

MDSC Recap: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Cathy Thompson who filled in for Janet Weinstock

On this perfect warm weather day, MDSC members flocked with joy to the Schweinhaut Senior Center in Silver Spring, MD to reunite with their old friends as well as to welcome new members since the last in-person event in February 2020. They were greeted at the entrance by **Rick Thompson** and **Michael Moore** who assisted **Treasurer Cathy Thompson** with the sign in at the admission table rather than at the front desk to adhere to the center's new policy.

A big thanks to the volunteers for their assistance with cutting the pies: **Aimee Burke** and **Diana Moore** and for welcoming MDSCers as we arrive and with the interpreting: **Darian Lurz, Hanaka Johnston** and **Erika Samuels** from the Community College of Baltimore (CCBC), and most important of all, kudos to our **Volunteer Chair Beverly** and her walking boot for making sure the MDSCers feel at home.

Lo and behold! What an awesome sight to see old and new members socializing and catching up with small talks before **Vice President Thelma Schroeder** shared the agenda for the day. She introduced our **Presenter Steven Brunelle** who hails from Minnesota through ZOOM. What a great technology set-up! It was like watching NASA outer space activity on a screen. How cool was that?! She explained that Mr. Brunelle is a native American Indian from the Chippewa Indians and a member of the Turtle Mountain Band. He shared information about Life before Whites, the origins of Thanksgiving and the Aftermath which was followed by a Q&A session.

In addition to the lunch that we brought ourselves, we had a choice of a slice of apple pie, mincemeat pie, pumpkin pie and water bottles courtesy of MDSC.

President Leslie Zinza was thrilled to announce that MDSC membership number has reached 209 with **Arlyce Watson** being the newest member. Cathy and Leslie reminded the members that an email was sent out recently to let everyone know that the deadline to pay \$35 for the Holiday Luncheon was extended to Sunday, November 28th. Then we started the Bank Day by drawing with the tokens. This time Treasurer Cathy did not spill them. Unfortunately there was no winner this time. So it will increase to \$75 at the next drawing. Then we continued to do the "Second Chance" drawing with **Ron Farris** as the third place winner, the second place recipient was **Michael Moore** and first place went to **Joanne Christenson**. Last of all but not least, we had the 50/50 drawing of \$147.00 for the DSA Fund, which was split into half \$73.50 that went to the lucky winner **Michele Mulligan** who was so happy to see the \$\$\$.

The day ended with 70 happy people in all. If you have already registered AND paid for the 2021 Holiday Luncheon at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD, then...

See you on Thursday, December 16th