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#### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Date for the awards luncheon has changed to Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
Group Presidents, please RSVP to Lisa for your members no later than July 10<sup>th</sup>

OHCE state meeting has been cancelled. It will not be rescheduled.

**June 25** Leader Lesson, "Blue Ribbon Baking" 9:30 a.m.,  
Extension Conference Room. Masks are required to attend.

2021 Leader Lesson Survey – Please complete the attached survey and return to Lisa Hamblin at the Extension Center No Later Than August 1<sup>st</sup>. Your suggestions are always helpful in planning next year's programs.

#### DEADLINE FOR Jul/Aug 2020

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# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



## President's Column

Can you believe that summer will soon be here? I do not know about you, but I am glad we have had some nice weather this year. I hope we have a mild summer, and everyone gets to be outside or maybe do some traveling.

I wanted to let you know that my husband and I will be moving this month. My mother and my father-in-law both live in the Norman area. With our parents aging, we have been thinking for some time that we should move a little closer to them. (And as a bonus, most of our grandkids are in Purcell.) We had been looking for houses for a while. Right before the virus shutdown happened, my husband found a house that needed to be totally redone. We both saw the potential in the house. So, we have been working on the house and hope it is ready to move into in a couple of weeks.

I will be finishing out my year as your president, but we need to have someone to take on the role starting in January. Would you be willing to lead a great group of people? If so, please let me or anyone on the Nominating committee know.

I hope that June finds you healthy, happy and active. Hope to see everyone soon!



## VA Fourth of July Project

For the month of June, we will be collecting deodorant. We hope to have at least 75 to prepare bags for July 4th. You can also still bring puzzle books and personal size tissues.

## **Symphony Show House Reduces Volunteer Numbers**

Due to the Coronavirus, the Symphony Show house has reduced the number of volunteers, however if OHCE members feel comfortable in volunteering, please call Gayla Mosteller, (580) 656-1955. Please support their efforts by attending safely June 13-28<sup>th</sup>.

## Congratulations, Gayla Mosteller

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Soldier Creek OHCE member, Gayla Mosteller, received the Senior Salute on KTOK 1000 radio station. Corporal Kim Lopez of the sheriff's department nominated her to be recognized on the Saturday morning show, "Well Preserved with Eunice Khoury". Gayla has been busy making masks and donating them to many organizations, including Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, fire, and police departments. She also made some masks out of Air Force fabric that Corporal Lopez gave to this 99-year-old Air Force veteran from Warr Acres. He was thrilled to receive them!



## Genealogy Group

by Jan Beattie

With Father's Day past and Memorial Day at the end of the month and hopefully some graduations soon, here are 10 "Must-Do" Genealogy Projects for May and June Are you looking for genealogy projects to keep your research moving in May and June? Here are ten suggestions for your research you will love.

It's time to start figuring out what genealogy projects you want to tackle for Jun. Each month holds its own best genealogical practices that you can incorporate into your regular genealogy research. Here are the 10 "must-do" genealogy projects for June. Each of these will make your genealogy research and family history narrative richer and more informative for you and others. Enjoy doing these fun and important genealogical projects.

### 1. Research How Your Ancestors Celebrated Father's Day

Father's Day has been celebrated since the early 20th century, which means at least three generations of your family, and maybe more, have celebrated it. Look into your family history by talking to older relatives, looking at

old photographs, and even reading old newspaper articles to discover how your own family traditionally celebrated Father's Day. Then, include this information in your family tree.

## **2. Put on a Traditional Father's Day Celebration**

If your ancestors celebrated Father's Day in a significantly different way than you do, put together a traditional celebration. If that involves inviting a lot of relatives over or just keeping it intimate with the immediate family, do that. Also, include traditional foods, decorations, party games, gifts, and other things that your ancestors used in their own Father's Day celebrations.

## **3. Design a Father's Day Photo Montage**

You can include this in your Father's Day celebration or give it as gifts to all the mothers or women in your family. Gather all the photos of past Father's Day celebrations in your family and put them into a montage on your computer, set to music. Choose a song that you believe conveys the message of Father's Day the best, and set each photo to appear in the montage for just long enough for them all to make an appearance by the end of the song. You can label the photos and include special effects as optional details if you choose. Everyone in your family is guaranteed to love this tribute to the fathers in your family tree.

## **4. Research Your Ancestors Who Fought in Wars**

With Memorial Day being this month, it is time to celebrate the veterans of wars in your family tree. This includes any ancestor who fought in any war in any century. Since this is an American holiday, you might prefer to focus on those ancestors who fought in American wars, though you can include ancestors who fought in foreign wars as foreign nationals if you choose. Look up their war records and/or information on the wars they fought in and the roles they played and include this information in your family tree notes section.

## **5. Visit the Graves of Ancestors Who Fought in Wars**

Most veteran organizations will go out and put flags on the graves of known war veterans. If you know of an ancestor who fought in a war, but who doesn't get a flag each year, either let the local organization putting out the flags know about them or do it yourself. You can also put wreaths or other patriotic (to their times) decorations on their graves. It may only be possible for you to visit local graves in person. However, you can look up other graves on FindAGrave.com and leave a special Memorial Day note for them on that site. Use a patriotic sticker graphic in your note for extra respect and honor.

## **6. Read a New Genealogy Book**

You should always be improving your genealogical skills. Reading books on genealogical research techniques is a good way to do this. Reading one new book on genealogy research each month keeps up your skills and allows you to find new information on your ancestors.

## **7. Read a New History Book**

Learning the history of the times and places your ancestors lived is important to understanding them and their lives. Read one book each month on a time and/or place in which an ancestor lived to improve your knowledge of your forebears.

## **8. Write a New Chapter on Your Family History Book**

If you are planning on publishing your family history, writing one chapter a month will make it more manageable. You'll be ready to publish before you know it, and it will be easy to do.

## **9. Collect and Organize Yearbooks**

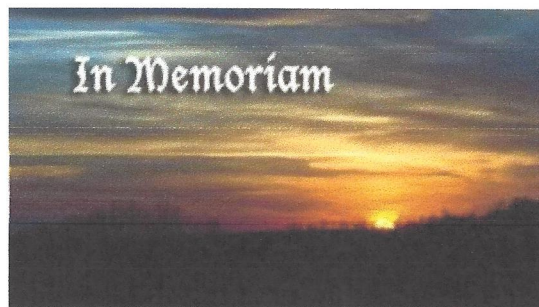
May is when graduation happens, or is approaching, for most schools. Collect all the yearbooks for your family members going as far back in time as you can, and organize them nicely on a shelf, with labels on the spines to indicate who they are for and what year they were published. It makes it easy for relatives to look at the lives of your ancestors in high school.

### 10. Put Together a Photo Album of Graduation Pictures

Get a small photo album and use it just to put graduation pictures in. Graduation pictures started to become common in the late 1800s, after the Civil War. Collect as many as you can find for your family, going as far back in time as you're able, and put these in an album, in chronological order, and labeled on the back of the photos and below them on the album pages. It makes a nice tribute to your family's graduates.

### Genealogy Group:

Genealogy Group members have been keeping busy during the quarantine by organizing their files, researching their family trees, attending virtual meetings and seminars, writing stories, working on their County Fair entries and taking the time to safely volunteer in their community. (Photos submitted: OHCE GG member Andrea Aven collecting books for the veterans at the VA Medical Center and volunteering at the Project 66 Food Bank in Edmond.



## 2020 Memorial Service

Jan Beattie

Our annual Memorial Service to honor our deceased members will be held during our annual *Awards and Achievement Luncheon*. To date, I have only received notification of the deaths of five:

*Laura Robinson* from 3Es

*Ray Ridlen*, Oklahoma County Extension Horticulturist

*Judith Irwin* from Genealogy Group.

*Grace Otto* from NW Seekers/Council Grove and

*Sonja Frazier Wilson* from Learn and Serve and Modern Homemakers

If you have any photographs, special memories or anecdotes of any of the deceased, kindly let me know. *I am particularly in need of photos and information for Sonja Wilson.*

If your group has lost a member of which we are not aware, please let me know so they can be remembered during the service. I can be contacted by email at [jankb80@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jankb80@sbcglobal.net) or by phone (405) 513-4014. Thank you.

## OHCE INFORMATION

### DONATE TO OHCE WITH THE CASH APP

Thank you to county treasurer, Paul Cunningham, for setting up an easy way for individuals to donate to our county organization! This project started when Corporal Kim Lopez told me that she must turn down many people who want to donate money for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, because she is not allowed to accept cash. Oklahoma County OHCE set up this app to accept those funds to be used to purchase the necessary items to make masks or holiday stockings. Corporal Lopez has shared the attached information sheet with the sheriff's public information officer and potential donors. Before your group buys fabric, elastic or anything related to these projects, contact Paul to see if there is money in the account you can use toward those purchases. (See attached of how to donate)

### UPDATE: Make Homemade Sanitizing Solution in Smaller Quantities

In a previous newsletter, the following recipe for sanitizing solution was shared. OSU State Specialist, Dr. Barbara Brown and the CDC, recommends this be made in a quantity that will be used quickly, since its effectiveness is only 24 hours. She also recommends that the cleaned surface stay wet for one minute. Check the label of commercially produced sanitizers such as Clorox wipes for the length of time surfaces must remain wet to be effective.

Small batch: 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

Large batch: 1/3 cup bleach per gallon of water

## CASH APP USER INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 – Download the Cash App
  - 2 – Complete your registration
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### To Make a Donation

- 1 – Open the Cash App on your cell phone
- 2 – Using the keypad, enter amount you wish to donate  
( If you type the wrong amount, tap the < at the lower right to erase it and start over.)
- 3- Tap the Pay button
- 4- On the next screen, in the To box, type \$OHCEOKCO (all caps)
- 5 – In the For box, type face coverings
- 6 – This icon will appear: \$OHCEOKCO
- 7 – Tap on the icon.
- 8 – The first time you donate, you will see this message: “OHCE is not in your contacts and you have never exchanged money before.”  
You will need to confirm you want to add this recipient. Tap on Confirm.
- 9 – You will then see a screen that shows a summary of your transaction.
- 10 – Tap the Pay button in the upper right corner.
- 11 – You will see the message – You sent \$\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 – Tap on Done at the bottom of the screen.

# Survey for OHCE Educational Lessons



OHCE Members

It is important that the programs we offer are of interest to the OHCE members.

Please take a moment to provide us with ideas for future topics that you would like to see presented at Educational Lessons and workshops. In the past, we have been asked for: gardening, outdoor safety, household tips, technology, various nutrition and cooking topics, family heritage, travel, crafts and leadership. Please submit your ideas by August 1st.

Thank you,  
Lisa Hamblin
