

March 2019 Newsletter

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Middletown Township Historical Society: March 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.

MARY WOOSTER SUTTON:
First Female Attorney in Monmouth County
presented by Randall Gabrielan
Monday, March 18 at 7:00 pm



Middletown Township Historical Society at
Poricy Park Nature Center
345 Oak Hill Road, Red Bank, NJ 07701

"Mary Wooster Sutton – First Female Attorney in Monmouth County" PLUS Annual Meeting & Election: Monday, March 18, 2019

In honor of Women's History Month, author, popular speaker and MTHS Programming Chairman Randall Gabrielan will make a presentation on Mary Wooster Sutton. His presentation will not only outline the multi-faceted career of

wooster Sutton. His presentation will not only outline the multi-faceted career of an extraordinary woman who has been forgotten by history, but also clarify a mistaken claim about her.

Prior to the presentation, we will hold our brief Annual Meeting & Election. All members who have paid 2019 dues by March 8 will be able to vote for the nominated trustees. Election information can be found [here](#). Please see section further down in this email for information on how to become an official member!

The event will begin at 7:00 pm at the Poricy Park Nature Center at 345 Oak Hill Road, Red Bank, NJ 07701.



Support MTHS on March 27!

Visit Applebee's of Middletown on Wednesday, March 27 and MTHS will receive 10% of your bill when you [print and show the attached flyer](#)! Come any time between 11:00 am and 9:00 pm. Be sure to bring your friends and family or pass along the flyer to them! Feel free to [download the flyer](#) and share it via social media or email.

Remember, you must [click here to download the flyer](#) (not this email) and bring it to the restaurant. Printed copies will also be available at our March 18 event.

Your Membership Matters

Support Us in 2019!



FINAL REMINDER: Please Renew or Begin your Membership Today!

Thank you to all those who have already contributed for 2019! If you have not yet renewed or signed up for membership in our Society, now is the time! In order to keep our Society going, we do need your support. The Middletown Township Historical Society is independent of the township and is completely reliant upon membership dues, as we typically receive no other funding. 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 few 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. If you were a member in 2018, you were mailed a form in mid-January that you can mail back to us.
- Bring us your contribution in person at an upcoming MTHS event

We appreciate you renewing or becoming a member as promptly as you can, and *if you would like to be able to vote in our Annual Election on March 18, we will need to receive your contribution by March 8.*

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

Last Month's Event Recap

Our annual "Show & Tell" night featured a number of interesting items from our participants, including a 19th century music box, guides from local ferry routes, a bottle from a Lincoln distillery, various artifacts found using a metal detector

a bottle from a Lincroft distillery, various artifacts found using a metal detector, and more! Special thanks goes to the Middletown Township Public Library for quickly accommodating us when Poricy Park unexpectedly became unavailable to us. Thank you to everyone who attended.

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 accepted recent donations have included school yearbooks, maps, and photographs. [Contact us here.](#)



Upcoming Events

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

March 18: "Mary Wooster Sutton – First Female Attorney in Monmouth County" presented by Randall Gabrielan, plus MTHS Annual Meeting & Election

March 27: Dine at Applebee's of Middletown and help support MTHS! You MUST [print and show this flyer](#) for us to receive our donation.

April 15: "The Top Ten Middletown World-Class Athletes" presented by Mark Stewart

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

Unless otherwise noted, all events will begin at 7:00 pm at the Poricy Park Nature Center.

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!

Thanks to Our Hosts

We continue to be thankful to the [Poricy Park Conservancy](#) and to [Middletown Recreation](#) for allowing us to use the Nature Center for our monthly events. Please visit their websites for info about their upcoming events.



Trivia Time

This Month's Question:

Sunnyside Recreation Area used to be known as Sunnyside Farm. Who were the last private owners, and what were they well-known for?

Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

Answer to Last Month's Question:

George "Snuffy" Stirweiss was a Major League Baseball player who bought a house in Lincroft in

1947. He decorated one room with bats that were sawed in half lengthwise (one of which is in the MTHS collection). The former Yankee won his league's batting title in the war-depleted year of 1945 with just a .309 average, one of the lowest averages to ever claim the title. Stirnweiss, aged 39, died in the 1958 railroad Central Railroad accident that plunged it into Newark Bay. He is buried in Mt. Olivet.

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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