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RCGS Annual Meeting November 7

The Riley County Genealogical Society Annual Meeting is November 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Zeandale Community Church. Dinner is prepared by the Zeandale Church Ladies. There will be a brief business meeting following the dinner. The program will be "Mortality and Disease in Our 19th Century Ancestors," by Dr. Graham Rose.

Please make your reservation by November 2 at the Riley County Genealogical Library or mail to RCGS, 2005 Claflin, Manhattan, KS 66502. The cost of the dinner is \$12 per person.

See following pages for the 2011 Annual Report from your Board members.

A word from our president

In each issue of the FYI for the past two years, we have featured a volunteer telling a little about his or her job. I hope you have enjoyed learning about some of the many volunteer opportunities that are available at Riley County Genealogical Society. Unfortunately, there are many more which have not had the opportunity to teach us about what they do. There are people

who buy supplies, count the Best Choice coupons and submit them, repair books, file periodicals, catalog new books, prepare the cards for the card file, schedule librarians and computer assistants and more. These are all important jobs in the Society and many don't get the recognition they deserve. Without someone doing all these jobs, the Society could not con-

tinue to operate and be the efficient and productive organization it is.

It is because of all these good people working so tirelessly that my job as President has been simple. I listen to all the things they are doing (which often makes me tired!) and try to keep everyone else informed.

Keep up the good work. Lots of people appreciate the work you do.

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President

Dorothy Dickerhoof: The past year has again been a productive year for Riley County Genealogical Society. One of our goals has been to make RCGS more visible and well known within the community. This year an online presence was started at www.konzaradio.org. There you will find 30-minute segments on a variety of genealogical topics. These can be accessed at any time.

The almost monthly programs have been interesting and diverse. The final program for 2011 will be the Annual meeting which you will see advertised elsewhere in this issue of **FYI**. Genealogy classes have been held and now we have two monthly Roundtables, one in the morning and one in the evening, where attendees can share successes and ask for help with problems. Someone in the group is sure to have a good suggestion. You are welcome to attend either one or both groups.

We have had continued positive use of the web site, especially with requests for research. More and more information continues to be added so, as with most genealogical sites, you need to check back often to see what is new.

I feel that we are a healthy, vibrant organization – one of the best in the country!

Membership

Ted Hopkins: RCGS has 155 active members including nine life members for 2011. Of this number, 16 are new members. This represents a small increase over last year, which is a very good sign that the society is attracting new genealogists as well as keeping those already members. Our goal for next year is to continue this trend of membership renewals and new members.

Publications

Judy Regehr: In 2011, we have published 12 new books. Our authors are Sy Ekart, Imogene Farley, Janeice Crosson. Judy Regehr publishes and archives the books and Nancy Webb fills all book orders. Our new online bookstore on the RCGS website allows people to order books with a credit card. Publication sales are an important source of revenue for RCGS. We thank our authors for the valuable service they are providing for our members.

We continue to save considerable money by sending the **FYI** newsletter by email. The newsletter allows us to keep our membership up-to-date on RCGS activities.

RCGS now has a facebook page allowing members to keep up with coming events and to see reports and pictures of programs they may have missed.

Computers and Technology

Patty Wadick: The technology department continues to support online capabilities and research for the society. The web site implemented last year has resulted in increased numbers of requests for research.

Some things you can do on the web site:

- Buy publications at our online bookstore
- Join RCGS or renew your membership
- Order personalized genealogical research
- Pay with a credit card
- Find current and past copies of the **FYI** newsletter
- See a list of our classes and events
- Check the RCGS Master Calendar

Through the work of Imogene Farley and others, RCGS has accumulated many years of obituaries. We have added these obituary indexes to the web site. Persons finding

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a name from the indexes may now request a copy of the obituary for a small fee. Other indexes and sources of research will be added.

Volunteers have created the indexes and we thank those dedicated people. Members interested in volunteering for this type of work are needed for the upcoming projects. The work is not hard and can be done at home.

Education

Rebecca Rose: Last November, 60 members attended the Annual Meeting and dinner at Zeandale. The following programs were given in 2011:

- 1) Genealogical Resources at the KS State Historical Society, Marcia Fox
- 2) Migration Along the Oregon Trail by Jim Sherow, KSU History Department
- 3) What's New at the Family History Center, Ila Morrill
- 4) Land Records and Genealogy, Charlotte Shawver
- 5) Kansas Voices, Darla Stone, KSU Education Department
- 6) What's at the National Archives Branch in KC? By Sherry Butler
- 7) Copyright Laws, lawyer Richard Seaton
- 8) Welcome to the Melting Pot, Kansas Humanities Speaker Isaias McCaffery
- 9) Family History Research Clues in the Cemetery, a walking tour by Cheryl Collins, director of Riley Co. Historical Society
- 10) 19th Century Health and Medicine, Graham Rose, retired physician

All monthly meetings were open to the public and had an attendance as few as 9 or as many as 50.

A bi-monthly radio program with modera-

tor Bill Richter and various members of the society and guests was started on the new online Konza Radio.

LeJuan Shrimplin held a 7 week series of beginning classes with an attendance of 10. Two Roundtables, a morning on the third Friday at Radina's and an evening group on the fourth Wednesday at the RCGS Library offer forums for sharing. Morning attendance averaged 14, evening somewhat less. Rebecca Rose and LeJuan Shrimplin are the facilitators.

The second annual June picnic had a turnout of about 60 with entertainment provided by the Heiberts of Abilene.

Candace Pannbacker and Jan Wichman prepared a display for the 150th anniversary of Kansas. This display was at the Manhattan Town Center Mall. Rebecca Rose gave a presentation on genealogy to the noontime Sertoma Club in July.

Buildings and Grounds

Joe Ott: MAINTENANCE PROJECTS:

1. Spring Clean-Up (March 26, 2011)
 - Trimmed bushes in front.
 - Cleaned flower gardens on east side.
 - Trimmed brush on west side.
 - Cleaned inside Platt House.
2. Scraped and painted middle section of Platt House on the south and west
3. Individual Donated Over 20 Hours Community Service
 - Cleaned and stripped parking lot.
 - Painted hand railing.
 - Cleaned drainage ditch on parking lot.
 - Replaced wood base on mail box.
 - Painted sign frame.
4. Serviced Air and Heating System.

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5. Cleared around air unit.
6. Pruned part of roses on west side.
7. Hauled 1 sq yd soil and planted Fescue Mix on south, overseeded lawn on east
8. County fixed sink hole in parking lot.
9. Replaced bulbs, stool parts, filled foundation holes with, removed wasp nest.

ITEMS STILL PENDING:

- Entrance threshold needs attention
- Rose garden and west garden area
- Touch up painting and minor repairs
- Paint South porch floor

A special thanks to those who helped on the Clean-Up day, those who signed up on the "Platt House Care and Maintenance" sheet, the librarians and computer assistants who picked up the slack on vacuuming, sweeping, dusting and keeping restrooms spotless.

Treasurer

Dick Phillips: The Riley County Genealogical Society is chartered as a Kansas non-profit corporation with officers and staff who serve without compensation. The society's 2011 operating budget adopted by the Board of Directors totals \$14,348. Major sources of budgeted income are family membership dues, publication sales, ancestor research, and donations. Major items of expense in the budget are: internet connection, sources and services; Library content and public liability insurance; the RCGS quarterly publication, Kansas Kin; Library acquisitions, classes and meetings; utilities.

Financial Advisory Committee

Shirley M. DeLano: A presentation was made to the Riley County Commissioners asking for their support for the 2012 year.

The amount of \$3100 will be received to help with insurance, utilities and maintenance. A review was made by Gilmore and Sink of the records maintained by the Treasurer and a good report was given. This is not a full blown audit but is what most non-profits have to confirm that the reports and bank statements match and all transactions are documented.

Accounts are available to contribute to the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation that would benefit the Society. Any questions, please ask any of our members. They will direct you to the proper channels to pursue this type of donation.

Library

Wann Towers: "The Library Coordinator shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of the library collection and management of the library." Thanks to the ongoing training of Computer Assistants by LeJuan Shrimplin and Librarians by Millie Combs we are able to have 14 trained volunteers on duty each week. Judy Lookhart and Millie Combs manage the monthly schedules. We all learn something new each time we are on duty.

Acquisitions chairman Jan Wichman and her committee decides how best to use the \$800 budgeted for 2011. Kansas related resources have been the emphasis.

Darlene Hagen is Supplies Purchaser and Ancestral Chart Recorder for members supplying pedigree charts. Helen Long is our experienced cataloger. Sherry Butler updated the Genealogist position. Ann Murphy keeps track of societies from whom we receive publications. Wilma Harris files these publications. Lewis Browder is scanning obituaries from microfilm and is in the library several times a week. Many thanks to all.

October 2, Cheryl Collins leads a walking tour of Sunset Cemetery. She tells the group surprising stories about early Manhattan residents.



Isaias J. McCaffery, Kansas Humanities Speakers Bureau, speaks to RCGS members and friends on "Welcome to the Melting Pot." McCaffery demonstrated that the settlers of the state of Kansas have an amazingly diverse heritage.

Annual dues for 2012 are due!

Please remember to pay your annual membership dues. Family rate is \$30. We also need people to volunteer for various services that we provide. These volunteer opportunities are listed on the membership form.

You will find your membership form attached to the email along with this issue of the **FYI**. You may also download it from

the RCGS website along with the **FYI** newsletters.

Your dues are an important source of revenue for the society. They help fund our library, the resources on our website, our impressive list of educational programs, research materials, and much more.

We also have social events that allow you to meet fellow genealogists. See

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the pictures on this page for some of the exciting programs we sponsor. How much better can it get!

We need your help!

We have an RCGS Board opening for **Publications Coordinator**. The person in this position works with book authors to publish and archive books and sell them to clients. There is a Publications Distribution person who fills book orders. The Board meets the second Friday of every month at 9:30 a.m.

Talk to a Board member if interested.

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