#### Membership Application for 2019 and/or donations to preserve history.

Of course if you have already paid, Thank You for your promptness. Many of you have taken advantage of a MHS Lifetime Membership and may also disregard this notice.

Name	Telephone	
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	Medford Historical Society,	PO Box 362, Medford, NJ 08055 byle, Membership Chair at 609-670-2822
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Interested in:	☐ Attending Meetings	☐ Setup Refreshments at Meetings
Volunteering: ☐ Quilt Show ☐ Flea Market ☐ Dr. Still Cent		tival   Santa at the Mill
Donation of tir	ne & skills, such as: plumbi	ng, electrical, carpentry, etc.
Please indicate ar	ea of skill/s	



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### MEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY Celebrating Our Annual Lasagna Dinner

Mill Phone: 609-654-7767

for our members

Thursday, March 7, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Medford Friends Meeting, 14 Union Street, Medford, NJ

Lasagna and Rolls will be provided by L.E. Roselli's Food Specialties

Please bring your favorite Salad or Dessert to share with others. Medford Historical Society will provide the beverages and setups.

> Make your reservations today by calling: Donna Eshelm at 609-410-5068

PLEASE R.S.V.P. by March 1, 2019

Give the names of those attending and contact phone numbers. Seating is limited...so your phone call is very important.

#### Medford Historical Society Officers 2018 - 2019 Fiscal Year

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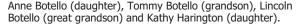
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EXPIRES 2019: Pat Alvino, William Pfluq, William Frederick (Rick) Young, Carol Milich, Richard Bucko

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## Christmas Open House at the Cross Keys Schoolhouse (Great Grandson Visits Schoolhouse Saved by Great Grandfather)







Santa, Tommy and Lisa Botello (wife) holding Lincoln Botello, and Anne Botello

The plaque on the wall of the Cross Keys One-Room Schoolhouse reads, **Tom Chavis**, *In Recognition of Your Accomplishments In Preserving Cross Keys School and Other Activities to Enrich Our Community* ~ *Medford Historical Society* ~ *2006*. Among other wall-mounted recognitions, it is the only one to an individual. Visitors have often asked, who is this person and why does he get such a singular recognition? To answer this question, one needs to realize that in 1976 the last remaining one-room schoolhouse in Medford was on the path to demolition. Tom Chavis spear-headed the movement to save, move and restore this last vestige of public education in Medford.

Tom Chavis (1917-2005) was born in Pennsylvania and later lived in California. As a young man, he joined the US Army and served from 1941 (World War II)-1969. Upon retirement from the military, he got a job at RCA, which brought him to Medford. Once in Medford, he joined the Medford Historical Society and worked at restoring the Mill as well as saving the last remaining one-room schoolhouse from demolition. Tom recognized the valuable asset the school was to the community of Medford and worked not only to have it moved but have it restored so that it could be a functional building whose mission was to educate the youth of Medford.

Today that schoolhouse welcomes both adults and children. In 2018 more than 400 student visited the schoolhouse to experience what it was like to go to school back in the 19th century. The schoolhouse also participated in the Burlington County Passport Program throughout the summer and was open for the Christmas Open House featuring a visit from St. Nicholas. It was at the Open House that a young visitor got to see St. Nicholas in a building preserved by his Great Grandfather. The little white building, almost doomed, reflects the value the citizens of Medford place on education and also stands as a tribute to Lincoln Botello's Great Grandfather - Tom Chavis

#### Crosskeys Schoolhouse Christmas photos

