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4th Quarter Center News 2012

News about the Keizer Heritage Center, owned and operated by Keizer Heritage Foundation

Membership drive

The Keizer Heritage Foundation is holding a drive to increase membership by 150 by early 2013.

Board members are out in the Keizer community discussing the Keizer Heritage Center and its importance in preserving the history of Keizer for today and for future generations.

Membership dues (see page 3) aide in maintaining and operating the nearly 100-year old building, as well as operate the Keizer Heritage Museum, its exhibits and its on-going Oral History of Keizer project.

The work of the foundation is primarily done by dedicated volunteers in everything from hosting the museum, hosting events in the conference room, and overseeing monthly building-wide events.

Donations and loans are frequently given to the Museum that must be cataloged and prepared for exhibit. The Evelyn Melson Franz Research and Resource Room transfers documents to CD-ROM and video to DVD for use by museum patrons.

A membership in the Keizer Heritage Foundation is a small investment in the history of the city.

What are you doing Thursday?

Actually, what are you doing each *third* Thursday of the month?

The Center will come alive in the evening as the Foundation begins its Third Thursday Events calendar.

On Third Thursdays the Keizer Heritage Center will host a special free, public event, and all the Center's tenants will remain open to the public into the evening.

On Thursday, Nov. 15, local author Julie Starr Hook, will give creative tips on how to

manage the holidays without the holiday season managing you. She will discuss efficient shopping, wrapping, and baking. Creative gift ideas, meal planning, stress-less holiday cards and overnight guests will also be on the menu.

Upcoming Third Thursday Events will include: *Celebrating the Holidays* in December, *Keizer Oral History* in January and *Photography Night* in February.

Anne Rasmus to retire as events/rental director

Anne Rasmus has announced her retirement as Events Manager at the Keizer Heritage Center.

With her husband, Al, Anne has been a key volunteer since the earliest days of the Center and the Keizer Heritage Foundation. She has overseen the operation of the rental spaces including the room on the second floor as well as the gazebo and patio.

Anne's duties have included booking events such as meetings, weddings and social events, hosting tours for clients, as well as hosting



Anne Rasmus

events themselves.

Her retirement letter can be seen on page 3.

Digital newsletter?

Beginning with the first quarter of 2013, Center News, the Keizer Heritage Center's quarterly newsletter will be sent electronically via e-mail. It will also be available on the Foundation's web site: keizerheritage.org.

To assure you don't miss a copy of a future newsletter, please provide the Foundation with an e-mail address for delivery. If you do not have access to e-mail

we will continue to mail the newsletter through the postal service.

By transferring 90 percent of our newsletter electronically the Foundation will save more than \$1,000 a year that can be used instead for maintenance, operations and events for the public.

The deadline for e-mail address updates is January 15, 2013. E-mail to: info@keizerheritage.org.

Happening....

Keizer's history is being recorded

The library of Oral History tapes is growing by the month.

The Keizer Heritage Foundation with Director of Strategic Planning, JoAnne Beilke has been speaking to and filming local residents' memories of Keizer's past.

This project is a partnership with the City, Keizer Points of Interest Committee, and the Keizertimes. Tapes can be checked out at the Keizer Community Library and viewed on keizertv.com and Channel 23 on Comcast.

Those who have been recorded so far are Evelyn Melton Franz, former educator and Keizer resident for over 90 years. Longtime residents of the city Ada Mae Hurd, Mel Cummings, and Sid Franciso.

Dr. Jerry McGee, a former city councilor and local author and historian. Recently added were Keizer Little League, founders of the Keizer Merchants Association, early members of Keizer Rotary Club, and Harry Pease, long-time coach, teacher, and referee. In the works are the Blake family of Log Cabin and Willow Lake Nursery, and the Keizer Fire Volunteers.

If you wish to be part of this project and would like to share your memories of Keizer's early days, from the mid-20th century, or the 1960s and 1970s, or the first days of incorporation, contact the Foundation at info@keizerheritage.org, or call 503-393-9660.

The history of Keizer

The Keizer Heritage Museum is a great starting place for those interested in the history of our city and the surrounding area. After visiting the museum, amateur historians can step outside the museum and see more of Keizer's story.

Start at the corner of Chemawa Road and Bailey Road, at the northwest corner of the Keizer Civic Center, there you'll find a life-size statue of Thomas Dove Keizur, the city's namesake.

Other historical sites are the Claggett Cemetery off Wheatland Road N. There is a park in southeast Keizer on the banks overlooking the Willamette River; this is the site of where Wallace House, the first European settlement in the valley, was located. Established in 1812, the house (or fort) served as a fur trading post. The house is long gone but there is information at the park about the structure and the people who used it.

At Keizer Station, the shopping area adjacent to Interstate 5, there is a kiosk honoring Marie Dorian, a Sioux, who gained recognition as the only woman on the famed Wilson Price Hunt Expedition from Montreal to the Oregon Territory.

Celebrating Christmas

The Keizer Heritage Center will celebrate the holidays on Thursday, Dec. 20, with a visit from Santa Claus and more.

From 5 to 8 p.m. visitors to the Center will be entertained with carols from McNary High School singers, and a photo opportunity with St. Nick from 5 to 8 p.m.

New cards herald Center as a wonderful place for events

The Keizer Heritage Foundation has developed marketing cards to extoll the benefit of using the Center for social events, weddings, or meetings. The cards are distributed at high-traffic locations where potential clients can get a glimpse of what their event can become.

Each year the Center plays host to many weddings and receptions.

The event space on the second floor of the center seats up to 185 people, depending on the configuration.

Receptions or meetings using the Center's round tables of eight can sit 100. Theatre style can seat 140. Standing receptions can accommodate 185 people.

Aside from the event room, the patio and gazebo are also available in conjunction with the event room. Many weddings have been held outside on the patio/gazebo, then moved indoors for the reception. Unfortunately, the patio/gazebo cannot be rented on its own.

Rental rates include table and chair set up, a sound system, podium, kitchen use, two candelabras and more. The Center offers no food catering service, however food can be brought in from outside caterers. Beer and wine can be served, but no spirits are allowed on the premises.

When planning a social function (wedding, party, reception) or a meeting, consider the centrally-located event spaces at the Keizer Heritage Center. To see photos of the space in use, capacity, amenities, and affordable rates, **visit the website at www.keizerheritage.org.**

Do you have some history to share?

The Keizer Heritage Museum is seeking donations or loans of items of a historical nature, especially regarding Keizer. Search your basement and garages for photos and artifacts for the museum.

In particular, the museum is seeking photos of Keizer from its earliest days in the 19th century to its incorporation as a city in 1982. Of specific interest to the museum are photos of Keizer businesses, specially along River Road, Keizer schools, and activities including carnivals, parades, and other cultural events.

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A letter from Anne Rasmus

Dear Keizer Heritage Foundation:

SUBJECT: MY RETIREMENT FROM KHF

For a variety of reasons, I'm retiring as of December 31, 2012.

Judy Peterson (President) has been working closely with me on all parts of this position. That includes showing the facility and giving informational packets to potential clients, getting the contract filled out, keeping the calendar-of-events straight, getting payments, arranging client's room set-up, finding hosts for each event, restocking kitchen supplies, and also checking that the room was cleaned before returning the damage deposit. Of course, there is paperwork each step of the way. Even Judy remarked, "I didn't realize how complicated this position is!"

I do know that all my organization and hard work for 13 1/2 years has helped to make KHF a success. From the beginning, I have believed in this organization and the good we can do for the community. For continued success, there has to be "teamwork." It cannot be about one person.

Thank you hosts (Evelyn Melson Franz, Pat Galligan, and others) who have helped me all these years with events. We have a good variety of board members now, who are involved in many ways. That is exciting. I hope that all of you will help and support Judy Peterson. A lot can be accomplished with a plan and positive attitude.

Anne Rasmus

Museum hosts

Volunteers are being sought to allow the Keizer Heritage Museum to expand its hours to Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

We would like to see some young people (16 years and older) volunteer. It is a wonderful way to spend a summer helping us, giving to the community and working with the public. It is also a great way to get experience to add to your resume. Contact the Heritage office at 503-393-9660, or e-mail info@keizerheritage.org, or go to our website, keizerheritage.org, to volunteer as a museum host.

Currently the museum is open 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Seeking board members

If you have an interest in the operations and events at the Keizer Heritage Center and would like to be involved in its management, you should consider offering yourself as a candidate for nomination to the Keizer Heritage Board.

Elections for the board are held each June. If you wish to be considered contact Lyndon Zaitz at 503-390-6840.

Become a Keizer Foundation Member

Choose the level that works best for you

Membership options

- Individual member, \$20 Household, \$35
 Business member, \$35 Senior member (62+), \$15

Contributing Member

- Teacher's Pet, \$100-\$499
 Class President Club, \$500-\$999

Patron

- Valedictorian Club, \$1,000+

I am interested in learning more about....

- Volunteering 2 to 4 hours a week as a museum host
 Volunteering 1-2 times a month for 4 hours each time as an event host
 Volunteering on a committee
 Finance
 Marketing/Membership
 Event Planning
 Museum

This is a new membership

This is a membership renewal

Name _____

Address _____

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To become a member via PayPal visit keizerheritage.org.

Or, mail this form and membership dues to:

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Mark your calendar

November & December

The Keizer Heritage Museum will exhibit a display of over 100 bells, on loan from Penny Higgins of Woodburn. The bells are various sizes and different decorations.

The month of November

The Keizer Art Association will hold its annual Black, White and Gray Show through Saturday, Nov. 24. A gala reception and awards ceremony was held on Saturday, Nov. 3.

November 15

Local author Julie Starr Hook (*“From Frazzled to Freedom”*) will present “Organizing for the Holidays” at 7 p.m. at the Keizer Heritage Center.

December 20

Keizer Heritage Center celebrates the holiday with entertainment from the McNary High School choir, candy cane give-a-ways and a visit from Santa Claus, available for photographs with Keizer’s children.

5-8 p.m. Refreshments.

January 2013

Free reception featuring Keizer’s Oral History. 7 p.m.

When is the Center open?

Keizer Heritage Museum

Tuesday and Thursday, 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Keizer Community Library

Mon-Thur 1 to 7 p.m., Fri, 1 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.

Enid Joy Mount Gallery

Thursday and Friday, 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Board Member Spotlight—

Ray Hansen a native Oregonian, spent his career as an educator, including teaching classes at Keizer School for 22 years, home of today’s Keizer Heritage Center, and, another eight years at the new Keizer Elementary School. He retired in 1996.

He is also been involved with Keizer Little League, EVAK, volunteering at the state Capitol building, and at the NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum in Brooks. He also served on the Keizer Planning Commission for eight years.

He enjoys baby sitting his four grandchildren. He is chair of the Foundation’s Museum Committee.



Ray Hansen