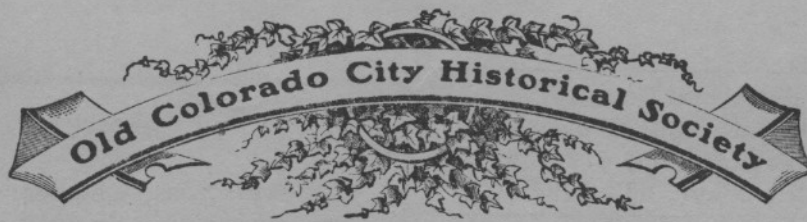


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Special Newsletter to those who should renew their membership for 1985-1986!

July, 1985

## *O.C.C.H.S. Finances Healthy*

Thanks to a supportive membership, money-making projects, and an increased number of lifetime memberships, the Old Colorado City Historical Society is in strong financial shape.

The treasury totals about \$1,350 dollars. Treasurer Ralph Conner says we now have enough money in the bank that the interest it draws is greater each month than the bank charges!

Our Endowment Fund, established this year, now contains \$735. Bylaws provide that only income from this fund can be spent, the principal to be used for a major project only with approval by two-thirds of the membership. It consists of money donated to the Society, and lifetime memberships.

Funds for current expenses total about \$615, although some small bills are outstanding. \$250 of that amount is reserved for the "Legends of Colorado Avenue" publications project.

Several have added their names to the Lifetime Member roll, to help build the Endowment fund. This represents a \$100 contribution. Present lifetime members are listed below:

### **LIFETIME MEMBERS AS OF JULY, 1985 Old Colorado City Historical Society**

George Brent  
Sally Brawner  
Ralph Conner  
Stanley L. DeGeer  
John Keller  
Luther McKnight  
Leon Young  
Harry Zala

## **New Meeting Day Will Permit Larger Room for Luncheons**

The Society will meet on a new day when meetings resume this fall.

Arrangements have tentatively been made with Trinity United Methodist Church to meet on the second Friday of each month (instead of the first Tuesday). Meetings will begin at 11 a. m., followed by luncheon served by ladies of the church.

On Tuesday we were limited to two rooms—one too small and the other too large and "barn-like" to be satisfactory. The church had another space, considerably larger than the small room, sensible for both formal meeting and the meal. That room will be available to us on the second Friday of each month.

We discussed the change of day at our most recent meeting, and while it is inconvenient to some members to change plans, most felt they would be able to attend on Friday. Officers expect the new room to be a more convenient size, more comfortable for both speakers and guests, cooler in warm weather and warmer in winter.

Still to be worked out are new deadlines for meal reservations, although they too will be more convenient, falling within the week rather than on weekends as formerly. There's been discussion of how best to handle no-shows, who make reservations but must cancel them at the last minute. At present, members who miss the deadline must pay for their meal, even if they do not eat it.

First meeting of the new season has tentatively been set for September 13th.

## **Society's Activities Add Visibility**

Besides our meetings, our "visibility" has been enhanced by other activities. Some members are doing personal research on Westside and Old Colorado City. Others serve as representatives of Old Colorado City Historical Society on organizations like the Colorado Avenue Design Committee.

On Sunday, August 12, 1984, members took over the "old capitol" building in Bancroft Park observing the 125th anniversary of Colorado

City's founding. Dave Hughes shared his artifacts of Old Towne, John Keller demonstrated wood carving, and Kay Arnold sold 500 cookies and four gallons of lemonade. Visitors who signed our guest book and made a donation received a certificate as honorary citizens of Old Colorado City. After expenses, the Society netted around \$40.00 for Founder's Day.

We maintained an information booth in Bancroft Park during Territory days in May, 1985.

### Old Colorado City Historical Society

President, David Hughes, 636-2040.

Vice Pres and pgrms, Adele Galvin, 473-4398

Secy-Treasurer, Ralph Conner, 633-1394.

## Programs Offer Big Variety

Old Colorado City Historical Society meetings have offered a varied menu of programs under leadership of Vice President and program chairman, John Keller.

Our meeting year started with a presentation by the Colorado Avenue Design Committee and a vote on the slogan and logo design favored by our members. Agnes Johnson and Kay Arnold have represented this organization at its meetings.

Two timely programs dealt with roles of women in Colorado's early history. In November, 1984, Patti Grandel introduced the Anglo, Spanish and Indian Women of Bent's Fort, re-creating their lives with costumes and slides. In May, 1985, Julie Jones-Eddy presented a well-prepared slide-tape program that included voices and family snapshots of early settlers in northwestern Colorado, and their recollections.

Our own members offered two programs. Kay Arnold recreated the infamous Sand Creek Massacre—made even more interesting by attendance of two Cheyenne Indians descended from Black Kettle, a victim of Sand Creek. Dave Clark gave the history of Colorado City churches. He supplied a chart outlining the progress of each denomination, and announced that he's established a file to hold new information as it becomes available.

Visitors enhanced several meetings, sharing family histories and pictures.

## Project Assembles "Legends of Colo. Ave."; May Be Published

A committee is working on publication of a booklet based on "Legends of Colorado Avenue." If plans work out, it will be available for sale to tourists next summer.

The Westside Communications Council invited the Society to research people and events that helped give Colorado Avenue its uniqueness. Kay Arnold, Agnes Johnson and Ralph Conner supplied a manuscript, for which they received \$250.00 from the city, on behalf of the council.

The material seemed promising enough that the three decid-

ed—with approval from the Communications Council—to see if the \$250 would be enough to allow publication of a "tourist" booklet. They're planning maps and locating pictures, and considering changes to the manuscript. Their work is often delayed by discovery of new "legends" that beg to be included.

Luther McKnight, a long-time Westsider and a life member of O. C. C. H. S., has been helpful in supplying stories and pictures. Other Westsiders have volunteered information and

### RICKY J. CROSS

Ricky Cross, member of the Old Colorado City Historical Society, and of a pioneer Westside family, died July 3, 1985, at age 38.

He is survived by his wife, the former Alice M. Garriott, by two step-children, and by his father, Steve O. Cross.

Ricky Cross had researched early history of old Colorado City, especially prominent families, filling several notebooks with information.

Members of the Sunshine Circle of the First United Methodist Church of Colorado Springs contributed to the endowment fund of the Old Colorado City Historical Society in his memory.

## WESTSIDE TO HAVE TWO NEWSPAPERS

Like Los Angeles, Colorado Springs, and a few other privileged cities, the Westside will be a "two-newspaper town".

Some of those formerly prominent in the Organization of Westside Neighbors are publishing a "new" newspaper, The Westsider.

New leadership of OWN plans to continue publication of the Westside Story in cooperation with the city as soon as insurance and other financial arrangements are made.

Management of the new Westside Story has invited the Old Colorado City Historical Society to contribute historical articles about the West Side when publication is resumed in August or September.

suggestions, and the committee welcomes ideas from others. It would appreciate historic pictures—especially those which have not previously been published. Any interesting event or character tied to Colorado Avenue from any period of history is a suitable topic.

The Communications Council indicates it will allow use of its logo on the booklet, and there's been a positive reaction by those in contact with tourists; they say there's long been a need for a booklet dealing with Westside.