# Fair Oaks Historical Society

## January 2021 Newsletter

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### **President's Message**

#### **Bob Sours**

HELLO EVERYONE – HAPPY NEW YEAR

My message this time, following a very difficult pandemic year and our special Fall 2020 newsletter, is more of a short 'State of the Union' for our Society.

Surprisingly, since we closed the History Center on March 9, a lot of things have happened thanks to the continuing work of a busy Board of Directors—virtually, and with limited social interaction.

Major maintenance was completed on the exterior of our building. That included painting, repairing damaged siding, and major work to the arbor. Take a look. The building looks like new! Repairs were supervised by Treasurer Bob Vogel.

Operations work included major additions to the website, work on membership records, storage updates, and more. This work was handled by Operation Manager, Webmaster and Chief Historian, Jim Pearce.

On the Administration side, our building lease was renewed for another ten years. We added two new insurance policies—a Directors Liability Policy, and an Excess Medical Policy for volunteers. Both policies, plus our existing business property and General Liability, have been extended into 2021.

Quarterly newsletters were continued along with a booklet commemorating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fair Oaks's founding – thanks to the work of Editor Ralph Carhart.

Additionally, we are in the midst of transforming our traditional Soup Night into a Virtual Soup Night due to the pandemic. Rather than an end-of-year event, it will be held on Valentine's weekend, February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The event is being coordinated by Board Member, Claudia Thorn.

We established a new messaging tool called "The Friday BLOG" for the benefit of all members. It will continue in 2021, and it is devoted to keeping the members apprised of what is going on within our Society, and in Fair Oaks, at large.

Our Board wishes to extend THANKS to all members of the Society, for their patience, help and understanding with the adjustment of activities and communications during these difficult times.

HAPPINESS to all in 2021 as we look forward to resuming a more normal life!

# First Annual Soup Night

### Claudia Thorn

February 13, 2021 is the date for our first Virtual Soup Night. Lots of planning is underway, but we want to share our most current plans for this exciting event.

VIRTUAL TICKET SALES ARE NOW CLOSED. We capped the event at 125 individuals, and as of January 17<sup>th</sup>, we reached that limit. Persons who purchased a ticket will receive a handmade soup cozy, a handmade bowl by Don Yost, a container with the contents for your soup (Barley-Lentil or Six-Bean), a copy of the recipe for your soup, some chocolates and POSSIBLY a cookie.

Lynn Steen has been working on the details for purchasing the contents for our soups. If you'd like to help with assembling them please contact Lynn (916-967-7135).

Drive-by soup pick-up will take place at Bob and Pat Vogel's house, 4933 St. Thomas Drive, Fair Oaks. We'll be arranging a staggered pick-up with curbside pick-up to prevent long lines and traffic. We'll notify you when your pick-up will be, once that scheduled. Safety in preparation and pick-up will be our major priorities.

If you haven't selected your soup yet please contact me or Carolyn Spotts (916-342-1701) with that information as soon as possible.

We are hoping to have a Silent Auction, and it will every different from previous years. As you may have heard, our FOHS website was hacked so doing online bidding isn't possible. Instead, Walter & Nash Jewelry Store (the former Finegold's Building) has graciously offered to host the Auction items for viewing. Additionally, we hope to have photos of each item on our website. Bidding for these items will start on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 9:00 AM and end on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM. All items will have a value with a starting bid as well as increments for increases in bidding. More details on the bidding process will be posted on our website and emailed to

our members. You must have purchased a Soup Night ticket to bid on these items. If you would like to donate a raffle item please contact me (916-961-8291), Carolyn Spotts (916-342-1701) or Joilynn Hollingsworth (916-531-5967).

Much thanks to Kathy Steuber, the Woman's Thursday Club Fiber Arts Section, for organizing a group to make the soup cozies. You are amazing! Thank you to Don Yost for once again stepping up to make soup bowls. And thanks to all our members who have made generous donations this year to keep the History Center afloat.

We look forward to seeing you all in person as soon as we can. In the meantime, be safe and thank you for your support.

# **2020 Year End Financial Report**

**Bob Vogel, Treasurer** 

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## **Reminders**

If you haven't already paid your 2021 dues please do so now and include a copy of the form on the next page (or a note with the necessary information) with your check or donation. Mail that to P.O. Box 2044, Fair Oaks CA. 95628.

Remember we maintain a Memorial Book at the History Center, in which you can memorialize a special person. We will acknowledge the memorialization, but not the donation amount. Contact Jim Pearce for more information (916-961-8415).

### NEW MEMBER APPLICATION AND MEMBER-RENEWAL FORM

Dues are for the Calendar Year, January 1 to December 31.

Dues are payable on January 1, and become delinquent February 1.

New members joining after October 1 will be considered paid for the following year.

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