy Park Conservancy and especially Elaine Hinckley for providing access to Poricy these previous years, and also for her work in helping us to secure our new space. Thanks also goes to our Treasurer Gail

helping us to secure our new space. Thanks also goes to our Treasurer, Gail Nelsen and the Middletown Township Mayor's Office for helping with the arrangements.

Thanks for the Support!

Those of us who dined at Applebee's of Middletown on Wednesday, March 27 helped MTHS receive a donation (10% of the total spent). As of this writing we do not yet know how much we will receive, but a contribution of any size will help us. We thank everyone who participated, as well as Applebee's for their generosity!

Last Month's Event Recap

Randall Gabrielan, noted historian and author (as well as our Programming Chairman and President Emeritus) spoke about the life of Mary Wooster Sutton, the first woman to practice law in Monmouth County. We thank Mr. Gabrielan for illuminating this hidden piece of our local history.

Prior to the presentation, we held our 51st Annual Meeting and Election. All five of the nominated persons were re-elected as trustees. At a subsequent meeting, officer titles were assigned. Congratulations to all, and thank you for volunteering.

James Hinckley, Secretary

Gail Nelsen, Treasurer

Thomas Valenti, President

Peter VanNortwick

Raymond Veth

Artifact Donations

Welcomed

MTHS would like to know about any items relating to Middletown's past that you would like to donate. Before you throw or pack it away, please let us know about it, as we might like to add it to our collection! Gratefully,



add it to our collection! Gratefully accepted recent donations have included school yearbooks, maps, and photographs. [Contact us here.](#)

Your Membership Matters

Support Us in 2019!



IT'S NOT TOO LATE: Please Renew or Begin your Membership Today!

In order to keep our Society going, we need your support. Our funds go towards securing speakers for our events and for administrative fees. We'd also like to undertake new initiatives that could expand our reach, but without proper funding, this will be difficult to achieve.

We now offer a couple of ways you can renew or start your membership:

- [Contribute online](#) and pay via credit or debit card. This is the quickest and easiest way!
- [Print out the membership form](#) and mail to us or bring it to an upcoming MTHS event

Thank you for your interest in Middletown's history, and for your ongoing support.

Upcoming Events

All events are free and are held on the third Monday of the month, February through November (excepting our event on April 29). Here is what has been confirmed so far so you can reserve the dates:

April 29: "The Magnificent Seven of Middletown Sports" presented by Mark

Stewart

May 20: "New Jersey Originals: Technical Marvels, Odd Inventions, Trailblazing Characters, and More" presented by Linda J. Barth

June 17: "Medal of Honor: Thomas T. Fallon" presented by Glenn Cashion

July 15: "Joshua Huddy" presented by John Fabiano

Unless otherwise noted, all events will begin at 7:00 pm at the Middletown Township Public Library.

Would You Like to Help?

Your local historical society could use your ideas and talents! If you have an interest in fundraising, communications, or in growing our membership, [please let us know](#) your ideas or your willingness to become involved. Our volunteer trustees would like to work with you to strengthen and expand our organization!



Trivia Time

This Month's Question:

Who was the first Middletown resident to play in the National Football League, and where did he play in college?

Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

Answer to Last Month's Question:

Sunnyside Farm was owned by Harry and Katherine Neuberger, who were also major forces in the Republican party.

Thanks for reading! The Middletown Township Historical Society will be in touch again soon! If you know others who would be interested in receiving communications from us, please forward this email and ask them to [join this list](#)!



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