



Leesburg Heritage Society, Inc.
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29 October 2019

Dear Members,

The meeting this month will be different. We are meeting at the First Presbyterian Church on Lone Oak and Vine at the usual time 3:30 on Tuesday, Nov. 5. This will be our annual pot luck. I know it's a crazy time to eat, but we'll call it Lupper and you can adjust your meal times that day so that you can come hungry. The Society will provide fried chicken and the paper goods and tableware. Beyers will provide the beverages, and you will bring your delicious dish.

I am giving the program on the history of First Presbyterian. We celebrate our 150th anniversary this year and this program is part of our celebration. I have invited church members so we may have a few guests. We will eat first while things are hot; then have fellowship and finish by 5. Please come!!!

Woody has lined up our programs for the rest of the year and we'll have a flyer to give you so you can be sure to invite others to come to our meetings. They will be in the Library.

I'm going to check again for those who want a nametag and then we will order those. A lot of you already have a good one. If you do, wear it Tuesday. I haven't done much else this month because I'm working on this history, but we'll plan to have a Board meeting on Nov. 26 to see what we need to get busy on. We'll meet at the Partnership office as usual at 2:30.

I look forward to seeing you on Nov. 5. Let's have a good turnout, please.

Sanna Henderson

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President

2019-2020 SEASON DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW.

Leesburg Heritage Society
Minutes - Regular Meeting - October 1, 2019

President Sanna Henderson called the regular meeting of the Leesburg Heritage Society to order at 4:00 PM on October 1, 2019. Those gathered had enjoyed the refreshments provided once again by the crew from Beyers, and we thank them very much.

Sanna welcomed everyone to another year of programs and fellowship in the Society. Mary Jane Caldwell-Smith gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from May and the Treasurer's report were both accepted.

Vi entertained us with a joke about City workers who were missing one of their three-man team. They managed to carry on without him!

Deb Bussinger gave the Library report. They will no longer be using the heavy plastic bags, which will result in a significant savings. She asked for donations of tote bags. Deb reviewed the upcoming programs and encouraged everyone to take a copy of the current newsletter which details all happenings.

Sanna then reported on the latest Board meeting:

The Board reviewed name-tags and will be selecting a magnetic-backed style. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those wanting a name-tag. The Board will pay it and everyone will be responsible for their own name-tag. (If you lose it, you get to buy the next one!)

The Board had discussed the Downtown Master Plan and Sanna encouraged all members to go to a workshop and speak on behalf of the Museum.

The Mote/Morris House is progressing slowly, and appropriate furnishings are being collected and stored for now.

Glorianne had received a contribution from Margaret Shelton containing a collection of Belle Hamilton information.

Woody Wagner introduced our own member Rick Reed, who spoke and showed slides from the late Clayton Bishop's collection of over 5000 postcards. Rick had brought 257 slides pertaining to Leesburg. Members joined the discussion as we saw images of Leesburg hotels, schools, churches, banks and other places of interest. It was a fun and interesting program. Thanks, Rick!

Next month's meeting will be at the First Presbyterian Church on Lone Oak, with Sanna presenting the program as the church celebrates 150 years in Leesburg. We will join together for a potluck meal at 3:30. A sign-up sheet was circulated as our hostess, Gail Emerson, makes plans for the event on November 5th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Turner, Secretary

Treasurer's Report
October 29, 2019

***Memorial Fund - \$2,375.00

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Russek, Treasurer

Membership dues are: Individual - \$20.00 per year; Couples - \$30.00 per year
Student - \$5.00 per year
Professional, Business & Organization - \$100.00 per year
Life Membership - \$200.00 per person

*Our year is October thru May, with meetings the first Tuesday of the month.

LEESBURG HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC. BYLAWS

Article IV - Membership.

Section 2. Term of membership shall be on an annual basis, from October 1 through September 30.

November 2019 Events at the Leesburg Public Library
Dusty Hill Matthews, Adult Services Supervisor

Identity Theft Seminar by the Leesburg Police Department | November 8 10am-noon. Today's environment of credit card usage and internet sites exposes you to many opportunities where your information might be compromised. Captain Whittaker from the Leesburg Police Department will review the current Top 10 scams, the methods you can use to avoid identity theft, and the available resources you can tap if you become a victim

Poetry Workshop-All Souls Day, Writing Intensive on Releasing Grief Through Poetry | November 11 11am-12:30pm. Lake County Poet Laureate Laura Sobbot Ross leads a class through releasing grief with poetry. Creatively work on your skills while healing your heart. Registration is required.

Women's Voices in History | November 13 1-2pm The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution present some of the daring women who played a part in our nation's history. Meet Margaret Cochran Corban, the first woman to receive a military pension; Massa Harbison, who was captured by Native Americans; Harriet Taylor Upton, a suffragette from Warren Ohio active around the 1900s; and Lydia Darragh, a Revolutionary spy for George Washington.

African American Genealogy Workshop | November 16 1-4pm Researching African American ancestors can be challenging, but records do exist. This workshop will discuss getting started, special resources for digging deeper, African American military ancestors, and researching migration stories. Suitable for both beginners and experienced researchers.

Perfectly Frank-The Music of Frank Sinatra | November 23 1-2:30pm Come fly away with Dave DeLuca as he pays tribute to Frank Sinatra! During his lifetime. Ol' Blue Eyes defined the Great American Songbook for decades with verve and panache.

FROM GLORIANNE'S DESK

Recently Vi and I have been working on a history of the schedule for The Leesburg Commercial/Daily Commercial, and have found some interesting articles from when many members of the Heritage Society were young in Leesburg. Come by the Museum and reminisce with our bound copies of the Commercial from when you were young.