

MORRIS AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETY

General Meeting

May 12, 1998

This was the **10th Anniversary of Morris Area Genealogy Society** and the library meeting room was decorated to mark the celebration. There was even balloons to take home. The social time and refreshments before the meeting was changed so that President Bogart Holly could open the meeting earlier than usual at 6:45 p.m. Bogart announced we now have 350 members. John J. Delaney Jr, Mayor of the Town of Morristown was introduced. Mayor Delaney read a proclamation recognizing the contributions of the Morris Area Genealogy Society and declared **May 12, 1998 as Morris Area Genealogy Society Day**. He urged the community to seek out their ancestors. We also received in the mail a similar commemoration from the Mayor of Morris Township.

At 7 p.m. our speaker for the evening, Marion Harris, was introduced by Jan Huth. Marion was a charter member of the **Gleanings** which is a compendium of excerpts from various sources chosen for their relevance to genealogical work in the Morris area. These are available at each meeting. She is chairman of Morris County Historical Preservation and has been a professional genealogist for 20 years. She has been working on her own genealogy for 30 years! Her topic for the evening was "**Genealogy for Grown-Ups: Meeting Your Sources More Than Half Way**". Her talk was both informative and funny at times and she answered many of our questions. Many different ways of seeking information on our missing ancestors was given.

Bogert Holly presented the library with a plaque commemorating the founders of Morris Area Genealogy Society. They are Barbara Davidson, Linnea Foster, Diane Dellicker, Laura Barrett, Janet Harman, Leroy Lewis, Sharon Meeker, Melda Shippey, Judy Weinstein, Diane Solomon, and Betsy Robinson. Certificates were given out to the 50 Charter members who are still with us. Jan Huth presented our outgoing president, Bogart Holly, with a gift certificate and thanked him for his leadership the last two years and the many trips he has taken members on. He will continue these trips. We have all enjoyed his sense of humor. Jan was given lovely flowers.

Our new president, Regina Springer, was introduced and we all sang Happy Birthday to MAGS. The meeting was adjourned and Bogert Holly cut the two beautifully decorated cakes that we enjoyed for refreshments. Ruth Grimm prepared coffee and we all enjoyed socializing after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary