



## Ring in 2018 and looking ahead

**By Amy Leiser**

*Executive Director*

Happy New Year! Is it 2018 already? I can't believe another year has passed. We've been so busy at the Monroe County Historical Association and it is hard to believe another year is here. Well, you know what they say: "Time flies when you're having fun!"

And have fun we did. In fact, I can't believe I am starting my 20th year at the MCHA! Two decades ago, former Executive Director Candace McGreevy hired me while I was an undergraduate history major at East Stroudsburg University.

Candace had only been hired three months before she hired me, and together we discovered the rich history of Monroe County. I have never stopped learning since I stepped foot into the Stroud Mansion. From the thousands of Monroe County artifacts to the millions of paper documents in the library and archives, every day I uncover something new or discover a fact I had never heard before. I am very lucky and truly enjoy working for this organization. The staff is amazing, our volunteers are wonderful, the Board of Directors is supportive, and our members are great!

It seems that every year we add something new to the MCHA event calendar or try to keep fundraisers fresh and updated. The new Third Thursday Lecture Series was a huge success, and we held the Holiday Luncheon at the Mansion on a Friday and a Saturday. The "Raise your Glass & Support the Past" wine pairing dinner and auction was the most successful fundraiser for

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A vintage New Year's postcard from the MCHA Collection

Tonight's December thirty-first,  
Something is about to burst.  
The clock is crouching, dark and small,  
Like a time bomb in the hall.  
Hark, it's midnight, children dear.  
Duck! Here comes another year!"

*Ogden Nash*

## MCHA Calendar



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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

January 23

February 25 – Annual Meeting

March 27

April 24

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.

### Sunday, February 25

#### 96th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

Noon-4 p.m. Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort,

100 Shawnee Dr., Shawnee-on-Delaware

Noon, Social Hour; 1 pm, Luncheon.

\$35 members, \$40 nonmembers.

### Thursday, March 22

#### Genealogy Fair

9 a.m.-2 p.m., Northampton Community

College, Monroe Campus, Route 715,

Tannersville

Free, but registration required.

Details to be announced.

### Thursday, April 12

#### Bus Trip to Museum of American Revolution

Philadelphia

MCHA members \$50, nonmembers \$55.

See flyer for details.

### 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. Ticket sales will be

announced.

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the organization and the free "Old Time Fun" children's activity event continues to have return guests.

In addition to these events, we will continue to add more in the next year. There are some big things in store for 2018:

— The Monroe County Historical Association is co-hosting a Genealogy Fair with Northampton Community College – Monroe on March 22.

— We have a bus trip to the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia scheduled for April 12.

— We will be adding a virtual tour of the Stroud Mansion to our website this year.

Thank you to all who helped make 2017 a banner year for the Historical Association. Our fundraisers, events,

and programs all did extremely well.

Of course, there was a lot of work involved to make the year so successful, and we want to keep that momentum going. The energy of our many volunteers (see the list on page 4) and the contributions from our members ensure that the history of Monroe County is being preserved.

We encourage you to get involved. There are so many ways that your help is needed. From Board Committees to special projects to everyday tasks, there's something for everyone. The Monroe County Historical Association would not be where it is today without the support from our community.

I wish everyone a very happy 2018, and I look forward to another great year working to connect Monroe County's past with our diverse community of residents and visitors.

## Welcome, New Members

Charles & Kim de Bourbon

Ms. Charisse Fallon

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Loomis

Ms. Patti Stafford

Mrs. Meg Yoniack

Mr. & Mrs. John Young



## New exhibition at Stroud Mansion highlights World War I

The Monroe County Historical Association is pleased to announce the newest exhibition at the Stroud Mansion titled, "Over There... America Joins the Fight: 100th Anniversary of World War I."

The exhibit features uniforms, military artifacts, artwork, and photographs from the Association's museum collection.

On display are World War I artifacts owned by Monroe County citizens Charles S. Flagler, M.D.; Giles H. Burlingame; George Garrison Shafer; Walter B. Miller; Harry S. Van Etten M.D.; and Robert A. Bixler.

American Red Cross uniforms also are on display, including items worn by Sarah MacMillian and Elizabeth French Ramsey.

Also in the exhibit is a large assortment of military souvenirs and trench art brought home by Monroe County soldiers.

The exhibition will be on display until Friday, December 21.

**At right:** "And They Thought We Couldn't Fight"  
— A Victory Liberty Loan poster on display as part of the MCHA's new exhibition called "Over There ... America Joins the Fight: 100th Anniversary of World War I."



## Quilt Raffle to benefit MCHA

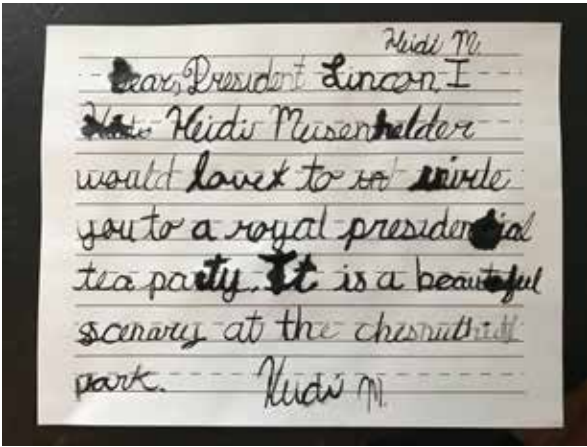
Members of the Mountain Laurel Quilters' Guild generously donated this beautiful handmade quilt to be used as a fundraiser for the Historical Association. The pattern of the quilt is "Split Nine Patch Variation" and it measures 59 inches x 71 inches.

Tickets cost **\$5 each** or **\$20 for five** tickets, and all proceeds benefit the Monroe County Historical Association.

*The winning ticket will be drawn Sunday, February 25, 2018 at the MCHA Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon.*

*Get your tickets today at the Stroud Mansion.*





Sample of a student's writing with a quill and ink.



## 5th graders practice handwriting using ink and quills

A class of enthusiastic fifth-grade students from Pleasant Valley Intermediate School recently toured the Stroud Mansion.

The class enjoyed seeing the artifacts in the museum and participated in a brand-new quill and ink handwriting activity.

As a special treat and rounding out their visit, the students brought their lunches to dine in the Stroud Mansion.

Thank you to the teachers and administrators from Pleasant Valley School District for helping to reinforce the importance of learning about local history.

## Volunteers 2017

Many thanks go all the members who volunteered their time and skills last year.  
*We couldn't do it without you!*

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Jessica Zigel





Members of the Jacob Stroud Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution enjoyed the Holiday Luncheon at the Stroud Mansion in December.

## Holiday Luncheon always a festive event

The weeks following Thanksgiving break are always a whirlwind of activity at the Stroud Mansion. Our staff and volunteers excitedly worked to prepare for the holiday season.

We would like to extend a very special thank you to volunteer Donna Bisset who worked tirelessly cleaning the Mansion in preparation for this event – including window washing!

The 1795 Stroud Mansion was adorned with trees, wreaths, and evergreen mantle and windowsill arrangements with electric candles. Kathy Boyle along with Garden Club members, Sandy Dickl, Mary Jane Drake, Holly Gravel, and Mary Ann LaPenna once again volunteered their time to decorate the second-floor rooms with holiday greenery.

New this year, the Holiday Luncheon at the Stroud Mansion was held on a Friday and a Saturday. Traditionally this fundraising event was held on a Thursday and Friday. After receiving feedback from members of the public who could not attend on a weekday, a weekend seating of the luncheon was offered. It was wonderful to have new faces discover the Stroud Mansion museum and enjoy a delicious lunch.

Musicians playing acoustic guitar provided the lovely background music while guests dined. Performing for the first time at the Stroud Mansion was Andrew Moses who



Volunteers Donna Bisset, left, and Meg Yoniack assisted with the dessert table at the 2017 Holiday Luncheon.

charmed guests at both the early seatings. Longtime MCHA supporter Erin McClelland entertained visitors for both the late seatings. Both gentlemen played the two days, and we thank them for sharing their musical talents for this event.

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# Holiday luncheon

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Again this year, Dave Cook from the Cook's Corner Family Restaurant in Henryville provided the delicious meal.

The menu included fresh baked rolls with whipped honey butter, broccoli salad tossed in a light dressing, fresh baby salad greens with black raspberry vinaigrette, Chicken breast roulade with an apple, fennel sausage, and mozzarella cheese stuffing served with a sweet wine demi-glace, layered Yukon Gold potatoes, roasted butternut

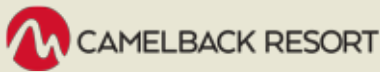
squash, and an assortment of delicious desserts donated by our many wonderful volunteers. Needless to say, no one left hungry!

A complimentary glass of Riesling wine was offered to our guests. This wine was a donation from MCHA member and friend, Mr. Arthur E. Arnold II.

Once again, this past year was a huge success!

The Monroe County Historical Association would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our members, volunteers, and friends who help make this such a wonderful event and for their continued support.

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# The 11th Hour on 11th day of 11th month

On a recent night scamper I noticed new objects in two first-floor display areas. There are photographs, posters, and uniforms, surrounded by very interesting artifacts. I decided to do a little research, since I know it helps to understand what one is seeing if he or she has some background information.

I checked the computer (trusted sources only), files, and old newspapers. I soon realized the exhibits are about the First World War, which started in 1914 and soon became a global conflict. No wonder it was called “The War to End All Wars.”

My research revealed that during that time, local newspapers kept the residents of Monroe County informed of the events happening around the world, even though the United States did not enter the war until April 6, 1917.

You may have been told stories about family members — men and women — who played a part in the war. My mouse family does not have too many WWI stories to share. I do know, however, that many of my ancestors immigrated to North America by jumping aboard troop ships returning home from various European ports!

Looking at a photocopy of the first draft lottery results for Monroe County, printed in the July 13, 1917, *Stroudsburg Times-Democrat*, I learned that Calvin Yohe from East Stroudsburg, holding draft lottery number 258, was the first person from the county to be inducted into the Army.

I also found out via a newspaper clipping dated June 12, 1917 that the first person from the area killed in the war was Floyd Treible, age 23, from North Water Gap.

Floyd was in Canada, and “when the call came, he immediately enlisted.” He died in the trenches, fighting alongside the Canadian forces.

Records in the Mansion library show that at least 1,000 soldiers from Monroe County participated in WWI. That number does not include women, many of whom nursed

wounded soldiers when they were brought back home or actually traveled to Europe to help the cause. Such was the case with Elizabeth French Ramsey, R.N., a local nurse who joined the Red Cross and later served in the Army Nurse Corps from 1917 to 1919 at the U.S. Army Base #10 in France.

Women in the community helped in many other ways, too, by knitting and sewing warm clothes for soldiers or, as Stroudsburg’s Althea Staples did, organizing the local Liberty Loan committee.

World War I is called the first technological war. It brought forth the use of tanks, nerve gas, trench warfare (by the way, mice are very good with trenches and tunnels), U-boats, airplanes, and advertising. When you view the exhibit, be sure to look at the Victory Liberty Loans posters, which showcase the patriotic duty of buying bonds to help finance the war. Americans gave more than \$23 billion to the war effort.

At 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918, the warring countries signed an armistice, an agreement to stop fighting. Eight million men had died fighting on three continents. Millions more soldiers and civilians were wounded. It was, as all wars are, terrible.

The exhibits made me think a lot about fighting — the bravery and the sadness. It gave me a new understanding of the doughboy statue I saw when I wandered down to Stroudsburg’s Courthouse Square last fall. Unveiled in 1924, it was initially a tribute to the 34 Monroe County soldiers who lost their lives in the fight. In the early 2000s the statue’s tribute was expanded to include all men and women who showed bravery and valor in WWI.

On the 11th day of the 11th month of 2018, it will be the 100 year anniversary of the armistice, and I will wear my doughboy helmet.

The Mansion exhibit will be up throughout 2018.



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