

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS...**

We meet Monday evening, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Troutdale City Hall to bid each other a good Christmas. We are asking each member to bring two things; a memory of Christmas past and some holiday treat which is special to you. As to Christmas past, poke around in the attic and find an old toy, ornament, card, Christmas decoration or similar item. Old dolls particularly welcome. If the attic fails you, bring a personal recollection of the best Christmas you ever had.

About the holiday treat. It has become tradition to bring a supply of favorite holiday cookies, candy or bread for our annual Christmas party. Over the years this practice has evolved into what has become known as the "goodie swap." After the party is over, everyone is invited to load a plate and take it home.

About the weather: if the roads are icy and travel is unsafe the meeting is automatically cancelled.

P.S. President Sam Cox is also arranging some Christmas music for our December program.

**FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS...**

Unveiled last month were the Troutdale Historical Society's new note cards with a picture of the Harlow House on the front. They are packaged, 10 cards and envelopes to the package, for \$2 each. Income from the sale of these cards should just about pay the heating bill for a year at the Harlow House. They will be available at the December meeting. In addition, Nora Lewis has a supply at her home, 207 E. 7th, Troutdale, and others are available at Margaret Eddington's Heritage Antique Store in Troutdale just west of city hall.

The card project was organized by Pam Christian. The printing was done by Bob Sturges and the laborious task of folding them and packaging went to Ted and Lois Schulte, Pam Christian and Sam, Nancy and Ada Cox.

**OTHER HELPERS...**

Thanks must go to Bob Keralake who donated a lamp for the Harlow House last month. And to Jean Holman who is taking on the job of restoring the antique china doll from the museum display.

**FROM GRESHAM...**

The Gresham Historical Society is applying for an Historic Place designation for the old Baptist Church recently moved to Main City Park. They are interested in learning more about early-day members of that church including James Stott, Henry and Clementine Metzger, James Cleveland and Peter Engels. Anyone who can offer help should call Judy Berg, 665-8008.

**IN MEMORY...**

We have received several memorial donations in the name of one of our longtime members, Viola Brander, who died in early November.

**NEED PAINT...**

The caretaker of the Harlow House, Ken Grassman, is a professional painter in addition to being a chiropractic student. He is interested in obtaining some interior painting jobs over the Christmas holidays. His number is 665-6248.

**THINGS TO PONDER...**

We are told that the Harlow House once had a wrought iron rail around the top of the roof forming a kind of widow's walk. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Santa Claus gave us another one for Christmas?

Troutdale is not too far away from observing an important centennial. The railroad came to this city on Nov. 20, 1882. Or, on May 17, 1880, the first Troutdale post office was established by James Brand. However, that post office was discontinued in 1883. It was not reestablished until April 4, 1890. The 1882 date might be a good time for a city centennial celebration.