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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.



“Lavender Tea” a huge success

On September 27th the Ladies of Oakland hosted their annual Afternoon Tea with a luscious lavender theme. Guest speaker **Betsy Burnett-Belanger**, Director of St. Louis Spirit Search, regaled attendees with fascinating details of the life of **Lillian Lemp, the “Lavender Lady”** of the Lemp Brewery family. Decked out in lovely period dress, new caretaker **Jacqueline Brown** welcomed guests on the steps of Oakland. Delicious refreshments were lovingly created by members of the Tea Committee, and tables were adorned with flowers and delicate decorations in shades of purple, lavender and violet.

Eleven members joined AHS at the tea, and the sold-out event realized an overall profit of \$1,905.00. Much of the food, as well as table gift and decorating supplies, were donated by committee members. In addition, the profit figure includes special contributions to the Ladies of Oakland made by **Kathleen Komorech** and **Pat Arrendell**. Thanks to all for their generosity.

This special event would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of many people. Thank you to Tea Committee members **Pam Danklef** (Chair), **Rosie Miller**, **Nancy Herndon**, **Cyndie Ahrens**, **Dot Huebener**, **Jeri Akiki**, **Barb Cook** and **Sheila Savka**, as well as to Servers **Marilyn Hammon**, **Jean McDaniel**, **Dot Huebener** and **Mary Jane Autry**, and to Car Parkers **Charlie Brown** and **Nancy Harmon**.



Tea Committee members
 Sheila Savka & Dot Huebener
 (above, l-r),
 and Rosie Miller & Cyndie Ahrens
 (below l-r)
 are hard at work in the kitchen.



At right,
 Jacqueline
 Brown,
 in period dress,
 greets guests as
 they arrive
 for the Tea.



AHS Fall Membership Meeting

Sunday, October 28, 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 with meeting to follow. *Drinks and desserts provided.* We will hold elections for the Executive Board for 2019, and nominations can be taken from the floor. The program will feature **Andy Hahn** from Campbell House who will show photos of old St. Louis buildings taken beginning in the 1930's by local dentist **Dr. William Swekosky**.

Ladies of Oakland Meeting

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

Please join us for the last meeting of the year. We will install officers for 2019, and the program will feature author **Jim Merkel**, who will discuss and sign his four books about St. Louis - Hoosiers, Scrubby Dutch, etc.

Last Open Luncheon of the Year

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

There's only one open luncheon date left in 2018. This luncheon is open to everyone and provides 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.

Fall Lawn Clean-Up Day

Saturday, November 3, 2018

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.



HO! HO! HO! Santa Claus is coming to Oakland!

Mark your calendars for the 41st 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 5 - Friday, December 7

Weekends - NO reservations needed

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

Saturday, December 1 & Sunday, December 2

Saturday, December 8 & Sunday, December 9

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

\$4.00 per person - cash or check

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 17, 2018

We'll start at 9:00 a.m. and stop when finished,
usually around 4:00 p.m.

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) Baby Quilt

(3) Handmade Christmas Tree

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

Drawing: December 9, 2018

Annual Members' Christmas Party

Saturday, December 15, 2018

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.

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

Call Dot Huebener at (314) 300-8213

for guest reservations.



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

For his arrival to Oakland, the man in red 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 1 & Saturday, December 8**. Many thanks to our friends at the Affton Fire Protection District for arranging these special big rig arrivals!



Who's Who at Oakland?

Welcome new caretaker Jacqueline Brown

We are pleased to introduce **Jacqueline Brown** who has recently been hired as Oakland's caretaker. Jacqueline graduated from Lindenwood University with a B.A. in Graphic Design and a minor in Art History. She is the Graphic Designer at the Missouri Civil War Museum, and enjoys dressing in period clothing. We can thank our own **Nancy Herndon** for discovering Jacqueline, having first met her when making her a period corset. For some of the more heavy work, Jacqueline will be ably assisted by her companion **Patrick "Phoenix" Gordon**, who is a welder by trade. Both Jacqueline and Patrick (pictured here in their vintage finery) volunteer at the St. Louis Renaissance Faire, where they play English Crown Princess Mary Tudor I and Scottish Prince James Stewart I respectively.



WELCOME TO OAKLAND, JACQUELINE & PHOENIX!



Affton **Historical Society** **2018 Executive Board**

Charlie Brown
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Mary Kirschman
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Ladies of Oakland

2018 **Board of Directors**

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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!

??? History Question ???

July History Question:

What disease killed Louis Auguste Benoist, Elisabeth Barton Benoist (Louis' first wife) and Esther A. Hackney Benoist (Louis' second wife)? *Answer:* They all died from cholera.

History Questions for October:

Louis Auguste Benoist died of cholera on January 15, 1867, while on a business trip to Havana, Cuba. The estate he left behind was in excess of what amount of money?

Your membership support
is greatly appreciated!
A "Very Special Thank You"
to Barnett Level Donors:
Peter & Carol Benoist

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

In Memoriam

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

Ted Schamburg

Ellen Wildermuth

(Past President of the Affton Historical Society &
First President of the Ladies of Oakland)

They will be missed.



Kathleen Komorech &
Pat Arrendell

made special donations to the
Ladies of Oakland
at the September Tea.

THANK YOU, LADIES!

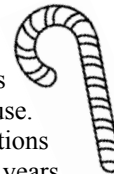
Reminder: Food Pantry Donations Needed! At their monthly meetings, the Ladies of Oakland collect food to donate to the Affton Food Pantry. Please consider bringing a donation to every Ladies meeting to help families in need in our community.



Photos for this issue
were provided by
"shutterbugs"
Pam Danklef and
Jacqueline Brown.

Thanks for the Christmas Cards

Thank you for all the Christmas cards that have been donated for Santa House. At this time, we no longer need donations as we have enough to last for several years.



Café du Matin - Morning Coffee

Saturday, March 2, 2019 10:00 a.m. \$15

Tentative Program:

"Promenade of Ball Gowns"

Details in the January *Oak Leaf*

Save the Dates for **2019**



Calendar Meeting

This meeting is to set the dates for the 2019 Event Calendar.

Monday, January 7, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Annual Afternoon Tea

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Details in the July *Oak Leaf*

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 ✂ Please **WELCOME** the following **NEW MEMBERS** and add their contact information to your directory:
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 42 Graeler Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146
 monkeypickett@gmail.com
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 cwilson@altenheinstlouis.org
YORK, Madonna 314-821-4222
 1124 St. Croix, St. Louis, MO 63122
 Please make the following address changes
 to your 2018 Membership Directory
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 31 N. Old Orchard Avenue #3247, St. Louis, MO 63119
WILSON, Helen
 7609 Fleeta Street, St. Louis, MO 63123
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PLEASE NOTE:
 If your membership information is incorrect or incomplete,
 please contact Membership Chair Pam Danklef at
 (314) 842-0149 or jpdanklef@aol.com

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, Bethesda,
 Cardinal Ritter, etc.) where you receive a new phone number.

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.

REMINDER: 2018 memberships expire on December
 31, and dues are considered delinquent after January 31.
 Memberships must be renewed February 1 in order to be
 included in the 2019 Membership Directory, so... **use the
 enclosed form to renew your membership TODAY!**

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**.



Be sure to sign up for the eScrip Program at Schnucks. Affton Historical Society receives a percentage of your purchase every time you shop.

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