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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FROM THE DESK OF RUTH ANN HOGAN



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I am truly honored to serve as President of The Historical League, Inc. for the year 2009-10. The depth of talent and experience of the League members is exceptional. To be among so many supportive and dedicated members is very reassuring to an incoming President. The purpose of the League is to promote and raise funds for the Arizona Historical Society Museum in Papago Park. Many opportunities are available for members to volunteer time and skills at the Museum. A Docent Program is available for those members interested in conducting Museum tours. Fund raising is even more important in a year when the economy has been so stretched. Grants presented to the Museum by our past president, Jeannine Moyle, totaled \$69,000 in 2008-09. All of this money is used to support Museum programs, exhibits, education, operations, and exhibit supplies.

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Membership Open House

Justice O'Connor will be speaker



The annual Open House and Membership Tea will take place at the Museum on Wednesday, October 21, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. We are pleased to announce that our guest speaker will be the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, retired Justice of the Supreme Court. She will be speaking about her life in Phoenix. In connection with this will be the Grand Opening of the Sandra Day O'Connor Exhibit that the Historical League has underwritten. This is a great opportunity to invite potential members and introduce them to our organization as well as to the museum itself. Refreshments will be hosted by our members and will feature recipes from our award-winning cookbook, Tastes and Treasures. The cost will be \$25 per person. Save this date and begin thinking of a friend or two who might be interested in joining the Historical League.

For more information, contact Pat Faur at 602-368-6877 or April Riggins at 480-219-4606.

This event is not a fundraiser; ticket price covers costs of the event only.



Pat Faur



27TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY
DECEMBER 19 FROM 10 AM - 2PM

Westin Kierland Resort & Spa



Carolyn Wood Pam den Draak

This is a festive and entertaining event for children, parents, grandparents and friends. The event begins with visits and photos with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Santa's Elves. Party fun includes new crafts, games, face painting, clowns creating balloon sculptures, wonderful toy raffle prizes for the children, exceptional silent auction items for adults and the always very popular Holiday Shoppe featuring unique items that appeal to everyone. Lunch will be highlighted by fun, upbeat entertainment by children for children and a special gift for each child. Reservations are \$50 for children 12 and under, \$70 for adults, Premium "Angel" tables, \$750 for 10. Proceeds of this event support the Museum to bring the history of Arizona to life and to help educational programs for the youth of Arizona.



For more information call: Pam den Draak, 480-563-8539, wimpam@cox.net or Carolyn Wood, 480-502-3684, sdamanwood@cox.net.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

Dr. Peter Welsh, our Museum Director, has made many changes to the Museum. Under his leadership, there have been innovative programs and exciting activities taking place. We look forward to new exhibits and fundraising events.

Our award winning cookbook, *Tastes and Treasures*, features stories of historical restaurants and resorts in Arizona and their recipes. Recipes from Historymakers and League members are also included.

We welcome you to attend our Board Meetings which are usually held on the first Monday of each month, with the exception of September, when it will be the second Monday. Interesting and educational programs every month are preceded by delicious luncheons prepared by members. Every League member is a voting member and we work together to promote and preserve Arizona History while having fun and making new friends. We look forward to greeting new members in 2009-10!

Fall League Tours

by Pam Ryan and Jeannie Fletcher

Celebrate the Arizona Biltmore Hotel's 80th Anniversary with us as we take a tour led by a certified Biltmore historian. Meet promptly at 11:00 a.m. on Oct. 15 at the concierge desk in the main lobby of the hotel. The cost is \$20. We will have lunch in the new "Frank and Albert's" restaurant immediately after the tour at 12:30 p.m. Call **Pam Ryan** (602-277-3890) or **Jeannie Fletcher** (602-561-4143) for further details or to make your reservation.

Also, mark your calendar for November 5 when we will be making our annual bus tour to the Globe area. In Globe, we will board the newly opened Copper Spike train at the historic depot for an excursion to the Apache Gold Casino and Resort. The day trip will include a visit to the San Carlos Apache Cultural Center and lunch at a restaurant to be determined. As always, suggestions or ideas are appreciated.



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MODERN RECIPES FROM HISTORIC PLACES FOR TODAY'S COOKS

Tastes & Treasures A Storytelling Cookbook of Historic Arizona has been a great product for the Historical League and the reason we reordered another 10,000 books. With all expenses paid and a profit of \$50,000, we are able to grant the Museum funding for education, exhibits, improvements and outreach services. But the book is also a lovely ambassador to tell the story of Arizona's historic hospitality venues, its Historymakers and the job the Arizona Historical Society does. And it has some great recipes. Thanks to the original cookbook committee and authors who had the foresight to write this award winning book. It is a wonderful celebration of the diversity of Arizona.

Order two or more books on www.HistoricalLeague.org and get free shipping. Send it to friends and relatives and we will save you a trip to the post office. Remember it is a great gift for Holidays, Birthdays, Weddings, Hostess, Thank Yous, Showers. . .

Follow recent events with the cookbook and the Historical League at www.tastetreasures.blogspot.com.



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Membership Open House	Pat Faur, April Riggins
*Children's Holiday Party	Pam den Draak, Carolyn Wood
Spring Party	Sharon Montegary, Delores Tomasek, Julie Tribbey
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Dr. Peter Welsh

An Active Fall Season Ahead at the Museum at Papago Park

We are getting prepared for a very busy museum in the coming months. The highlight of the season will be the opening of the exhibit *Sandra Day O'Connor, A Citizen for all Seasons*. Primarily supported by a grant from the Historical League, we are developing what is sure to be a very popular and informative exhibition. Project curator **Aaron Monson** has been immersed in research and writing, and recently returned from his own journey to Washington, D.C., where he gathered images and other resources from the U.S. Supreme Court, the National Archives, and the Library of Congress. The exhibit will chart the path of Justice O'Connor's life and involve visitors in issues of civic engagement that remain central to her career. The exhibit will open to the public on October 24th, preceded by a number of opening events highlighted on October 21st by the League's Open House. The exhibit serves as a culmination as well as a beginning of a significant partnership with our new neighbor, the O'Connor House. The future promises a wealth of opportunities for shared programs and initiatives that will enrich us all.

Spurred by the opening of the O'Connor House, we have also nearly completed a renovation of the Roosevelt Terrace. Working in cooperation with the City of Tempe, the new terrace has been enhanced by the addition of new lighting, new trees, and the removal of some of the walls and seating that had fallen into disrepair. We now have a pathway that connects us to the O'Connor House. Installing a gate in our fence makes us the first of the principal cultural attractions in Papago Park to actually encourage visitors to enter the park.

On the heels of the O'Connor exhibit, we will be collaborating once again with CALACA, the Latino Cultural Arts Collective, to present Dia de los Muertos on October 31. Artists from as far as Texas and California, as well as from Arizona, will install *ofrendas*, or shrines, to the memory of loved ones. We will be able to give our visitors a sense of the importance of this evolving tradition for Latino communities across the West. Activities on Saturday, October 31, will include a mercado where visitors can meet Latino artists and sample their wares.

We have lots of great things on the horizon, and we are eager to share them with all our members, our supporters, and, most of all, with the public. I hope you can take advantage of as many of these great opportunities as possible.



Happenings at Central Chapter AHS



Jeannine Moyle

Thanks to you, members of the Historical League, **Aaron Monson**, a new recruit has been in Washington, D.C., gathering props and information for the **Sandra Day O'Connor** exhibit that will be opened by Justice O'Connor at the Open House event, October 21, 2009.

This exhibit, which is expected to refresh interest in happenings at the Museum at Papago Park, is being carefully designed with only authentic items approved and/or donated by Justice O'Connor herself. Following the Open House event there will be an opening for members of the Arizona Historical Society - Central Chapter for a preview prior to opening to the public.

Among other events in the planning stages is the Photo Fair that will be held sometime in March 2010. Please be alert to any historic photos that are in your family or local businesses that you know could be used and put on display to the public. More information will be forthcoming on this.

There is a definite plan for an active Docent Program at the Museum. Some have given times and days they are available and anyone else who feels this is an area you would like to contribute your time toward, keep this in mind and look for announcements on the topic.

Tired of driving? Think of how convenient it would be to board a tour van at the AHS Museum in Tempe for a short visit to Tombstone, Sharlot Hall in Prescott, Arcosanti, Karchner Caverns, Tubac, or Bisbee! CAC Board Member **Joe Lane** and **Dr. Peter Welsh** are in the process of wrapping up the details of that exciting on-going program. You'll be receiving details soon.



2008 Historymaker Barbara Barrett is shown in training as a backup for the upcoming launch of the Soyuz TMA-16.

Thanks to Renee Donnelly for contacting Old Ned News about this article in the Paradise Valley Independent.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE HISTORICAL LEAGUE AND AHS MUSEUM

Mon, Sept 14	General Mtg/author Kathleen Garcia
Mon, Oct 5	General Mtg/JoAnn Handley
Wed, Oct 21	Fall Membership Open House
Thurs, Nov 5	Bus tour to Globe/General Mtg on bus
Mon, Dec 7	General Mtg/Christmas Party
Sat, Dec 19	Children's Holiday Party
Mon, Jan 4	General Mtg
Mon, Feb 1	General Mtg
Mon, Mar 1	General Mtg
Mon, April 5	General Mtg
April TBA	Spring Party
Mon, May 3	General Mtg
Wed, May 12	Annual Recognition Luncheon
Mon, June 7	General Mtg/Staff Appreciation

All League members are welcome at general meetings
Lunch@11:30 am (\$5) Program@12:15 pm Meeting@1 pm



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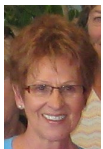
Historymakers™ Oral Histories

by Ruth McLeod

The Historymakers Gala and Recognition Program started in 1992 and we have honored 55 notable Arizonans and recorded their stories. Interviewing our Historymakers for their oral history is a daunting task yet very rewarding. As each person tells his/her life story, we begin to visualize their life, childhood, education, career and love of Arizona.

This summer fifteen members of the Historical League edited these oral histories for www.HistoricalLeague.org. The website will contain all the Historymakers oral history interviews along with formal portraits and family photos, making this information readily available to the public.

We did not realize how extensive this project was we started it. Comparing it to a great novel, comes to mind. You won't want to put the book down or have the story end. These online oral histories will debut this fall. Visit www.HistoricalLeague.org, enjoy a good read and begin to celebrate Arizona's 2012 Centennial.



MEMBERSHIP

Linda Cathey would appreciate any corrections to the new directories which were mailed mid-August.



Alexandra DuPont is the new intern this fall and will start in the MYCE program. She was inspired by **Kyle McKoy** and **Megan Gately**.

She wrote a wonderful letter to the League, thanking us for the grant for the intern program. She's shown traveling in Ireland this summer.

MORE ON CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

It's not too soon to be considering how and where you would like to help at the Children's Holiday Party. This party needs help with donations, volunteering, and attendance.

Jeannine Moyle is chairing the Volunteer committee. Call or e-mail her to reserve your favorite spot on Party day. Junkmoyle@aol.com or call 480-585-4872.

Dee Steen and **Mary Parker** are in charge of Silent Auction this year. A solicitation letter is available upon request. Please ask your favorite stores to help this year. Silent Auction is 100% profit and is one of the fun activities for adults!

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