**Friends of Rocheport, October 2014, prepared by Patrick Cronan**

**Meeting Notice and Quarterly Newsletter**

**What’s Happening Now…. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!!!**

 **Calling All Members….** The next general membership meeting of our group will be October 26, at the community hall. We will start with a carry-in dinner staring at 5 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m. No special program is planned for this meeting (sorry!) You are welcome to try-out our meeting if you haven’t made up your mind about joining.

**Chili/Ham & Bean Dinner –** The Chili/Ham & Bean Dinner will be November 8, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Rocheport Fire Station. Adult tickets are $8 and kids under 12 are $4. The menu includes chili, ham & beans, corn bread, carrots, celery, Amish pie and carrot cake. There will also be a bake sale, and green tomato relish and Friends of Rocheport t-shirts will be available for sale. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Friends of Rocheport Museum from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through October or from members of the Friends of Rocheport. Those purchasing an advance ticket will be entered into a raffle for a Baumgartner’s Boone County Ham donated by Steve & Lynda Baumgartner. Next time you see Steve or Lynda be sure to add your ‘Thank You’ to the corporate thanks already extended to the Baumgartners.

**T-shirt Contest –** Conrad and Dixie Yates (Yates House Bed & Breakfast) are sponsoring a t-shirt contest for everyone with a Friends of Rocheport t-shirt. Take a “cool” picture wearing your Friends of Rocheport t-shirt and mail it to PO Box 122, Rocheport, MO 65279 or e-mail it to for@friendsofrocheport.org to be entered in the contest to win breakfast for four (4) at Yates House ($60 value). The contest will run until September 2015 so you have plenty of time to submit your photos. Conrad and Dixie also deserve a special thank you for sponsoring this contest!

**Tree Lighting –** The date for the Rocheport Tree Lighting has not been determined yet. Watch for flyers around town or check Facebook (facebook.com/friendsofrocheport) or our website (friendsofrocheport.org) for the details as we get closer to December.

**World War One ­– the war to end all wars!!!**

**100 Years Ago….** The news media have told us all that World War I started in 1914. (In fact, the Boone County History Museum has a pending exhibit about the war’s effect on our county. You should go visit!) The truth is that the United States didn’t join the war until April of 1917. There had been a massive number of deaths of French, English, and German soldiers before we arrived “Over There.” When our participation was authorized, a military draft was imposed and every man between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one was required to register. The list of men who signed up was published in the *Sturgeon Leader* on July 19, 1917, and an alphabetical list from that newspaper was compiled for the Genealogical Society of Central Missouri. Those from Rocheport who registered were:

Ambrose, James Millard

Anderson, Wallace Lee

Anthony, Pete

Arnold, Grover Cleveland

Bannister, Albert

Broadus, John

Brown, Clarence Ellington

Brown, Dudley Purl

Brown, Harry

Brown, Stanley Ellwood

Chapmen, Guy

Denham, David Isac

Douglas, Archie

Douglass, Christie

Douglass, Robie Leslie

Eaton, David

Elliott, Paul Chinn

Evans, Ernest S.

Fine, Sam Norris

Gardner, John Wilbert

Garrett, Marion Leslie

Gentry, Charles Austin

Gray, Johnny

Harris, John Boggs

Hartley, Hubert Forest

Hartley, Waldo Burton

Hildebrand, Bismark

Hill, Rome

Holiday, George

Hourigan, William Augusta

Hudson, Edwin Forest

Jenkins, Howard

Johnson, Wesley

Kite, Vernie Francis

Koeling, Coy

Lawrence, George Franklin

McCowen, Ralph Edward

Mace, Elmer McChesney

Magruder, Willie Edward

Martin, Turner

Matthew, Thomas

Meyer, Lee John Joseph

Mitchell, Homer Earl

Mitchell, Porter Jackson

Phillips, Edward

Potts, Alfred Booth

Powell, Willis Buford

Rice, Earnest

Rice, Felix

Rice, Wesley

Robinson, Brown

Robinson, James Odas

Roby, Clay C.

Rucker, Irwin Winning

Semon, George Earl

Settle, Charlie Woodford

Sherman, Harry

Smith, Vencil

Snell, Homer

Swanstone, James Jr.

Turner, Thomas

Varvel, Archie Franklin

Washington, Hare

Watson, John Harvey

White, Albert

Wilhite, Harry

Wyatt, George Edward

Young, Orin Trimble

This list does not, of course, include those who had enlisted before the draft was started. Also about 15% of the names on the master address had no city listing whatsoever (which I think means they lived outside of town on farms). I have no way of knowing which of those without a listed city might be one of “our people.” If you have the name of a relative that ought to be on my list, but is not, please call me so I can correct this list. The phone is 698-3074.

 The population of Rocheport was listed as 434 in the 1910 Census; Boone County population was 30,533.

 Our museum has only a few items from “The Great War” located in the case to the immediate left as you enter the building. There is a helmet, a mustard gas mask, discharge papers for one soldier, and a uniform shirt. **If you have any items from that war, we would greatly appreciate your donation to our museum!**

**Museum Donations….** *We greatly appreciate every donation that comes our way!!!*

 **Methodist Church -** The local Methodist church has donated two items from its history collection to our museum. The first is Dixie Dimmit’s hymnal. Dixie Dimmit was active in our community a couple of decades on either side of the beginning of the Twentieth Century; and (of course) she was the wife of the proprietor of “Dimmit’s Store.” There is a picture of her among the teachers of the 1895 school class on the wall behind the “Commerce” display case, as well as several items from the store displayed in that case. The second is a transcript (bound in leather, with several photographs) of the funeral of Olive F. Chandler. She was born in Bourbon County Kansas on December 12, 1872. She was married to C. Q. Chandler in Lincoln, Nebraska on June 22, 1898. C. Q. Chandler was a Rocheport boy who made his fortune in the banking industry in Kansas and Nebraska. She was the mother of 7 children – Margaret, Charley, Billie and Elizabeth survived her. She died in Chicago, August 2, 1898. ***Comment:*** *The Chandler family had a lot to do with the preservation of our Community Hall, and the construction of the new [1914] school building. One of the larger monuments in our cemetery is for members of the Chandler family*

 **Terry Brooks**– Thank you to Terry Brooks for his donation of items to the museum. There are various articles and poems from 1860 – 1930 included in the donation, as well as a picture of the Rocheport High School girls’ basketball team from approximately 1935.

 **Charles “Bucky” Roberts –** Thank you to Bucky for his generous donation toward a computer for the museum.

**Museum Workers and Other Supporters….**

**Thank you!!!** Our profound thanks to all who have helped keep our museum open during this season ending October 26. Your service is very much appreciated – and is essential if we are to succeed in our mission to preserve our local history for those who will come after us. We also offer thanks to all those who have supported the Friends of Rocheport throughout the year. The support provided by the community is truly impressive and greatly appreciated. Whether you joined the organization, worked at one of the fundraisers during the year, provided products for sale, purchased plants and/or merchandise, helped spread the word about our events, posted flyers in your business, made a monetary donation, donated items to the museum or the organization, or supported the organization in some other way, we appreciate your contribution to the success of the Friends of Rocheport!!!!

**And THANKS to Paul Melcher –** Paul’s donation of the “Plant Sale” signs that you see around Rocheport when we have one of our plant sales is very much appreciated.

**We are very grateful for all that you do to advance our cause.**

**The Last “Free” Newsletter….** This is the last newsletter that you will receive through the US Postal Service, unless you pay your dues for next year. If you don’t want to pay for a membership, you can still get a free newsletter but it will be delivered by e-mail. Give us your e-mail address, at for@friendsofrocheport.org. If you don’t have an e-mail address, please make certain that you have paid your dues. We will send a paper copy of the newsletter to those current members for whom we do not have an e-mail address. Those who receive a paper newsletter this time get a “condensed” version, because of the need to send everything on a single piece of card stock. The electronic version has more illustrations, larger type, and more articles.

**PLEASE JOIN FRIENDS OF ROCEHPORT….** This newsletter is sent to you because you are on our mailing list, not necessarily because you are a “member.” If you have not paid your $20 dues for 2014, please do so now! Memberships purchased after August 1 will be valid through 2015. (Even if you are a lifetime member, we would appreciate an additional donation to help with the society’s work.) The form below may be returned with your money, to make certain we credit you with this year’s dues.

PLEASE MAIL TO PO Box 122, Rocheport, MO 65279 (or bring it to our General Membership meeting!)

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PLEASE ATTACH $20.00

**GENERAL MEETING OF FRIENDS OF ROCHEPORT SOCIETY ON OCTOBER 26. Pot luck dinner at 5 p.m. with meeting to follow. Please come!**

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