

Parker Community Historical Society, Inc.

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Established 1980
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~kspchs>

Museums located at
207, 209, 215 Main St
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2016 – SPRING NEWSLETTER

Dear members, alumni, friends and neighbors,

As I sit here starting this newsletter, I am wistful, thinking I would much rather be outside picking up sticks, and doing all the chores required in the spring to prepare for gardening, mowing, etc. I hope you have also had a mild winter and are looking forward to new beginnings that comes with spring.

In November we held our annual meeting and the same officers and board members were retained. We have some maintenance to accomplish this year around the buildings. Our main project will be to remove the old jail/firehouse building (Skinner Blacksmith Shop). This has been an ongoing project, much due to lack of participants and able bodies, as well as the need for a plan of attack to get the job done.

Monthly **Work Days** are held the **1st Tuesday** each month at **9 a.m.** and the **3rd Tuesday** starting at **5 p.m.** Help is encouraged and **very much appreciated.** The museums are open to visitors at these times as well. We are always available to open by special request. Persons to contact are Louise Stites at 913-898-6991; Janice Stahl 913-898-6662; Barbara Hines 913-898-2189 or Marilyn Rhoades 913-898-6891. We will have the museums open on **April 30**, the day of the Alumni banquet, in the afternoon from **1-4 pm.** The Parker Elementary School will open this year at 3 pm for alumni and guests to gather and visit. The banquet starts at 5 pm.

Memorial Day, May 30, we will be open from **1-4 pm.**

Sincere thanks to everyone who have given time, donations, memorials, etc. We appreciate all the items and would love to have new volunteers to help us maintain the museums and display the items. It takes many hands working together to make the buildings presentable to visitors. We are working on creating a computer based list of items held and donor/loaner list. With all the items in the three museum buildings, this is going to be a very long process, but we trudge forward. Thank you to Fern Knight for her participation in this project.

We have been able to begin a fund especially earmarked for removing/rebuilding. (We call it the Construction Fund.) Thank you to those who met the \$1,000 challenge!!!! Also, thanks to others who donated smaller amounts. All donations are so appreciated. Many people have given memorial monies to this fund. Thank you one and all!!!

If membership dues have not been paid for the fiscal year November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016, they are due. Dues are still \$5 each annually and \$50 each for a life membership. Dues may be sent to the PO Box 173, Parker, 66072. We currently have approximately 130 life and annual members.

Please continue to advise us of any change of address and any deceased members/alumni of which we may not be aware. We want you to receive our newsletters in a timely manner. You may call Marilyn Rhoades @ 913-898-6891 or Janice Stahl @ 913-898-6661.

Each year we are sorrowed when friends and loved ones pass on. The list of those we have heard about this year follows on the back. They all are deeply missed.

CLASS	NAME	DATE
1932	Helen Myers	10/3/2005
1933	Clyde Stark	9/12/1986
1936	Alice (Troutman) Clayton	3/16/2016
1936	Avis (Harvey) Polley*	5/31/2015
1938	Marjorie (Conley) Prentice*	6/7/2015
1939	Dorothy (Wilcox) Sweaney	7/16/2015
1941	Dorothy (Clark) Calvin*	9/21/2015
1941	Adrian Johnson	11/19/2006
1941	Rozena (Campbell) Smitheran	5/31/2015
1942	James Keitel	4/4/2015
1942	Madge (England) Keitel	11/21/2015
1943	LaVern Cox	9/28/2015
1945	Sherman Bartlett	5/8/2015
1946	Marion Maxwell*	11/16/2015
1947	Raleigh Anderson	1/14/2004
1950	Don Breuel*	10/30/2015
1950	Wanda (Keeney) Farrow	11/xx/2013
1950	John Riggs*	1/30/2016
1952	Leslie Earl Richardson*	12/13/2015
1954	Ronald Shaffer	11/8/2008
1955	Marjorie (Wilcox) Moree	1/28/2016
1962	Colleen (Cockran) Suddock*	5/3/2015
1965	Terry "Mac" Sims	11/xx/2015
Teacher	Bill Freeman	12/18/2015
Teacher	Frank A Jilka	10/31/1987
N/G	George R "Bob" Knight*	1/11/2016

*Denotes PCHS Life Member