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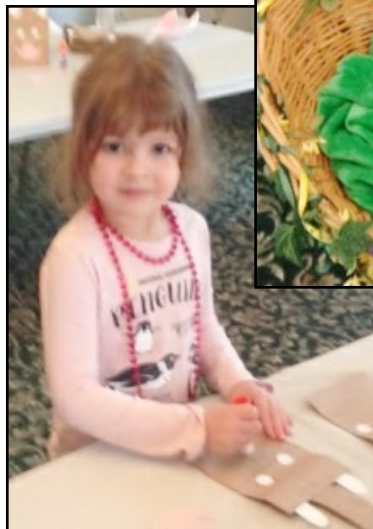
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Springtime Happenings!

Attendees of the 2018 *Café du Matin* Morning Coffee learned all about “Possible Bags, Reticules and Purses.” Many thanks to presenter **Nancy Herndon-Ulrich** for her entertaining and educational commentary. The Ladies of Oakland realized an event profit of \$630, plus a donation of \$10. In addition, one new member took advantage of the \$15 one-day only joining fee. Thank you so much to Morning Coffee Committee Chair **Pam Danklef** and committee members **Rosie Miller, Barb Cook, Dot Huebener, Nancy Harmon, Jeri Akiki** and **Nancy Herndon-Ulrich**.

A whopping 837 people passed through the doors of Oakland this Easter season for the Affton Historical Society’s 23rd Annual Bunny Hutch. Youngsters had the opportunity to pet a real “live” bunny and pose for photos in a large Easter basket. A seasonal puppet show, storytime and craft corner rounded out the springtime festivities. After expenses, the Bunny Hutch netted \$2,777.33, while the Craft Ladies netted \$1,010.00, for an overall event profit of \$3,787.33.

THANK YOU!



*Thanks so much to
our many volunteers!
You do a great job
each and every year!*

AHS Membership Meeting & Pot Luck Luncheon

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Luncheon 12:30 p.m. Meeting 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite side dish and enjoy the company of other members of the Affton Historical Society for a pot luck luncheon. Meat, drinks and desserts are provided - and rumor has it that there will be RIBS and chicken.

At 1:30 p.m., AHS President Charlie Brown will call the spring membership meeting to order. Come and find out what happened over the winter and what exciting events are in store for the upcoming months.

Our after-meeting entertainment will feature Don Corrigan discussing his new book on "Forest Park."

Open Houses for 2018

Beautiful Oakland House Museum will be open to the public on the following Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Free to members \$5.00 for the general public

May 13 (second Sunday) ~ June 17 ~ July 15
August 19 ~ September 16

2018 Open Luncheons

Thursday, May 10

Wednesday, June 13

Tuesday, July 10

Tuesday, November 13

Thursday, August 30

Tuesday, September 11

Wednesday, October 10

These luncheons are open to everyone and provide a wonderful opportunity to meet up with friends, celebrate a special event or just treat yourself. The menu varies with the season and includes salad, entree, dessert and coffee or tea.

Oakland House tours, given by a docent in period dress, are at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch, which is served at noon. The cost is \$18.00 per person and includes the tour. Please make your reservations 2 weeks in advance by calling Dot Huebener at (314) 300-8213.

AHS Members Only Luncheon

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 12:00 p.m.

This special luncheon is exclusively for Historical Society members who have paid their 2018 dues. After-lunch entertainment will feature **Barbara Kay** as American sharpshooter **Annie Oakley**. The cost is \$10.00. For reservations or more information, call **Lucy Johnson** at (314) 843-6346 or **Pat Arrendell** at (314) 353-2096.

Private Luncheons can be booked for groups of 25-56. Call Dot at (314) 300-8213 to reserve a date for your next gathering.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

AHS Independence Day Breakfast Buffet ~ Wednesday, July 4, 2018 ~ 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.



For only \$18.00 per person (\$8.00 for children 10 and under) you will receive

A Delicious Homemade Country Style Breakfast Buffet

Also: Entertainment by Sparkles & Company

Tours of Oakland House ~ Patriotic Music ~ 50/50 Raffle



Please return the enclosed Reservation Form with your RSVP & payment by **FRIDAY, JUNE 29** to:

Affton Historical Society, Box 28855, St. Louis, MO 63123 For information, contact: Charlie Brown 314-353-2636

??? History Question ???

January History Question:

The children of Sarah E. Wilson and Louis Auguste Benoist were:

Henry Augustus Benoist (b. 1851), Eugene Hunt Benoist (b. 1 Apr 1852), Charles Francis Benoist (b. 30 Sep 1854), Marie Clemence Benoist (b. 10 Dec 1855), Helen Amanda Benoist (b. 5 Aug 1857), Louis Auguste Benoist (b. 13 May 1859), Theodore Benoist (b. 2 Apr 1861), Leo deSmet Benoist (b. 18 Mar 1864) and Howard A. Benoist (b. 6 Mar 1867).

Which of their nine children lived the longest?

Answer: Howard A. Benoist, who died on April 26, 1950 at the age of 83.

History Question for April:

The following are the children born to Marie Clemence Benoist and Charles A. Faris:
Baby Boy Faris (b. 1891, d. 2 Dec 1891) and Charlesville Faris (b. 16 Sep 1895).

In what year did the Rev. Monsignor Charlesville Faris die?

If you think you know the answer, contact Charlie Brown at (314) 353-2636 or bbcboakland@gmail.com

"Shutterbug"
Charlie Brown
provided photos
for this issue.
THANKS!



Around the House - Project Updates

As a result of the following projects, Oakland House Museum is looking great these days - just in time for spring.

- Faux finisher Breezy Brezany-Adams (pictured at right) has been hard at work repairing and refreshing all of the woodwork throughout the House.
- The Tower Project, which was started in January, is now complete. The results can be viewed from the second floor.

Stop by Oakland sometime soon to admire our new look!



Ladies of Oakland Meetings

The Ladies of Oakland meet at 1:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday, from April through November. Refreshments are served, and there is always an interesting speaker or other entertainment.

April 17, 2018 - 1:00 p.m.

Beauty Consultant Yvonne Lopes - "Make-Up"

May 15, 2018 - 1:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Hrebec - "Songs from Yesterday"

June 19, 2018 - 12:00 noon

Salad Luncheon (note earlier time)

Bring your favorite salad or finger food

Lanie Boyd - "Murder Mysteries with St. Louis Connections"

July 17, 2018 - 1:00 p.m.

Attorney Adam Ford - "Estate Planning"

August 21, 2018 - 1:00 p.m.

Joan Komlos, The Antique Lady

Bring your "treasures" for appraisal!

September 18, 2018 - 1:00 p.m.

Linda Spall - "Cooking with Marge"

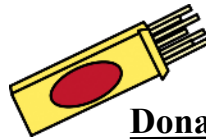
October 16, 2018 - 1:00 p.m.

Donna Carter - "The Singing Egg Lady"

November 20, 2018 - 1:00 p.m.

Jim Merkel to discuss and sign his four books about St. Louis - Hoosiers, Scrubby Dutch, etc.

Fun for everyone! Hope to see you there!
Lucy Johnson, President, Ladies of Oakland



Food Pantry Donations Needed!

Every month, the Ladies of Oakland collect food to donate to the Affton Christian Food Pantry. Please consider bringing a donation to every Ladies meeting to help families in need in our community.



The fifth annual **Give STL Day** will take place Wednesday, May 2nd from midnight to midnight. Sponsored by the St. Louis Community Foundation, **Give STL Day** is a 24-hour online giving event to benefit local nonprofits, and thus the whole community. Imagine the impact we can have when the St. Louis region comes together to give on May 2nd!

Again this year, the Affton Historical Society will be listed as a registered nonprofit organization for **Give STL Day**. On May 2nd, show your support for AHS, as well as other community nonprofits, by going to GiveSTLDay.org to make a donation. Be sure to mark your calendar for this easy and effective way to support the Society – and the entire St. Louis region.

Best Wishes for a Speedy Recovery to:

Nancy Herndon-Ulrich
who is recuperating from having broken her wrist.



The
Oakland House Museum



Save the Date!
Ladies of Oakland Annual Afternoon Tea
Thursday, September 27
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
\$30.00 per person
Afternoon Tea with Lillian Lemp, "The Lavender Lady"
(details in the July *Oak Leaf*)

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The Board meets at Oakland House at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month from January through November. Members are welcome!



In Memoriam:



Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to the families and friends of the following members who recently passed away.

Marge Ellis
Rosemary Logan
Mary Jane Nagel

They will be missed.



We were saddened to learn of the passing of former Ladies of Oakland president **Rosemary Logan**. She served as president in 2011 before turning over the reins to current president Lucy Johnson. For many years, Rosemary graciously presided at Ladies' Officer Installation ceremonies with flowers and kind words. She will be missed for her dedication to Oakland, as well as for her wealth of wonderful stories.



Oakland Memorials



Contributions in memory of **Aggie Wunderlich** were received from:

Helen A. Bollner **Robert & Mildred Peat**
Jeanne Flynn **Trudy Seise**
Mary Hill **Shirley A. Steinkamp**
William & Betty Jackson **Rosemary Wiltsch**

In memory of **Polly Schrader** from:
Helen A. Bollner

And in memory of **Rosemary Logan** from:
Charlie & Barbara Brown

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members who joined since the January Oak Leaf. Their contact information appeared in the 2018 Membership Directory.

Gabrielle Highstein Wanda Lang
Jeanne McLaughlin

IMPORTANT:

When contacting Pam Danklef at (314) 842-0149 or jpdanklef@aol.com with a **new address**, be sure to include your **new phone number** as well. This is especially true for those of you who move to retirement communities (Laclede Groves, Cardinal Ritter, etc.) where you receive a new phone number.



Your financial support is greatly appreciated!

A "Special Thank You" to deSmet Level Donors:

Roberta Cioffi Michele Nieuwendaal Trudy Seise

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Aaron & Dana Brown Sandy & Dick Nieman
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An "Extra Special Thank You" to Faris Level Donors

Elliot & Linda Benoist

An "Extra Super Special Thank You" to Sarah Wilson Benoist Level Donors:

Sidney Guller Abigail Lambert

Membership Updates

Please welcome the following new members and add their contact information to your 2018 Membership Directory:

HASSLER, Madonna 314-894-0202
3002 Yeager Road, St. Louis, MO 63129

WILDEISEN, Gloria 314-481-4363
7612 Mission Valley Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123
cgwildiron@aol.com

And please make the following change to your Directory:

New Phone Number:

CROSSLEY, Carol 314-200-3244

Reminder: If your address label is **YELLOW**, your 2018 dues have not been paid. To continue to receive *The Oak Leaf*, you must pay your 2018 dues. Questions about membership status? Contact Pam at (314) 842-0149 or jpdanklef@aol.com.

Please check your personal information in the 2018 *AHS Membership & Ladies of Oakland Book* to make sure that it is complete and correct. For any additions or corrections, contact: Pam Danklef (314) 842-0149 or jpdanklef@aol.com

Members with e-mail addresses: If you have an e-mail address and are not receiving monthly e-mail updates on "Oakland House Museum Happenings," please contact Pam Danklef at (314) 842-0149 or jpdanklef@aol.com.

**To keep up to date with Oakland House Museum Happenings,
be sure to visit us at: www.oaklandhousemuseum.org**