

Bygone Times

A Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.



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TROUTDALE SCHOOL REUNION

SATURDAY, OCT. 18, 5 P.M.

GREAT HALL, TROUTDALE CITY PARK, COLUMBIA STREET AT THE SANDY RIVER

POT LUCK DINNER SERVED AT 6 P.M.

OLD PHOTOS, FRIENDS, TEACHERS AND OLD TIMES.

THE SECOND ANNUAL REUNION...

Last year's Troutdale grade school reunion was such a success that we're doing it again...with some changes. We're having it on Saturday this year so people who come from out of town will have plenty of time to get here and get safely home.

Doris Caramella is the chairwoman of this year's event. We will begin at 5 p.m. with an hour of visiting. A potluck dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Please bring a casserole, salad, bread, or dessert. The Troutdale Historical Society will provide the meat dish as well as coffee and punch. You may bring your own place settings but we will have paper plates and plastic ware available. We'll have a donation can to help cover the costs.

Since this is officially our first meeting of the year we want to assure all historical society members to attend, whether or not they were students at Troutdale school. Your interest in Troutdale is a passport to this party.

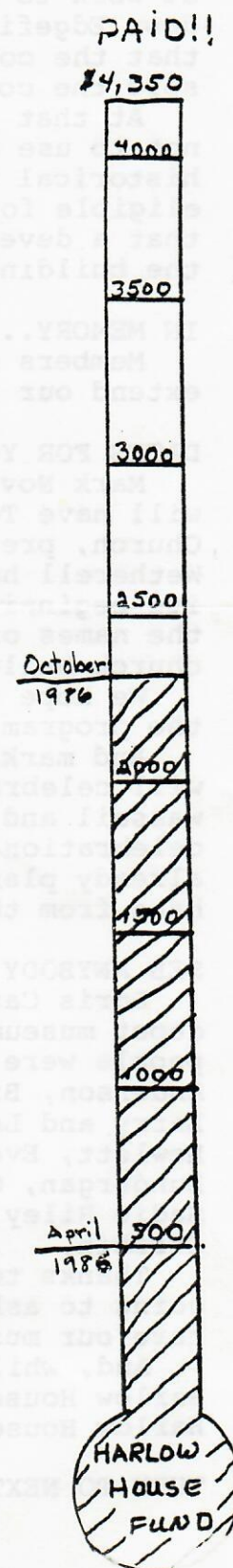
We will have some prizes for the people who have traveled the farthest. We'll have a little competition to see which decade is best represented. We'll have some historic pictures to show and others to sell. And we'll have a tape recording of last year's reunion.

THERMOMETER HEATING UP...

The campaign to pay off our museum, Harlow House, is paying off. As you can see by the thermometer at the right, there is only \$2,050 owing on our mortgage if we pay it by the first of the year.

A good chunk of that came from beefing up our annual payment in June. But something else exciting is happening. Several people have given our thermometer a boost with \$100 donations. John Nasmyth gave \$200. Alex

TURN TO REVERSE SIDE



Jones gave \$100. And Clyde and Edith Gage gave \$100. Expect some more \$100 jumps because several others have indicated they will be doing the same thing. At the rate we're going only 20 people donating a \$100 each will do the trick.

STILL WORKING ON EDGEFIELD...

Chairman Bob Sturges and historical society officers are still at work to keep Multnomah County from tearing down Edgefield Manor. Sturges continues to point out that the county should preserve the 1911 building until it has sold the county farm land.

At that point, he says, the new owner can decide whether or not to use the Edgefield building in development plans. The historical society has already established that Edgefield is eligible for the National Register of Historic places which means that a developer could get substantial tax benefits for restoring the building.

IN MEMORY...

Members Dorothy Zeigler and Harris Quade died recently. We extend our sympathy to their families.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR...

Mark Nov. 17 on your calendar for that is the evening that we will have Tom Wetherell, historian of Cherry Park Presbyterian Church, present the history he has gathered on the church. Wetherell has tracked down the history of the congregation and its beginnings as a community church. He knows such tidbits as the names of the women who climbed up to help shingle the present church building.

We hope to have a few of the church's oldtimers on hand for the program.

And mark you calendar again for Saturday, Dec. 20, when we will celebrate Christmas at the Harlow House with cookies, hot wassail and Christmas greens. The theme of this year's celebration is "The Gingerbread House" and several members are already planning a session to build small gingerbread houses to hang from the tree.

SEE ANYBODY YOU KNOW?..

Doris Caramella coordinated the volunteers who operated our depot museum on Sunday afternoons this summer. The following people were museum hosts: Pat Albin, Mary Allen, Shirley Anderson, Bill and Florence Baker, Rankin Davis, Barbara Dorsey, Larry and Lani Eastlund, Peter and Rita Giancone, Cathy Hamme, Jo Hewlett, Evelyn Jacobson, Steve and Pat Kenny, Lael Larger, Kent Lundergan, Gail Meyers, Herb and Clover Nasmyth, Gladys Norment, Sadie Riley, Ted and Lois Schulte, Bill and Marie Stone and Vera Strebini.

Thanks to all. You did such a good job that next year we are going to ask you to sign up for two tours of duty so that we can have our museum open on both Saturday and Sunday.

And, while we're at it, a special thanks to Kim Brewer, our Harlow House caretaker, who did such a nice job of hosting at the Harlow House.

OTHER PEOPLE WHO DO GOOD THINGS...

You don't run a two museums and a historical society without a lot of people chipping in to help. For instance, did you know that Alex Jones makes the coffee for everyone of our meetings? And he's also the guy who keeps our storage cupboards straightened out.

Or that Ted Schulte repaired the table at the Harlow House? Or that Gerhardt Von Kohlbeck does most of the pruning at the Harlow House?

Most people have noticed the vast improvement in the grounds at the Harlow House since Cathy Hamme took over the yard work. And her wildflower garden this summer was very special. Steve Kenney was the fellow who fixed our sign for us.

Rankin Davis is the one who keeps the depot museum tidy and he is the pinchhitter if a host or hostess can't make it.

Ted and Lois Schulte are the people who get this newsletter out every month. Mary Eaton prints it for us.

A new member, Dick Jones, is repairing the antique church pew that sits on the porch at the Harlow House. Bill Nesbit spent most of the summer trapping the pesky moles that excavated the lawn and he is going to paint our new back stairs which were built by Jim Murphy.

ABOUT THE PIE SALE...

Twenty women baked the best pies ever for our September 14 pie sale. We made about \$270 and a lot of friends. About 35 people went on the walking history tour of downtown Troutdale.

Two things were left behind at the pie sale. Someone, we presume a woman, left a lovely handkerchief with a hand-crocheted edge and we also found a 49 mm Vivitar close-up lens. If these belong to you, call Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES...

Vera Strebin, Edna Alexander, Lois Schulte and Helen Otto, all past Members of The Year, have been added to our Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees, which is composed of people who have given substantial amounts of time and money to the society, met in August with officers to talk about plans for the coming year.

Their conclusions? That our three main goals in the coming year should be paying off the Harlow House, finding money to build our museum barn, and having our museums open more days a week.

NATHALIE WILSON MOVED...

Nathalie Wilson, another member of our Board of Trustees, is no longer able to stay alone in her home in Fairview. She has moved in with a friend in Nilwaukie and she would welcome cards and letters there. Her address is 6415 S.E. Apple, Milwaukie, Ore. 97222. Her telephone number is 654-8926.

HOW TO BE A MEMBER...

If you are received this newsletter for the first time, consider a membership in the Troutdale Historical Society as a good way to keep in touch with Troutdale.

If you would like to become a member send \$3 to Membership Secretary Lois Schulte, 17655 S.E. Bluff Rd., #1, Sandy, Ore.

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DON'T MISS...

The Gresham Historical Society's Pioneer Appreciation Day will be Sunday, Oct. 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Gresham Elks Lodge. This is a good chance to get together with Gresham old-timers and there will be food, pictures and historical exhibits. There is no charge.

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