

# Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City



The meeting of the Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City will be on **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2017** at the **RAYTOWN CITY HALL, E 59<sup>TH</sup>**, Raytown Missouri. The meeting will start at **7:00 PM.**

Please continue to send your cards and well wishes to Ada Kay and Dave Fetty to help encourage her fight to regain her health and just to let her know that she is in our thoughts and prayers. Send them to 128 E 6<sup>th</sup> St, Williamstown WV 26187.

The first picture on page one shows the happy winners of the bingo prizes at the December Christmas Celebration. One of these happy people, Connie Duncan, Claudia Hegwald and Dan Hegwald, was smiling despite winning the broken piece of Fenton that is always a feature of the dirty bingo game. It must be because of the wonderful meal that Joy Livengood arranged for us. It was a great meal with plenty for all along with all the countless door prizes we all went home with something to brag about. Wish more people could have come as the meeting room proved to be a great place to have the dinner, no one was pushing us out the door, there was plenty to eat and drink and we were able to enjoy our meal and our games without worrying about making too much noise for other people or fighting the noise that is a big part of a buffet.

We want to welcome everyone to a new year of learning about and collecting Fenton Art Glass with the Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City. It is always a challenge to come up with new and interesting subjects to share with our members but we will keep trying. We welcome all our members who are interested in sharing their knowledge and experience, just contact Jackie Oglesby at [stogles@yahoo.com](mailto:stogles@yahoo.com) with your article. New voices add greatly to the interest of the newsletter and greatly adds to the knowledge of our members. Won't you add your voice?



Now a word from our president

Happy New Year Fenton Finders! 2017 is a big year for Fenton anniversaries. 110 years ago Fenton started producing glass at their factory in Williamstown. It is also the 100th anniversary of Fenton's first production of stretch glass. Stretch glass is produced by spraying the hot glass with metallic salts which gives it an iridescent surface. When the glass is reworked it "stretches" the iridescence giving a thin, crackle like look. Fenton made many different shapes including the dolphin line of items and various colors like Florentine Green, Celeste Blue and Velva Rose. Fenton continued making stretch glass pieces into the thirties and then revived the treatment in the

1980s. The 95th Anniversary Series was a line of incredible Celeste Blue stretch items. Do you have a favorite stretch glass item? Bring it to share sometime this year to celebrate the big anniversary. Speaking of celebrating, the 2017 Gala contract has been signed and our block of rooms are available for booking. You can call the hotel at 816-891-7788 and mention Fenton Glass to ensure you get the Gala rate or use the following link:

Bernie Johnston, the master of our Gala auction has requested that we thank everyone for sending in their list of glass for sale at the 2017 Gala Auction along with pictures of same. The auction is now full and closed. We have 250 pieces of fine Fenton glass in the auction and the pictures have been posted on our web site, [fentonfinderskc.net](http://fentonfinderskc.net). This means that the hardest part of Bernie's job is done until the Gala begins when he will start on the physical part of setting the auction up and getting it ready for our Saturday morning auction. Bernie has done a lot of work to get the auction glass ready this soon and we are very grateful that we have someone like him who is willing and able to do the work needed to set it up for us. Thank you Bernie. Needless to say he could not have done it if our members had not got their list and pictures together as they have, thank you all.

This will be a short newsletter this month as the roster will come out in a second mailing so please look for both in your mail box. Check your information and let us, Janet Wilke at [kenwilke@cox.net](mailto:kenwilke@cox.net) or Jackie Oglesby at [stogles@yahoo.com](mailto:stogles@yahoo.com) know if the information needs to be corrected. Thank you Janet for working to get the 2017 roster together for us. It is a lot of work to get all this information updated and organized for us and you are truly gifted in your ability to do that and make it look easy. Thank you.

Our program for February will be on hard to find glass. It will be a group program and we ask members to bring in samples of glass that they have found and decided to collect only to realize it is not easy to find. It could be a color or a pattern or glassware that was produced for a jobber like L G Wright or LeVay, it could be a particular mould. There is at least one thing that as a collector we have all found and thought oh I really like that and it will be easy to get the whole collection only to find that only one or two pieces of the collection is easy to find. Bring that in and share your sorrow with all of us. We have a few.

Keep warm and keep safe and be sure to attend the meeting in February

to see some glass that has challenged our members collecting genes, maybe someone can help you find what you are looking for. Don't forget to bring glass for show and tell. Joy Livengood is bringing treats so we should have a fun time.

Jackie Oglesby

Secretary

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