

# Bygone Times

Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.



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## A GATHERING OF THE CLANS...



MARK SUNDAY, MAY 17, ON YOUR CALENDAR for two events, a 2 p.m. Light Up the Sky activity at our museum barn next door to the Harlow House and then on to Troutdale City Hall for a 3 p.m. potluck dinner and a meeting with members of other area historical societies.

Dick Jones is arranging the event at the barn and the proceedings there are veiled in secrecy. Do join us for another milestone in the construction of our barn museum.

If you have a hot dish or cold dish for the potluck you may leave it at the park before 2 p.m. and someone will be there to see to it.

Our May potluck is the time to welcome other area historical societies and share news of what we are doing and how we are doing. In keeping with that, Bob Monaghan, executive director of the Clackamas County Historical Society, will join us to present the video, "A Pioneer Woman," that his society produced. Many thanks to Riegelmann's appliance store, 301 E. Powell Blvd., Gresham, for loaning us the equipment to show the video.

We will, as well recognize the efforts of former board members, Bob Sturges and Ted Schulte and naming our Member of the Year.

About our potluck: our society provides ham (for which we take up a donation), beverages, and paper goods and utensils for dining. You may bring salads, breads, desserts or hot dishes that go well with ham. We have plenty of big serving spoons, thanks to a donation from Dorothy Sturges, so there is no need to bring serving utensils.

## AND A SATURDAY WORK DAY...

To ready the Harlow House museum and the barn for our summer season, we will have a barn and house work day beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 23.

Plan to bring work gloves, pruners, garden tools, etc., and a sack lunch. Carpenters will be needed to work on the barn. The gazebo needs cleaning and prepped for painting. There are jobs for all, big and small. Those who come for this work day will receive credits of \$10 an hour, donated to the barn. This is a way to earn your name woodburned on the barn beam.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS...

Special recognition must go to new lifetime member MARIE STONE. Marie got to worrying this spring as to whether or not her dues were paid. Informed that she owed us regular dues of \$5 of a year, but that her husband, Bill, was paid in full because he had bought himself a lifetime membership some years back, Marie got to wondering why she didn't have a lifetime membership. She does now. Bill bought one for his wife when he brought her to the spring brunch. Now there's a gallant gentleman.

Welcome to other new members: DON K. LLOYD, Troutdale, head of the Troutdale Area Chamber of Commerce; SALLY KING, Bridal Veil, assistant director at Vista House; and ORSON GOODRICH, producer of a slide program on the Oregon Trail.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR...

Greet at our May 17 meeting Deborah Pearson Kennedy, who has agreed to become the new part-time director of the Troutdale Historical Society.

Thanks to the support of members, especially those who paid Director's Club dues to pay costs of a director, we are able to afford a small salary. That Deborah Kennedy is taking the job is a credit to her willingness to begin with such a slim budget and her belief that she can build the position so it will benefit us all.

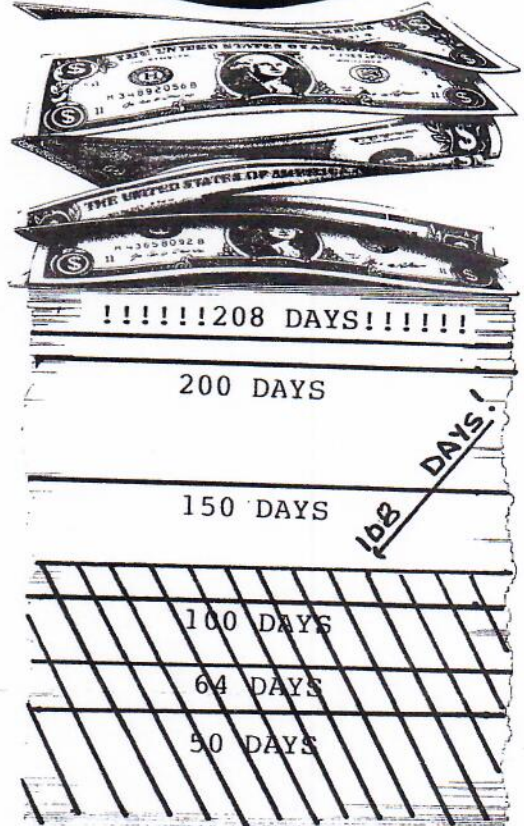
She has a master's degree in public administration. Formerly a professional in the child development field, her experience includes working with volunteers as well as communication, public speaking, fundraising, proposal writing and budgeting. She is 42, the mother of two children and the wife of Portland lawyer, Al Kennedy. She is learning to play the mandolin and writes poetry.

Best of all, she loves the Harlow House and our barn museum, sees a great future for both and says, "Harlow House is a steppingstone to the past, a treasure preserved. I will respect the past twenty-four years of preserving history and will hopefully help in the continuation of this project."

Deborah begins May 15 at the Harlow House. To get her administrative feet wet, she will run the museum on contract for the summer. Our arrangement with her will be finalized in October. Her jobs include day-to-day business of the society, coordinating volunteers and planning for the future of our organization and its museums.

She is the vital gear that will keep the machine of our society turning. Our volunteers are always the machinery that makes things happen. Cathy Hamme continues her duties cataloging collections. Sharon Nesbit, present director, will return with the board's permission to her job as historian.

We will be guided by an amendment to restructure the work of our society. That amendment proposed by officers and director appears on page three and four of this newsletter. If adopted at our May 17 meeting, it and the hiring of Deborah Kennedy are the first steps into the next century for the Troutdale Historical Society.



Our Director's Club membership now includes BARBARA WELSH, JEANNIE DRIVER AND MARGE AND ED SCHMUNK who have sent in dues of \$75 per couple or \$50 for a single membership to help pay annual costs of a director for our historical society. Their contribution adds 7 more days to our salary fund for a total of 108 days.

We now have 19 members of the Director's Club. Including those above they are: FLORENCE BAKER, MAXINE & VIRGIL CARMICHAEL, SAM & NANCY COX, LOLA FELLMAN, EVELYN JACOBSON, LOIS MILLER, BILL & SHARON NESBIT, GLENN & HELEN OTTO, JEANNE PULLIAM, ROBERT & VERA STREBIN, BOB & DOROTHY STURGES, BEVERLY WELKER, DONNA HAWKINS, PATRICIA O'BRIEN, and MIKE & ELAINE DUBESA.

SPRING FLOWERS BRUNCH A SUCCESS...

Like they say, if all the Kerlakes come to cook and all the Wands show up for breakfast, you just can't help but have a wonderful success at a Troutdale spring brunch. This year's event on April 5 earned more than \$700 for our barn museum fund, thanks to RICH & DOROTHY KERSLAKE and a whole slew of relatives who came to do their part for our barn.

And thanks to those who showed up for breakfast including IG & ALICE WAND and a big bunch of hungry Wands.

BARBARA WELSH was coordinator of this year's event. SANDI EVANS, Corbett, provided the wonderful daffodils. Historical society volunteers were SADIE RILEY, DOROTHY STURGES, JOANNA MOYER, MIKE & PAULINE MORROW, SHARON NESBIT, JACK & BETTY KNIGHT, LINDA & AMBER MURPHY, VALORA JONES, MARIE STONE, SAM & NANCY COX, NICK WELSH, HEIDI WILSON, NANCY COLLINS, SUE DAVIS, FLORENCE BAKER AND LORRAINE MACKEY.

ED ASHLEY saved everyone from strangulation and smoke inhalation by fixing the fan in the park building kitchen.

THE RECIPES THAT DREW ALL THE RAVES...

#### LORRAINE MACKEY'S BROCCOLI SALAD

Toss together:

2 pounds of broccoli cut in bite-size pieces  
1/2 cup cooked crumbled bacon  
3/4 cup golden raisins  
1/2 red onion sliced very thin  
1 /2 large red pepper sliced thin

Mix and toss over vegetables:

3/4 cup lite mayonnaise  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup sour cream or yogurt  
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Fold in 1/2 cups sunflower seed kernels and chill 1 to 3 hours.

AND BARBARA WELSH'S DESSERT CALLED "BETTER THAN ROBERT REDFORD"

Bottom layer:

1 cup flour  
1 stick margarine  
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Middle layer:

1 8 oz. package cream cheese  
1 cup powdered sugar  
1/2 of a 9 oz. container Cool Whip

Top layer:

1 package instant vanilla pudding  
1 package instant chocolate pudding (or both chocolate if you prefer)  
3 cups of milk

For first layer, mix together flour, margarine and nuts and press into a 9x13-in. pan, bake 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until slightly brown. Cool.

For middle layer, combine cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Fold in half of Cool Whip. Spread on cooled crust.

For top layer, prepare puddings and milk according to instructions on package and spread over middle layer.

Top with the rest of the Cool Whip and grate part of a chocolate candy bar on top. Eat the rest of the candy bar. Refrigerate dessert.

WELCOME TO MORE NEW MEMBERS: PHIL WILSON, MELISSA WILSON, ANGIE WILSON, and CLARE MURPHY.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE TROUTDALE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY to be considered at our May 17, 1992,  
meeting.

The following language, under Section V. COMMITTEES, shall  
be deleted:

1. The president shall appoint, with the approval of  
the board of directors, the following committees to do  
the work of the society, which may include: membership,  
finance, museum, library, publication, historic sites,  
and memorials. The president and the council may also  
appoint other necessary committees. The president shall  
be an ex-officio member of all committees. Committee  
chairs will serve on the board of directors, but shall  
not have a vote.

and, the following language shall be substituted in its  
place:

1. The work of the society shall be carried out with  
the assistance of the following permanent standing  
committees: Ways and Means, Barn Museum, Harlow House  
Museum, Depot Museum, Steering Committee, Historian and  
Archives, Meetings, and Sales. The board may also  
create additional temporary committees, or disband such  
temporary committees, as it deems necessary to assist  
in carrying out the work of the society.

2. At the first board meeting following the annual  
meeting of the society the president shall appoint,  
with the approval of the board, a chair for each  
standing committee and each temporary committee. The  
president may appoint or replace committee chairs as  
vacancies occur, subject to board ratification of the  
appointment at the next regular meeting.

3. The chair of each standing committee and  
temporary committee may recruit additional members to  
assist in the work of the committee, as needed or  
desired. Committee chairs will serve on the board but  
shall not have a vote. Board members shall have the  
right to serve on committees and may serve as chair, if  
so appointed.

4. All activities on behalf of the society by  
committees or committee chairs shall require the  
approval of the board. The board should designate at  
least one board member to act as liaison to each  
standing committee and temporary committee, to keep the  
board informed about all committee activities.

5. The standing committees of the society are  
specified below. Each committee chair, and the  
membership of the committee, shall be responsible for  
performing the duties set forth:

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- a) Ways and Means -- The Ways and Means Chair and Committee shall be responsible for developing a fundraising program, including the scheduling of regular fundraising events and appeals to donors.
  - b) Barn Museum -- The Barn Museum Chair and Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the completion of the Barn Museum and for the care and maintenance of the Barn and its grounds, shall manage the Barn Museum, and shall coordinate with the Steering Committee Chair regarding events at the Barn.
  - c) Harlow House Museum -- The Harlow House Museum Chair and Committee shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the Harlow House and its grounds, shall manage the Harlow House Museum, and shall coordinate with the Steering Committee Chair regarding events at the Harlow House.
  - d) Depot Museum -- The Depot Museum Chair and Committee shall be responsible for the care, maintenance and management of the Depot Museum and shall coordinate with the Steering Committee Chair regarding events at the Depot.
  - e) Steering Committee -- The Steering Committee Chair and the Steering Committee shall plan and arrange for all special events, including treks, visitation and fundraising activities.
  - f) Historian and Archives -- The Historian and Archives Committee shall be chaired by the society historian and shall maintain and manage the collections and archives of the society and shall maintain a record of all donors of artifacts.
  - g) Meetings -- The Meetings chair and Committee shall be responsible for reserving meeting places, arranging refreshments and implementing programs for each meeting as developed by the historian in consultation with the board.
  - h) Sales -- The sales Chair and Committee shall maintain and account for all items offered for sale by the society and shall operate the sales booth at all fundraising events. The Sales Chair shall be responsible for maintaining sufficient supplies of sale items and shall request authorization from the board to purchase inventory as needed.

## THESE FRIENDS WE THANK...

At left are JACK and ROBERTA BURNS, volunteer hosts at the Harlow House museum.

Each Sunday during the year our museum is hosted by people who give an afternoon to greet visitors and show them through the house. Jack and Roberta are among those hardy volunteers who have been doing this for a number of years.

Other winter Harlow House hosts are: MARY HUGHES, VIRGIL &

MAXINE CARMICHAEL, HEIDI WILSON and LYNDA HARVEY. Sunday hosts at the house this summer will be MARY HUGHES, DONNA HAWKINS, FLORENCE BAKER, LYNDA HARVEY and HEIDI WILSON.

If you are interested in hosting the house at other times, say during the week or Saturdays, please contact Deborah Kennedy at 661-2164 (beginning May 15) or Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423.

And thanks to other friends. CATHY HAMME is planning to complete recataloging and storing of our museum artifact collections. There is no counting the hours she has invested in putting everything in safely in place. We purchased proper archival materials for our precious things and Cathy finds great satisfaction in tucking them into acid-free containers. She also has agreed to supervise our volunteer gardeners at the Harlow House.

And speaking of those guys. This year's green-thumb group is BETTY KNIGHT, CINDY HAMMOND, LAUREN STOECKEL, THE TROUTDALE GRANGE, and JEFF & CONNIE VAN CLEAVE. KAZ & HELEN TAMURA donated 12 flats of flowers and two hydrangea bushes for the project.

ED ASHLEY, described by DICK JONES as "one of the most organized men I know," devoted hours of time and telephoning to coordinate installation of underground power lines at the Harlow House and barn. He has butted heads with more bureaucracies than most people meet in a lifetime and the project is now ready to roll. Dick, in the recovery stages from heart surgery, has resumed charge of the project with a big thanks to Ed.

How about thanks to all those folks who clogged our arteries with such great after-meeting goodies this year: VERA STREBIN, FLORENCE BAKER, SUE DAVIS, NANCY COX, JUNE and CLOVER NASMYTH. SAM AND NANCY COX purchased the cake for our anniversary as well.

And to JOHN BLOODWORTH of West Linn, a member of the David Douglas Historical Society, who restored one of the antique clocks from Edgefield Manor and also got the Harlow family clock back in running order. The ticking of clocks sounds wonderful in the museum.

Then there is DONNA KLUEHE who for the past several years has done such a fine job on three fronts, maintaining the Depot flower bed, planting and maintaining the gazebo flower bed and organizing Harlow House displays. Because of the press of business she has had to give up her volunteer tasks. Thank you, Donna, for a job well done.

An item stolen from the Clackamas County Historical Society newsletter reports a medical research study declaring that volunteers live longer. Regular volunteer work, more than any other activity, dramatically increases life expectancy. LONG LIVE OUR VOLUNTEERS.



ENDOWMENT FUND.....	\$13,395.21
OPERATING ACCOUNT.....	7,915.40
DEDICATED BARN FUNDS.....	633.69
BARN BUILDING FUND.....	10,735.12
DIRECTOR'S FUND.....	2,441.42
 TOTAL.....	 34,120.84

Our books were audited by a volunteer committee which found them to be in good order. Our thanks to Troutdale finance director BOB GAZEWOOD and TED SCHULTE and SHERRY JACOBS for doing this for us.

IN MEMORY:

Wilbur "Webb" Rathman, a member of this society and a longtime Troutdale resident, died of a stroke April 18 at the age of 69.

GROWING UP IN TROUTDALE...

Two new members, CLARE MURPHY and PATRICIA MURPHY O'BRIEN charmed our members with stories about their growing up in Troutdale during the Depression at our April 20 meeting. Model T races with the cars piloted by 11 year-olds. Surfboarding behind a boat on the Columbia River. Swimming in the Sandy river to mid-October. The best part of their Troutdale childhood, both women agree, was the wonderful freedom they had.

GETTING READY FOR ICE CREAM SOCIAL...

ELLEN BROTHERS is coordinating the quilt show for our June 13 and 14 ice cream social. There is a thought that selling chances on a quilt might be a good idea. Is there anyone who might have a quilt to donate.

CATHY HAMME is in charge of the plant sale and reminds people to pot up outdoor bedding plants, annuals and the like, when they are working in their gardens.

The next steering committee meeting for the social and our Harvest Faire is Monday night, May 18, at 7 p.m. at the Troutdale City Park annex. If you want to help put up posters for the event, you can pick them up that night.

If you want to volunteer to work either day of the social, please call FLORENCE BAKER, 665-9656.

TWO GOOD GUYS...

The fellows here have a lot of thank yous coming from our historical Society. Both recently retired from our board of directors and took places as ex-officio members of the board. Bob Sturges, at right, was our president from February 1969 to February 1970 and served on the board through February 1992. That figures out to 23 years. Ted Schulte, below, became our treasurer in



February 1974 and continued in that role until 1988 when he became vice president. He was the first restorer of the Harlow House museum. His years on the board number 18 and he continues to chair Troutdale Bingo (Every Thursday Night at 6:45 p.m.) in behalf of our historical society.

Both men will be honored at our May 17 meeting.

WE GET MAIL...

From BILL & EDNA ELLIS comes remembrances of their Troutdale wedding 60 years ago: "When Billy and I were married 'twas a small affair at my parent's home on Troutdale Road. All went well until midafternoon when we were leaving for a mini-honeymoon. From out of nowhere appeared Dick Knarr, John McGinnis, Roy Malcom and we think the fourth was Clarence Parsons--all together they kidnapped the groom! Thus our married life began. Never a dull moment."

We have received a donation from HERB & CLOVER NASMYTH, in memory of Webb Rathman...a gift to the general fund from THE POMEROY LIVING HISTORY FARM whose members toured our museum in March...to the endowment fund from HAROLD & MYRTA WEATHERHEAD...and to the barn fund in memory of Bill Baker from SHIRLEY & LAURENCE YOST.

On April 20, RUTH BRYAN made a gift to our barn landscaping fund to pay for a tree in memory of her late husband, Warren. On that same night JOHN NASMYTH proposed that we buy an oak tree and find a suitable place on our museum grounds to recreate the Lover's Oak that we use as the symbol of our society. Sam Cox thinks he can figure out how to make an oak grow in that shape, so we may give it a try.

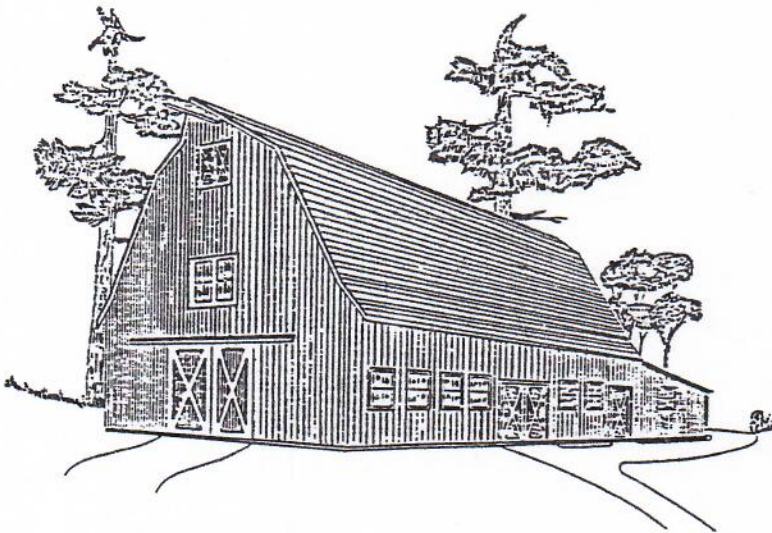
AND MORE FRIENDS...

Thank you to Edwin O. Ege Sanitary which has agreed to sponsor Saturday afternoon's music at the ice cream social. And thanks to Portland Mandophonic orchestra, a mandolin band, which will play.

Congratulations to member MARY HUGHES, recognized for her volunteer nursing duties at Gresham's Alpha Alternative High School.

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