



# The Oak Leaf

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## Annual Afternoon Tea



On September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Ladies of Oakland hosted “Tea with Dianne.” Guest speaker **Dianne Isbell** instructed the ladies on the “History, Customs & Etiquette of Tea.” Her presentation was complimented by the many items used in the service of tea that she had on display. The 53 attendees were encouraged to don their teatime finest for the event, including hats and gloves. Dianne, who is also an award-winning hat designer, critiqued the many elaborate *chapeaux* on display throughout the room. As a grand finale, guests were served a darling “mouse” sweet treat made from a maraschino cherry dipped in chocolate.

The sold-out event realized an overall profit of \$1,908.00. Much of the food, as well as table gifts and decorating supplies, were donated by committee members. Thanks so much! 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**, **Dot Huebener**, **Sheila Savka** and **Lucy Johnson**, as well as to Servers **Mary Jane Autry** and **Jean McDaniel**.



**Remember, ladies...  
when drinking tea,  
do not wear your gloves, and  
do not crook your little finger!!**

## AHS Fall Membership Meeting

*Sunday, October 24, 2021*

*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 and program to follow. Meats and drinks are provided. A slate of Executive Board Officers and Directors for 2022 will be presented, and nominations will be accepted from the floor. The program will feature author **Jim Merkel** speaking on his book, *Growing Up St. Louis: Looking Back Through the Decades*.

## Fall Lawn Clean-Up Day

*Saturday, November 6, 2021*

*(Back-up date - Saturday, November 13, 2021)*

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. Lunch will be provided. Please bring your own rake, yard equipment and gardening gloves.

## Ladies of Oakland Meetings

*Tuesday, October 19, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.*

We'll hold a Halloween costume contest, and Speaker **Don Marsh** will talk about his three books and about the changes he's seen in the media over the last 60 years.

*Tuesday, November 16, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.*

We will install officers for 2022, and the program will feature **Barbara Kay** portraying **Virginia Minor** and speaking about "Women's Suffrage."

Refreshments will be served at both meetings.

## Last Open Luncheon of the Year

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021*

There's only one open luncheon date left in 2021. It 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 \$20.00 per person. Reservations in advance are necessary. Call **Dot Huebener** at (314) 300-8213.



## !!! !!! !!! Santa Claus is coming to Oakland!

Mark your calendars for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Affton Historical Society Santa House!

*Weekdays - Reservations are needed*

Call Joan Komlos (314) 496-6225

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8 - Friday, December 10

*Weekends - NO reservations needed*

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

Saturday, December 4 & Sunday, December 5

Saturday, December 11 & Sunday, December 12

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

\$6.00 per person - cash, check, or cards on Stripe

Information: (314) 814-4983

Weekday reservations: (314) 496-6225

## Holiday Decorating Help Needed

Help us "deck the halls" of Oakland for the holidays!

*Saturday, November 20, 2021*

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) 814-4983

## Annual Members' Christmas Party

*Saturday, December 18, 2021*

*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 Lucy Johnson at (314) 843-6346 for guest reservations.



## Santa House Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed each day of the 2021 Santa House to act as Santa's helper, cookie baker, Santa, Mrs. Claus, line control worker, and more. Workers needed on...

*Weekends: December 4 & 5 and 11 & 12 - 11am-3pm*

*Weekdays: December 8, 9 & 10 - 9am-1pm*

To sign up, or for more information, contact

Joan at joankomlos@sbcglobal.net or 314-496-6225

## ??? History Question ???

*July History Question:*

Who owned the Oakland House between the years of 1890 and 1893?

*Answer:* Between 1890 and 1893, the Oakland House was owned by Robert Brookings.

*History Question for October:*

How many windows are in Oakland House? (Be careful - this is a trick question!)

*If you think you know the answer, contact Nancy Herndon-Ulrich at (314) 814-4983 or historicdzn@aol.com*

## In Memoriam:

### *Remembering Charlie Brown*

It was with great sadness that the Society announced the sudden passing of **President Charlie Brown** on August 9, 2021. Charlie was unable to recover from a severe injury he suffered two days earlier while doing one of the things he loved best - "house-sitting" during a wedding at his beloved Oakland House.

According to Nancy Herndon Ulrich, who knew him since 1968, Charlie first came to Oakland for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration in 1989. He and his wife Barbara joined that very day and became regulars. Over the years, they worked every event, and Charlie joyfully took on the duties of Director, Vice President, and then President. Charlie was a kind and generous man, with a keen mind and wonderful sense of humor. He loved biographies, road trips and dressing Victorian. He attended every wedding at Oakland while President, always willing to lend a hand. He was a party man, a gentleman, a detail man and a golfer. Charlie hasn't really left us, but has moved to his final resting place on the hill, overlooking his beloved Oakland, still on Louie's land.

Our sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with Charlie's family and many friends.  
He is greatly missed.



### **Affton Historical Society Executive Board**

**Nancy Herndon-Ulrich**  
*Acting President*

**Becky Cox**  
*Acting Vice President*

**Mary Jane Autry**  
*Treasurer*

**Tracy Coleman**  
*Recording Secretary*

**Darryl Eaves**  
*Corresponding Secretary*

**Nancy Harmon**  
*President  
Ladies of Oakland*

### **2021 Board of Directors**

**Bert Barry**  
**Barnes Bradshaw**  
**Shirley Brinker**  
**Ingrid Giddings**  
**Mary Kirschman**  
**Joan Komlos**  
**Steve Slayden**  
**Phillip Taft**

**Pam Danklef**  
*Membership Chair*

**Rosie Miller**  
*Event Coordinator*

**Mary Kirschman**  
*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!*

### Oakland Memorials

Contributions in memory of **Charlie Brown** were received from:

**Mary Jane Autry**  
**Bert Barry**  
**Dan & Patti Behlmann**  
**Marge Birsinger**  
**JoAnn Bobring**  
**Larry & Delores Brinker**  
**Shirley Brinker**  
**Pamela Danklef**

**Cheryl Eaton**  
**Martha Engler**  
**Joyce Fellers**  
**Ingrid Giddings**  
**Marilyn Hammon**  
**Mark & Gloria Haverman**  
**Nancy Herndon-Ulrich**  
**Chip & Alexis Hiemenz**

**Dot Huebener**  
**Joan Komlos**  
**Linda McDonnell**  
**Michael & Kathy Schafer**  
**Tracy & Debby Shady**  
**Trudy Seise**  
**Fred & Terri Solomon**  
**Jill Wilkis**

**Bonner Springs High School - Class of 1963**  
**Steak 'n Shake Friends - Akerson, Schrodt & Yudt**

Note: Should you wish to make a tribute gift in memory of a deceased member or friend, please make your check payable to the Affton Historical Society and mail it to AHS at:

P.O. Box 28855, Affton, MO 63123.  
Remember to note the name of the person being memorialized in the memo line of your check.

### In Memoriam:

We were saddened to learn of the passing of  
**Susan Hiemenz,**

beloved wife of Christopher B. Hiemenz, Sr., and  
mother of Dalton and Christopher Hiemenz, Jr.

Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to  
the Hiemenz family and their many friends.  
Susan will be missed.



*Photos for this issue  
were provided by  
Dianne Isbell and  
Nancy Herndon-Ulrich.  
Thank You!*

**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.



**Café du Matin - Morning Coffee**  
**Saturday, March 5, 2022 10:00 a.m.**

Details in the January *Oak Leaf*

**Annual Afternoon Tea**

**Thursday, September 29, 2022**

Details in the July *Oak Leaf*

**Save the Dates for  
2022**



**Calendar Meeting**

This meeting is to set the  
dates for the 2022 Event Calendar.

**Monday, January 10, 2022 10:00 a.m.**

## Directory Updates:

Please **WELCOME** the following **NEW MEMBERS** and add their contact information to your directory:

**BECKER, Tom** ..... 314-566-3419  
8019 Brittin Place, St. Louis, MO 63123  
tjb1262@yahoo.com

**MYERS, Kathy** ..... 314-630-0413  
1025 Forder Square Lane, St. Louis, MO 63129  
kathy7299@att.net

**STREBLER, Andrew & BISHOP, Noelle**  
..... 314-680-8686 or 314-722-0860  
7830 Fleeta Street, St. Louis, MO 63123  
astrebler23@gmail.com

Please make the following changes and updates to your 2021 Membership Directory

**AUTRY, Mary Jane** ..... 314-578-9158  
1160 London Circle Lane, Apt. 206, Fenton, MO 63026

**BURKETT, Susan** (new address)  
2155 Old State Road, Wildwood, MO 63038

**CLAYPOOL, Libby Benoist** (new address)  
17 Covington Lane, St. Louis, MO 63132

**HASSLER, Madonna** (new address)  
101 Clay Ridge Court, Apt. 103, Fenton, MO 63026

**HILGEMAN, Wayne** (new address)  
1 McKnight Place #442, St. Louis, MO 63124

**LEVINE, Karen** (new address)  
1 McKnight Place #252, St. Louis, MO 63124

**PARSONS, Nancy** (add email)  
nancyparsons89@gmail.com

**WATKINS, Ellen** (new address)  
4102 Upton Court, St. Louis, MO 63116

### PLEASE NOTE:

If your membership information is incorrect or incomplete, please contact Pam Danklef at (314) 503-6401, (314) 842-0149 or jpdanklef@aol.com

### IMPORTANT:

When contacting Pam Danklef at (314) 503-6401, (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.

## Bits & Pieces



**FINALLY SHUTTERS!!** Our shutter project was set in motion about 18 months ago and we are now proud to show off three sides of Oakland with really beautiful reproduction copies of the originals, in the basement and under the veranda roof. Our stunning shutters, complete with “shutter dogs” to hold them open, were masterfully crafted by Alexandre Mattan of Ambacht Woodworking of St. Louis. We had so many windows and doors that required shutters that we ran out of space in his shop and our basement while the paint was curing... BUT, they were worth the wait.



**Lemp's Last Wright Update:** Unfortunately, the film premiere that had been scheduled for November 7 has now been **postponed indefinitely**. According to Executive Producer Frank Cambeletta, COVID protocols have forced the technicians to work from home, so they've been unable to come together to put the finishing touches on the film. Shift Films has kept a record of all ticket holders and will make notification when the film is finally complete sometime in 2022. Frank was saddened to learn of Charlie's passing and commented on what a big help he'd been during production. Frank plans to place a memorial tribute to Charlie in the film's credits.



**MOVING??** Don't forget to notify us of your new mailing address... and phone number, too, if necessary.



Send your new contact information to:  
Affton Historical Society  
P.O. Box 28855  
St. Louis, MO 63123

**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) 503-6401, (314) 842-0149 or jpdanklef@aol.com.

**REMINDER:** 2021 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 2022 Membership Directory, so... **use the enclosed form to renew your membership TODAY!**

## Shopping Reminder:



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**.

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