



# Oak Leaf

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**Jacqueline Brown &**  
**Myrna Petty.** Thanks!

## Springtime Happenings!

Attendees of the 2019 *Café du Matin* Morning Coffee were treated to a “Ball Gown Promenade.” Many thanks to those members who donated refreshments, as well as to **Nancy Herndon-Ulrich** for not charging for her informative and entertaining program. Four new members joined at the coffee, and the Ladies of Oakland realized an event profit of \$915. Thank you so much to Morning Coffee Committee Chair **Pam Danklef** and committee members **Rosie Miller, Barb Cook, Dot Huebener,** and **Nancy Herndon-Ulrich.**



A whopping 716 people passed through the doors of Oakland this Easter season for the *Affton Historical Society's 24<sup>th</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. After expenses, the Bunny Hutch netted \$2,729.69, while the Craft Ladies netted \$825.00, for an overall event profit of \$3,554.69.



### THANK YOU!



**Thanks so much to our many volunteers!**  
**You do a great job each and every year!**

## AHS Spring Membership Meeting & Pot Luck Luncheon

*Sunday, May 5, 2019*

*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 and drinks are provided - and rumor has it that there will be ribs, chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs.

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 "The Name Game" featuring **Valerie Schremp Hahn** discussing the people behind city names.

Mark your calendar for the **Fall Membership Meeting**

*Sunday, October 27, 2019*

Program: **John Murphy** as 18<sup>th</sup> Century  
Barber Surgeon Joseph LaBollé

## Open Houses for 2019

Beautiful Oakland House Museum will be open to the public on the following Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Free to members \$5.00 for the general public

*April 28 ~ June 16 ~ July 21*

*August 18 ~ September 15*

Please Note: Due to a bridal shower, the Open House previously scheduled for May 19 has been canceled.

## 2019 Open Luncheons

*Tuesday, April 30*

*Wednesday, August 21*

*Thursday, May 23*

*Tuesday, September 10*

*Wednesday, June 12*

*Wednesday, October 9*

*Thursday, July 25*

*Thursday, November 7*

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 be booked for groups of 15-56.  
Call Dot at (314) 300-8213 to reserve  
a date for your next gathering.

## AHS Members Only Luncheon

*Wednesday, May 15, 2019 12:00 p.m. Cost: \$10.00*

This special luncheon is exclusively for Historical Society members who have paid their 2019 dues. After-lunch entertainment will feature **Barbara Kay** as **Mary Todd Lincoln**.

For reservations or more information,  
call **Pat Arrendell** at (314) 353-2096.

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

**AHS Independence Day Breakfast Buffet ~ Thursday, July 4, 2019 ~ 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**

**Entertainment ~ Patriotic Music**

**Tours of Oakland House ~ 50/50 Raffle**



Please return the enclosed Reservation Form with your RSVP & payment by **Monday, July 1** to:

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



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

**Thursday, September 26**  
**1:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

**\$35.00 per person**

**"Lost Restaurants**  
**of St. Louis"**

**Presented by**  
**Ann Lemons Pollack**

(details in the July *Oak Leaf*)

## SAVE THE DATE

and get your best girls together for the first event in our **Art at The Mansion** series. Join us on Sunday, May 19th at 1pm for an afternoon of sign-making with **Words On Wood STL**.

Feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details & the link to sign up. All registrations must be completed online.





## 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.

**May 21, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.**

Elizabeth Hrebec - "Songs from Yesteryear"

**June 18, 2019 - 12:00 noon**

Salad Luncheon (note earlier time)

Bring your favorite salad or finger food

Joan Komlos, The Antique Lady

Bring your "treasures" for appraisal!

**July 16, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.**

Donna Ross - "Secrets of Love & Beauty from a Victorian Garden"

**August 20, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.**

Gateway Harmonica Club

**September 17, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.**

Bev Schuetz

"Naked Truth about Undergarments"

**October 15, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.**

Betsy Burnett-Belanger - "Ethel Merman"

**November 19, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.**

Entertainment - TBD

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

*Longtime member Carol Crossley died on March 18, 2019.*

*Carol was the Event Planner & Treasurer of the Society for many years.*



### Food Pantry Donations Needed!

Every month, the Ladies of Oakland collect food to donate to the Affton Christian Food Pantry. Please consider bringing a donation to every Ladies meeting to help families in need in our community.

The January question centered around Mary Clemence Benoist Faris (eldest daughter of Louis A. & Sarah Elizabeth Wilson Benoist - born December 10, 1855), and Mary's husband Charles A. Faris (born April 29, 1841), and their son Rev. Charleville Benoist Faris (born September 16, 1895). In what years did they die?

*Answer:*

Mary Clemence Benoist died October 24, 1944, Charles A. Faris died May 21, 1904 and Rev. Charleville Benoist Faris died April 11, 1963.

*History Question for April:*

This month's question centers around Louis Auguste & Sarah Elizabeth Wilson Benoist's youngest daughter, Helen Amanda Benoist Carton (born August 5, 1857), and her husband John Francis Carton (born 1854). In what years did they die?

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



The sixth annual **Give STL Day** will take place Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>!

Again this year, the Affton Historical Society will be listed as a registered nonprofit organization for **Give STL Day**. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, show your support for AHS, as well as other community nonprofits, by going to [GiveSTLDay.org](http://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.

### **In Memoriam:**

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



**Jane (Mitch) Hanneken**

**Laverne Downs**  **Carol Crossley** 

They will be missed.

### **Oakland Memorials**

Contributions in memory of

**Virginia Schmidt**  were received from: 

**Trudy Seise**

**Barbara & Charlie Brown**

### **??? History Question ???**

*History Question for January:*



### **Executive Board**

**Charlie Brown**

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*Ladies of Oakland*

**2019**

### **Board of Directors**

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*Membership Chair*

**Carol Buck**

*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!*



**Your financial support  
is greatly appreciated!**

**A "Special Thank You" to deSmet Level Donors:**

Bart & Liz Barry                      Gordon & Amy Oppelt

**A "Very Special Thank You" to Barnett Level Donors:**

Joan Komlos                              John & Diane Summers

**A "Super Thank You" to Chopin Level Donor**

Libby Benoist Claypool

**An "Extra Super Special Thank You" to  
Sarah Wilson Benoist Level Donor:**

Sidney Guller

***Terri & Fred Solomon made a special donation  
of \$200 to the Society. THANK YOU!***



We recently received word from **Myrna Petty** that her friend and sorority sister, and longstanding Affton Historical Society member, **Pauline Meinecke** passed away in October 2018 at the age of 104. Pauline is fondly remembered for her many hours of volunteer service to Oakland, especially for her work with the Santa House and Bunny Hutch Puppet Shows. About seven years ago, Pauline moved from St. Louis to Arizona in order to live closer to her family. According to daughter-in-law **Jeanne Meinecke**, Pauline remained quite active, participating in the Red Hat Society and other activities. A Celebration of Life in Pauline's memory is planned for May or June of 2019, to take place at her longtime St. Louis Lutheran church home. Further details will be forthcoming.

**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, (314) 503-6401 or [jpdanklef@aol.com](mailto:jpdanklef@aol.com).

**IMPORTANT:**

When contacting Pam Danklef at (314) 842-0149, (314) 503-6401 or [jpdanklef@aol.com](mailto:jpdanklef@aol.com) with a **new address**, please 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, Cardinal Ritter, etc.) where you receive a new phone number.

**Membership Updates**

Please welcome the following new members and add their contact information to your 2019 Membership Directory:

**CLAYPOOL, Libby Benoist** ..... 314-497-7906  
1474 Forest View Drive, St. Louis, MO 63122  
[libbybenoist@gmail.com](mailto:libbybenoist@gmail.com)

**COURISKY, Mary Ann** ..... 314-353-4909  
6524 Saybrook Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63123

**JULIUS, Judy** ..... 314-487-9590  
4838 Vermilion Drive, St. Louis, MO 63128  
[judy@eeo-consulting.net](mailto:judy@eeo-consulting.net)

**LUTES, Denise** ..... 314-808-7682  
23 Circle Drive, Fenton, MO 63026  
[dmlutes76@yahoo.com](mailto:dmlutes76@yahoo.com)

**RINEY, Jan** ..... 314-488-5659  
7306 Landsdowne Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63119  
[janmriney@earthlink.net](mailto:janmriney@earthlink.net)

**WATSON, Theresa** ..... 314-849-8432  
5348 Glen Cullen Way, St. Louis, MO 63128

And please make the following change to your Directory:

**Name Spelling Correction:**

**JORDAN, Vera** (not Jordon)

**Added Information:**

**EAVES, Darryl** ..... 314-210-6443 (c)

**EAVES, Alison** ..... 314-210-6445 (c)  
and Alison's email ..... [bassetbabe101@gmail.com](mailto:bassetbabe101@gmail.com)

**New, Preferred or Corrected Phone Number:**

**HARMON, Nancy** ..... 314-667-9747 (c)

**KOTTEMANN, Josh & Rhonda** .. 314-571-9179 (h)

**NIEUWENDAAL, Michelle** ..... 314-560-1120 (c)

**Reminder:** If your address label is **YELLOW**, your 2019 dues have not been paid. To continue to receive *The Oak Leaf*, you must pay your 2019 dues. If you have questions about membership status, contact Pam at (314) 842-0149, (314) 503-6401 or [jpdanklef@aol.com](mailto:jpdanklef@aol.com).

Please check your personal information in the *2019 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, (314) 503-6401 or [jpdanklef@aol.com](mailto:jpdanklef@aol.com)



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