



2010 CALENDAR IS READY

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THIS IS WHAT YOU HAVE MISSED

Since the last issue of the *Oakland Gazette*, we have had two Small Talks. Charlie Martinez presented a talk on Chief Pontiac and his place in Oakland County history to a standing-room only audience. The on-going fascination with this native American for whom the city was named was definitely a crowd pleaser.

In November, Ann Pettersson's Small Talk was on Victorian Christmas Customs, noting that everything popular with England and Queen Victoria came across to America, including plum pudding, which took about five weeks to make. (We are grateful for a good bakery fruit cake!) Ann was in Victorian costume and her presentation was warm, whimsical and entertaining.

In November we also had a surprise birthday party for Kathryn Daggy. The luncheon, decorations, champagne flutes for the toasts and all details were planned by Joan Hayes and Mike and Gayle Willis. About 20 people attended to thank Kitty for her many years of service to OCPHS, and to wish her as many more. Happy Birthday, Kitty.

OCPHS CALENDAR SCHEDULE FOR 2009 – 2010

November 22 – 30, 2009 – the office is closed for the Thanksgiving week-end.

Saturday, December 12 – Hanging of the Greens 10:00 - noon. Help is always needed to unpack ornaments, and decorate the Wisner House and schoolhouse. This is fun for everyone, and lunch is served after the work is done. **We can use you.**

Saturday, December 19 – Victorian Open House – see the enclosed flyer for details. **Help is needed! Call the office to volunteer.**

December 20, 2009 – January 4, 2010 – office is closed for the holiday season. The office will be open again on Tuesday, January 5.

Saturday, January 16 – OCPHS Board meeting 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, January 24, 2010 – Small Talk – One Room Schoolhouses. Program at 2 P.M. at the carriage house.