Middletown Township Historical Society's December 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 for even timelier news and for historical items of interest.

Happy Holidays

From your volunteers at the
Thank you for a Great 2018!

As the year is soon coming to a close, we wanted to thank everyone for their support. We accomplished a number of items on our checklist this year, and it could not have been done without our members, volunteers, and partners.

Please note that there will not be an event this December or January. We will be back in February at Poricy Park for our annual "Share Your Treasures" night, and then in March we will have a speaker presentation along with our Annual Meeting & Election. In January, members will receive a mailing with details about the Annual Meeting & Election and information on how to renew (or sign up for) your membership. If you have moved this year or you would like to be added to our physical mailing list, please let us know.

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2018 by the Numbers

We thought it would be fun to take a look at some numbers from this year:

- **Events Held:** 11
- **Greatest Attendance at an Event:** 42 (November)
- **Facebook Followers:** 707 (277% increase over last year)
- **Emails Opened:** 967
- **New Trustees:** 3 (5 total)

On Attending Historical Meetings

By Randall Gabrielllan, President Emeritus & Program Chairman

I attend from time to time meetings of a number of organizations when the subject is of interest, in addition to the Middletown Township Historical Society, where I attend them all. Some of this society's meeting subjects are of compelling interest to me while on occasion a small number appear to have no
interest or at least address a subject of no interest to me. Experience has taught, however, that the meetings of no expected interest turn out to be not only informative, but interesting as well. The common denominator is people interested in history who share what they know or have accomplished.

I hope more of our Middletown members will take a similar approach. As members, show your support of the organization by attending regularly. We have many members who attend a small number of meetings each year, but fewer who come regularly. Why not become a regular attendee? You may find more meetings of interest than you might have expected.

We have a good lineup of speakers being organized for 2019. The date is always the same, the third Monday of the month. We'll begin sharing the list next month. Our monthly events will resume in February, with our first speaker being in the March event. We hope to see you soon.

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**November Event Recap**

MTHS member Claire Garland presented to a packed house on the "Lenape of the Navesink." She covered a wide range of topics related to our area's original inhabitants. Thank you to Ms. Garland and to all who attended!

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**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!

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**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. Visit their websites for info about their upcoming events.

Trivia Time

This Month's Question:
What and where was Somerset Lodge?

Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

Answer to Last Month's Question:
The Middletown World War I memorial is on Church Street, Belford, about opposite the Methodist church, where Elmer Compton gave a 100 by 150-foot lot for the purpose. The site was prepared in the spring of 1919 and the grounds dedicated on Memorial Day, May 30, 1919. The memorial was originally intended to honor three Belford men who were killed in the war, Harold and Clarence Walling and Fred Crane. The statue was unveiled on January 1, 1920. The artillery piece was added later.
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!