

Parker Community Historical Society, Inc.

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

Museums located at
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2017 – SPRING NEWSLETTER

Dear members, alumni, friends and neighbors,

Greetings to all of you. We hope you are having a great 2017 and are also enjoying the renewing of green trees, blooming flowers and refreshing mornings that come with spring. To PRHS alumni, we hope you are preparing and planning to renew old acquaintances and memories by attending the Alumni **Banquet** on Saturday, **April 29**. The **museum will be open from 1-4 pm, elementary school will open at 3 pm**. FYI to those coming south to Beagle, the Middle Creek bridge is out and you will be **detoured** to the 5 mi. corner to come to Parker. It's the intersection that goes west to Parker and east to LaCygne (Hwy 152). Reunion classes should plan to arrive early for pictures **before the banquet**.

Thank you to everyone who have visited our museums this year and donations we have received. We always appreciate donations of memorabilia from times past that relate to Parker and surrounding communities and items from school days at PRHS and the elementary schools. Donations in memory of those who have passed on are much appreciated as well as other cash donations. **Thank you one and all.**

In November, at our annual meeting, the same members were reelected as officers and board members of the Historical Society. Again, we cannot stress enough how much we encourage involvement from anyone living in the area that would like to see our museums continue to thrive. It is difficult to grow without participation. We would love to see young families take an interest in the history of the communities. Our **meetings** are held the **third Tuesday each month** at the new museum at **7 pm**. **Dues are still the bargain price of \$5 annually or \$50 for life membership**. We currently have 126 members.

We want to take a moment to express our sincere condolences to Connie Orth and family in the loss of Bob Orth. Bob and Connie have been a vital part of this community for many years and he will be sorely missed. They have always been there for the Historical Society any time we needed help. Bob made the sign above the "shadow box" display at 1-Stop where we display items of interest from community history. They have been instrumental in developing the Heritage Park, Santa Comes to Parker, Parker Days and the list goes on. **Thank you Bob and Connie.**

We are currently honoring PRHS alumni in the shadow box at 1-Stop. This year, we are recognizing the reunion years for the banquet. Those coming to town for the Alumni, be sure to check it out.

Also new additions have been made to the **Heritage Park**. A new corner wall and shelter house fireplace are being completed. If you have not visited the Park, it is definitely worth a visit. Be sure to walk the sidewalks and check out the blocks—many families and churches/businesses have contributed to make this walk unique.

Please continue to notify us if you have a change of address or when you become aware of any deceased members/alumni. You may call Marilyn Rhoades @ 913-898-6891 (e-mail mjsheetrhoades63@gmail.com) or Janice Stahl @913-898-6662.

Following is a list of members and alumni we have lost (or learned about) since our Spring 2016 newsletter. May they rest in peace. They are missed.

CLASS	NAME	DATE
1933	Edith (Canaday) Bryant	9/26/2016
1939	Lindley Cox*	3/12/17
1940	Amy (Huffman) Monroe*	10/30/16
1941	Louis Laverne Canaday*	4/26/16
1941	Doris (Carmin) McFadden*	9/22/16
1943	Juanita (Huffman) Holderman*	10/11/16
1946	R'Neil (Huffman) Koger*	2/14/16
1947	Gwinn Gorrell	2/3/16
1947	Eileen (Holloman) Taylor	1/23/16
1949	Margaret (Brownback) Gabe	12/3/16
1949	Clydene (Lile) Staatz	11/18/16
1949	Betty White	4/28/16
1952	Herschel Keitel	2/2/17
1953	Carol (White) Armstrong	4/28/16
1957	Ann (Giffin) Ravnkar	12/27/16
1958	Kenneth Magers	11/21/16
1959	Larry Light	1/20/15
1959	Gene Mitchell	3/14/17
1961	Paul Staley	8/12/16
1961	Bill Wingate	10/15/16

*Denotes PCHS life member