

Oregon Area Community Book Volume I The History

Local Governments Request for Written Community Submissions

Local government leaders of the Oregon area community we need your voice in *Volume I, The History of the Oregon Area Community* that will tell the history of the Oregon area from 1940 to 2010. (The history before 1940 is also welcome.) The Oregon area is made up of unique villages, townships, and a rural city, but as a community we share the historic downtown, the library, the graveyards, churches, schools, parks and recreation, museum, and chamber and businesses, and in the past years, the railroad. Together we are the greater Oregon area community. Please share in telling the story of the Oregon area's past.

Sue Schultz's students in the Advanced Graphic Design course at the Oregon High School are working on *Volume I, The History, of the Oregon Area Community Book* and they will need summarized details to determine page limit. The book is about the greater Oregon area and representation is needed from the municipalities surrounding the Village of Oregon, that include the adjacent townships of Dunn, Oregon, and Rutland, the village of Brooklyn, and the rural city of Fitchburg.

Leaders of the Towns of Brooklyn, Dunn, Oregon, and Rutland, the Villages of Brooklyn and Oregon, and the rural City of Fitchburg you are being asked to add written submission and provide information/records on your respective local governing body. **Clerks**, you are a tremendous resource! The book needs chronological list of the Town Chairs, Town Clerks, Brooklyn's village Presidents, and the City of Fitchburg's Mayoral history and Fitchburg's appointed Rural Council members. **Present elected leaders please write a brief historical summary that includes your local governments major challenges and achievements, and changes in governing, during your service, and provide historical data from 1940-2010** (early historical information can also be submitted.) If you have a referral to a past leader who would like to be interviewed or would like to share information or write a 1 -3 page submission for the book, please refer them to the contact information. Greater Oregon area community members are welcomed and invited to submit information and photos or other materials suitable for copy and inclusion in the book.

Department heads (police, fire & ems, public works, etc) board and commission chairs and members, please share what you know of your village, town, or rural city by providing historical data, photos, or a written history occurring between 1940-2010 (earlier history is also accepted.) Written submissions can be as short as a ½ page but not more than 3 pages. There is no limit on submitted historical records or photos (or copies.) An editor will proof all copy before it goes to the students.

The OHS Advanced Graphic Design students need to complete their work on the book before the spring semester concludes. *Volume I, The History of the Oregon Area Community* book will be available through an on demand publisher in the spring and a small number of copies will be available at the Oregon Public Library and at Summer Fest. The timing is tight so submit written histories, photos, or records ASAP. Please complete written summaries of 1 ½ to 3 pages (maximum) by March 9, 2010.

This is not a task to frown over but an opportunity to share our history with each other.

The Oregon Area Community Book project was borne out of plans started in 2008 by the Oregon Library's Centennial Committee. Today, Oregon Public Library volunteers are honored to have celebrated experts and authors contributing to the book and project. **Humanities and Public Libraries expert Louise Robbins, PhD, of the UW Madison School of Library and Information Studies, is submitting 3 essays** (one for each section of the book) that tell the story of public libraries and librarians and their vital role in our society's democracy historically (Volume I), the 21st Century age of technology (Volume II), and Envision the Future role of public libraries and librarians as a foundation upon which our democracy stands (Volume III).

Celebrated author and emeritus professor of Agriculture Jerry Apps will contribute an essay that connects the reader to the timeless values identified within a community's shared history and how they play a role in making decisions today and for the future.

The esteemed Calvin DeWitt, PhD, Professor of the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies and UW Madison expert of: Wisconsin Issues and Topics, Politics, Government and Public Policy, Environmental Studies, and Sustainability, has graciously agreed to facilitate a series of community conversations planned for July – September (dates to be determined.) Community members, local government leaders and all interested and invested in the greater Oregon community will be invited to come together in *community conversations* and shared local foods. The *community conversations* will be transcribed for use in Volumes II Embrace the Present and Volume III Envision the Future of the book.

This request seeks to bring the voice of all Oregon area leaders into the book to assure that the local governments making up the greater Oregon area community are included in *Volume I* of the ***Oregon Area Community Book: The Past***.

Submissions can be made by email to oacb53575@gmail.com or to ldhustad@charter.net.

In addition, written summaries and photos can be dropped off at the Oregon Public Library by asking staff at the circulation desk to put materials in the Oregon Area Community Book Project mailbox.

In the spring, a second request for information on your municipalities' goals and significant events occurring in late 2010 or planned for 2011 will also be needed (½ page to 1½ pages.) These submittals will be used in Volume II of the book. Submittals of Volume II information will be accepted early.

Request for submissions on history from 1940-2010 for *Volume I of The Oregon Area Community: Remembering The Past* is being made to all community members, church leaders, service groups, and businesses in the greater Oregon area community. If you know of a community member, service group, or organization that would like to be included please refer them to the contact information below.

Best Regards,

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