

FENTON FINDERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY



The meeting of the Fenton Finders of Greater Kansas City will be Saturday December 11th, 2010 at Ryan's Family Steak House at 20050 W. 153rd ST, Olathe, Kansas. The meeting will start at 4:00 P.M. and end at 7:00 P.M.

I must start this newsletter out by saying how very disappointed I am. Last month I made a really bad mistake in the newsletter and only one person let me know. AGH! How humiliating. The dates for the Gala are Sept. 15, 16th, and 17th in 2011. Sorry, I have been told that for those who wish to they can now make reservations for Gala 2011. The number is 816-891-7788 for the Embassy Suites. It would be a good idea to check with the clerk making your reservation that the dates are correct - you just can't trust me.

As you can tell by the picture we had a nice turn out for our November meeting with many examples of Fenton's holiday glass. We know that there is a lot more holiday glassware out there but after talking about our own habits of collecting Fenton we decided that many of our hard core Fenton collectors tend to decorate their glass to match the season instead of buying glass already decorated for the

season. But we all had a piece or two or three that is already decorated for a holiday that we just had to have.

We had elections for the office of president and treasurer in November. Richard Speaight had already agreed to serve again and so he was quickly voted in for another term. Thank you very much Richard. Janet Wilke, who is another person who would be very difficult to replace, agreed to run again and was re-elected very quickly, before she could change her mind. We all know a good thing when we see it. It may be a good time to remind everyone that Richard Speaight has been elected to office more times than I can at this time remember and almost every time he was not in attendance. I thought that everyone should consider that before our next elections which will take place next year. You never know who will decide you make a good candidate if you are not there to protest.

We also voted on whether or not to continue our support of the Salvation Army, Ronald MacDonald House, Children's Mercy Hospital, the Dream Factory, Harvesters Community and the City Union Mission. It was decided to send each of these worthy organizations a check for \$500 to help them carry out their missions. If you want to have us consider another organization to support please let us know. We know there are more causes out there that need and deserve our support and we will consider any that are brought to our attention.

If you read the first part of the newsletter you will see that our December meeting will be at Ryan's Family Steak house in Olathe. This will be our annual Christmas dinner celebration. For our new members who are not familiar with the tradition I will try to give a short explanation. This is a dinner that the club pays for. Every member is welcome to come and enjoy their Saturday with others who share their interest in collecting. We eat and talk and enjoy each other's company for a short time and celebrate the season. We also play dirty bingo. We have lots of fun with that game and while people will be given more details on how to play it might be a good thing to give a little bit of an explanation in the newsletter. We use all the regular rules of bingo but we have only 3 prizes to give to the winners. They are wrapped very nicely but cannot be unwrapped until the last round of bingo. That means that if we play 15 rounds of bingo the winner of each round

gets to pick which prize they want but they only get to keep it until the next winner picks their prize. This explains the dirty part of dirty bingo. Of course I might need to add that we have some very nice prizes for the winners of the games, but only 2 nice prizes. One box holds a very nice piece of Fenton that is, I am sorry to say, broken. What can I say - dirty bingo.

Please come if you can. Connie Duncan has offered to set people up with transportation if for some reason they do not have a ride. So please don't let the darkness of the night or the lateness of the hour deter you from coming. Call her at 1-785-883-2527 or email her at snvaseline@aol.com or fenton123@aol.com and she will make sure you have a way to Olathe and back home. For those who need directions I printed out the directions from my computer starting from my house which is close to 71 Hwy and 435 and included the map. Most of us know how to get to Olathe so I hope this will be all the help needed to find Ryan's. It is close to a big old Home Depot. The restaurant's phone # is 913-764-8020. If you need more help please contact Connie and she will help you. This is a once a year event where we can get together and have fun and get to know each other better while celebrating the season. So be there or be square. Ryan's is close to a big old Home Depot.

Map of 20050 W. 153rd Street in Olathe Kansas

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Map from Topeka to 20050 W. 153rd Street

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Map from Lees Summit to 20050 W. 153rd Street

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Please don't forget to renew your membership. Send checks to Janet Wilke at PO Box 67071, Topeka KS 66667. The cost is \$5 for individual and \$7.50 for family membership. There will be no meeting in Jan. The next newsletter will be for our February meeting and the roster will be coming out at the same time so please check your information when it comes out and let me know of any corrections or updates - better yet if there is information that you know needs updating let me know. My email address is stogles@yahoo.com . My telephone # is 816-763-8078.

Take care and plan to join us in Olathe for some good food and good company and have a safe and happy holiday.

We will see you soon. Happy Holidays!

Jackie Oglesby, Secretary

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