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### Democratic Legislators Hail Appointment of County Historian

TROY— Democratic Minority Legislators attended a gala event hosted by the Rensselaer County Historical Society on Wednesday, May 28 to witness the swearing in of Kathy Sheehan as County Historian. A highly respected historian, Ms. Sheehan has a wealth of knowledge and a passion for the history of Rensselaer County. As County Historian, in addition to her role preserving the records and relics of the past, Sheehan will work to promote public awareness and develop opportunities for sharing Rensselaer County's rich, unique history with residents and visitors to the area. Her appointment helps position Rensselaer County Historical Society to seek grants and additional funding on state and federal levels.

In his comments at the ceremony, Executive Director Robert Engel thanked Legislator Peter Grimm for encouraging the appointment of a County Historian. Grimm introduced the idea to the Legislature and was a strong proponent of Sheehan's appointment.

"There are many advantages to establishing this position in Rensselaer County. The County Historian has a critical role in preserving our past and in transmitting our rich history to the public," said Grimm. "We are fortunate to have someone like Kathy who brings outstanding expertise, enthusiasm, and commitment to this position."



L to R: Legislator Peter Grimm, Minority Leader Ginny O'Brien, County Historian Kathy Sheehan, Legislator Flora Fasoldt, and Legislator Brian Zweig. Democratic Legislators present Kathy Sheehan with a resolution congratulating her on her appointment as County Historian.