



Women's Civic League of Portage, Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members:

Our thanks to Dr. Phillip Yang and his colleague for sharing their personal stories and insights into Hmong culture, music and art at our November luncheon. We look forward to hearing from Dan Kremer about Portage's park and recreation programs at our January luncheon.

December is a busy month for Civic League. We host our annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 4th for all members and their guests – a wonderful opportunity to showcase our beautiful Zona Gale Home in its holiday decor. This will be followed by our Red Stocking event on Wed. Dec. 7th. This is a grand opportunity to craft and fill Christmas stockings, delight in a delicious lunch, all while “helping” to finish the wine left over from the Open House. And, members will have the chance to win one of the many special items on display during our holiday drawing. Can't beat this combination. We thank those of you who provide the hands on work to make these events happen and for those of you who come to support Civic League.

We will say good-bye to those members who travel south for a winter respite. But for the rest of us hardy souls, please know that Civic League luncheons and activities will continue on. Please join us for the fun activities coming up and here is wishing all of you a wondrous holiday season.

Best to all,

Betty



Holiday Open House

You are cordially invited to join your Civic League friends to celebrate the holidays and see the Club House in its holiday finery at our Annual Holiday Open House.

If you signed up to bring an appetizer to share, please have it there by 4:30 the day of the event. For questions or interest in helping, contact Kim Cibulka 742-8442.

Date: Sunday, December 4, 2016

Time: 5-7 p.m.

Place: Civic League Club House



Red Stocking Event

Date: Wed., December 7, 2016

Time: Begins at 11 a.m.

Place: Civic League Club House

-Bring a large eyed needle for sewing the net stockings

-Candy is still being accepted at the Civic League House before Dec. 7th.

New Member Moment

Meet Carol Ziehmke

I was born and raised in Portage. My mother was raised in Dalton and was a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse before meeting my dad. My father was part owner of Zimmerman's Plumbing and Heating for many years. I married my husband Jerry, after meeting him at the Turkey, in 1970. After getting married we moved West and lived in Cheyenne, Wyoming for a few years. That is where our children were born. We moved back to the area in 1976 and settled in Pardeeville. For many years Sue Krejchick and I had the business Town and Country Decorators. We did painting, wallpapering and staining. Sue retired from that business due to a shoulder injury and I continued on for 12 more years.

I am now retired and have many hobbies and interests: gardening, photography, cooking, travel and reading. Grandchildren are my current favorite activity! The oldest is 6 and the youngest is 2 months. Children give me a fresh look at life and keep me "young"!

I am active in the community and am involved in many organizations: Portage Pride, Master Gardener Volunteers, Pardeeville Garden Club, PIG Photo Group, Rock Garden Association, Angie Cox Public Library Endowment Board, Homemakers and Portage Center for the Arts. And I am now pleased to be a member of the Zona Gale Civic League.

Welcome Carol!



1. How many points does a snowflake traditionally have?
2. Which country can be credited with the creation of eggnog?
3. Two of Santa's reindeer are named after weather phenomenon. Which ones are they?
4. Which two phrases will you always find on Christmas gift tags?
5. Of all the popular Christmas songs, which is the best selling of all time?
6. Which country does St. Nicholas originally belong to?
7. What is Kwanzaa?
8. This Jewish holiday is also known as the Festival of Lights.



**January
Luncheon**

Portage Parks ~ New Happenings

Dan Kremer is the Manager of Parks and Recreation for the City of Portage. Dan came to the City in 2013 after working for the Village of Ashwaubenon in Green Bay as a Recreation Supervisor.

Dan is tasked with management and oversight of all parks and recreation duties, including park maintenance, recreation programming, forestry and public space management.



The Parks and Recreation Department is made up of 2 full time maintenance staff, 1 full time park foremen, and an administrative assistant. The department hires as many as 60+ seasonal staff for duties ranging from lifeguarding, recreation program leaders, and seasonal maintenance staff.

Dan will join us today to discuss the changes the parks and recreation department has been implementing, discuss past and current projects and present upcoming projects within the City of Portage. Dan will be able to field questions and looks forward to joining you all in January.

**Wednesday, January 11th
@ Dino's Restaurant**

Social Hour: 11:30
Lunch: Noon

Program to follow

Menu: Meatloaf, Salad, Mashed potatoes & gravy, Buttered carrots, Ice cream with caramel sauce

Cost: \$12.00 (includes entrée, coffee & water, dessert, tax & tip. Ice tea, milk or soda an extra charge.

Reservations: Contact Kathy Crawford (742-5262) by Sunday, Jan 8th.

Welcoming Special Guests

Ten residents of Oakwood Village-University Woods toured the Civic League Clubhouse on October 20th. Judy Eulberg was contacted by the Transportation Director about a tour of the historic sites in our town and the Civic League Clubhouse in particular. First, the van drove to the Historic Indian Agency House and the Surgeon's Quarters. These buildings were not open due to the lateness of the season, so Judy just talked about who lived in these buildings and when. Then the van drove to the Women's Civic League and the tour group was shown our Clubhouse and given biographical information about Zona Gale.

The Oakwood Village tour ended with lunch at the Hitching Post.

October Drawing

Another beautiful Fall day and you celebrated the sunshine with your generosity! We collected \$144.00 for the Welfare Fund! Many thanks. Andi and Shirley.

Pensey spice basket & book - donated by Clarice Rosing; Won by Tracy Cooper
Fresh floral arrangement - donated by Judy Eulbetg. Won by Pat Madani
Spice cabinet -(made by Bill Damm) donated by Jean Damm. Won by Nancy Wehlage
Turkey platter, napkins, basket - donated by Shirley Harty. Won by Kay McMahan
Rooster pitcher & statuette - donated by Colleen Davison. Won by Marie Rohrbacher
(Mystery Prize):
Olive oil decanter - donated by Nan Rebholz. Won by Colleen Davison

Now we look forward to the Holiday Drawing. Items will be on display at the Civic League House after November 30. Chances will be available at Red Stocking and the Holiday Open House. If you are unable to attend either event, stop by the 30th from 9-noon.

Did you know.....

Book Inventory

Inventory of the bookcases at the Civic League Clubhouse

Perhaps you have wondered what are the contents of the bookcases in the living room at the Civic League Clubhouse. The bookcases contain some items but the majority of their contents is books. Two hundred fifty-one to be exact. Of that number, 29 were written by Zona Gale. Twenty-one of her titles are represented. Five of the books were written by August Derleth; 4 by Margery Latimer and two each by Eleanor Green, Fred Holmes and Karleton Kelm. The earliest copyright date is 1889 (Tom Brown's School Days) and the most current is the 2014 Zona Gale Day program. Of special interest to Civic League members are the scrapbooks. The dates on these are 1932-1941, 1947-1956, 1956-1965.

Club History Book!

Our club history is a very important part of our organization. Please help us keep it going by finding and submitting articles for the history books. Articles/photos from the newspaper (past or present!) will be most welcome. Please submit to one of the History Committee Co-Chairs: Betty Christianson or Judy Longfield. THANK YOU!

Trivia Answers;

1. Six 2. England 3. Donner which means thunder and Blitzen which means lightning in German. 4. To and From 5. White Christmas 6. Turkey 7. Pan-African celebration from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 8. Hanukkah