

AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU...

The Troutdale Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas meeting and party on Monday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale City Park building. Once again, please note the location. We are moving back to the park building in December because the new annex room there is a perfect place to hold our party and spread out the bountiful Christmas goodies we have.

It is a potluck of sorts--we ask all our members to bring a sample of their favorite Christmas treat. After the meeting we'll swap treats so we can all take home something different.

In addition to our business meeting, which will include a nominating committee for the February election of officers, we will resort to an old-fashioned form of entertainment called "readings." A selection of prose and poetry, including some humorous material will be chosen. If you have a favorite poem or Christmas story, bring it along.

ABOUT THE WEATHER...

If ice or snow make road conditions hazardous, our meeting will be automatically cancelled.

CHRISTMAS AT THE HARLOW HOUSE...

On Saturday, December 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. the Harlow House will be open to all the residents of Troutdale and done up in Christmas finery. Santa Claus will be there to greet the children and we will be serving coffee.

We are also taking this occasion to have a bake sale in the Harlow House and ask our members to make a contribution from their Christmas baking. Cookies or other items that keep well may be brought to our December 15 meeting. Otherwise, baked goods can be left at the Harlow House with the caretakers Ken and Linda Grassman after 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Our most recent major expenditure at the Harlow House was the labor cost for installation of a small heater in the caretaker's quarters. (They spent last winter shivering.) Treasurer Ted Schulte would be very pleased if the bake sale would cover the cost of that project.

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS...

If you have your Christmas pictures developed at Sandy's Camera Stores, save the envelopes and give them to the Society. Each \$7 in developing is good for one free print for our files. Also, remember to save Flavr-Pak and Santiam labels. Our last collection was redeemed for nearly \$9.

WHAT'S NEW...

Bob and Ann Jean donated a table and a small bookcase to the Harlow House. Morrie McGinnis has given a hand-carved diamond willow cane. Leonard Wiggs donated a cigar cutter.

WHAT ABOUT FRED HARLOW...

We know very little about the builders and the first occupants of the Harlow House, Fred and Lucille Harlow. In an interview last month, Josephine Helming Jackson noted that their daughter Harriet Harlow went on to become a dancer on the stage of the Pantages Theater. She added that Fred Harlow had tuberculosis and went to Arizona for treatment. Fred's brother and sister-in-law, Lou and Laura Harlow, did not move into the home until 1920. We clearly need more information on the family who occupied the house for the first 20 years.