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The November 18th meeting was attended by nine members. We are reminded of the new hours, namely, Monday and Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. But we're happy to make an appointment with you if needed. **RCGS will be closed during the holidays, beginning December 22 and reopen January 13. The faithful volunteers will be enjoying their own families.** Several have already sent the \$25 renewal dues for 2015. We thank you as that keeps us open. We welcome new member Donald Morris in Florida. Thanks for sharing your time with us.

The annual election was held at the meeting. The 2015 Executive Board: President: Midge Dobyns; Vice-President: Robert Morrow; Secretary: Lottie Braun; Treasurer: Imogene Fiene; Directors: Virginia Mansker, Joyce Davitz, Emily Lyons. Congratulations to all.

ReMinder: Our book, Steeleville and Its Early Years written and compiled by Imogene Fiene, is here. Your order will be mailed as soon as it is received. You may purchase one at the RCGS location or from Imogene at First National Bank. Books mailed out of state are \$25 plus \$5 s/h. In state, add \$1.81 for tax. There are still about 60 books.

Reminder: Our annual Christmas Dinner in December is approved to meet at Reid's Harvest House at 6 p.m. December 9th this year. Pay on your own, but please send or call an RSVP to Emily. Please bring a \$5 gift for an exchange. We have 12 RSVP'S so far.

Our sympathy to the family of long time member Ruth Kintz who has passed away.

TREASURER'S REPORT October 1 - 31, 2014

Total RECEIPTS: \$612.90 (Includes \$390 in book sales)

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$870.18 (Includes \$635.83 for office supplies & copier fees)

Our wish is for a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving for each of you!

Emily Lyons

[Over, please]

Remember this?

History

Over the River and Through the Woods was written by novelist and journalist Lydia Maria Child in 1844. The song recalls her memories of visiting her Grandmother's house. The house that still stands near the Mystic River in Medford, Massachusetts was restored by Tufts University in 1976.

Lyrics

Over the river and through the wood,
To Grandmother's house we go;
The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh,
Thru the white and drifted snow.

Over the river and through the wood,
Oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes and bites the nose,
As over the ground we go.

Over the river and through the wood,
To have a first-rate play;
Hear the bells ring, "Ting-a-ling-ding!"
Hurrah for Thanksgiving Day!

Over the river and through the wood,
Trot fast, my dapple gray!
Spring over the ground like a hunting hound,
For this is Thanksgiving Day.

Over the river, and through the wood,
And straight through the barnyard gate,
We seem to go extremely slow,
It is so hard to wait!

Over the river, and through the wood,
Now Grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun! Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

A PRAYER OF Thanksgiving

God, source and giver of all things,
we give you thanks on this Thanksgiving Day
for the beauty of the whole of creation.

We give you thanks for the blessings
of family and friends: both those
gathered around this table and those
who are present only in our hearts.

We give you thanks for this food,
prepared by loving hands,
and for the graces you provide to nourish
our bodies, minds and hearts
so that we might better serve you.

Help us to be faithful stewards
of all that has been given us.
May we reflect that which we have received
to all we meet,
especially the less fortunate
in our midst.

