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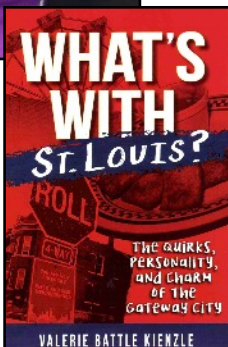
Membership check payable to AHS and mailed to P.O. Box 28855.

Raffle check payable to Ladies of Oakland and mailed to Jackie Thurmond.

Ladies enjoy a Quirky Afternoon Tea



St. Louis author Valerie Battle Kienzle discussed her book at the Uniquely Quirky Ladies of Oakland Afternoon Tea.



On September 28th the Ladies of Oakland hosted a Uniquely Quirky Afternoon Tea. Guest speaker **Valerie Battle Kienzle**, author of *What's With St. Louis? The Quirks, Personality and Charm of the Gateway City*, delighted attendees with a host of anecdotes and trivia about our beloved hometown.

To go along with the theme, guests were treated to delicious refreshments with St. Louis roots including Gus' pretzels, thin crust pizza, toasted ravioli and gooey butter cake. Kienzle gave a brief history of each St. Louis food as it was served.

Five members joined AHS at the tea, and the sold-out event realized an overall profit of \$1,945.00. Many thanks to Tea Committee members **Pam Danklef** (Chair), **Rosie Miller**, **Dot Huebener**, **Nancy Herndon-Ulrich**, **Jeri Akiki**, **Sheila Savka**, and **Joyce Rich** for their dedication and hard work, and to **Marilyn Hammon**, **Jean McDaniel**, **Barbara Malta** and **Nancy Herndon-Ulrich** for acting as servers.

A Uniquely Quirky time was had by all!



Committee Chair Pam Danklef (left) enjoys a laugh in the kitchen with committee members Joyce Rich and Sheila Savka.



Tea Committee members (l to r) Dot Huebener, Jeri Akiki and Rosie Miller.



Servers dressed as Steak 'n Shake carhops were a big hit! From left - Barbara Malta, Marilyn Hammon, Nancy Herndon-Ulrich and Jean McDaniel.

AHS Fall Membership Meeting

Sunday, October 22, 2017

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 with meeting to follow. *Drinks and desserts provided.* The slate of Executive Board Officers and Directors for 2018 will be presented for approval. The program will be:

Lost Treasures of St. Louis by Cameron Collins

Fall Lawn Clean-Up Day

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Volunteers are needed to spruce up the Oakland House grounds during our Fall Lawn Clean-Up Day. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and will end around 4:00 p.m. Come when you can and stay as long as you'd like. Lunch will be provided. Please bring your own rake, yard equipment and gardening gloves.

Last Two Open Luncheons of the Year

Wednesday, October 25 Wednesday, November 8

Hurry! There are only two open luncheon dates left in 2017. These luncheons are open to everyone and provide a lovely opportunity to meet up with friends for a special day out or to just treat yourself.

House tours are at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch, which is served at noon. The cost is \$18.00 per person. Reservations in advance are necessary. Call Dot Huebener at (314) 300-8213.

Ladies of Oakland Meeting

Third Tuesday of the Month

We have one important meeting left for the year:

November 21, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.

Installation of Officers for 2018

Program: **Storyteller Kathy Schottel - One+One Signing & Music**



!!! Santa Claus is coming to Oakland!

Mark your calendars for the 40th Annual Affton Historical Society Santa House!

Weekdays - Reservations are needed

Call Joyce Rich (314) 843-7530

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6 - Friday, December 8

Weekends - NO reservations needed

Hours: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 2 & Sunday, December 3

Saturday, December 9 & Sunday, December 10

For the little ones, each visit includes:

Story Time and Puppet Show

Visit with Santa in the Victorian parlor

A home-baked cookie from Mrs. Claus

Remember to bring your cameras and,
no matter what your age...

"be good for goodness sake!"

Craft items for sale

Cost: \$4.00 per person

Information: (314) 353-2636

Weekday reservations: (314) 843-7530

Santa House Volunteers Needed

- Interested in being a Puppeteer or Story Lady? Contact Lucy Johnson at (314) 843-6346.
- We need folks to act as Santa's helpers, cookie bakers, Mrs. Claus or with various other fun jobs. Contact Joyce Rich at (314) 843-7530.
- Think you'd make a great Santa? Contact Charlie Brown at (314) 353-2636.

Holiday Decorating Help Needed

Help us "deck the halls" of Oakland for the holidays!

Saturday, November 18, 2017

We'll start at 9:00 a.m. and stop when finished.

Lunch will be served. Questions?

Call Nancy Herndon-Ulrich (314) 260-1524

Ladies of Oakland Christmas Raffle

Use the enclosed tickets for a chance to win:

(1) \$100.00

(2) Large Christmas Basket

(3) Small Christmas Basket

Donation: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Drawing: Sunday, December 10, 2017



Santa's coming to town... in style!

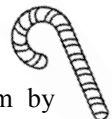
To celebrate the 40th Annual Santa House, the old man will be swapping out his reindeer for an Affton firetruck. Don't miss Santa's grand entrance at **10:30 a.m.** on:

Saturday, December 2 & Saturday, December 9

Many thanks to our friends at the Affton Fire Protection District for arranging these special big rig arrivals!

Christmas Cards Needed:

Please save your Christmas cards and drop them by Oakland House the next time you're there. They make great candy cane holders and will be used for Santa House.



Who's Who at Oakland?

New Board Member Joan Komlos

New AHS Board Member *Joan Komlos* claims that even though she's done "a lot of different things" in her life, she's the "master of nothing." We beg to differ. We know her as "The Antique Lady," a favorite guest who, in Antique Roadshow fashion, has come to meetings to examine our "treasures" and give us her expert opinion on their worth. A knowledgeable and credentialed antique appraiser, Joan has run estate sales for 33 years and managed an antique mall for 15 years. She also sells flooring two days a week.

Joan is looking forward to helping the Society, and we know that she'll feel right at home in the lovely period surroundings of our beloved Oakland House Museum.

WELCOME, JOAN... AND THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Executive Board

Charlie Brown
President

Clinton McDaniel
Vice President

Rosie Miller
Treasurer

Becky Cox
Recording Secretary

Mary Kirschman
Corresponding Secretary

Lucy Johnson
President
Ladies of Oakland

2017 Board of Directors

Jeri Akiki
Bert Barry
Darryl Eaves
Ingrid Giddings
A. Charles Hiemenz III
Dot Huebener
Joan Komlos
Phillip Tafra
Nancy Herndon-Ulrich

Pam Danklef
Membership Chair

Ingrid Schaeffer
Publicity Chair

Patti Behlmann
Oak Leaf Editor

*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.

Mary Fitzsimmons

Gary Ulrich (Former Board member and husband of Nancy Herndon-Ulrich - see next page)

They will be missed.

Your membership support
is greatly appreciated!

A "Very Special Thank You"
to Sustainer:

Mary Ellen Pearson

Bits & Pieces



*Photos for this issue
were provided by
"shutterbugs"
Joan Komlos,
Charlie Brown and
Patti Behlmann.*



At a recent Oakland bridal shower, *Jean McDaniel* received a donation to Affton Historical Society from *Becky Hollernbach*.
THANK YOU, BECKY!



Best wishes go out to *Polly Schrader* who broke her hip over the summer.



Annual Members' Christmas Party

Saturday, December 16, 2017 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Why not take a break from the holiday hustle and bustle, and join us for the annual Members' Christmas party?

Come share good food & drink with your fellow Society members in the festive splendor of Oakland.

Free to all members - just show up decked out in your holiday attire.

For non-member guests, there is a \$5 charge.

Call Dot Huebener at (314) 300-8213 for guest reservations.



Café du Matin - Morning Coffee

Saturday, March 3, 2018 10:00 a.m. \$15

"Possible Bags, Reticules & Purses"
What History Do They Share?

Details in the January *Oak Leaf*

Annual Afternoon Tea

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Details in the July *Oak Leaf*

Save the Dates for 2018



Calendar Meeting

This meeting is to set the dates for the 2018 Event Calendar.

Monday, January 8, 2018 10:00 a.m.

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✂ Please **WELCOME** the following **NEW MEMBERS** and add their contact information to your directory:

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nbommarito@sbcglobal.net

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ejeude@aol.com

McFARLAND, Lyn 314-544-1025
5126 Heege Road, St. Louis, MO 63123

NICE, Marilyn 636-225-5986
1709 Smizer Mill Road, Fenton, MO 63026

PRUETZEL, Virginia no phone # provided
1706 Preston Court Drive, Fenton, MO 63026

SCHERPERLE, Wanda 314-487-4203
5219 Ozarkglenn Drive, St. Louis, MO 63128

Corrected Name Spelling

Please correct this misspelling from the July *Oak Leaf* New Member list.

BERRA, Dolores (not Delores) 314-703-4200
✂ 5800 Arsenal Street, #A-109, St. Louis, MO 63139 ✂

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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.

Please Note:

If your membership information is incorrect or incomplete, please contact Membership Chair Pam Danklef at (314) 842-0149 or jpdanklef@aol.com

Remembering Gary Ulrich

Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends of **Gary Ulrich** who passed away in July. A longtime and dedicated member of the Affton Historical Society, Gary served on the AHS Board for six years. After the retirement of the Brick & Mortar Gang, Gary came along to pick up where they left off. He worked tirelessly on the maintenance of Oakland by giving freely of his electrical and carpentry skills. Because of Gary's special electrical expertise, Oakland House Museum benefits from two circuits on either side of the walkway... and even though plumbing was not his favorite discipline, Gary tended our pipes without complaint. All at Oakland will miss his smiling face and generous spirit.



Oakland Memorials

Contributions in memory of **Gary Ulrich**

were received from

Charlie & Barb Brown, Trudy Seise and Terrance & Karen Sell

??? History Questions ???

July History Questions

1) What American writer visited St. Louis in 1832 and became close friends with both Louis A. Benoist and Henry Shaw?

Answer: Washington Irving

2) What English novelist visited St. Louis in 1842 and was entertained at the Benoist townhouse during his visit?

Answer: Charles Dickens

History Questions for October:

1) In 1859, the St. Louis Philharmonic Society was formed with James Yeatman as president. In addition to William Robyn, Henry Blow and James Eads, what other famous St. Louisan was among the directors?

2) On August 11, 1866, the Missouri Historical Society was organized with the Honorable James H. Lucas as president. Among the vice presidents were Edward Bates, Frederick Billion, Capt. Lewis Bissell, Gen. Bernard Pratte, Henry Shaw, James Soulard, William Cozzens, George Knapp and Henry von Phul. What other famous St. Louisan also served as a vice president?

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

Shopping Reminders:



If you do your Christmas shopping on Amazon.com, remember to direct a portion of your purchase to AHS. It's easy. Just sign on at **smile.amazon.com** and register to make Affton Historical Society your charity of choice. Then, every time you shop, be sure to sign in through **smile.amazon.com**. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to AHS. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you already know, with the same products, prices and service - but with the added benefit of helping charitable organizations. Support AHS by starting your online shopping at **smile.amazon.com**.



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