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Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation



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“to preserve its educational value for future generations.”

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www.oldstagecoachstop.org

Appreciation Day

Our annual celebration was held in the backyard of the Old Stagecoach Stop on Saturday, October 19th in conjunction with Rt. 66 Oktoberfest. There was a lot going on, both in our backyard and around the square. Our volunteers were busy with activities. “River Berry” kept us entertained and our volunteers were making butter, Civil War dolls, woodcarving, basket-making, and playing period games with the children. The weather cooperated and we had a steady stream of visitors, touring the building, snacking on our sweets, and enjoying the music and all that was happening around the yard. Thanks to all our board members and to Woodcarver **Mike McKelvey** for donating his time and materials. Thanks to all who stopped by.

30thAnnual Meeting

We held our annual meeting that same afternoon at 2:00pm in the backyard of the Old Stagecoach Stop. After a selection from **River Berry**, several past presidents and board members reminisced about their work with the OSS Foundation. You will find more about this later in this newsletter.

We celebrated this, our 30th year, by serving cake after the meeting.

SAVE THE DATES:

- *Mar. 15- St. Patty’s Fest-
11:00am-4:00pm
- *April 5 – Opening Day of our
Tour season 10:00am-4:00pm
- *June 21-Rt. 66 Fest-
11:00am-4:00pm
- *July 21- Old Settlers Gazettes
delivered to advertisers
- *July 26- Old Settlers Day-
10:00 to 4:00pm in the park/at
the OSS
- *Oct. 2-Fireball Run-details on
Pulaski County Tourism site

View from the Balcony

Jan Primas, President

Thanks to the following for their participation as they shared thoughts of their years of leadership:

Erwin Morris, on behalf of Maxine Farnham, Gary Porter, J.B. King, Stephanie Nutt, and Terry Primas.

Two of our former board members, one a past President and the other the editor of the Old Stagecoach Stop cookbook, could not be with us for the 30th Annual meeting. Yet, they both took the time to send us their recollections. We are publishing them in the newsletter to share with our membership.

John Jarrett- President of the Board

As a boy of 10 and a 5th grade student, at what was then called Central Elementary school just a block down the street, I remember walking past the rundown old two story building we now call the Old Stagecoach Stop and wondering who lived there and what went on there. I continued my journey to Jim's Market, Richardson's Rexall Drug Store or Bob Dodd's Sundries to buy cherry Cokes, cheeseburgers with fries, or candy. Then it was kind of spooky and mysterious, haunted looking with paint peeling, gray

weatherworn boards exposed and broken or boarded up windowpanes. Thankfully today, children and adults alike need wonder no more who lived there and what went on there.

Through the dedicated efforts of members, directors, officers, and donors, spanning three to four generations over the last 30 years, we have indeed preserved the past, educated the present, and provided for the future.

I sincerely regret that I am unable to be there to celebrate with you and deliver my remarks in person to you, as this had been my hope and plan.

I joined the Board by invitation sometime after returning to Waynesville as the Authorized Sear's Catalog Sales Merchant in 1985. As a history and anthropology teacher this was a project that interested me greatly and as an adult I thought I might have revealed to me some of the mysteries I'd pondered in my youth.

The greatest remembrances I have are the people I served with, directors, members, and citizens and the projects we undertook, restoration and the endless money making ventures we tried in order to finance our improvements. People like Louise and Bill Morgan, Carl and Polly Deaton, Maxine Farnham, Phil and Joy Bolduc, Robert "Bob" Dodds, Harry and Anna Marie Reigle, Ed Conley, J.B. King, Roy and Norma Moorman, Marge and Gordon Scott, and Jan and Terry Primas, just to name a few.

I suppose, I like to think of my years as a member of the Board of Directors and President of the Old Stage Coach Stop Foundation as a time when we were rounding the last corner. Much of the hard work was done. The property had been purchased, we were able to burn the note and retire the mortgage, the exterior had been renovated and we were able to begin in earnest on the interior with some near-professional expertise and a plan. But probably the undertaking of which I am most proud is asking the gifted program at the Middle Schools to conduct an archaeological dig under the building in order to excavate dirt so that we might shore up the shifting foundation. This yielded us treasures from the earth and in the hearts of a new generation of local historians among whom were my own children. Also the good hardworking people I invited to join the board that have made a very real difference in the process, product and presentation of what we now have today, some of whom are still active on your board today.

Being a part of this effort has been an honor and a highlight of my life. Thanks to all of you past, present, and future for all the support and effort needed to continue the OSS.

Sincerely,
John W. Jarrett
Past President, OSSF

Louise Morgan, former OSS Board Member and editor of the Old Stagecoach Stop Cookbook

I receive the newsletters and read them with great interest. When I think about all the OSS events and activities of the past along with the current partnerships and learning opportunities that the foundation supports, it strikes me what an enormous loss it would have been if the building had not been rescued but, instead, had been allowed to decay and collapse. Thank goodness for the vision and the determination of the original board members!

I was invited to join the board about a year after it was first organized.

My service with that group of dedicated volunteers really opened my eyes to how much history the structure represented because, up to that point, it had been just a dilapidated building that I had to walk past to get to Jim's Market.

Hiring an architectural historian from St. Louis was one of the board's first steps. He had the expertise to examine the building and provide evidence-based documentation regarding its age, its style, the different uses of its rooms, and even an analysis of its layers of wallpaper.

Reading his report was fascinating and enlightening.

Another smart early move was Terry's efforts to use the site as an archeological dig for middle school students. This unearthed a trove of

precious artifacts along with giving many students valuable first-hand experience with "real" history.

When the actual restoration of the building got underway, I was impressed with how generous local contractors were with their time and labor, and how willing they were to be part of a valuable preservation effort.

As public awareness and appreciation of the foundation's efforts grew, more and more people with connections to the Old Stagecoach Stop came forward with stories and objects that were related to the building. I well remember Phoebe Mitchell calling me up to her home to offer us the actual cookbook that was used by her Aunt Mandy who was the cook when the building was known as the Black Hotel. That resource was quite useful when I was preparing to write "The Old Stagecoach Stop Cookbook", a real labor of love and, again, a powerful learning experience.

Now, whenever I read the newsletter or visit the website or have a chance to mention the OSS to a new acquaintance, I am reminded of how proud and grateful I am to have been involved with such a positive worthwhile exercise in civic pride and historical awareness. Kudos to all of you who have made it a reality and a continuing success story!

Louise Morgan

OLD STAGECOACH STOP BOARD MEMBERS

In our spring newsletter, we recognized all the Past Presidents of the Foundation. But without those listed below, those Presidents could not have accomplished their goals. A volunteer organization relies on the commitment and talent of its members. It cannot function without it. The Foundation has been fortunate to have had many such members. The names listed are those that have served on our board of directors and represent hours of volunteerism. Their contributions indicate their interest in the history of Pulaski County and their desire to further the mission of the Old Stagecoach Stop. We thank them for their service. We have come a long way since 1983, due to the dedication of so many.

PAST AND PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS

**Maxine Farnham, Bob
Dodds, Connie Martin, Polly
Deaton, Sue Hansen, Norma
Lee Mihalevich, Dorris Reed,
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Gary Porter, Tim Bartlett,
George Lane, Eber Cude,
Steve Cooper, David
Dunstedter, Louise Morgan,
J.B. King, Lyle Adcock, Jerry
Morgan, LeRoy Fulmer, Phil**

Bolduc, Bryan Schaffner, John Jarrett, Ed Conley, Marilyn Adcock, Carol Boegler, Paul Rice, Judy Laughlin, Lisa Schwandt, Terry Primas, Jan Primas, Marge Scott, Mike McKelvey, Kitty McKelvey, Luge Hardman, Harry Reigle, Anna Maria Reigle, Lee Ousley, Steven Brown, Leona Jones, Scott Keith, Mary Ann Osborne, Andrea Purdome, Gary Gaffner, Stephanie Nutt, Kelly Howley, Joy Bolduc, Pam Barnabee, Glenna Scott, Jeanie Porter, and Dave Edie

TAKING the REINS

Christmas on the Square was held this year, despite the snowfall. It was a beautiful evening and the traffic through the building kept us all busy. Special thanks goes to **Jerry Barnabee** for his help that evening. Our table was adorned with the usual sandwiches, cookies, and snacks and we depleted our cider and hot chocolate mix supplies. This is always one of our favorite events. We were also open the day of the **Christmas Parade** to provide the use of our bathroom facilities and to serve beverages.

Vendors and entertainers interested in **Old Settlers Day** can find contact information on our website: oldstagecoachstop.org.

Our chairperson, **Kelly Howley** is making preparations for another family friendly event in the park. The date is Sat. July 26th.

The **2014 Old Settlers Gazette** is already in production. Anyone wishing to place an ad for their business or their election campaign can contact **Jan Primas, Ad chairperson** at 573 528-7150, or any **OSS** board member.

Thanks to **Jackie and Al Raphelson** and **Lorel Rigsby and Gary Gaffner** for their generous contributions.

I want to urge you to **become a member of the OSS Foundation, or to renew your membership**. We need your support to continue our mission. You will find the form included in the newsletter.

As we look toward our 2014 tour season, I want to thank all our Board members for their dependability and also volunteers **Marge Connors** and **Anna Maria Reigle**, who always answer the call for help. Contact a Board member if you are interested in volunteering.

Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation
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Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation Membership Application

The work of the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation is supported by memberships and donations. We invite you to join the Foundation at any one of the membership categories listed below.

Complete this form and mail to:
Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation, P.O. Box 585, Waynesville, MO 65583
Please make checks payable to Old Stagecoach Stop.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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You may use my email address for: *o special event announcements*
(please check all that apply) *o OSS Newsletter*
o membership renewal notice

Level of Membership:

Individual \$10

Family \$15

Patron \$25

*Sponsor \$100

*Life \$250

*Sponsor and Life members will be recognized in the Old Settlers Gazette. However, if you prefer to remain anonymous, please check here _____.