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March 2018 Newsletter

*From our President -
Sandra (Sandy) Becker-Gurnow*

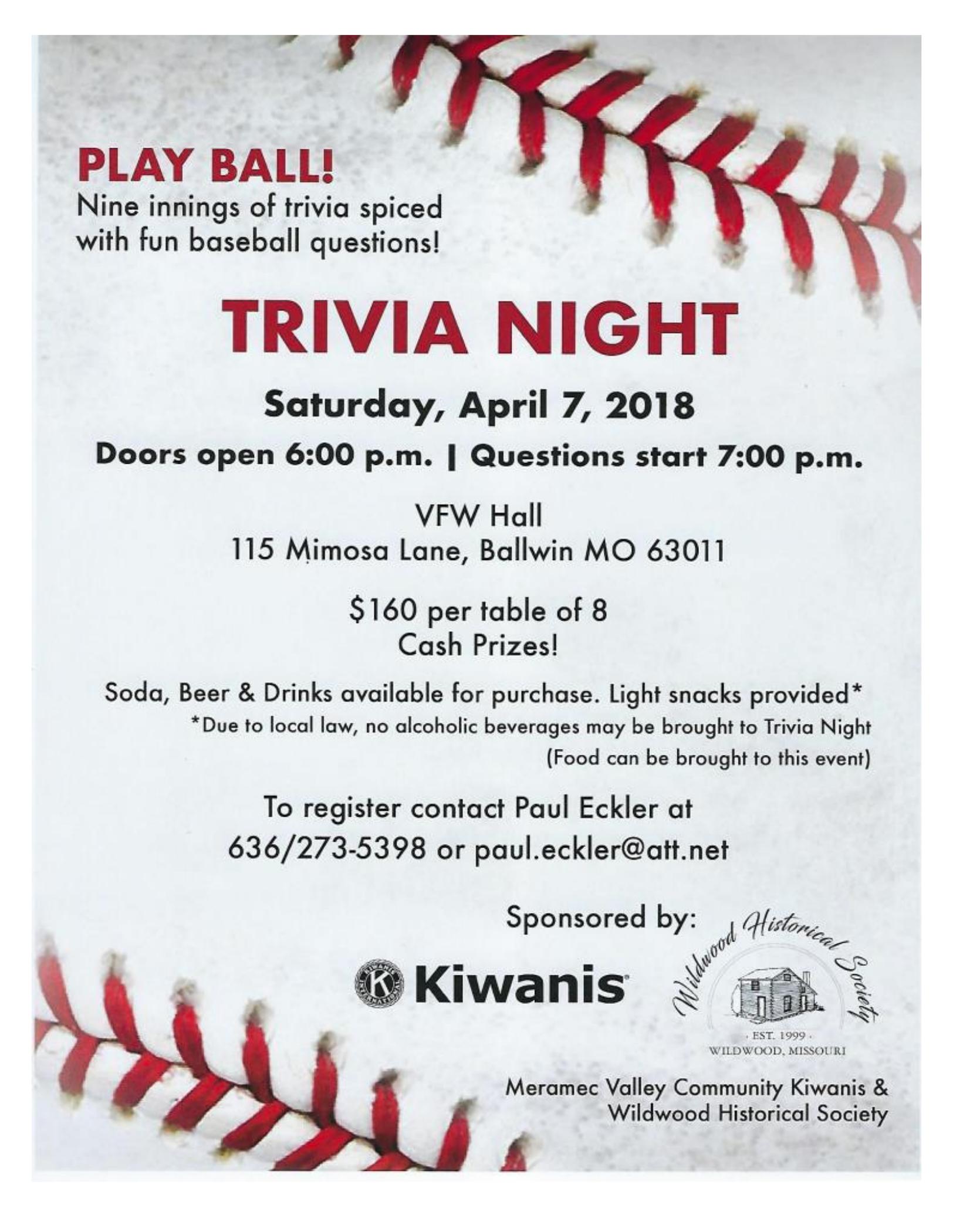
Members, our year started out a little slow for us with ice and snow, but we had a great speaker at our February meeting, and we have many more coming up this year. Be sure to check your 'Coming Events Page' each month. Our speaker for March is Stephen Kling, another author, but they have really good presentations! His is about The Battle of St. Louis & The Attack on Cahokia.

We have a Trivia Night coming up April 7 in conjunction with the Kiwanis and that will be held in Ballwin. Get your friends and neighbors together and come buy a table! It's \$20.00 each/8 to a table, and have some FUN with us! And in July, we have our 3rd Annual Car Show and Open House from 11-4, with an added attraction this year of the Missouri Two-Cylinder Club, Chapter MO-1.

They were the very first Two-Cylinder Club formed in the State of Missouri, (It's antique tractors, and one of the fellows is my brother, John Becker, from Labadie). We will be looking for some good crowds at our gatherings as the weather warms up and daylight time is now here!

Regards,

Sandy



PLAY BALL!

Nine innings of trivia spiced
with fun baseball questions!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Doors open 6:00 p.m. | Questions start 7:00 p.m.

VFW Hall
115 Mimosa Lane, Ballwin MO 63011

**\$160 per table of 8
Cash Prizes!**

Soda, Beer & Drinks available for purchase. Light snacks provided*

*Due to local law, no alcoholic beverages may be brought to Trivia Night
(Food can be brought to this event)

To register contact Paul Eckler at
636/273-5398 or paul.eckler@att.net

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Meramec Valley Community Kiwanis &
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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Third Annual Trivia Night fundraiser benefiting the Wildwood Historical Society (WHS) and Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community. This event will be held Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Ballwin VFW Hall at 115 Mimosa Lane, 63011.

*A fun way to support children in our community,
Kiwanis and the Wildwood Historical Society!*



PARTNER SPONSOR \$200 for 2018 Kiwanis/WHS Trivia Night

Partner sponsors will be recognized throughout the evening; company name and logo will be included in communications to attendees, reaching approximately 145 people. Partner sponsors will also be recognized in promotional material on our Facebook page.

ROUND SPONSOR \$100 per round

Round sponsors will be announced live during Trivia Night (9 rounds are available for sponsorship). Recognition during one Trivia Round will be dedicated to you as a Round Sponsor.

TABLE SPONSOR \$75 per table

Table Sponsors will be recognized with their company logo on each table sponsored. We anticipate 18 tables at our event. Each table seats 8 people.

Yes, I want to be a sponsor at the 2018 Kiwanis/WHS Trivia Night!

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Company Name: _____

Email: _____

I would like to be a: _____ Partner Sponsor*, _____ Round(s) Sponsor*, _____ Table(s) Sponsor

Mail this form and payment to: Paul Eckler, 41 Hickory Mound Court, Wildwood MO 63011
Make checks payable to: "Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community". Deadline is 03/15/18.
Questions? Contact Paul Eckler (636) 273-5398 or Martha Bunch (314) 920-2249

*Please provide a three sentence "promo" of your business for us to announce and e-mail your company logo to:
paul.eckler@att.net

A big shout out to our member, Karen Fox, for two presentations she has given over the past couple of weeks. She did both the St. Andre presentation and a short talk on the Link Log Cabin history for the Overland Historical Society. She also spoke for the Daughters of American Colonists organization.



Wanted help by an up & coming History Library and Museum (WHS 😊) for data entry into our Inventory and Library software. Detailed instructions and guidance will be supplied. Skills needed are simple computer skills, accuracy and not timid about asking questions.

Contact Jill VonGruben, Archivist and Librarian,
at jfvgjvfg@gmail.com

Spring Cleaning – watch for the upcoming dates:

Potential activities are to finish painting museum building, yard work of various types, interior cleaning and other miscellaneous tasks.

Be On the Look-Out (BOLO) for future Help Wanted Ad later this spring.

Up and coming museum (😊) for tagging items and completing the inventory paperwork on each item. Instructions and guidance will be supplied.

 **St. Louis Community College** Our Archivist, Jill VonGruben, will be speaking for the St. Louis Community College Continuing Education Program at the Wildwood Campus on May 3, 2018 from 10am – Noon. The session is free, but registration is required. The session ID is SENR:702. Registration by phone is at 314-984-7777 and by website is at www.stlcc.edu/ce.

Look forward to seeing you there.

CITY HISTORY PROJECT



The City of Wildwood and the Wildwood Historical Society are writing the history of Wildwood. We are telling the history through the stories and pictures of the families.



The 2017 edition brought us up to 1859, to just before the Civil War, in our project. The 2018 edition covers 1860 to 1919, from the Civil War to WWI.

And here is where we need your help. We are requesting your family's stories and scans of those precious photos and documents covering our 1860 to 1919, Civil War to WWI, time period. Please contact Jill VonGruben at jfvgjvfg@gmail.com



In searching the Watchman.Advocate for news for March, I came across an entry that I assume refers to "our bridge ", which many of you know, is the original Route 66, Manchester Road. I thought this article deserved special attention. "1888.03.09, Bartold, roads: The new bridge across the creek near Bartold's, on the Manchester road, is still incomplete, and parties who have to traverse that route are seriously inconvenienced thereby. Recently one the Court House attaches had to secure the services of a man with a pair of high top boots to carry him across the muddy branch."

Don't forget to bring your Newsletter to the meeting!

Calendar of Events for 2018

Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. - Stephen Kling-Author-The Battle of St. Louis & the Attack on Cahokia

Saturday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. - Wildwood/Kiwanis TRIVIA NIGHT-Ballwin VFW Hall at 115 Mimosa Lane, Ellisville (doors open at 6)

Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. Environmental Series Speaker

Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. - James Erwin-Author-Homefront in Civil War Missouri

Tuesday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting-Jim Cain-The building of a Keelboat

Sunday, July 15, 11:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Combination OPEN HOUSE and the 3rd Annual Car Show, Bake Sale & Food for Sale.

Sunday, July 17 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. -Annual Ice Cream Social-Speaker Mark Goldfeder with Old films on the Street Car Era in St. Louis

Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. - Clark Beim-Esche-Author-Calling on the Presidents-Tales their Houses Tell

Saturday, August 25 10:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.- Celebrate Wildwood

Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. - Bill Clevlen-Author-100 Things to do in America before You Die

Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. - -Antique Review and Appraisal-Guest

Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. -OPEN

Sunday, December 16, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Christmas OPEN HOUSE with Appetizers and Desserts 1-4 p.m.



A PEEK INTO OUR PAST

The Watchman and the Advocate county newspapers published news from towns in our area from the late 1800's thru the mid 1950's. The two became the Watchman-Advocate with the merger around 1903.

“Enjoy this month’s “Peek into Our Past”.

1883.03.01— Property: John F. Dreinhoefer and wife to Henry Knapmeyer, 51.92 ac, lot 5, Dreinhofer estate, sec 2, tp 44, r3, w d.... \$3,000

1883.03.01— Property: Henry Knapmeyer to Emilie Dreinhoefer, above property, w d.... \$3,200

1888.03.02 – Atherton Station-Railroad: Parties residing in the vicinity of Atherton Station, on the Colorado Railway, are justly clamoring for a depot at that place. If the train is late (which is very frequently the case), would-be passengers are compelled to stand exposed to all kinds of weather, sometimes in a foot of mud and slush, until the train arrives.

Editor’s Note: Atherton was also another spelling for Eatherton.

1888.03.02 – Kelpe-Animal: Adam Kesselring, of Kelpe, lost a valuable mule last week, worth about \$200. It fell on the ice last winter, which is supposed to have resulted in its death.

1888.03.02 – Melrose-G.A.R.: Robert C. Allen Camp, Sons of Veterans, gave a delightful ball in its hall, Melrose, last Sunday night, and the merriment did not subside until a late hour Monday morning. It was rather an impromptu affair, as none of the young ladies were aware of the pleasure in store for them until late Sunday afternoon.

1888.03.02 – Orrville-Birth: William F. Gaehle, of Fox Creek, was made happy last week, inasmuch as his wife presented him with a girl baby for the first time in their matrimonial life, having up to the present time presented him five bouncing boys. May they all prosper, is our most sincere wish.

Marilyn’s Note: The girl baby was my grandmother, Katherine Dora. She was followed by four more siblings!

1888.03.02 – Pond-Animal: Much alarm has been manifested among school children, Negroes, superstitious people in general, growing out of a little encounter with a rabid dog, supposed to be suffering with hydrophobia. The brute was captured and shot near the Glencoe lime works.