

**Mon 11 March ZOOM****9:00 AM George Marshall: When Character and Integrity Count****Antigoni Ladd, Adams County Historical Society & Curriculum Director, Tigrett Leadership Academy**

George Marshall's honesty, fairness, and integrity were integral to his success throughout his wide-ranging career. As Army Chief of Staff during World War II planning U.S. wartime operations, or later as Secretary of State devising the Marshall Plan for Peace for economic support to help rebuild and stabilize Europe, Marshall was able to persuade Congress and his superiors that his chosen path was the correct course of action. He accomplished this not by soaring oratory, but by his professionalism, truthfulness, and nonpartisan communications.

**Tue 12 March In-Person Menno Haven Life Center****9:00 AM How Americans Viewed World War II Through the Pages of *Life*****Leon Reed, Author, Retired Senate Staffer and U.S. History Teacher**

Mr. Reed will describe how *Life* magazine reflected and shaped U.S. public perceptions and attitudes towards WWII before and during the war. From occasional articles about the war overseas, *Life* transitioned to articles urging the public to make personal sacrifices and advertisers clamored to describe their support of the war effort. Finally, *Life* featured content geared towards future post-war purchases by readers. Mr. Reed will also describe how publisher Henry Luce focused on his favorites, most notably Patton,

**10:30 AM The Franklin County Area Agency on Aging****Tawnya Hurley, Director, Franklin County Area Agency on Aging, Licensed Professional Counselor**

Ms. Hurley will provide an overview of and describe the services offered by the Franklin County Area Agency on Aging, including PA Medi, OPTIONS, Caregiver Support Program, Information and Referral, protective services, and senior centers.

**Wed 13 March ZOOM****9:00 AM I Didn't Know That Was Covered!****Galen C. Krebs, Licensed Insurance Adjustor, Retired Firefighter Paramedic**

Mr. Krebs will be speaking about the lesser-known covered claims in your homeowner's policy. Under the most common policy carried by homeowners, cracked tiles, carpet burns, and more are often overlooked covered losses. Homeowners spend thousands of dollars on their policies over the period of ownership and most have no idea what is really covered. We all know about coverage for fire and lightning, but Mr. Krebs will touch on the many areas of the policy that most never take advantage of, and as a result often foot the bill themselves for covered -- and expensive -- repairs.

**Thu 14 March In-Person Menno Haven Life Center****9:00 AM "There's Nothing in the Local Paper!" The Evolution of Local Media****Andrea Ciccocioppo Rose, Journalist, Writer, and Editor**

Frequently Andrea Rose has heard "There's nothing in the local paper!" Sadly, she can't necessarily disagree with the statement. But after 30-some years spent in a variety of local newsrooms, she will explain why "local news" sure isn't what it used to be, and how that could affect the future.

**10:30 AM More Little-Known Facts about the American Civil War****Bob O'Connor, Civil War Historian & Author**

Bob O'Connor is back to discuss more of the little known and sometimes amazing facts from his book, *Little Known Facts about the American Civil War - Book 2*. Did you know, for example, that General Robert E. Lee sent a resignation letter to Jefferson Davis following the Battle of Gettysburg? How about the northern town that seceded from the Union? And did a Civil War general really invent the game of baseball? Mr. O'Connor will share these findings and many more!

## IRP SYNOPSES & SPRING 2024 Week 2

### Mon 18 March ZOOM

**9:00 AM When Harry Met Elsey: Madness, Power and Justice in Federal Era Baltimore**  
**Dr. Robert Schoeberlein, Baltimore City Archivist and Author**

Should someone considered to be mentally ill be able to legally marry? Drawing from archived court documents, Dr. Schoeberlein will tell the true story of how this issue was debated in early 1800s Baltimore when a wealthy family opposed a young woman of humble origins in a custody battle over the person and property of her husband, who some considered to be insane. The contest allows a glimpse into the limited rights of a person labeled as mentally ill when the field of psychiatry was in its infancy and when public opinion decided the standards for determining deviant behavior.

### Tue 19 March In-Person Menno Haven Life Center

**8:15 AM In-Person Signup for the Bus Trip on 10 April**

**9:00 AM *Avoiding Apocalypse: How Science and Scientists Ended the Cold War***

**Dr. Jeffrey Colvin, Materials Science & Technology Division, Lawrence Livermore National Lab**

Dr. Colvin will speak about his book, which tells the little-known story of the world-wide scientists' boycott of the Soviet Union that set in motion an astonishing sequence of events. Starting simultaneously with the rise to power of an obscure Soviet bureaucrat named Mikhail Gorbachev, the scientists' boycott not only led to the end of the Cold War, but the end of the Soviet Union itself.

**10:30 AM Improving Quality of Life for Those With Vision Loss and Those Who Care for Them**  
**Gale S. Pollock, Retired Major General, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist and Founder, Overcome Vision Loss Foundation**

Vision loss can occur from trauma or disease and there is little understanding about the variety of ways to sustain high quality life for adults who struggle with it. Major General Pollock will explain the top causes of vision loss and how they affect vision. She will demonstrate Elevivo as a tool to support, encourage and help those you know with vision loss thrive instead of simply surviving. She will discuss how we can help those with vision loss remain vibrant members of families, neighborhoods, workplaces and communities!

### Wed 20 March ZOOM

**9:00 AM *Murder and Witchcraft: The Incredible Story of York County's Hex Murder***  
**Jim McClure, Local Historian, Author & Retired Editor, York Daily Record**

In 1928, two young men met repeated misfortunes and believed Nelson Rehmeyer, a York County practitioner of healing rituals known as powwowing, had cast a hex on them. They sought out Rehmeyer to cast a spell of their own to break the hex. Shortly before Thanksgiving the two men, joined by a 14-year-old, killed the powwow. The subsequent trials drew international attention. Mr. McClure will tell the story of the murder and trials and explore how this moment played out amid a culture of traditional medicine, folk religion and folk magic practiced by the Pennsylvania Dutch.

### Thu 21 March In-Person Menno Haven Life Center

**9:00 AM *Demographic Issues & How They Affect Global Migration & Environmental Issues***  
**Dr. Mark Sachleben, Professor of Political Science, Shippensburg University**

The current and future trends in human population will likely alter global and local politics. Dr. Sachleben will explore how changing demographic patterns, especially declining global fertility rates, will impact migration and environmental issues, as well the dynamic of domestic politics around the world.

**10:30 AM *The Suffragettes and the Battle for Women's Voting Rights***

**Beth Halley, Community Impact Liaison, The Samaritan Women & Helen Wojtech, Retired Teacher**

Women today take for granted that they will be able to vote in political elections and have grown accustomed to seeing female politicians. However, women's suffrage, or the right to vote, was not granted by the founding fathers of our nation but was achieved in 1920 as a result of a decades-long, sometimes violent struggle by women known as "suffragettes." Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Ida B. Wells Barnett and Alice Paul are but a few of the determined women who dedicated -- and at times risked -- their lives to ensure that women had the legal right to vote.

## IRP SYNOPSES & BIOS SPRING 2024 Week 3

**Mon 25 March ZOOM**

**9:00 AM This House, Undivided: Sarah Tracy's Mount Vernon During the Civil War**

**Isabel Sans, Writer and WETA *Boundary Stones* Contributor**

Ms. Sans will speak about one of the noteworthy articles she wrote for WETA's *Boundary Stones* Local History Website when she was assigned as a summer intern in 2023. She will tell the story of how a secretary, Sarah Tracy, was left in charge of George Washington's home during the Civil War. With the house located near both the Union and Confederate capitals, Ms. Tracy lived in constant fear of a battle breaking out and destroying the revered site. Though small in stature, she established and enforced rules for entry into the house and commanded the respect of all: from lowly soldiers all the way up to President Lincoln himself.

**Tue 26 March In-Person Menno Haven Life Center**

**9:00 AM Edward S. Curtis: The "Shadow Catcher" of Native Americans**

**Ann Calkins, Assistant Librarian, Fendrick Library, Mercersburg, PA**

Sponsored by President Theodore Roosevelt and financier J.P. Morgan, Edward S. Curtis left an enduring mark on the history of photography in his 20-volume life's work, *The North American Indian*. From 1900 to 1930, Curtis traveled across the continent photographing, or "catching the shadows of," more than seventy Native American tribes. The photos presented the customs and religions of a people he called "a vanishing race." Ms. Calkins will explore this not-so-well-known photographer's story.

**10:30 AM *Imboden's Brigade in the Gettysburg Campaign***

**Steven French, Retired History Teacher and Author**

Imboden's Brigade, a Confederate cavalry brigade led by Brigadier General John Imboden, was not on the field during the battle of Gettysburg but was protecting supply and ammunition trains in the rear of the army. After the battle, Imboden was tasked with escorting the 18-mile train of wounded back to Virginia. When he arrived at Williamsport, Maryland, he found the Potomac uncrossable due to high water and organized a successful defense which held off Union cavalry until the rest of Lee's army arrived.

**Wed 27 March ZOOM**

**9:00 AM Historic Mercersburg: The "Jewel Box" of Franklin County**

**Joan McCulloh, Retired Teacher, President, Mercersburg Historical Society**

Mercersburg is a small town in south central Pennsylvania that is rich with the traditions and architecture of the 18th century. It is the childhood home of James Buchanan, our 15th President, and the home of Mercersburg Academy and its magnificent American Gothic chapel. Joan McCulloh traces the town's early roots through the stories of its founders and prominent citizens: John Black, James Black, William Smith, William Smith, Jr. and William McKinstry. Her spellbinding stories make history come alive!

**Thu 28 March In-Person Menno Haven Life Center**

**9:00 AM Walking in the Shadow of Death: Grief, Part 1**

**Rev. Dr. Andrew Hart, FSA Scot, Pastor, PhD and Guthrie Scholar**

Rev. Dr. Andrew Hart will discuss: What is grief? Is it different from loss? What are these stages of grief I hear about and how true are they? What is pre loss grief and how is it different from grief when I lose someone? This is the first of two lectures on this subject.

**10:30 AM Questionable Ethics: Examining the Behavior of Judges and Justices**

**Dr. Sara Grove, Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Duquesne University**

Luxury vacations and sweetheart book deals in exchange for??? Dr. Groves will examine questions of ethics plaguing judges and justices, past and present. Prospects for strengthening the process of recusal and regulating judges' and justices' behavior will conclude the program.

## IRP SYNOPSES & BIOS SPRING 2024 Week 4

**CHANGE 1**

**Mon 1 April ZOOM**

**9:00 AM The Park Before the Park**

**Andre Weltman, Chairman, Friends of Pine Grove Furnace and Local Historian**

Mr. Weltman will speak about and show slides featuring the site of the 19th century amusement park and 20th century summer camps in what is now Pine Grove Furnace State Park. In 1878, the iron company built an amusement park on their property to increase passenger traffic on the South Mountain railroad. After the park closed in 1900, the site was used for camping by organizations including the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in 1913-1914, and the Girl Scouts (GS) from 1921-1967. The GS constructed a large swimming pool still visible to park visitors today.

**Tue 2 April In-Person Menno Haven Life Center**

**9:00 AM 18th Century Medicine & Surgery**

**Matt Wedd, Executive Director, The Conococheague Institute**

This presentation will discuss pus, boils, enemas, vomiting, amputations, trepanations, lithotomies and bloodletting...Perhaps not polite conversation, but common occurrences of 18th century life. How would you fare in sickness and in health during the time of Washington, Franklin and Adams? Learn about Colonial Physicians, the advancements of science, where medicine came from, and the surgical tools they used - a great blend of science, history, grossness, and entertainment!

**10:30 AM The North Korean Nuclear Threat**

**John Ricca, Weapons of Mass Destruction & Counter-Terrorism Analyst**

Mr. Ricca will discuss North Korea's nuclear weapons and missile programs, their current status, and the threat to Hawaii, Alaska, and the Continental United States.

**Wed 3 April ZOOM**

**CHANGE 1**

**9:00 AM The New York State National Guard During the Pennsylvania Campaign of 1863**

**John Miller, Executive Director, Shippensburg History Center**

Mr. Miller will explore the timeline of events of the New York State National Guard and their efforts to stall the Confederate advance into Pennsylvania and their role during the Union pursuit of the Confederate army after Gettysburg.

**Thu 4 April In-Person Menno Haven Life Center**

**9:00 AM Walking in the Shadow of Death: Grief, Part 2**

**Rev. Dr. Andrew Hart, FSA Scot, Pastor, PhD and Guthrie Scholar**

Rev. Dr. Andrew Hart will present the second of two lectures: OK, I am grieving. What can I do? Any ideas to make me feel better? Resources?

**10:30 AM Musical Performance**

**New Horizon's Band, Cumberland Valley School of Music**

The New Horizons Band will be performing.... letting the music speak for itself as well as CVSM!

## **IRP SYNOPSES & BIOS SPRING 2024 Week 5**

**Mon 8 April ZOOM**

**9:00 AM Living and Thriving with MCSS and MCAS**

**Mariann Martin, Teacher of English as a Foreign Language, MCSS and MCAS Survivor**

Ms. Martin had been a theater professor with an adventurous lifestyle. At age 35, however, a toxic mold took over her workplace. At the age of 38, she was diagnosed with Sick Building Syndrome, which led to Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Syndrome (MCSS,) and Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS.). She will explain the extreme limitations imposed by these conditions and describe how she copes with them to lead a life that is much different than before, but still fulfilling.

**Tue 9 April In-Person Menno Haven Life Center**

**9:00 AM The Hot Goss & Takes of the 2024 Elections... So Far!**

**Dr. Alison Dagnes, Professor of Political Science, Shippensburg University & Media Commentator**

Dr. Alison Dagnes will address the most pressing questions of the day about the presidential primary season, our Senate race, and American politics in general.

**10:30 AM Diplomatic, Information, Military, and Economic (DIME) and US Relations**

**Lieutenant Colonel Saul Manzanet, USMC, U.S. Army War College**

Lieutenant Colonel Manzanet will discuss: a) international diplomatic affairs and the current role of the U.S. with a growing NATO; b) growing immigration and the current role of the US military; c) international world conflicts and the current role of the U.S. military in the Russo-Ukraine conflict; and, d) global economic interdependency and the use of sanctions for the long-game.

**Wed 10 April BUS TRIP to Cumberland, Maryland Departs 7:00 AM**

Depart Chambersburg Weis Market parking lot on Wayne Avenue at 7:00 AM (Greencastle pickup upon request). Ellen McDaniel-Weissler will be the step-on guide to take us to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Allegany Museum, Puccini's Restaurant for pizza lunch, Trasher Carriage Museum, Gordon-Roberts House & B'er Chayim Synagogue. Return at approximately 6:30 PM; no dinner stop on the way home. NOTE: Trip activities include a moderate amount of walking. Cost: \$150 includes bus, entrance fees, lunch and tips. Signup begins at 8:15 AM Tuesday, 19 March. Contact: Joyce Horst, 717-261-1021, JLHorst1@comcast.net.

**Thu 11 April In-Person Menno Haven Life Center**

**9:00 AM Women, Peace and Security: Why Does It Matter?**

**Lieutenant Colonel Stacy Moore-Callaway, Transportation Corps, U.S. Army War College**

Lieutenant-Colonel Moore-Callaway will discuss the ongoing integration of women in the US Army and efforts to eliminate sexual harassment and assault in the context of Women, Peace, and Security initiatives being conducted around the world. She will argue that including women in security services, government, and peace processes is imperative to creating a more stable world. She will touch on the topics of gender-based violence and conflict related sexual violence as they pertain to limiting the damage done by conflict.

**10:30 AM Women of Gettysburg: Stories of Courage, Compassion and Sacrifice**

**Dave Loose, Quality Systems Manager, Author and Collector of Gettysburg Memorabilia**

At the time of the battle, Gettysburg had a population of about 2400 people; over half were women and children. As fighting rolled through the town, not only combatants but also civilians were surrounded by death and destruction. Mr. Loose will talk about women who persevered through the battle and its aftermath, including two who were immortalized by statues, two who were awarded medals for bravery and many more. He will focus on how these women summoned the courage to step outside their traditional roles during and after those fateful three days.

**Mon 15 April ZOOM****9:00 AM *Strange Glow: The Story of Radiation*****Dr. Timothy Jorgensen, Radiation Biologist and Author**

Radiation is a part of our lives but what do we really know about it? Our phones emit radiation and we regularly get x-rays, but we worry about radon, nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants. Dr. Jorgensen will discuss his book, a blend of narrative history and science, which introduces key figures in the story of radiation, from Roentgen and the Curies to the victims of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant accident, and describes our thorny relationship with radiation and what we know about how it helps and harms us.

**Tue 16 April In-Person Menno Haven Life Center****9:00 AM The Origin & Evolution of Al Qaeda and ISIL****John Ricca, Weapons of Mass Destruction & Counter-Terrorism Analyst**

Mr. Ricca will discuss the origin of Al Qaeda and ISIL, their evolution, current status and threat posed to the U.S. and the world.

**10:30 AM A Visit from Ward Hill Lamon: Friend & Bodyguard of Abraham Lincoln****Bob O'Connor, Civil War Historian & Author**

Mr. O'Connor will appear in character and describe Lamon's life and experiences with Abraham Lincoln. Lamon was assigned to the 8th Judicial Circuit with Lincoln and served as his law partner from 1852 to 1856. Lamon went to Washington with Lincoln for the inauguration and became Lincoln's self-appointed personal bodyguard and was named U. S. Federal Marshal of the District of Columbia. Lincoln sent Lamon to Richmond on April 11, 1865, and Lamon warned Lincoln against going to Ford's Theater. As we all know, Lincoln did not heed that warning...

**Wed 17 April ZOOM****9:00 AM Patrick Henry Through the Eyes of His Fifth Great-Grandson****Patrick Henry Jolly, Patrick Henry Scholar and Descendant**

Patrick Henry Jolly will take a walk through his family history as he talks about the life and times of his fifth great-grandfather, Patrick Henry. Known today mainly for his "give me liberty or give me death" speech, Patrick Henry was an accomplished lawyer, statesman, and a five-time Governor of Virginia. He was also a devoted father to 17 children by two wives. Mr. Jolly will elaborate on these and other facts about his famous ancestor.

**Thu 18 April In-Person Menno Haven Life Center****9:00 AM *An American Miracle: The Making of a Constitution*****Dr. Llyod Muller, Ed.D, Author, Professor Emeritus and Retired U.S. Air Force Officer**

It is only 4,400 words – our United States Constitution. It is the shortest and oldest national constitution in existence. Supreme Court Justice Warren Burger stated that this document "...had as great an impact on humanity as the splitting of the atom." And George Washington wrote to LaFayette that the approval of the document by the various states was "...little short of a miracle." Dr. Muller brings this miracle to life as he discusses his soon to be published book, *An American Miracle: The Making of a Constitution*.

**10:30 AM Members Meeting****Dr. Kathy Worthington, Director, The Institute for Retired Persons**

This members meeting will provide information about IRP finances, program and membership committees, and allow time for questions, answers and discussion.