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## A Legacy of Service: Gladys Watkins, WWI Nurse

*contributed by Janice Gavern*

World War I became known as “The Great War,” and “The War to End All Wars,” the first all-encompassing military conflict in history. Trench warfare and mustard gas stand out in memory, but an often-overlooked component of WWI are the contributions of female nurses who worked in field hospitals, mobile units, evacuation camps and convalescent hospitals as well as on troop trains and transport ships. These nurses arrived in Europe before the American Expeditionary Forces. In 1914, when the war started, 403 women were on active duty in the Army Nurse Corps; by war’s end in 1918, more than 21,000 nurses had enlisted and over 10,000 had served overseas. They served with distinction: three were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, 23 received the Distinguished Service Medal, and numerous nurses received meritorious awards from allied nations. Several were wounded; more than 200 died in-service.

Several of these nurses have a local connection. One is Gladys Watkins, who was born March 1, 1891 in Trecynon in county Glamorgan, Wales.

She was the daughter of William Grif-

fith Watkins and Mary V. Harris Watkins. The small family lived with Gladys’ maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Harris. A sister, Margaret, was born in 1893.

Shortly after Margaret’s birth, William, Mary, Elizabeth, Gladys, and Margaret left Wales and emigrated to the United States. In the 1900 census they were living at 11 Green Street in Edwardsville, in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

By 1910, the family had grown. Four more children had been born—Griffith, Evan G., Cecili, and William G. They moved to another home at 254 Church Avenue in Edwardsville. Her father, William Griffith Watkins was listed as a hardware

merchant, and a naturalized citizen by 1910. All of the family could read and write, except her grandmother, Elizabeth Harris, who lived with them.

In 1915, Gladys was accepted to the Moses Taylor Hospital School of Nursing in Scranton and later that year graduated as a nurse from Moses Taylor Hospital. She worked as a nurse in Scranton for several years before joining the military.

Gladys Watkins became an Army nurse on January 4, 1918. She was assigned to Base Hospital 1 at Fort



*1915 Moses Taylor School of Nursing Class: Martha Hegbert, Gladys Watkins, Margaret Kimble, Ruth Franklin, Sarah Roberts, Mary Brodhead, Blanche Lewis, Clara Clinton, Amelia Rehkop, Lillian Yard.*

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## *The Lackawanna Historical Society 2016*

### *A Word from the President...*

*Hello Everyone,,*

*I am putting these thoughts on paper on a day that looks and feels like spring, knowing full well that winter is not over yet. Let's all remember that we live in the great northeast where people enjoy all four of the seasons. While some may not share the same opinion, the Lackawanna Historical Society is now planning for a great event to help us all get through to spring. Read on inside to learn more about the sixth edition of Dinner by Design.*

*Beyond that, I would like to recognize the work done by the LHS staff on two community projects launched during the recent holiday season. Both the Trivia Board Game version of "You Live Here, You Should Know This" and the new book, "Scranton 150 Years", were done as collaborations with the historical society. They are available for purchase in the gift shop area at the Catlin House along with an assortment of other interesting books and novelties.*

*While mentioning the Catlin House, you should be aware that the final phases of the HVAC construction, renovations and electrical improvements are being completed. With the arrival of spring the work will end and the effort to prepare and preserve our headquarters for the future will be accomplished. It has been a long and challenging process. Personally, I am very grateful for the generosity and hard work of those who supported the capital campaign project. That being said, we are left with a gap in reaching our campaign goal of \$525,00 by just over \$150,000. I appeal to anyone who reads this letter to consider making a donation of any amount to help close that gap.*

*Please enjoy the new year with its many opportunities. Consider attending some of our upcoming events and activities described in this newsletter. Thank you for all you do to support the Lackawanna Historical Society. Stay well and stay involved!*

*Respectfully,  
Michael Gilmartin*

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# In the Catlin House...

## Trustee News

At the general meeting in December, the Lackawanna Historical Society members elected the following individuals to serve an additional three-year term on the Board of Trustees: John A. Farkas, Joseph X. Garvey, Michael Gilmartin, Richard Leonori, Ella S. Rayburn, and William J. Rinaldi. At their January meeting, the LHS Board of Trustees elected the following officers: Michael Gilmartin, President; Don Frederickson, Esq., 1st Vice President; Laurie Cadden, 2nd Vice President; William Conlogue, Secretary; Douglas Forrer, Treasurer; Dalida O'Malley, Assistant Treasurer. Thank you to all our Trustees for their continued good work for the Society throughout the year.



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## The Canvas of an Ethical Mind:

George Catlin, Esq., and the Centennial Celebration of the National Park Service



On **Thursday, March 31**, from **9 a.m. - 11 a.m.**, help us celebrate the centennial of the National Park Service and the role played by artist George Catlin, the cousin of the namesake of the Society's headquarters, in its creation. Presenters will include Attorney Jan Lokuta, who will speak about Catlin and his vision for public lands, and Debbie Conway, Superintendent of Steamtown National Historic Site, who will focus Steamtown and the National Park System. In addition, a portion of the Society's collection of Catlin's *North American Indian* prints will be displayed.

This program is free to the public and presented in conjunction with the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association and Lackawanna Bar Association. Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits for lawyers will be offered. Attorneys should contact their local bar association to register for credits.

## Join Us for Dinner by Design 2016!

The Lackawanna Historical Society is pleased to announce that the 6th Annual *Dinner by Design* program will take place on **March 4, 5, and 6** at POSH @ the Scranton Club. We're excited to see what our designers create next!

This year's participating designers will be MCR Productions, JK Designs, Bella Faccias, Basement Surprises, On & On, Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science and Art, Ambiance Event Planning and Floral Design, B's Floral Design, Forget-Me-Not Vintage Rentals, Central Park, Patchwork Planning, Harvest Catering and Events, Nada & Co., the Scranton Cultural Center, RetroChic Home Decor and Accessories, and last year's People's Choice winner, POSH. An extended Marketplace, chaired by Nancy Farkas and Fran Garvey, will feature food and dining-themed gifts from Newkirk Honey, 13 Olives, the Baklava Lady, I-Gourmet, La Cucina Foods, Kiki's Flustered Mustard, JML Gifts, and Canned Classics.



As in previous years, a special preview cocktail party, with this year's Honorary Chairpersons Tracy & Tom Doherty, Leah & John Kane, and Cathie & Jack Spall, will be held **Friday, March 4 from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.** at POSH. Tickets are \$75 (or \$65 for LHS members) and include an open bar and hors d'oeuvres and offers a chance to be the first to tour design venues, shop the marketplace, and browse the silent auction while enjoying live music! Plus, preview party ticket holders can return throughout the weekend to view the designs again if they wish. Tickets for weekend touring-only on **Saturday, March 5, from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**, are also available for \$15.



### **EVENT DETAILS:**

#### **2016 Dinner by Design**

*Benefits the Lackawanna Historical Society*

POSH @ the Scranton Club, 404 North Washington Avenue, Scranton

#### **Preview Cocktail Party**

Friday, March 4, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

\$75 (or \$65 for LHS Members)

Send payment to LHS or call the 570-344-3841 for reservations.

*Call us to ask about option to  
dine at one of the venues  
on Saturday evening!  
(570) 344-3841*

#### **Weekend Touring**

Saturday, March 5, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday, March 6 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$15 at the door

Special Thanks to Event Sponsors:



# Join Us for a Pysanky Egg Workshop!

Looking for an Easter keepsake?



This spring, we're hosting a Pysanky-making workshop with Tammy Budnovitch! Pysanky is a traditional Ukrainian craft in which patterns are drawn on the eggs with wax, which protects the egg when dye is applied. Tammy Budnovitch is a member of S.S. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Church who has been teaching pysanky for several years.

The workshop, a two hour beginner class teaching the basic steps of making pysanky, will be held **Saturday, March 19 from Noon to 2 p.m.** at the Catlin House. The cost for the class is \$20 which includes all needed supplies including kistka, beeswax, egg, egg design, and additional designs to take home. There will also be pysanky for sale as well as additional supplies.

Space is limited, so please call us at 570-344-3841 to reserve yours today!

## LHS Receives Support



In January, the Lackawanna Historical Society received word that it would once again receive a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. The amount of the grant, which is administered locally through the Pocono Arts Council, will be determined once the state budget is passed.

In February, the Society was pleased to learn that grant funding in the amount of **\$20,000** would be received through the Lackawanna County Arts & Culture Community grant program and presented by Lackawanna County Commissioners Patrick M. O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni, and Lauren A. Cummings.



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Sam Houston, Texas, where she remained until August 12, 1918. She was assigned to a mobility station before she was sent overseas to France on September 2, 1918, where she was assigned to Base Hospital Unit 56. Around this time, her brother Evan enlisted in the Army. Sadly, Gladys served in France for less than two months. She died of pneumonia on October 16, 1918. According to military records, her father was notified of her death.

Gladys Watkins was buried in St. Mihiel American Cemetery and Memorial, Plot A, Row 8, Grave 17 at the city of Thiaucourt-Regnieville, Department de Meurthe-et-Moselle, Lorraine, France. Gladys' mother Mary was contacted at her home in Kingston in 1929 and asked if she would like to participate in the Mothers' Pilgrimage to visit the graves of children killed during the war and buried overseas. It is unknown if she did.

However, Gladys Watkins did not go without a local memorial. In October, 1921 an American Legion Post was organized in Scranton, comprised of Army and Navy nurses who had served during the war. It was named in honor of Gladys Watkins. All of the officers of Gladys Watkins Post 550 were women, as were all of the members of the Post.

**A Special Invitation from Janice Gavern  
to the members of the Lackawanna Historical Society:**

*Dear LHS Members,*

*Please join me for the third, bi-annual Women Veterans and Friends Tea in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Gino Merli Veterans Center, Sunday afternoon, March 6, 2016 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Set up will start at 1:00 PM. You are welcome to come then, if you would like to help. This tea will again be co-sponsored by the 11th District and the 15th District American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania. After the welcome by the Commanders, I will report on my efforts to identify and honor women veterans from the past and present.*

*I want to particularly tell you about re-searching the biography of Gladys Watkins, for whom American Legion Post 550 was named. A small display about women veterans will be set up as well.*

*Please RSVP to [janicegavern@gmail.com](mailto:janicegavern@gmail.com) by March 1, so I can notify food service of the number of attendees.*

*Hope to see you there,  
Janice*



## **Her Legacy of Patriotism, Honor, and Service Military Women Veterans of NEPA**

On **Sunday, March 13**, the Society will host a program about female veterans at **2 p.m.** at the Catlin House. The program will be presented by Janice Gavern, a former US Air Force officer and current Deputy Commander for the 15th District American Legion in charge of Women Veterans' issues. Janice will speak about the legacy of dedication of female veterans in the past, present, and future. She will share some of her research on local female veterans, including Gladys Watkins, the subject of our featured article.

Join us to help pay tribute to local women veterans!  
Call us at

(570) 344-3841 for more information or to make a reservation.



*The Society thanks all of its volunteers, friends, and supporters who worked with us in the last few months to present a variety of interesting programs.*



### **SCRANTON AFTER DARK!**

*Thanks to Sarah Piccini for leading a special Halloween evening tour of Scranton and thanks to actor Dan Yeager, "Leatherface" of "Texas Chainsaw 3-D" for joining us to add an extra spooky feel to the tour!*

## **Successful Musical Program at Rossetti Home in December benefits LHS**



*In December, the Society once again benefited from the generosity of the Rossetti Family when a special holiday celebration was presented at the Rossetti Home including a special musical program, "A Dickens of a Christmas" with the Anthracite Opera Company under the direction of Gary Richards. The evening program, which included refreshments, was preceded with guided tours throughout the afternoon led by Father Mark Rossetti & Dr. Joseph Olivieri of the Rossetti Estate Arts Center. The event raised more than \$1000 for the Society and we are most grateful to the Rossetti family for its continued support and interest in local history*

## **A Very Special Thank You** **...for making our holidays bright!**

We would like to extend a very special thank you to all our volunteers who helped make our holiday season bright! Our traditional holiday decorations would not be possible without our Christmas

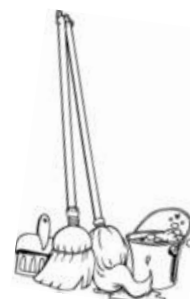


elves Jeff Kiefer and Michael Gilmartin. Thanks to Leni Piasky, Elaine Carroll, Brandon Castellano, the Forrer family, Ann McGrath, the Azzarelli family, Ella Rayburn, Bill & Bridget Conlogue, the Allegrucci family, Tom Horlacher, John & Jenn Ochman, Dalida O'Malley, Bob Savakinus, the Posly family, Vicki Alverenga, Olivia Bernardi, Jim & Gay Clifford, Stephen & Joanne Kavulich, Patricia Galvin Kiefer, Conor Malone, Ann Marie O'Hara, Laura Santoski, Christine Sedelnick, Alex Timins, Annie & Ally Siock, Abby Walsh, and all who baked cookies. Thanks also to the Doug Smith Jazz Trio and Jacqui Adams and the Gouldsboro Methodist Choir for providing music and

Arlene O'Malley for sharing her paper house collection to display. Special thanks to our "special guest," Santa Claus himself! Thank you for all your do!

### **...and for keeping our home clean!**

As we clean up from our HVAC and electric construction, we would like to extend special thanks to all who have braved the dust to help us clean and put our collections back in order, including Ella Rayburn, Nick Petula, Bob Savakinus, Ron Allegrucci, Olivia Bernardi, Abby Walsh, Sarah Piccini, Alex Timins, Richie Sidelnick, and Jim & Gay Clifford. We are also very grateful to Greg and Matt Posly for installing a drop ceiling in the basement, and the Posly family for donating all the materials. Thank you for your help!



# Let's Get Wired!!!

*Work is finally nearing completion at the Catlin House.*

*Total raised so far is \$371,617. We are still \$151,563 short of reaching our final goal of \$523,180. So please encourage your friends and neighbors to support this important project to keep our history preserved...or consider adding to your pledge!*



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If you have not yet made your pledge, know someone who wants to support the project or ***want to add to your pledge***, please use the form on page 15.

## MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS FROM NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA

By Nancy McDonald

While everyone knows Christy Mathewson's Pennsylvania roots, I came across some lesser known baseball players with local ties while browsing through a collection of sports stories saved by local historian, Mary Theresa Connolly.

The O'Neill brothers were a baseball family from Minooka. In 1900 Jack O'Neill joined the Montreal Royals. In 1901, a scout from the St. Louis Cardinals observed him and in 1902 he was hired to join the team for whom his brother Mike was the catcher. Jack pitched for the Cardinals from 1901 through 1904. When Mike caught Jack, the brothers would forego the usual finger signs, instead yelling to each other in their native Gaelic language. In 1910, Mike left the Majors to manage Elmira in the New York State League. In 1904, Jack went to the Chicago Cubs then joined the Boston Braves in 1906.

The Philadelphia Athletics signed Steve O'Neill as a catcher, but sold him to the Cleveland Indians. In his thirteen years with the Indians, he was an outstanding catcher and a defensive star. In 1920, he hit .333 while helping the Indians win the World Series. In 1935 he became Cleveland's manager. In 1945, he won another World Series as the manager of Detroit.

The Washington Senators signed James O'Neill as a shortstop. He played with them in 1920 and again in 1923. Unfortunately, a mysterious lung ailment ended his career. A hand injury prevented the fifth brother, Patrick from a major league career, but did manage the Minooka Blues, an amateur team, into one of the best amateur clubs in the country.

In 1913-1914, Eddie Murphy was the starting outfielder for the Philadelphia Athletics. Murphy spent eight

years in the Majors, helping the Athletics get to two World Series, before being purchased by the Chicago White Sox in 1915.

Stanley "Bucky" Harris was a breaker boy in the Pittston mines. In 1919, at age 22, he broke into the Majors as a reserve second baseman with the Washington Senators. In 1920 he became a starting player. He batted over .280 five times with more than 120 hits in eight straight seasons. By age 27, he was the Senators player-manager. He twice took the Senators to the World Series and won in 1924. Throughout his career, Harris managed for 29 seasons and won 4,408 games. In 1975 he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

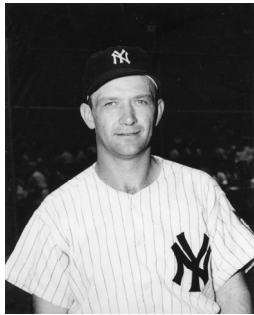
Joe Shaute pitched in the Major leagues from 1922 to 1934. Throughout his career, he had 99 career wins with Cleveland, Brooklyn and Cincinnati. In his first big game, he struck out Babe Ruth. He pitched against the Babe for three years before Ruth hit one of his pitches out of the park.

From 1929 to 1932, Charlie Gelbert was the starting shortstop for the St. Louis Cardinals. He had a batting average of .281, hit 244 RBI and 125 doubles. He went to the World Series twice with the Cardinals. In 1931, he set a postseason fielding record which helped the Cardinals win the Series. Unfortunately, at age 26, he suffered a leg injury in a hunting accident and never returned to pre-injury form. After the Cardinals cut him, he spent the next five seasons with five different teams before retiring in 1940.

Joe Glenn spent an eight-year Major League career mostly as a backup catcher for Yankee Hall of Famer, Bill Dickey. He won three straight World Series with the Yankees, (1935-1938) before being traded to the St. Louis Browns. He spent his final season with the Boston Red Sox, where he caught Ted Williams only pitching appearance. Ironically, Glenn had also caught the final game Babe Ruth pitched in the majors.



*Eddie Murphy*



Joe Collins

Joe Collins was sixteen when signed by the New York Yankees. He spent ten years in the minors before being called to New York in 1950. From 1950 to 1957, Collins went to the World Series with the Yankees seven times, winning five.

Jean Marlowe was the only Scranton-area member of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Her father, a coal miner, played baseball with the Scranton Miners and encouraged Jean's love of the game. Jean graduated from Central High School in 1947. In 1948, she began her professional career as a position player and pitcher. Throughout her ca-

reer, she split her time between the outfield, infield and pitcher's mound. In 1949, she led the league in hitting and won 16 games as a pitcher in 1951. She had a seven year career with three teams before the league folded in 1954. In 1988, she was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Joe Grzenda threw the last pitch at the Washington Senators home stadium on September 30, 1971. When baseball returned to Washington in 2004, Grzenda handed the 1971 ball to President George W. Bush to use in tossing out the ceremonial first pitch for the Washington Nationals home opener at RFK Stadium.

*These stories and others can be found in a collection saved by the late Mary T. Connolly which was recently donated to the Lackawanna Historical Society by Nancy McDonald.*

## Don't Miss ***The Bristol*** premiering in April at the Olde Brick Theater with a special showing to benefit the LHS!

*The Bristol*, a historical drama/comedy (with adult content), is based on the Providence Divorce Bill of 1877, with a look at how such a bill affected local residents at the time. It is written by Marnie Azzarelli and Margo L. Azzarelli and produced by Diva Productions. The play will be performed at the Olde Brick Theatre, 126 West Market Street in Scranton over two weekends in April, with a special LHS benefit show on **April 24th at 2 p.m.**

### Performance Schedule:

Friday, April 15 & Saturday, April 16 at 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m.

Friday, April 22 & Saturday April 23 at 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 24 at 2 p.m. *benefits Lackawanna Historical Society.*

LHS Benefit tickets are \$15/regular show tickets are \$12

Discounts are offered for Seniors and Students.

Call for reservations (570) 209-7766



This month, we invite our members  
to support the Lackawanna Historical Society  
in a fun, easy, and unique fundraising effort:

## **No Show Valentine Ball**

*Show your love to the LHS*

Date- February, 2015

Place - Any Sweet Place You Like!

RSVP by sending your donation\* anytime before the end of February to  
The Lackawanna Historical Society

232 Monroe Avenue

Scranton Pa 18510

(or go to [www.lackawannahistory.org](http://www.lackawannahistory.org) and hit the DONATE button!)

*\*Since there is no expense for the ball, your entire tax deductible contribution will be used  
to support the Society's ongoing work to promote and preserve Lackawanna County history.*

# DINE LACKAWANNA

Want to take a night off from cooking,  
and support the Lackawanna Historical Society at the same time?  
*Dine Lackawanna* continues to be a popular success!

This fundraiser is hosted each month at a different local restaurant,  
and gives you the chance to enjoy a fabulous meal chosen  
from a great menu at one of the area's premiere dining locations,  
and a portion of night's proceeds benefit LHS.  
Hope to see you there!

## **NEXT UP:**

February 17

**Cafe Colarusso**, 233 Bridge St., Jessup 570-489-2456

March 16

**Armetta's**, 329 Northern Blvd., Clarks Summit 570-586-5492

April 20

**Café Classico\***, 1416 Mulberry St., Scranton 570-346-9306

*\*Please call or visit the LHS to obtain voucher for Café Classico Night.*

*Like us on Facebook or check our website for future dates!*



## “Andersonville and Florence Prisons: The Ezra Hoyt Ripple Memoir”

University of Scranton Hope Horn Gallery

Feb. 5 - Mar. 11

A new exhibit at the Hope Horn Gallery celebrates the 150th anniversaries of the Civil War and the City of Scranton by looking at the work of Ezra Ripple, a former Mayor of Scranton and Civil War veteran, and artist James Taylor. The exhibit uses Taylor's drawings and slides to spotlight Ripple's memoirs of his captivity at Andersonville and Florence prisons. Digital reproductions of Taylor's slides from the LHS collection will be on display, paired with Ripple's text, in addition to other artifacts from the Society's collection.

The gallery is open Sunday-Friday from noon-4 p.m. and Wednesday evening from 6-8 p.m.



## Save the Date - 2016 Grand Civil War Ball/Downton Abbey Brunch

The 12th annual Grand Civil War Ball will be held on **Saturday, April 9** at the Century Club. Doors open at 7 p.m. and dancing begins at 8 p.m., with music by period band *Spare Parts*. Tickets are \$35 for an individual or \$60 for a couple. Period dress admired, but not required.

The fun will continue with a special Downton Abbey themed brunch at Carmen's 2.0 Restaurant at the Radisson Lackawanna Station on **Sunday, April 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

*Brunch is \$35 and reservations should be made by calling Carmen's 2.0 (570) 558-3929.*

For more information or to register for the Ball, call the LHS or go to [www.scrantoncivilwarday.com](http://www.scrantoncivilwarday.com)

## Rally! Rally! Rally!

143rd Pennsylvania Volunteers Co. A



Have a love of history? Ever wonder what life was like in a Civil War camp? Now you can experience the smell of the campfire and the sounds of battle. Join the Pennsylvania 143rd Volunteers Company A Civil War Reenactors and relive the past. Our company is always interested in recruiting new members. We are based out of Northeastern Pennsylvania and also have members from Maryland and New York.

Contact Ted Nafus at [tednafus@gmail.com](mailto:tednafus@gmail.com), Mike Hogan at [mhjh10@gmail.com](mailto:mhjh10@gmail.com) or Jim Hummer at [hummerj19@gmail.com](mailto:hummerj19@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

## Civil War Roundtable

The Society continues to host the Scranton Civil War Roundtable the second Tuesday of each month, open to anyone with an interest in the Civil War era. The group meets at 7 pm at the Catlin House. Members will tour the Ezra Ripple exhibit at the Hope Horn Gallery on February 9. Upcoming topics for discussion include a visit from Confederate General George Pickett in March and a discussion about Civil War baseball in April.



Yearly membership dues for the Roundtable are \$20 for an individual and \$25 for families.

For more information, to suggest a topic or to make reservations for the next Roundtable meeting, call the Society at 570-344-3841.

# MEMORIALS

## In Memory of Donna Adler

*Emily Feinberg*

*Michael & Nada Gilmartin*

*Davis & Ann Hawk*

*Judi Keller*

*Lois Kretsch*

*Linda Lynett*

*Nancy McDonald*

*Ann McGrath*

*Leni Piasky*

*Juliana & Sarah Piccini*

*Ella Rayburn*

*Robert & Mary Ann Savakinus*

*John & Susan Sheerin*

*Ronnie & Carol White*

## In Memory of Mary S. Rayburn

*Joanne Stetz*

## In Memory of Raniero Materazzi

*Robert & Mary Ann Savakinus*

## In Memory of Armand Zangardi

*Steve & Joanne Kavulich*

## In Memory of Ann Feller Kennedy

*John Q. Feller*

*Contributions to the Lackawanna Historical Society in the name of individuals are placed in a Memorial Fund and are not used for general operations. To contribute to the Society in the name of an individual, please send your check payable to the Society with the name and address of person(s) for whom memorial is made. All contributions to the Lackawanna Historical Society are tax deductible to the fullest extent that the law provides.*

# *Remembering Donna Adler*

*Last October, the Lackawanna Historical Society was saddened to learn about the untimely passing of long time member and volunteer Donna Adler.*

*Donna first joined the Society in 1995 and wasted no time in signing on to volunteer. At the time she worked for the Albright Library so we were delighted when she offered to help organize the LHS library collections. She was instrumental in*



*working with the LHS and Albright staffs to develop a collaboration to include the LHS holdings on the Albright's online database. Donna continued this work after her retirement, adding more than 5000 LHS titles to the county library's database. Anyone who has ever accessed a book in the Society's collection has surely benefited from Donna's work.*

*In addition to her work in the library, Donna, who we honored as our 2011 Volunteer of the Year, was also a tour guide and active participant in many LHS programs. She and her husband Irwin were always willing to staff a registration table at a fundraiser, assist with sales at special events or chat with visiting researchers. In recent years Donna took on a special project to document the history of East Mountain, where she resided. She conducted oral history interviews with neighbors and long time residents, wrote an article for the LHS newsletter about Mountain Lake, and gathered a collection of photographs and old newspaper articles about the area, hoping to publish a full history about East Mountain. Unfortunately, she did not finish her work but we are confident that what she was able to compile will be an excellent tool for future research.*

*Donna was a wonderful volunteer and dedicated member. Everyone who knew her was touched by her gentle nature and constant optimism. She was genuinely kind and always willing to help. We will miss her greatly but know that the work Donna did for the Society will benefit generations to come.*

## "Let's Get Wired!"

Commit now to keep the Catlin House wired!  
The cost of the Catlin House Electrical and HVAC upgrades is \$523,180. Please join us in taking care of one of the area's architectural treasures and make your commitment today.

Use this form to make your pledge. Make check payable to the LHS Restoration Fund and return to:

Lackawanna Historical Society  
232 Monroe Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18510

### LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY Capital Campaign Pledge Form

I am pleased to support the Lackawanna Historical Society with my contribution indicated below to upgrade the Catlin House electrical and HVAC systems:

*Please Print*

#### Levels of Giving

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Name(s)

☐ **Amps**      \$3000 and over

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Address

☐ **Ohms**      \$1000 - \$2999

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City                                  State                                  Zip Code

☐ **Joules**      \$500 - \$999

☐ **Watts**      \$100 - \$499

☐ **Volts**      under \$100

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Phone (day)                                  Phone (evening)

The Lackawanna Historical Society is a 501 (C) 3 organization. All contributions are tax deductible in accordance with Pennsylvania state law. Your check is your receipt.

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Email

### - In Appreciation -

**Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Society end-of-the-year giving campaign by bringing in (or sending) a Holiday Gift for our Staircase Garland. The effort raised close to \$3000! We were especially grateful to the Ross Family Foundation for their contribution.**



## Don't Miss Out - Wine Trip Planned!



Join us on **Sunday, April 17** for a bus trip to the Seneca Lake Wine Trail! The bus will leave Scranton at **7 am** and after a brief stop for breakfast on your own, will head to the **Fox Run Winery** followed by an extensive Brunch Buffet at **Belhurst Castle** (including Bloody Marys and Mimosas). The tour will then go to **Three Brothers Winery** with three themed wineries and a brewery. Tickets are \$115 per person. Space is limited, so reserve yours today! Please fill out the adjacent form and return it to LHS with your payment.

### Seneca Lake Wine Trip

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ ( x \$115)

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you!**

LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
232 MONROE AVENUE  
SCRANTON, PA 18510

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## ***UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS***

- WED., FEB 17** *DINE LACKAWANNA* at Cafe Colarusso, Jessup (see pg. 12)
- FRI., MAR 4, 7 PM** *PREVIEW PARTY, DINNER BY DESIGN* (see pg. 4)  
Cocktail party at POSH @ The Scranton Club, \$75 (\$65 for LHS members)
- SAT. & SUN., MAR. 5-6** *DINNER BY DESIGN* (see pg. 4)  
LHS fundraiser at POSH @ The Scranton Club, \$15
- SUN., MAR. 13, 2 PM** *WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM* (see pg. 6)  
Presented by Janice Gavern at the Catlin House
- WED., MAR. 16** *DINE LACKAWANNA* at Armetta's, Clarks Summit (see pg. 12)
- SAT., MAR. 19, NOON** *PYSANKY WORKSHOP* \$20 (see pg. 5)
- THURS., MAR. 31, 9 AM** *GEORGE CATLIN* lecture at the Catlin House (see pg. 3)  
A look at Catlin's vision for the National Park Service; CLE credits available
- SAT., APR. 9, 7 PM** *GRAND CIVIL WAR BALL* at the Century Club \$35/\$60 (see pg. 13)
- SUN., APR. 10, 11 AM - 2 PM** *DOWNTON ABBEY BRUNCH* at the Carmen's 2.0 (see pg. 13)  
Period music and dancing at the Radisson Lackawanna Station \$35
- SUN., APR. 17, 7 AM** *SENECA LAKE WINE TRIP* (see pg. 15)  
Bus trip to three wineries with brunch, \$115
- WED., APR. 20** *DINE LACKAWANNA* at Café Classico, Scranton (see pg. 12)
- SUN., APR. 24, 2 PM** *THE BRISTOL* at the Olde Brick Theater \$15 (see pg. 11)
- SAT., APR 30, TBA** *"YOU LIVE HERE; YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS!"*  
Local history game show at Montage; Stay tuned for more information!

**See page 13 for upcoming Civil War Roundtable topics.**

*Visit [www.lackawannahistory.org](http://www.lackawannahistory.org) and like us on Facebook for up-to-date listings of all activities!*