

MORRIS AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETY

**General Meeting
December 1, 1998**

Before our meeting everyone enjoyed scrumptious refreshments. Members brought their favorite ethnic or genealogical holiday treat and Ruth Grimm, Hospitality Head, made sure we had drinks to go along with the food.

Roger Conover, Vice President, looked festive in his red Santa hat as he welcomed us to our annual holiday party. Regina Springer, President, reminded us of our Program on April 10, 1999 at County College of Morris in Randolph. The seminar will be held from 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m. and we will have one speaker for the whole day. Lynn Foster will be taking names of people interested in helping out. We are expecting between 100 and 300 people. A food committee is needed for coffee and refreshments and the possibility of supplying box lunches is being considered. Geri Burdan, Publicity Committee Head, would like phone numbers and names of any members willing to help. This will be a major event for The Morris Area Genealogy Society.

Regina thanked Charles Hay for taking care of our nametags. This makes it easier for members to meet others and there is never a need to be embarrassed about not remembering a name. Thank you Charles. The Newsletter Committee, Eleanor Casagrand, Claire Kissil, Henry and Lois Weis, Jan Huth, and Ruth Grimm, were all thanked for their hard work collating and mailing our Morris Area Genealogy Society Newsletter. This is what keeps our members near and far informed of what is happening. Thanks to each of you.

In September 1999 we will be moving our meeting to Grace Episcopal Church, 4 Madison Avenue in Madison. The move was made necessary because our group has grown too big for the Morristown Library meeting room. This also will help with the parking situation. Kevin Elliott, Interest Group Coordinator, is thinking of doing a Web site for MAGS. Anyone interested in helping him or putting his or her ancestors on the site should talk with him. Our next meeting on January 12, 1999 will be a panel of Genealogical Experts to answer any of your problems or questions. A pad was sent around for any questions that people would like to ask the experts. Kevin would like this so that they could do research before the next meeting if necessary.

A check was given to the Library for \$500.00 in the name of the founding members of MAGS. Our group is a non profit organization and this was extra money we had in the treasury. The library still has other money left that Morris Area Genealogy Society has given them in the past and they have not spent yet. This will be added to it and if you have any ideas or requests of things you would like done with it please let them know. The Morristown Library is always open to suggestions. Linnea Foster has been working with a group on the first Monday of every month on two projects. She has a committee helping her do indexing.

Our party began with the grab bag gifts. When we first arrived at the meeting we each put our names on pieces of paper and put them into paper bags with numbers. One name would be drawn and that person would win what corresponded with that number. If your name was drawn more than once you only received the first gift. Many lovely items were donated and people had a great time getting their gifts. In the end a few people who did not have their name drawn at all were allowed to choose from the remaining gifts so that everyone went home with something. Roger then divided us up into three groups for games. The first game we played was a matching game. Easy we thought, just match Column A with Column B. We all were surprised by some of the terms that deal with family relationships through blood and marriage and had a lot to learn. The winning team got plenty of chocolates to pass around their group. Next we did a Genealogy Scramble. The same team won this game also but everyone had a lot of fun trying to guess the answers. This time they shared their prize with everyone at the meeting. RSIMOR AARE EEAGYNGLO YICSTEO wishes each and everyone a PYHPA ENW AYRE! (For anyone who did not attend this meeting Morris Area Genealogy Society wishes each and everyone a Happy New Year!)

Respectfully submitted,

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