



Our Volunteer of the Year

Marie Conklin Young has been an active member of the Monroe County Historical Association since she joined the organization in 2013. Her enthusiasm for MCHA and her connection to the local community have made her an invaluable member of the Board of Directors since 2016.

Raised in Effort by her parents, Allen and Phyllis Conklin, Marie is the oldest of seven children. She is a graduate of Pleasant Valley High School and of West Chester University of Pennsylvania, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Music Education with a concentration in Vocal Choral. Marie taught music at Pocono Mountain School District for 21 years before retiring in 2013.

She has been giving private piano lessons since college. She even sang with Fred Waring one summer!

Our incredibly popular “Raise your Glass & Support the



Marie Conklin Young

Past” wine pairing dinner and auction was Marie’s brainchild. In addition to creating the event, Marie has served as the Wine Pairing Committee’s chairperson. This annual affair has become MCHA’s most successful fundraiser.

Marie also serves as an MCHA ambassador at community events, attends all functions held by the Association, and is a terrific baker. She contributes delicious baked goods for MCHA events, fundraisers, and meetings.

Marie has been married to Alan Price Young for 43 years; the couple have two children, Megan and Joseph.

Volunteering has always been an important aspect of Marie’s life, and she credits her parents for instilling in her the desire to give back to the community. Marie has a deep appreciation of her West End Monroe County roots, enjoys interacting with members of the community, and delights in helping to preserve the history of the area.

Remembering Candace McGreevy, 1948-2018

We are sad to report that former Monroe County Historical Association executive director Candace McGreevy, 70, passed away on April 15, 2018. Candace served the MCHA from 1997-2004.



Raised in a military family, Candace was born in Okinawa, Japan, and lived in Georgia, New York, France, Virginia, and Florida

before settling in Shawnee-on-Delaware in 1974. She worked for the Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce and Shawnee Playhouse before joining the MCHA. An avid historian and genealogist, Candace worked tirelessly to heighten the MCHA’s exposure in the community. She left to work for the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society in Wilmington, N.C., and retired to Lakeland, Fla., in 2014.

She is survived by her two daughters, a grandson, and two sisters.

The family held a private celebration of her life, and requests

that memorial donations be made to the MCHA. “Remember your family’s history and share it. She would have wanted anyone reading this to notice the little things in life and leave wherever you are a better place than you found it.”



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2018 Meetings

The MCHA Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of most months at 7 p.m. at the Stroud Mansion

May 22

June 26

No meeting in July

August 28

September 25

October 23

November 27

No meeting in December

The Monroe County Historical Association is a cultural and learning center that assists our diverse community of residents and visitors in connecting the county's past with the present.

Thursday, May 10

Genealogy and Local History Fair

9 a.m.-2 p.m., Northampton Community College, Monroe Campus, Route 715, Tannersville — Keystone Hall Room 202

Free — Attend one or more sessions:

8:30 a.m., Registration

9:15 a.m., Genealogy & Church Records

10:30 a.m., Local History Spotlight

11:10 a.m., Gravestone Art & Symbolism (includes buffet lunch)

12:45 p.m., Tracing Your Roots.

Thursday, May 17

Third Thursday Lecture Series: "The Sinking of the Lusitania"

7 p.m., Stroud Mansion, 900 Main St., Stroudsburg

Presentation by Rick Smith. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments following the presentation.

Thursday, September 6

Raise your Glass & Support the Past

6 to 9 p.m. The Lodge at Mountain Springs Lake, Reeders

MCHA's biggest fundraiser of the year! Wine-pairing dinner and fundraiser. Live and silent auction.

Wednesday, October 10

Monroe County History Challenge

7 p.m., Pleasant Valley High School, Brodheadsville

Join us for our annual question-and-answer history scholarship competition for area high school juniors and seniors.

Friday, December 14

and Saturday, December 15

Holiday Luncheon at the Mansion

900 Main St., Stroudsburg

Annual holiday luncheon at the Stroud Mansion. Meal catered by Dave Cook of The Cook's Corner.

'Third Thursday' Lecture Series begins May 17

The MCHA's 2018 Third Thursday Lecture Series kicks-off on Thursday, May 17 with a presentation by local historian Rick Smith on "The Sinking of the Lusitania."

The lecture begins at 7 p.m. in the second floor meeting room of the Stroud Mansion.

Hosted by the MCHA History Committee, this event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Mark your calendars now!



Poster depicts the sinking of the passenger ship Lusitania off the coast of Ireland in 1915, an incident which helped provoke U.S. involvement in World War I.

Welcome, New Members

Ms. Gail Blobner
Mr. & Mrs. David W. Hoff
The Kramer-Handelong Family
Ms. Sue Haney
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lowenburg

Mr. Richard A. Musselman
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Owens
The Rake Family
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Robbins





MCHA visits historic Philadelphia

The Monroe County Historical Association hosted a bus trip to historic Philadelphia on April 12 to the new Museum of the American Revolution.

Everyone enjoyed the special 30-minute presentation “Philadelphia: A Revolutionary City” and exploring the informative galleries filled with artifacts, hands-on-displays, and thought-provoking content.

The highlight of the trip was seeing the special exhibition featuring George Washington’s original war tent.

Our group thoroughly enjoyed the day, and the visit to the museum not only taught guests about America’s founding but helped everyone gain a deeper understanding of the people, events, and ideals that gave birth to our nation.



MCHA members and guests watch a presentation at the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.



Raffle winners announced

Congratulations to MCHA members Ken and Jean Lee of Stroudsburg, who were the winners of the “Split Nine Patch Variation” quilt that was handmade by the members of the Mountain Laurel Quilters’ Guild.

Raffle ticket sales for the quilt raised over \$2,800 for MCHA.

Thank you to the Mountain Laurel Quilters’ Guild and all of our members, friends, and visitors who supported this successful fundraiser.



PEP AWARDS: Preserve, Enhance, Promote

RESIDENTIAL AWARD

William and Jo Rinehart Property

This Hamilton Township property includes a house, barn, outbuildings, and a pond. The 1856 home was originally owned by the Mostellar family, who actively farmed the property for over 110 years. Floor joists in the barn are timbers from an earlier log house or barn, which may indicate an earlier date to 1842.

The Mostellers married into the Rinehart family, and in 1976 Bill and Jo purchased the property from Bill's grandfather. The original section of the house was preserved to maintain its historic character and detail. To accommodate modern needs, a contemporary kitchen and master suite were added at the rear. The owners have exerted considerable effort to protect their family and local history in preserving this farmstead.

COMMERCIAL AWARD

Young & Haros, LLC

The house at 802 Main Street, Stroudsburg was built in 1902 by Van C. Peters and was reported to have been constructed on an earlier foundation. The home was purchased in 1923 by Edwin S. and Mary N. (Johnson) Albert for their daughter Hazel, and her husband, Robert Bixler, and has long been known as the Bixler House. Edwin Albert and his son-in-law operated the Albert-Bixler hardware store at 633 Main Street, Stroudsburg. Today, the home serves as the offices of Young & Haros, LLC.

The structure still boasts most of the character-defining elements of its turn-of-the-century architectural styles. Its eclectic mix of Tudor and Queen Anne Victorian characteristics includes classical columns, half-timbering, cement tile roof, and

decorative chimney stacks. The interior boasts detailed oak wood trim, including anaglypta wainscot paneling. This is an excellent example of a home sensitively rehabilitated and adaptively reused for commercial space.

NONPROFIT AWARD

The Historic Dansbury Depot

The local station for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad was built in 1864. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the East Stroudsburg building served as a popular restaurant before the structure was damaged by fire in October 2009. Noting the importance to the community, the Eastburg Community Alliance organized the relocation, restoration, and maintenance of the station, which in 2010 was moved to the east side of the railroad tracks. Monroe County

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Endowment Trust Report 2017-2018

Many thanks go to these generous donors. The Endowment Trust provides the essential financial stability needed to assure the future success of the Monroe County Historical Association. During the 2017-2018 campaign, contributions totaled \$4,800. We offer our sincere appreciation to our supporters for their generosity.

Please remember that your contributions and memorial donations are welcome throughout the year!

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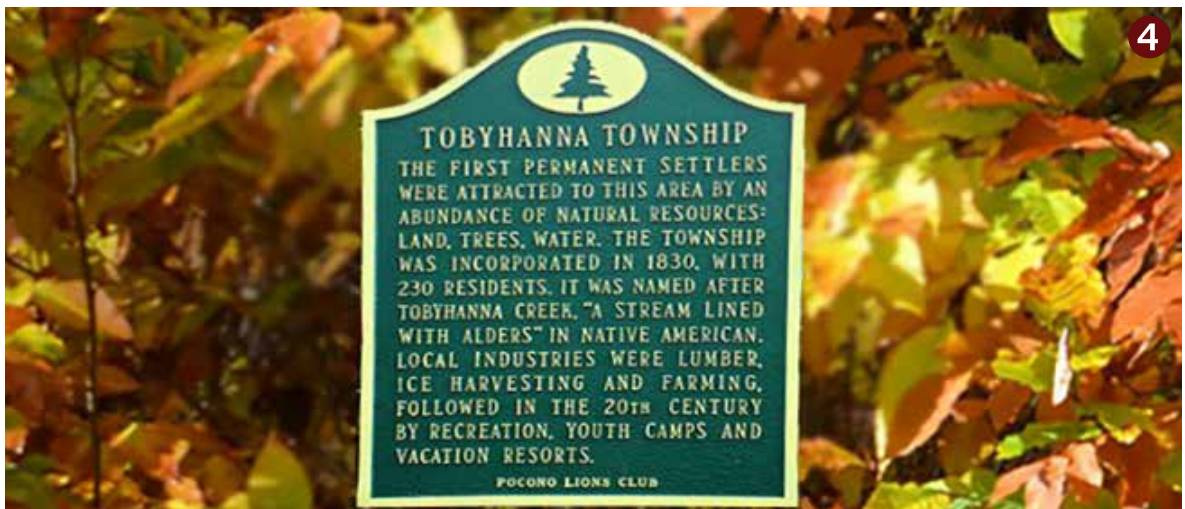
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13th ANNUAL
PRESERVE • ENHANCE • PROMOTE
AWARD WINNERS**

- 1 Residential Property** –
Meadowbrook Farm,
owned by William & Jo Rinehart,
Hamilton Township
- 2 Commercial Property** –
Young & Haros, LLC,
802 Main St., Stroudsburg.
- 3 Nonprofit**–
Historic Dansbury Depot, East Stroudsburg
- 4 Heritage Resource** –
Roadside historical markers installed by
Marker Advocates of Tobyhanna Township



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resident Harley Fish organized the restoration, including recreating the original stained-glass windows, the custom wood panel walls, and the patterned wood ceiling. The original floors were refinished, the windows and doors were restored, and the ticket booth was modified into a service space. Today, the Dansbury Depot serves as a museum, a community building, and ECA headquarters.

HERITAGE RESOURCE AWARD Marker Advocates of Tobyhanna Twp.

Marker Advocates of Tobyhanna Township (MATT) is a nonprofit association dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of the township, instilling community pride, and creating heritage tourism.

The Roadside Historical Markers of Tobyhanna Township program began in 2015 with volunteers researching and selecting over 25 sites.

Within a year, the group raised almost \$40,000 to purchase and install 25 historical markers, and all were all erected by the end of summer of 2017.

The markers are complemented by a website, which includes maps, photos, and historical information relevant to each site.

MATT also published a driving tour map to encourage visitors.
tobyhannatwp.history.org/markers.html

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Striking patriotic posters sold the war

My report in the Winter 2018 *Fanlight* focused on our current exhibit about World War I, “The War to End All Wars.”

As often happens, a little research opens the door to more questions followed by a widening search for more answers. That’s what happened to me.

For the big picture of WWI, I learned “the basics” from reliable Internet sources and books. Moving on to examine the particulars of Monroe County and the war, I climbed up and crawled among the mansion’s first floor library of files, various data collections (censuses), as well as photocopied newspaper and magazine articles.

I was interested to find out that the war was responsible for many new things, like new ways of fighting (in trenches) and modern machinery (tanks, airplanes, U-boats).

The images of two colorful posters in the exhibit have stayed in my head, and I go back to the glass case in the Victorian Room to look at them almost every night.

I wanted to know more about them. The posters are examples of one of the big changes brought about by the war — a change in the use of advertisements. The posters promote the purchase of war bonds.

Since mice do not deal with such things, I learned that the Victory Liberty Loans were a way to finance WWI initiatives and expenses, and the posters were an ad to convince people to do so.

The war officially began in 1914. At that time, Americans leaned toward isolationism and wanted no part in it. Eventually joining the fight on April 2, 1917 put the United States in deep financial trouble. A goal of raising \$2 billion was set, and selling war bonds was a way people could loan the government money.

The sale of bonds was slow, even after movie stars spoke out about the cause, 11,000 billboards and streetcar ads were put up, and fliers were dropped from planes. The situation was dire.

Treasury secretary William McAdoo and the Committee on Public Information, decided to create posters. A “Division of Pictorial Publicity” was created and Charles Dana Gibson, one of the most famous American illustrators of the period, was asked to help.

The many illustrators invited by Mr. Gibson volunteered to utilize advertising strategies and images that merged with key messages about the war in a way never done before. The posters they crafted purposely engaged the viewer and evoked emotional responses.

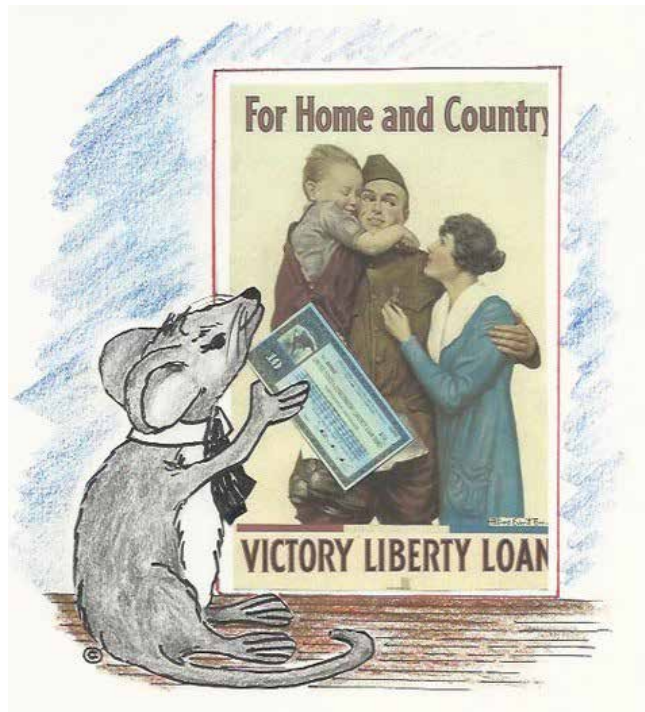
A stern image of Lady Liberty or Uncle Sam pointing to the viewer and saying “I Want You for the U.S. Army” was hard to ignore. As Wikipedia says: “Exhortations to buy war bonds were accompanied by appeals to patriotism and conscience.”

The posters were printed in various sizes and were pasted on sides of buildings, homes, and trolley car windows. Propaganda in written form had been used before 1917, but the WWI posters, along with their mass distribution, convinced citizens that the war was a just one and that it was important to participate in whatever way they could.

The goal of \$2 billion was met and surpassed. It is said that “Posters sold the war.”

You can see many images of various posters (they are now collector’s items) on the Internet by searching for “WWI posters.” The posters in the MCHA exhibit are the real thing.

Stop by and take a look! The posters and other items on display in “The War to End All Wars” exhibit will be on display at the Stroud Mansion through November.



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