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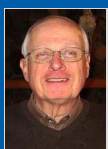
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12/22/20-Valerie Marvin-Capitol Historian

By Gene Klco on Wednesday, December 23, 2020

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=18, Associate members=2, Guests=2
- President Elect Wanda started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Then we had a prayer by Fred and Happy Dollars
- Wanda talked about packages that were taken to past members & some who haven't attended a lot
 - It was Paul's idea and Laska, Paul & Wanda delivered the packages
 - Small gift packages to let them know that we were thinking about them



Guest Speaker today was **Valerie Marvin**, Michigan State Capitol Historian and Curator



Speakers

December 29, 2020

[Brian Tort](#)

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[No Meeting -](#)

[Christmas Break](#)

- Valerie grew up in Owosso
 - She thought of Lansing as a big city
- She started working at the Capitol almost 16 years ago
 - The last 6 years as the State Capitol Historian
- Valerie talked about the story of Woman's Suffrage movement in Michigan
- She started with Ernestine Rose in 1846
 - Ernestine grew up in Europe
 - Moved to US as an Owenite
 - Owenites believed in equal status of men & women
 - They were opposed to slavery
 - And were radical free thinkers
 - History: 18th century - US was a rural nation
 - 19th century - US became an industrial nation
 - Men & women were separated by their roles
 - Men in the public sphere
 - Women in the home (private) sphere
 - Women were covered by their husbands
 - Rose felt that it was not consistent with US ideologies
 - In March 1846 he talked to whoever in the legislature would listen about The Antagonistical Principles of Government
 - In 1844 Michigan congress passed Act 66 - the Married Women's Property Act
 - It was a big step forward
 - Michigan was one of the first to pass the act
 - Why Michigan?
 - Many residents from the east coast
 - Michigan was one of the first states to abolish the death penalty
- In 1848 the Capitol of Michigan was moved from Detroit to Lansing
- In 1867 they had a Constitutional Convention in Michigan
 - They argued the right to vote for African Americans and women
- In 1874 an Amendment to the 1850 Constitution to allow women to vote was defeated
 - For 40,000 and Against 136,000 votes
- By 1880 people could get access to Representation Hall in the Capitol
 - Visited by Sojourner Truth in 1881 to this house chamber
 - Sojourner was born into slavery - advocated against it
 - Came to talk about an effort to bring back the death penalty
 - These women were not able to vote - only able to speak
 - Susan B Antony spoke there in 1871 & 1887
 - Anna Howard Shaw spoke in 1887 & 1893
 - She presented the idea that women needed to vote to protect their families
 - It was wildly celebrated
- In 1893 Act 138 passed the Women Right to Vote in School, Village or City elections
 - But a few weeks later, the State Supreme Court rules it wasn't constitutional
 - Legislation needed a constitutional amendment
- The Constitutional Convention of 1907-1908
 - Michigan Equal Suffrage Association brought together a diverse group
 - Included the Women's Christian Temperance Union, State Women's Press Association, Michigan Federation of Labor, and many others
 - Their speaker was Catherine Waugh McCullough
 - Fifty-eight years of constitutional humiliation has been sufficient to

- make intelligent women appreciate being now placed by you on a legal and political equality with men
 - Despite some convention members speaking in favor of her comments
 - The vote was 38 for and 57 against
- In 1911-12 Chase Osborn served as Governor for one term
 - He brought with him Mary Hadrich
 - She supported Women's Suffrage as did he governor
- In 1916 men voted in state prohibition
- In May 1917 Governor Albert Sleeper signed the Women's Suffrage bill which gave women the right to vote for President & Vice President
- In 1918 an Amendment to the 1908 Michigan Constitution was passed for Women Suffrage
 - For 229,790 and Against 195,284
- The end story - Women elected to public offices:
 - 1919 Dora Stockman elected to the State Board for Agriculture
 - She would become one of the first to be elected to state offices
 - Others: Senator Eva McCall Hamilton - 1921-22
 - Representative Cora Reynolds Anderson - 1925-1926
 - Representative Charline White & Senator Cora Brown (both black)
- Proved that the women's place is not just in the home, but also under the dome
- See more about this at the State Library of Michigan
 - https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,9327,7-381-88854_89996-518343--,00.html
 - Next month's issue of Michigan Historical Magazine will also have an article about Women's Suffrage
- Q/A:
 - Wanda noted that all the officers at Williamstown Township are female
 - Females are a majority on Michigan's Supreme Court
 - How many women in Michigan congress?
 - About 53 women with 148 total members
- After the presentation, Earl showed us a railroad telegraph setup that has been donated to the Williamston Historical Museum
 - It was donated by Robert Hibbard who used to work the telegraph
 - Robert worked as a telegrapher for the Grand Trunk RR for over 40 years.
 - He collected parts over the years
 - View an demo at <https://www.facebook.com/earl.wolf.7/videos/10222370883953744>



- Adam sent the secretary photos of two air purifiers that were purchased with the PPE funds we gave to the Williamston Consolidated School District
 - They went into the band and choir rooms at the high school



December Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Wishes for a Happy Birthday in **December** go out to:

Jennifer Normandin December 11

Adam Spina December 11

Mike Austin December 17

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

◆If we fill our hours with regrets over the failures of yesterday, and with worries over the problems of tomorrow, we have no today in which to be thankful.◆

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Went to my first social distancing Christening last Sunday



Can't Wait For This
Lockdown To End And
Them Bloody Kids
Go Back To School.



**The amount of jokes
about coronavirus
virus has reached
worrying numbers.
Scientists claim we
are in the middle of a
pundemic**

We're time traveling to the year 2020!



Cartoon Kitchen Myth
Lebanon

5 minutes later:



Nope, nope,
nope. Bad idea.

MEANWHILE IN FRANCE...



**Lockdown can only
go 4-ways. You'll
come out a monk,
a hunk, a chunk
or a drunk.
Choose wisely!**