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Donations 10/2/19 thru 1/31/20

DONATIONS
Sean Malloy
Marjorie Hart
Whitfield Smith
Louise & Stephen Martin
Carol & Gilbert Meek
Robert Hardy
Jim & Karen VanDelden
Davis Stanger
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Judith Krohn
Larry & Ranae Thornton
Mike Murphy
Marjorie Hart
Gordon Russ
Gregory & Linda Day
Andrea Nielsen
Arleta Moore
Lyn Snell
Shirley Commons
Jean Boling
Arden McConnell

We have a date
April 11, Easter Egg Hunt
July 24, Pie and Ice Cream Social
Oct 17, Graveyard Tour
Dec 19, Christmas Open House

SUSTAINING DONATIONS
Joan Momsen
Frank Sprinkle
William Mitchell
Norman Parker
Joel Perkins
Calvin Harris
Janice Greenblatt
Cindy English
Donald Rice
Annette Roe
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Ed & Cindy English
George Kramer & Company
Chuck & Donna Baird
Joanne Coffman
Joseph Boyer, Jr.
Caroline Selden

Oops: We missed a group of donations and posted them on our electronic newsletter two months ago. Here they are again with our apologies for the omission. We usually only post donations on our printed newsletter, The Historian, because all members get postal mail and not everyone gets email.

Donations
June Cougle
Jennifer South
Richard Wilson
Dennis Eckstein
Peter Miller
Ed & Marilyn Hill
Markley Johnson
Colene Martin
Sharon Allen
Leo Champagne
Elizabeth Werner

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Sheron Leigh
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Virginia Graetch
Grants Pass Pharmacy
Candace Morasch
Sally M. Thomson
Cynthia and Mike Briseno
Thomas Ford
Deanne Vandervert

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Pam Petrusha
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Time for another raffle
We have not had a raffle since Labor Day. As you know, if you read this newsletter regularly, people give us things for the raffle, some new, some old, but in good shape, and these items are not of historic value. We gratefully accept them and pick out the best items and have a raffle. We ask for your name and phone number so we can call the winner. The winner comes to our Research Library and picks the item they want. Then we draw another name and call them. We give away as many items as we have accumulated, usually between 10 and 15. It only costs $1 each or 6 for $5. In the past raffles, we have had a person win more than once, so you might be that person this time. The money we make usually is enough to pay one small utility bill, so every cent helps. Stop by and get your ticket(s) today.

Something to think about.
JCHS is self-supporting and we make money to operate the Society but we have limited money-making possibilities. Membership is vital. The membership dues go a long way to help support our Society. Our bookstore also contributes to our survival. Think about Father’s Day, Birthdays and upcoming single occasions for which you might need a gift. A membership for a year to one of your friends or relatives might just be the thing that helps them appreciate local history.

Remember the Historical Society’s Research Library and Bookstore is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm.

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If you shop at Amazon, please sign up asap. It only takes a few moments and we get a bit of money from your purchase. It costs you nothing. Sign up:
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www.fredmeyer.com/community rewards.
Our I.D number is NPO#94511

Oregon Books will give members a discount if you show your JCHS membership card, and will donate 5% of the sale back to the Historical Society.
Oregon Books
150 NE E Street
Grants Pass, OR 97526
541-476-3132
What do we do at JCHS?

We really appreciate our members. Without their yearly dues, we would not be able to function as well as we do.

JCHS’s Research Library is open four days a week, Tuesday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. We are an old–fashioned research library where our records are open to members and others for a small fee. Researchers have to “look up” and search for the information they need. We do not have the funds or the staff to digitalize items...we just have the old, original printed items and many, many photographs.

With the advent of the Internet, many people think everything is at their fingertips by sitting down at the computer, but this is not true. Someone has to copy the material to put it on the internet, and many small historical research libraries do not have the time or the funds to scan and digitalize files, photos and records. Research fees support their operations.

We do have a web page but it is informational, not interactive. You can see what we do and you can even look at most of our old photos. If you have not visited our website, please do so. Web address on back page of this newsletter.

The JCHS also has many volunteers who help with our events, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, the Pie Social, the Graveyard Tour and the Christmas Open House. With only one part-time paid employee, nothing would get done without our volunteers.

We own the southwest corner of the block at J and 5th Streets. We have a barn, a museum in a 1890s house and our Research Library in an 1930s house. The barn (1901) contains our board room and space for other activities such as the Pie Social. It also houses some research materials and the costumes for the Living History Players. The Schmidt House Museum is a museum which shows how the Schmidt Family lived and furnished their house from the turn of the 19th century to 1978 when the building was bequeathed to the Society. The Library building was moved onto the site in 1998 and houses our research materials. We welcome visitors.

We charge $10 for guided tours of the museum and $10 for research by a non-member. Members can research for free.

Brady Project

The Josephine County Historical Society a 501 (c) 3 organization is the fiscal agent for the Brady Project. We collect the donations and pass them on to the artists. We do not keep any of the funds received. If you wish to donate, send checks to:

Josephine County Historical Society
512 SW 5th St., Grants Pass, OR. 97526

You may donate on the JCHS website www.jocohistorical.org

Be sure to note “Brady” on your check or website donation. The Brady Project will be a memorial statue, as shown below, honoring Brady Adams.

Easter Egg Hunt

For the third year in a row, we will host an Easter Egg Hunt at the Schmidt House Grounds on Saturday, April 11, 1:00 p.m. sharp. The event, for children 10 years and younger, is free and will be held rain or shine. Our very own Mr. I.M. Bunny will be there too. Come on down and join in the fun. If you want to be on the Easter Egg Hunt Committee and help fill and hide eggs, call Sharon at 541/441-2732 or the JCHS office 541/479-7827.
Living History Players

New Year/New Decade

What is it about a New Year and especially a New Decade that makes you want to do a major Spring Cleaning and Sorting? To that end, several of our volunteers tackled the Costume Closet and sorted and thinned. We donated three bags of clothes to Goodwill. We put up new rods and packed and sorted. It is much tidier now. But, of course, now we need to do the same thing for all of the Events/Programs props and supplies. Thanks to all who helped with that project.

While we are thanking people, we want to thank all who participated in our many Christmas events. It is always such a delightful time of year and the Victorian outfits and décor are charming.

Because 2020 is the 100th anniversary of women achieving the right to vote, we will be updating our Suffrage presentation. And, we are working with a joint committee of organizations to promote events celebrating this momentous occasion. We should have more details by the next newsletter.

Cindy English, LHP Director


Attn: Joan Momsen,

Dear Joan,

My daughter, Anne, who lives near Cave Junction, sent me a copy of your article “Typing, A Lost Art”. I remember a lot of the old typewriters and had a good laugh. I’m an 83 year old, third generation San Franciscan, now widowed. While I was still at home we had an old LC Smith typewriter which as you said had to be professionally cleaned once in awhile as it was in constant use by 2 of my sisters, 2 of my brothers and me. Just for fun, I still like to type but of course it’s a lot easier on a computer. After graduating from high school in 1943, I enrolled in Pacific Audit Business School in downtown San Francisco, learning various secretarial skills until I had my job.

As the old fashioned Richfield radio reporters ended the half hour evening news, they signed off by saying, “That’s 30 for tonight”, which does it for me too.

My best to you. Cecil

Mill Valley, California 94941