



# Oak Leaf

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## **Springtime Happenings!**

“The Mystique of the Victorian Lady” was the theme of the 2017 Ladies of Oakland *Café du Matin* morning coffee. Many thanks to presenter **Nancy Herndon-Ulrich** (right) for her entertaining and educational commentary. With a total of 53 ladies and one gentleman in attendance, the event resulted in a profit of \$810. Thank you so much to Morning Coffee Committee Chair **Pam Danklef** and committee members **Rosie Miller, Joyce Rich, Dot Huebener, Jeri Akiki, Nancy Herndon-Ulrich and Barb Cook**.



A whopping 589 people passed through the doors of Oakland this Easter season for the Affton Historical Society’s 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Entry fees totaled \$2,367.00, while the Craft Ladies netted \$471.00. After expenses of \$216.90, the overall profit was \$2,621.10.

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 23, 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. 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 be a discussion of the book *Immortal Moments in Cardinals History* by Robert L. Tiemann & Ron Jacober. We hope you'll join us!

## Open Houses for 2017

Beautiful Oakland House 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 21 ~ June 18 ~ July 16

August 20 ~ September 17

## 2017 Open Luncheons

Thursday, May 25

Wednesday, August 23

Thursday, June 22

Thursday, September 14

Thursday, July 27

Wednesday, October 25

Wednesday, November 8

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.

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



We need donations for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Silent Auction! Please drop your **new or gently used items** by Oakland House, or contact Pam Danklef at (314) 842-0149 to arrange pick-up. Thank You!

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

**AHS Independence Day Breakfast Buffet ~ Tuesday, July 4, 2017 ~ 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**

**Featuring personalized pancakes made by**

**Dr. Dan, The Pancake Man** (from 9-11 a.m.)



**Tours of Oakland House ~ Silent Auction ~ Patriotic Music ~ 50/50 Raffle**

Please return the enclosed Reservation Form with your RSVP & payment by **FRIDAY, JUNE 30** to:

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

## In Memoriam:

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

**Jarvis Lambert Margaret Martini Helen May**

**Dorothy Meyer Paul Strippgen** (Past President)

**Jayne Swantner** (Past President) **Lois Uthoff**

They will be missed.

Best Wishes for a Speedy Recovery to:

**Pat Treacy**, who broke her leg and

**Dee Pape**, who broke her femur.

Both are recuperating at home.

Photos for this issue provided by "shutterbugs"  
Pam Danklef & Phil Tafra. Thank You!



## ??? History Question ???

*January History Question:*

How much money did Louis A. Benoist pay for the 476.43 acres he purchased that became Oakland Farm?

*Answer: \$23,350.15 (\$49.01 per acre)*

*History Question for April:*

Which is the correct birth date for Louis A. Benoist?

- 1) July 12, 1801, 2) July 12, 1802,
- 3) July 12, 1803, or 4) August 13, 1803?

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

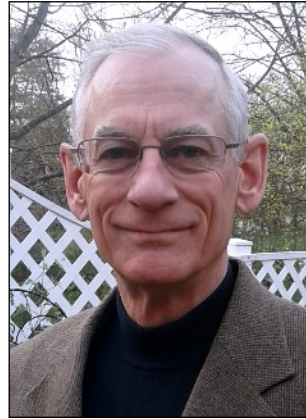
## Who's Who at Oakland?

### **New Board Member Phil Tafra**

New AHS Board Member **Phil Tafra** has been an Affton resident living within three blocks of Oakland House for 44 years. All during that time he's been married to **Debra**, a lifetime resident of the area. Phil is a retired chemical engineer, having worked for 45 years in the chemical and pharmaceutical industry. The Tafra's have raised five daughters, all who have graduated from college.

Phil, who has walked his dogs around Oakland House for years, says he's "always marveled at the beauty of the home. I am only too happy to be a small part of continuing the improvements that previous volunteers have achieved."

WELCOME, PHIL... 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**  
**Phillip Tafra**  
**Pat Treacy**  
**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
of each month from  
January through November.  
Members are welcome!*

### **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 18, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.**

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

#### **May 16, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.**

Joan Komlos, The Antique Lady  
Bring your "treasures" for appraisal!

#### **June 20, 2017 - 12:00 noon**

Salad Luncheon (note earlier time)  
Bring your favorite salad or finger food  
Dr. Gloria R. Perry  
"1855 German Immigration to US"

#### **July 18, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.**

Sheila Savka  
"Cake, Cookie & Candy Decorating"

#### **August 15, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.**

John & Doe - "Singing & Dancing"

#### **September 19, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.**

Linda Spall as "Edith Wilson"

#### **October 17, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.**

County Police Officer Chuck Weiman  
"Safety About Your Home"

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

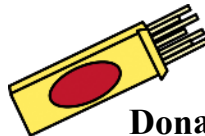
Storyteller Kathy Schottel - One+One  
"Singing & Music"

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

### **Members Only Luncheon**

*Wednesday, April 26, 2017*  
**12:00 p.m.**

This special luncheon is for members only. Our after-lunch entertainment will feature **Barbara Kay** as **Clara Barton**, founder of the American Red Cross. The cost is \$10.00. For reservations or more information, call **Lucy Johnson** at (314) 843-6346 or **Pat Arrendell** at (314) 353-2096.



### **Food Pantry Donations Needed!**

Every month starting in April, the Ladies of Oakland will collect food to donate to the Affton Food Pantry. A different nourishment need will be featured at every meeting. The "food of the month" for April will be breakfast cereal, and May's staple is rice or dried pasta. Please consider bringing a donation to every Ladies meeting to help families in need in our community.



### **Save the Date! Ladies of Oakland Afternoon Tea**

**Thursday, September 28, 2017 ~ 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. ~ \$30.00 per person**

**What's with St. Louis? The Quirks, Personality and Charm of the Gateway City**  
By Valerie Battle Kienzle (details in the July *Oak Leaf*)



## Membership Updates

Please welcome the following new members and add their contact information to your 2017 Membership Directory:

**BURGENER, Nina** . . . . . no phone number provided  
401 Willowbrook, Collinsville, IL 62234

**CAMILLERI, Marilyn** . . . . . 314-352-1256  
5900 Holyoke Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123

**FAGAN, Susan** . . . . . 314-849-4874  
8929 Westhaven, St. Louis, MO 63126  
susanfagan5267@att.net

**SCHMIDT, Sharon** . . . . . 314-352-1784  
8321 Maylor, St. Louis, MO 63123

**SCHUETTE, Jan** . . . . . 314-210-6218  
8511 Rosemary Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63123  
schuette.jan@gmail.com

**SPILLANE, Shirley** . . . . . 314-469-6192  
14045 Willow Breeze Court, Chesterfield, MO 63017  
saspillane@aol.com

Please make the following changes, additions and corrections to your 2017 Membership Directory:

New Phone Number:

**NAGEL, Mary Jane** . . . . . 314-918-1125

**RYAN, Sally** . . . . . 314-722-3774

**SCHMIDT, Virginia** . . . . . 636-220-9206

New or Corrected Address:

**ELLIS, Marge**  
zip code should be **63123** (not 63119)

**GOEKE, Josephine**  
701 S. Laclede Station Rd. #215, St. Louis, MO 63119

**GULLER, Sidney**  
118 Bon Chateau Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141

**PETERS, Edward & Elizabeth - (phone # not current)**  
7655 Watson Road #319, St. Louis, MO 63119

New E-Mail Address:

**BROWN, Charlie**  
bbcboakland@gmail.com

Name Removal:

**UTHOFF, Lois** (passed away in November 2016)

Please check your personal information in the 2017 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

**IMPORTANT:** Be sure to include your *new phone number* when contacting Pam Danklef at (314) 842-0149 or jpdanklef@aol.com with a *new address*.

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 Friends:

Bert & Elizabeth Barry	Rosemary Logan
Francois Barry	Sandy & Dick Nieman
O. Morton Clifford	John & Kristina Remelius
John & Diane Heath	Florence Rice

A "Very Special Thank You" to Sustainers:

Edna Beezley	Jeb & Lynn Rice
A. Charles & Mimi Hiemenz	

A "Super Special Thank You" to Benefactors:

Oliver Chrisler & Lynda Brady

An "Extra-Super Special Thank You" to Patrons:

Elliot & Linda Benoist

The fourth annual *Give STL Day* will take place Thursday, May 11, 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 11<sup>th</sup>!

Again this year, the Affton Historical Society will be listed as a registered nonprofit organization for *Give STL Day*. On May 11, 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. Or, better yet, visit *GiveSTLDay.org* today to sign up for "donor alerts" which will give you helpful information and reminders as the May 11 date draws near.



**MANY THANKS TO**  
**Mary Holtz & Barb Cook**  
for their help with membership catch-up!

**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.



*The*  
**Oakland House Museum**