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Afternoon Tea flyer

4th of July festivities go off with a BANG!

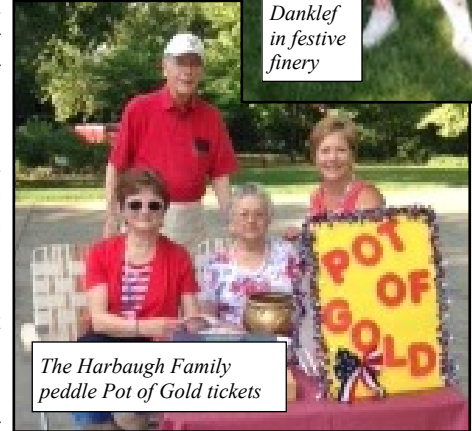
 As in previous years, the folks at Oakland celebrated our nation's independence with a patriotic breakfast. The festive gathering included 174 adults and 3 children, all of whom were treated to a bountiful buffet of bacon, eggs, hash browns, fresh fruit and pastries. Back again, by popular demand, was **Dr. Dan, The Pancake Man** (AKA **Dan Drake**), a culinary artist who fashions personalized and uniquely shaped cakes using only a griddle and squeeze bottles of batter.

 The Silent Auction is always a favorite feature of the July 4th event, and this year was no exception. Attendees, who bid on a wide variety of auction items, also found wonderful bargains at tables dedicated to Tracy's Treasures. When the bidding and sales finally closed, the auction had realized a profit of \$460.00! Thanks to our many generous members for their donations, and extra-special thanks to the Auction Committee: **Pam Danklef, Joyce Rich, Ingrid Schaeffer** and **Nancy Harmon**. In addition, gratitude goes to **Tracy Coleman** for the treasure table, **Cathy Rapp** for handling the cash box, and all the other volunteers for pitching in to monitor and close out the auction.

 We truly appreciate the **Don Harbaugh Family** for selling Pot of Gold tickets that resulted in a profit of \$280.00, and we're very grateful for the donations we received totaling \$139.00. The combined hard work of so many dedicated people contributed to an overall event profit of \$1,123.43.



Auction Chair
Pam Danklef
in festive finery



The Harbaugh Family
peddle Pot of Gold tickets



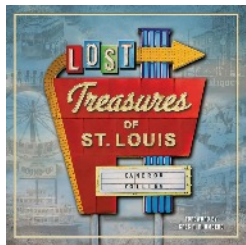
Thanks so much to our wonderful volunteers!
Another successful 4th of July Breakfast has gone off with a BANG - and we couldn't have done it without all of you!

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

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.

July 16 ~ August 20 ~ September 17

Free to members \$5.00 for the general public

2017 Open Luncheons

Thursday, July 27 Thursday, September 14
Wednesday, August 23 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.

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

Ladies of Oakland Meetings



The Ladies of Oakland meet at 1:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss any of these events:

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
"Signing and Music"



Fun for everyone! Bring a friend! Guests are welcome!
Lucy Johnson, President, Ladies of Oakland

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.



Your financial support
is greatly appreciated!



A "Special Thank You" to Friends:

Art & Barbara Kaufmann
Albert & Gloria Perry

A "Very Special Thank You" to Sustainers:

Peter & Carol Benoist
Winthrop & Heidi Reed



Many thanks to "Shutterbugs"
Charlie Brown & Patti Behlmann
who provided photos for this issue.

We hope you'll join us for a

**Uniquely Quirky
Ladies of Oakland
Annual Afternoon Tea**

Thursday, September 28, 2017

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

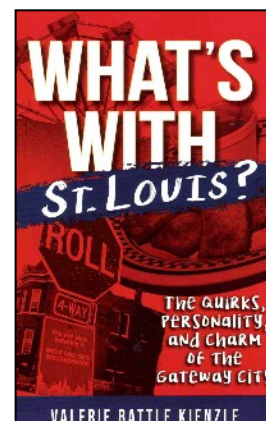
\$30.00 per person

Reservations are required and are on a "first come, first served" basis.

Author **Valerie Battle Kienzle**
will discuss her book

What's With St. Louis?

**The Quirks, Personality, and Charm
of the Gateway City**



Return the enclosed form today to reserve your spot!

Clara Barton visits Members Luncheon

Thank you to **Lucy Johnson and Pat Arrendell** for chairing the 2017 Members Only Luncheon that took place on Wednesday, April 26. They worked diligently to put together a fun and successful event, doing everything from taking reservations and selecting the menu to making table decorations and arranging for entertainment.

And speaking of entertainment, attendees were delighted with an after-lunch visit from none other than **Clara Barton**. Retired Highland High School history teacher **Barbara Kay** portrays 14 different women from various historical eras - all in period dress and guaranteed to make history come alive. Luncheon guests learned many fascinating details about the life of the American Red Cross founder who was known as the "Hellcat in Calico." We've always enjoyed Barbara's portrayals of history's fascinating and formidable females, and we hope she'll return to Oakland soon.



Barbara Kay portrays Clara Barton



Members Only Luncheon Co-Chairs Pat Arrendell and Lucy Johnson



The dedicated kitchen crew takes a break from their serving duties. Thanks, Ladies!



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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.

Julia Hiemenz (Society member and mother of Board of Directors member A. Charles Hiemenz III)

Clarence Schuette (Husband of long time Ladies of Oakland Treasurer Mary Ann Schuette)

They will be missed.



Pat Treacy

has retired from the Board of Directors after many years of dedicated service.

Thank You, Pat!



Oakland Memorials

Elizabeth Igleheart

made donations for the restoration of Oakland House in memory of **Julia Hiemenz, Miriam DeOlloqui & Jarvis Lambert**. Thank you for your generosity.

Bits & Pieces



St. Louis is truly a generous community!

There is no greater evidence of this fact than the recent outpouring of support for local non-profits shown on the fourth annual **Give STL Day**. The May 11 event generated over \$2.13 million in the form of 19,536 individual gifts to 823 deserving non-profit organizations. The **Affton Historical Society** participated again this year and profited **\$805.30**. Thank you for your support of AHS and the St. Louis community. Watch for the next **Give STL Day** in May 2018.



If you're already making purchases at Amazon.com, why not direct a portion of your purchase to be donated 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**.



REMINDER: You can become the proud owner of a print of this lovely watercolor rendition of Oakland.



Artist **Marilynne Bradley** has made limited edition, full-color prints available for purchase, with profits to benefit the Society. Offered at \$75.00 each, these artist-signed, dated and numbered prints measure 11 x 17, and will be matted for frame size 16 x 20. The first twenty prints have already found new homes, but we have another five prints that are ready for sale. Order yours today! For more information, contact President **Charlie Brown** at 314-353-2636 or bbcboakland@gmail.com.



"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet..."

The Craft Ladies are now referring to themselves as the **Kitchen Craft Gals** - a different name, but the same dedicated and talented group. Thanks for all you do!

??? History Question ???

April History Question:

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?

Answer: We're not sure which is correct! Nancy Herndon-Ulrich has been unable to definitively verify the correct date.

Charlie believes it to be August 13, 1803 because it matches the gravestone which states Benoist's death as January 15, 1867.

Summertime Bonus! There are TWO History Questions for July:

- 1) What American writer visited St. Louis in 1832 and became close friends with both Louis A. Benoist and Henry Shaw?
- 2) What English novelist visited St. Louis in 1842 and was entertained at the Benoist townhouse during his visit?

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

Membership Directory Updates

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

BERRA, Delores 314-703-4200
5800 Arsenal Street, #A-109, St. Louis, MO 63139

FRASHER, Beverly 314-832-1435
6128 Southern Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123

NEUHOFF, Christy no phone listed
2521 Bremerton, St. Louis, MO 63144

O'CONNELL, June 314-631-1733
6857 Aliceton Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63123

PERRY, Albert & Gloria 314-291-4117
3323 Haas Avenue, Bridgeton, MO 63044
algo@att.net

ROMINE, Douglas & Kathleen 314-544-4713
3809 Tahquitz Drive, St. Louis, MO 63125
rdoughboy60@sbcglobal.net

Please make the following changes to your 2017 Membership Directory:

New Address

TREACY, Patricia
3 Nazareth Lane #128, St. Louis, MO 63129

Corrected Phone Number

FAGAN, Susan 314-849-4871

Members with e-mail addresses: If you 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.

Reminder: If your address label is **YELLOW**, your 2017 dues have not been paid. To continue to receive *The Oak Leaf*, you must pay your 2017 dues. Questions about membership status? Contact Pam at (314) 842-0149 or jpdanklef@aol.com.

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