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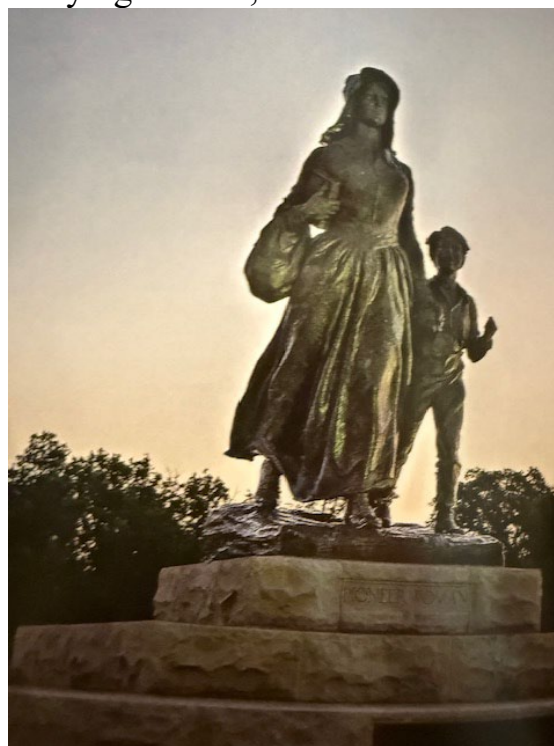
Pioneer Woman Museum

By Nancy Driver

Saturday, September 20, dawned cloudless and cool, a perfect early-fall day, and eleven COJA members were soon headed north on I-35. We took our time, pausing at Love's in Perry for a rest break and conversation, and arrived at our destination, Enrique's Mexican Restaurant at the airport in Ponca City, exactly as they opened. Because of our timely arrival, our group was seated immediately and served promptly. We shared baskets of delicious, warm, homemade tortilla chips (with pockets!) along with guacamole, bean, cheese and salsa dips, while waiting for our individual lunches. Enrique's definitely lived up to their reputation for excellence.



After lunch, we headed for the Pioneer Woman Museum, where we received a short briefing on its history and on the 17 ft. tall statue, "Confident," which stands outside. The statue, depicting a woman in pioneer garb, holding a young boy by the hand and carrying a Bible, was



erected before the museum came into existence, the result of a competition initiated by governor, congressman and oilman E. W. Marland. He invited sculptors to produce models representing the best qualities of pioneer women, and from 12

submissions, “Confident” was chosen. U.S. President Herbert Hoover addressed the crowd from the White House at the statue’s dedication ceremony on April 22, 1930, and Will Rogers flew in from California to speak. The crowd of over 40,000 in attendance surpassed the entire population of Ponca City at the time.

Following the introduction, we were free to explore on our own. One area of the museum contained artifacts relating to women from pioneer days to the present, including a cylindrical refrigerator, a typical kitchen and bedroom, and a “permanent wave” machine (scary!). Photographs and short biographies of pioneering women, again up to present day, were in this area as well.

The second room was dedicated to women who overcame boundaries in journalism, from the earliest newspapers to television reporting. Examples of early printing and typesetting methods were on display along with typewriters and examples of reporters’ desks. Our host was available to answer questions throughout our visit which added to our enjoyment. We remained for a while speaking with the host. He commented on what a good group we were and that the quality of our questions was excellent. It was a very enjoyable day.

Upcoming Events

Nominating Committee Set

By Sarah Baxter

Jeff Hand has already selected the following members for the Nominating Committee: Sandy Ratzlaff, Nancy Driver, and Lynette Hand. They will start their search for a proposed slate of officers and directors to be presented to the members at

the annual meeting which will be held on Saturday, November 8th. The proposed new slate of officers and directors will then be sent to everyone by e-mail following the November 8th meeting and the election will take place at the business portion of our Christmas Party. If any of these individuals call to ask you to serve, please give it some thought and consider serving for the next year.

The annual meeting is to be held at 10:00 am at Rudy's located at 3437 West Memorial Road in OKC. Jeff says they have a good breakfast burrito for those who wish to eat breakfast or you can order barbecue for lunch at the end of the meeting. A notice of this meeting will appear in the October and November Cat Tracks.

Fall Fling October 10th

By Jill Dunham

Time to start planning for Fall Fling. We are planning for everyone to come on Friday Oct 10th and we will sponsor dinner that night at our house. This year Mineral Wells is having on Saturday their Crazy Water Festival which we can head over to Saturday morning, it is about 45 miles from Graham. I see about other activity. We can also that day watch the OU/Texas Game. Their is another neat car museum in Albany Tx about a hour away. I check on hours they are open,. Remember in TEXAS you are always driving. They also next door have a fanatic kitchen store and great dress shop. I have reserved at Best Western 4 rooms with King and 4 with 2 queen beds. So 8 total if need more then I need to know. The cut off date is 9 11 2025, the number is 940 521 0190. room rate 149.00 . we also have a Holiday day and we see if can get a lower room rate. Please let me know a idea who may be coming,. Jill Dunham 405 201 1238. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and just having a fun weekend.

Editors note: If you would like to caravan to Graham, TX with us, we are meeting on Friday, October 10th at the

Braum's restaurant just off of I-35 in Norman (1234 N. Interstate Dr.) at 11:30 for lunch. If you don't want to have lunch, please be at Braum's for a 12:30 departure.

Antique Airplane Show

October 4th

By Sarah Baxter

Bruce Parker sent me a link to the attached airplane show at the El Reno Regional Airport on Saturday, October 4th:

<https://www.thecaldwellcollection.org/event-details/the-caldwell-collection-at-mustang-field-grand-opening>

This is a **Guy's Outing** this time. The show opens at 10:00 in El Reno so we plan to meet in Yukon at Jimmy's Egg for breakfast at 8:45 or if you don't care for breakfast, meet in the parking lot at 9:30 to connect and go. Address for Jimmy's Egg is 1609 Garth Brooks Blvd., Yukon.

If you have a green COJA anniversary shirt, wear it so we can be recognized as a Club group.

Miscellany

No submissions this month



2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Month	Date	Activity	Coordinator
January	17 th	Ladies' Luncheon – Charleston's in Bricktown	Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
February	1 st	Tour of Ted Davis' Car Collection & Lunch	Jeff & Lynette Hand
	15 th	Guy's Outing – Tour of Smitty's Classic & Lunch	Dick Russ
March	14 th	Ladies' Luncheon @ Susan Laurence's Home	Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
	29 th	Cookout & Get-together at Russ' House	Dick & LaNeal Russ
April	11 th	Tour Heart of Rte. 66 Auto Museum & Lunch & Gasoline Alley Classics	Jeff & Lynette Hand
May	2 nd	Coal Creek Winery and Bingo (Tuttle)	Doug & Jenny Somerhalder
	3 rd	Ladies' Luncheon at Jolene Short's Home	Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
	3 rd	Guy's Outing to Pawnee for Natl. Steam Engine & Steam Tractor Show	Dick Russ
June	6 th	Tour of Myriad Gardens & Lunch @ Charleston's Downtown	Harry & Susan Frantz
July	18 th	Lunch at Tayta's	Larry Hillman/Nancy Driver
	19 th	Ladies' Luncheon @ Susan Laurence's Home (Cancelled)	Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
August	16 th Cancelled	Brunch – Hefner Grill Guys' Outing	Sarah Baxter Dick Russ
September	12 th 20 th	Ladies' Luncheon - Cancelled Okla. Pioneer Woman – Ponca City	Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz Larry Hillman/Nancy Driver
October	4 th	Antique Airplane Show in El Reno	Bruce Parker
	10 th -12 th	Fall Fling in Graham/Mineral Wells, TX	Joe & Jill Dunham
November	8 th TBD	Annual Mtg. – Rudy's on Memorial Ladies' Luncheon	Jeff Hand Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
December	12/6	Christmas Party @ OKCG&CC	Sarah, Susan F, Susan L., Nancy
	TBD	Guys' Outing	Dick Russ



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