

First Discussion of Possible City Management Jan. 27

by Katie Evans

The first meeting between Lenexa city governing officials and the membership of LHS will be Thursday, January 27, at 7:00 at the United Lenexa Methodist Church in Schneeberger Hall. Your attendance is important at this meeting. This is the general membership meeting for January. There will be no program, but we will have light refreshments.

This meeting is just to determine whether or not the majority of LHS members favor city management of the Barn. Last year, Mayor Joan Bowman asked us to decide whether or not this is something we would like to do. The governing body needs to know several months before the city's budget is voted on, so it can plan accordingly.

Mayor Bowman has said that if the majority of the members do not want the city to manage the Barn, then the subject will be dropped. She, along with other members of the governing body, will be at the meeting to answer questions as best they can, and to ask questions of us, as well.

Questions asked by LHS members will more than likely involve financing for the Barn, timetable for management to change, who should own the artifacts, and how will the role of LHS change.

Questions the governing body may ask of LHS are, will members still volunteer at the Barn as readily, will we maintain our current programs related to the Barn, and will we be as willing to support Barn activities if we're not managing it.

Neither city officials nor LHS members will have all the answers right now to the scenarios proposed by questions at the meeting. But, this meeting will get all involved started on thinking about solutions, if this arrangement actually happens.

Please come to the meeting to ask questions, hear about the pros and cons of both city and LHS management of the Barn, then decide for yourself which is the best thing for the Barn. THAT, above all, is the most important thing.

Corporate Donations Exceed \$2,000!

In response to the letter sent to Lenexa corporations asking for donations to offset the loss of money from the disappointing bed tax revenues, LHS received \$925 from four businesses. They are:

Hermes Co.	\$100
Steve Taylor, American Family Insurance	\$100
Cookbook Publishers Inc.	\$500
Amos Family Funeral Homes	\$225

Of the donations, \$700 will go to general operating funds. Amos Funeral Homes designated their donation to be used for postage and shipping.

In addition, Zarda Bar-B-Q and Catering has committed to a donation of \$1,400 to be used to pay a Sunday Host.

In exchange for their donations, the names of Cookbook Publishers, Amos Family Funeral

Homes, and Zarda Bar-B-Q and Catering will appear on a sign to be displayed at the Barn and at all public events in which LHS participates. In addition, their names will appear in our newsletter each month.

Thanks to all five companies for their generosity! Please patronize them!

"Barn Talk" Needs Editor

Our current editor, Katie Evans, has been responsible for the writing, printing, and mailing of "Barn Talk" for almost three years. She would like a replacement, and is happy to share information with that person.

"Barn Talk" is produced six times a year. No special training is required.

If you can help, please call her at 913-268-4606. THANK YOU.

Lenexa Historical Society Membership Application for Renewals or New Members

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Name(s) _____

Authorized person, if corporation _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Please mail to LHS, 14907 W. 87th St. Pkwy, Lenexa, KS 66215-4135 by JANU-ARY 31. Please make checks payable to Lenexa Historical Society. THANK YOU!

New Board Members Elected at November Membership Meeting

Four new board members were elected at last November's general membership meeting. They are **Norman Keech, Bob Lillie, Walt McKenzie, and Mary Kay Smith.**

All four are long-time LHS members. Norman, Bob, and Mary Kay have served on the board before. Bob and Mary Kay are past-presidents.

Outgoing board members are ex-officio Pat Lierly, Kenny Reeves, and Bill Markman. Because Nancy Heeney resigned at the end of 1999, one of the new board members will serve out the rest of her term.

Returning board members are Angelo Miño, Jim Spaith, Frank Andrews, and ex-officio Katie Evans.

New officers will be elected at the first board meeting of the year, Thursday, January 6. In 1999, the board voted to move board meetings to the first Thursday of the month effective January, 2000.

Thanks to all board members, outgoing and



New LHS board members are (from left) Norman Keech, Mary Kay Smith, Walt McKenzie, and Bob Lillie.

incoming, for being willing to take on this two-year commitment. Your participation is appreciated!

Meet Peggy Stanton



Our new Museum Director, Peggy Stanton, started December 14. Peggy is familiar to us because she interned at the Legler Barn Museum in 1998-99. While here, she designed and installed exhibits, designed, posted and maintained the museum web page, curated collections, and oversaw volunteers, among other duties.

Peggy has earned two bachelors degrees in English composition and technical communications, with a minor in American history. She finished a masters degree in history administration and museum studies from KU in 1999. She also received certification of ministry in 1988.

Peggy's work experience includes having been an officer manager, writer, business manager, and assistant administrator at various places, including the Diocese Kansas City/St. Joseph, "The Griffon" newspaper, and Platte County Health Department.

Peggy provided this personal information about herself: "I live in Troy, Kansas, in the house where my grandparents lived with their nine children. I have nine children, all of whom have now left home.

"I enjoy singing and am president of a local group called the Community Fine Arts Singers. We perform Handel's "Messiah" each spring on Palm Sunday.

"I am a member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Troy and am a liturgist and pastoral associate for the Catholic parishes in Bendena, Troy, and Wathena.

"After my divorce, I had to decide what I wanted to do the rest of my life. After a lot of deliberation, and having gained professional experience only in church work, I decided I

wanted to become an expert in 'playing with old things.' I am so happy to be working at the Barn."

The next time you are at the Barn, please welcome Peggy. We are most happy to have her!

Jim Peterson Returns to LBM

Jim Peterson, former Business Manager for LBM, returns to the Barn as Assistant Director.

His first day was January 4. Jim's duties will involve, among others, attending the front desk and greeting visitors, performing accounting and budgeting for the museum, coordinating tours and educational programs, and marketing the Barn.

Jim left the Barn two-and-a-half years ago to work at Sheerin Scientific Company, where he services microscopes for clients of Sheerin. Jim will work at both places part-time, being at the Barn 20 hours a week between Tuesday and Friday.

We are happy to have Jim back at the Barn Museum. Next time you see him, tell him, "Welcome back!"



Lenexa Trivia

Match the original street name to the current one. Answers on page 4.

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| a. Pflumm | a. Third |
| b. Haskins | b. Hickory |
| c. Caenen Lake Rd. | c. Bradshaw |
| d. Noland | d. Sycamore |
| e. 91st St. | e. Locust |
| f. 91st Terr. | f. First |
| g. 92nd St. | g. Fourth |
| h. 93rd St. | h. Second |

Soup Luncheon

Wed., Feb. 9
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lenexa Community
Center
13120 Oak Street

\$4.00

per person includes
choice of Ham & Bean
Soup or Steak Soup,
bread, Dessert, and
Drink.

Also, baked goods and
LBM Gift Shop items will
be available.

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Answers to Lenexa Trivia
a/f; b/h; c/a; d/g; e/d; f/b; g/e; h/c.

In Memorium

Funeral services for **Brian Bendorf** were November 10, 1999. Burial was in High Amana Cemetery, Amana, Iowa.

Brian was the son of Hank and Amber Bendorf of Lenexa. Amber, former president of LHS, died in 1995.

The members of LHS extend to our fellow members, the Bendorfs, our sympathies.

Newton Smith passed away October 29, 1999. Newton was a long-time LHS member, volunteering thousands of hours for both the Lenexa Historical Society and the Overland Park Historical Society. He was also active in the Shawnee Mission Sertoma Club, the Shepherd's Center, and the Shawnee Mission Indian Historical Society.

Newton's wife of 53 years, Mary Kay, is also a long-time volunteer for LHS and OPHS. The members of LHS extend their sympathies to the Smith family.

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The following businesses help our museum with donations of materials, money, space, or general support. We thank them!

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Hermes Landscaping Co.
Holiday Inn, Lenexa
Hy-Vee
La Superior Tortillas
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