



OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

November 2014

Calendar

November 20, 2014

**Potluck Supper
Trash & Treasure
6:30 p.m.
Heritage Center**

Santa Breakfast

**Saturday, November 29, 2014
8:30am to 10:00am**

- Enjoy breakfast with Santa in the beautifully decorated Heritage Center
- Cost is \$8/person ages 3 and up
- Includes breakfast, a craft and one family photo with Santa
- This event is limited to 125 participants
- **Registration** and payment is required before event. Registration is open until Friday November 21st.

December 8, 2014

**Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Heritage Center**

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please contact Maureen Donegan at modoneg@hotmail.com. If receiving the newsletter by email, be sure to set your inbox settings to recognize my email as not being junk mail. Newsletters and meeting announcements can also be found on the Olathe Historical Society website at <http://www.olathehistoricalsociety.org>

Trash or Treasure

November 20, 2014 6:30 p.m.

Join us for our annual Trash or Treasure program and Potluck Supper! Michelle Staley, antiques appraiser from Lenexa, will join us to take a look at your antiques treasures. Michelle has loved antiques since she was a child. She has had the opportunity to work as a freelance archaeologist for the University of Texas and has participated in forensic investigations. Michelle brings 35 years of experience in antiques to our "roadshow". She will be joined by Bruce Rodgers, publisher of *Discover Vintage America*, a popular antiques newspaper with information on antiques, collectibles, unique home decor and historic tourism.

Please limit your "treasures" to one item per person! The potluck supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please bring an item to share based on your last name as follows:

A-I = main dish

J-R = side dish

S-Z = dessert



History Mystery Correction

Peg Nichols provided the following correction to the information provided in the last newsletter about the photo negatives: the unidentified photo negatives were from her husband, Dick Nichols, the first fulltime reporter for The Kansas City Star in Johnson County. Ski Wozniak, to whom the negatives were incorrectly attributed in last month's newsletter came along much later.

The plates and negatives appear to be from the late 1800s-early 1900s. We are looking for someone that might have the expertise to review these items and determine if they have historical value for the Olathe Historical Society. If you can help, please contact historian Anne Seitz.



OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING

MAHAFFIE HERITAGE CENTER

October 13, 2014

Lisa Karstetter, Maureen Donegan, Jayne Jones, Ann Johnson, Vicki Holdman, Mary Jo O'Brien, Margaret Endecott

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 11, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

NOTE: Minutes of today's meeting are not yet approved. If corrections are needed they will appear in the following Bi-monthly newsletter.

FINANCIAL

Treasurer's report was given. Motion was made and the report was accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE

C. J. Gehlke, great niece of R. R. Osborne, has donated family artifacts that include 6 envelopes of pictures of the family members as well as 5 additional cut crystal pieces (with documentation) to add to the previously donated set from R. R. Osborne's sister. Appraisals are currently being scheduled.

Ivan Wicke has donated a 1957 Olathe Centennial Flag.

Chuck Kurtz has donated scrapbooks of the "Dresser Drawer" newspaper columns written by Ernie Miller for the Daily Newspaper during the 1930's. Ernie Miller was named the first "Mr. Olathe".

OLD BUSINESS

FILM SERIES

VOLUME 4: Old Settlers, Mid-America Nazarene University, Civil Rights, Early Olathe Churches

It is hoped that Volume 4 will be available for sale later this year.

VOLUME 5: Olathe Naval Air Station

The debut of this Volume is planned for January 2015!

Volumes 1, 2 and 3 are currently available at the Heritage Center and Feeney's Hallmark and Volume 3 is also available at the Deaf Cultural Center. Also visit <http://www.olathehistoricalsociety.org> to place an order for all of the volumes.

The Olathe Historical Society again shared a booth at Old Settlers with the Olathe Alumni Association. Thank you to all who volunteered to help.

Because of the cost incurred in our booth rental and the selling of our tapes at the booth some adjustments may need to be made in future years.

2015 HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

December 5, 2015

Several homes have been lined up to be on next year's tour. Karen Sutton and Jayne Jones have volunteered to help Bob and Lila Courtney coordinate the 2015 Historical Homes Tour.

NEW BUSINESS:

The <http://www.olathehistoricalsociety.org> website has added a tag named "Resources". Check this out and find some interesting facts and history.

Trick or Treat Off the Street sponsored by the City of Olathe will take place at the Mahaffie Heritage Center on October 25, 2014 from 4 until 6pm. The Olathe Historical Society will have a table and share treats with the children.

Our newsletter goes out to members, many in our community and those who live in other areas by email and some by the Postal Service, which is far more expensive because of the postage. Discussion on more cost effective methods took place and a decision will be made at a later date.

Mary Ann Brooks, long time Antique appraiser and always the guest at our November Trash and Treasure Meetings, is no longer available in the evenings. We will find another but we have grown to love her coming and will miss her warmth and cheery smile.

March of 2015 will be yearly elections. The following will be voted upon in the coming year:

Bob Courtney – President

Jayne Jones – 2nd Vice President

Vicki Holdman – Treasurer

Board Members: Mary Cochran, Maureen Donegan and Maron Moore

If you are interested in serving on the Olathe Historical Society Board, please contact any of the current board members.

Future Program Ideas: Ken Roberts "Then and Now", Street Names, Questers, Auto Museum, Photography, DAR, History of Local Organizations, Set-Up of Acquisition Committee.

Suggestions for programs are always welcome!

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

The next general meeting will be our Annual "Trash and Treasure" with a Potluck beginning at 6:30pm on November 20, 2014.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

December 8, 2014 - 7 p.m. at the Heritage Center.

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Join the Olathe Historical Society

Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City, ST Zip Code	
Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Dues

March 1st is the renewal date for Olathe Historical Society Dues. Individual dues are \$10/year, Sustaining Membership is \$25/year, and Lifetime Membership is \$100. Dues can be mailed to the Olathe Historical Society or brought with you to our next general meeting.

Please mail this application and your enrollment check to:

Olathe Historical Society
1200 Kansas City Road
Olathe, KS 66061

Thank you for joining the Olathe Historical Society! For more information, please visit our website at www.olathehistoricalsociety.org.

Olathe Historical Society

Officers and Board Members

Officers

President	Bob Courtney (13-15)	764-2494
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Board of Directors

Mary Cochran (13-15)	829-5078	Karen Sutton (14-16)	
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