Darlene Imus will portray Rose Monroe, famously known as, “Rosie the Riveter,” at the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 7:30 PM.

When the United States entered World War II, over 6 million women chose to work in factories. Rose Monroe was one of them. She was a young widow from Kentucky with 2 small children.

Rose applied for a job as a riveter at the Willow Run Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti, and legendarily became known as the original "Rosie the Riveter."

She was selected to represent women in the workforce, starring in newsreels with Walter Pigeon, a famous movie actor.

During World War II, Rose and other “Riveters” had set the standards for women today who maintain a balance between work responsibilities and home life. Their significant contribution to the production of building airplanes for the U.S. Army Air Force, championed the slogan, "We Can Do It!"

Guest speaker Darlene has been a member of the Yankee Air Museum since 2000.

After retiring from a career as a teacher, she was motivated to volunteer at the Museum out of respect for her father, who retired from the Willow Run Assembly Plant after 34 year of service.

As a Museum volunteer, Darlene has met and worked with some wonderful people, and has learned about aviation and the history of the B-24 bomber factory.
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Monthly Drawing
Andrew Spongberg and Merrilee Zawadzki are the winners of the January and February drawings for a $25 gift certificate.

If you know of anyone who would be willing to volunteer at the Museum each month, please let us know.
Please phone the Museum at 734-455-8940 x 4 and leave a message. We will return your phone call as soon as we are available.
Thank you to our dedicated team of volunteers!

Jump into the Pool!
We are looking for people to join our pool of educational presenters.

Contact Leslie at the Museum at 734-455-8940 x 2, or by email at education@plymouthhistory.org.

New Members—Welcome!
Dennis Bila, Plymouth
Mark Manchester, Plymouth
Susan Schwoppe, Belleville
Cathy Sekerke, Ypsilanti
Otto Stockmeyer, Haslett

Plymouth Historical Museum Wish List

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To donate online, please visit the Museum website at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/support-us/donate.html

Tea Party Needs

- Demitasse spoons
- Salad or dessert forks
- 3-inch diameter shallow bowls for fruit or sauce
January 2016

In June, 2015, the Board of Directors designed and sent a survey to 92 current and former volunteers and employees to look into their needs, attitudes and ideas for the purpose of making working at the Museum a more pleasant experience and to encourage more volunteerism. We received written and/or verbal responses from about 55 of those surveyed. Key concepts from those responses include: Communication; Social Interaction; Networking; Recruitment; and, Recognition. The following is a summary of those responses and suggestions for improvements.

Communication is the essential component of involvement at the Museum. It encompasses being informed via the Newsletter (e-mail and/or print), word of mouth from other guides and staff, guide meetings, guide handbook, exhibit walk-throughs, the annual volunteer dinner and other activities. It involves: Social Interaction with other guides, visitors, shift captains (openers and closers,) staff and Board members, Networking with and Recruitment of friends, family members who have been/are volunteers, current and former Museum employees and Board members, as well as Museum meetings, other activities and the Museum marquis. Recognition is another essential component. Volunteers appreciate it when their work performance and volunteer hours are routinely acknowledged not only at Volunteer Dinners but also on a daily basis by positive interaction with shift captains, management, other guides, lunch groups and Board members.

Suggestions for improvements include: provide every volunteer a PHM Newsletter by e-mail and/or hard copy; have periodic guide meetings to include general information; more routinely acknowledge volunteers and their hours worked and knowledge of exhibits, current and upcoming exhibits; provide more information about the permanent exhibits; field trips and other museum related activities; encourage more visitors to attend the museum; and, initially pair a new volunteer with a more experienced one.

Suggestions also include: more frequent awards and/or acknowledgement of work performance at volunteer meetings; highlighting a volunteer in every PHM newsletter; routinely demonstrating a more welcoming attitude by staff, management and Board members; and, the Volunteer dinner.

Additional suggestions include: network more with friends and acquaintances; more contact with other volunteer/civic groups and clubs; offer more high school students an opportunity to fulfill community service requirements; contact newly retired teachers; post notices at the library, cultural center and other civic buildings; design a “Volunteer Brochure” to offer to Museum visitors; and suggest real estate agents offer home purchasers a one year membership (perhaps at a discounted rate) upon completion of a sale.

We have already incorporated some of the above suggestions into daily life at the Museum and will try to incorporate more of the suggestions as time and opportunity allow. We encourage all staff and volunteers to do so too. Please remember that we have installed a suggestion box in the office. We encourage you to put written suggestions into the box as you think of them or present them verbally to the Museum staff and Board. Thank you for your valuable feedback.

Thank you to those who have added the Plymouth Historical Society to their Kroger Plus Card. The Museum receives a small percentage from any purchases made by those who have an up-to-date registration on their cards.

This registration must be completed each year in April. If you have not yet re-enrolled, or want to become a participant in this program, you can visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Click on “Michigan” and click on “Enroll.”

You must have a valid online account at Kroger.com to participate. If you need help, give us a call at 734-455-8940 ext. 9. We’ll be happy to help you get enrolled.
The following generous donations were received between December 2015 and January 2016:

**The Dunning ($2,500 +)**
Brian & Margaret Kidston

**The Lincoln ($1,000–$1,499)**
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Jim Vermeulen

The Plymouth Historical Museum showcases its tremendous collection of historical clothing and artifacts in its new special exhibit, "It's a Downton Abbey Thing." The exhibit is on display until Sunday, June 12, 2016.

The exhibit looks at the historic events highlighted in the wildly popular PBS television series, "Downton Abbey," in relation to the events in the U.S. and southeast Michigan during the time period 1912-1930.

Characters from the drama are seen in vignettes throughout the exhibit, including Lady Mary Crawley preparing for her wedding to Matthew Crawley and Footman Thomas Barrow serving Violet, the Dowager Countess of Grantham.
Nominations for Board of Director candidates will be taken from the floor at the April 12, 2016 meeting of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

According to the bylaws:

“Candidates must be members in good standing of the Society on or by the deadline for nominations and maintain their membership throughout their term. Employees and immediate family members of employees and the then acting Directors may not serve as Directors.

“Additional nominations may be made by individual members at the regular meeting at which the report of the Nominating Committee is presented [the regular meeting prior to the annual meeting]. No nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting. Members may not be nominated for office unless they have given their consent and agree to serve if elected.”

Tickets are $75 each
100 Years Ago - February 1916

Equal Suffrage Lecture

Mrs. G. Edgar Allen, president of the Wayne County Equal Suffrage League, will address a public meeting at Grange hall, Tuesday afternoon, February 15, at 2:15 o'clock, in the interests of the Susan B. Anthony amendment for granting Woman Suffrage. The public is invited and urged to be present. Voters especially are wanted. Please pass the word along and bring a friend. Local committee for the Wayne County Equal Suffrage League.

50 Years Ago - January 1966

Ripped open like a tin can, James Edwin Snodgrass’s 1964 Pontiac is a total wreck after he was hit by a train at the tracks on Holbrook St. Monday night. He came out of the accident without a scratch according to City of Plymouth police. Snodgrass, who lives at 188 Mill, was ticketed with failure to yield the right-of-way and ignoring a stop sign. Police say the C & O train was backing up, and that the engineer saw the car coming at about 40 miles an hour.

50 Years Ago - February 1966

Pursell to run for state senate

Carl Pursell will run for the State Senate seat from the 14th District - a seat now held by Senator Farrell E. Roberts of West Bloomfield Township. PURSELL, who is owner and president of the Western Office Equipment, Inc., made the announcement last week in Livonia at a district Republican meeting. He is a member of Governor George Romney’s task force on political organization.
**50 Years Ago - February 1966**

**Do Plymouth people want better water?**

Do the people of the City of Plymouth want better water? That question, and several others, will be reviewed by a special committee of City Commissioners appointed Monday night by Mayor James C. Houk. The appointments were made at the regular first Monday of the month meeting of the City fathers.

Mayor pro-tem James Jabara will head the committee, with James McKeon and Arch Vallier as members.

In any event, the committee is expected to get the general feeling of the community on upgrading the City’s water, which is noted for its extreme hardness.

**City appoints nine-man parking study committee**

Parking problems in downtown Plymouth will be attacked anew after the appointment of a nine-man committee Monday night by the City Commission.

The committee is to be chaired by Ralph Lorenz, owner of the Mayflower Hotel, and long-active in creating parking downtown. Lorenz is a sort of unofficial expert on parking, having served on various study groups over the past years.

**50 Years Ago - January 1966**

**PROGRESS IN Bill and Dean Saxton’s new Garden Center building was being noted this week as builders awaited steel stringers and rafters for the roof. Saxton’s, located on Ann Arbor Trail near Kellogg Park, announced expansion plans last fall that called for a doubling of present floor space (up to 11,300 sq. ft.) and increased parking spaces. Saxton, here in front, said last week he hopes to have the building done by March.**

**50 Years Ago - February 1966**

**PLYMOUTH’S NEWEST business, a Baskins-Robbins ice cream store, held a grand opening last week, with the proud new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Conzettt keeping busy serving the over 31 different flavors the store offers. Located on Ann Arbor Rd. and Harvey St., the store features new flavors every month and specially made birthday party treats, created to order.**
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Calendar of Events
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March
8—TUESDAY, Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum, Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, “Rosie the Riveter,” with Darlene Imus; free admission.
12—Saturday, A Night FOR the Museum, Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, Plymouth, Doors open at 6 PM. Tickets are $75 per person and can be purchased at the Museum or on the Museum website.

April
12—TUESDAY, Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum, Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, “Animals in the Civil War: Beyond Old Abe and Traveller,” with Bee Friedlander; free admission.

May
10—TUESDAY, Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum, Monthly Meeting, 6:30 PM, Annual Meeting, Potluck Dinner, and Board elections. The meal and voting begin at 6:30 PM, rather than our usual start time of 7:30 PM. Potluck Suggestions: Last names beginning A-H—Side dish, Last names beginning I-R—Dessert, Last names beginning S-Z—Main dish

Rent a Room for Your Next Function
The Plymouth Historical Museum is the ideal setting for weddings, showers, receptions, corporate functions, club meetings, funeral luncheons, and many other events. Our Sanford Burr Meeting Room can comfortably seat up to 100 people and has wireless Internet access. Prices are reasonable, and for an additional fee, rental includes use of the kitchen and/or a private tour of the Museum. For more information, visit the Museum or phone 734-455-8940.