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December Meeting – Christmas Luncheon - Wednesday, December 7

We will have a luncheon at the **Café on Main starting at 1:00 P.M.** You are welcome to bring family and friends. Please let me how many will attend by **Monday, December 5,** 502-491-6463.

February 2017 Meeting

In February we will have Jim Holmberg, Archives Curator for The Filson Historical Society, speaking about Kentuckians in the Lewis and Clark Expedition of Discovery. This is another joint presentation with the Jeffersontown Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library.

When The Filson was presenting talks through the LFPL during this past summer, Jim Holmberg spoke to us about presidential campaigns. He later told me that our meeting had the largest attendance of the presentations made at the other libraries and there were about a dozen held during the summer and early fall. We had the room filled to capacity.

GJHS Member News

Unfortunately we are losing two friends in December who are going home. Susan and Tom Hammer are returning to their home in New Jersey next month. They moved to Louisville about ten years ago when Tom took a transfer to Louisville with Ford Motor Company. Their children remained in New Jersey attending college and taking care of the house. We will miss Susan's cheerful voice and friendliness.

In Memoriam

We lost two Greater Jeffersontown Historical Society charter members on October 7 -- Marjorie Hunsinger Babson and Earl Albin. Not only were they GJHS charter members, they belonged to the previous Jeffersontown Historical Society.

Marjorie was born in Louisville on September 15, 1923, and she grew up on Midlane Farm on Hikes Lane. As a descendent of two of Louisville's oldest families, she often told stories about life on the farm during the Depression and developed a passion for genealogy. She attended Hikes Graded School as did her father and one of her sons and graduated from Atherton High School for girls in 1941. She was at the University of Kentucky when WWII broke out and did her patriotic duty by corresponding with multiple boys overseas during the war, several of whom thought they might be coming home to her! At the end of the war in 1945, she reconnected with a friend from church youth group, John L Weeks, Jr. (Jack), who wasn't one of her pen pals but was the Marine who came home first. They were married the following June 22. They raised three sons and moved several times for Jack's job, finally returning to Louisville in 1972. They spent thirty nine years together until Jack's death in 1985. Marjorie reconnected with one of her Michigan WWII pen pals, Robert Babson, and they were wed in 1998. They traveled extensively until Robert's death in 2001. Marjorie was a longtime member of the Jeffersontown Current Events Club and donated several items to the Jeffersontown Historical Museum.

Earl Albin was born on April 14, 1921, and grew up on a farm in Indiana. He served four years with the 8th Air Force during WWII and earned his engineering degree from Rose Polytechnic Institute after the

war. He worked for GE Appliances, mainly in Home Laundry and International Marketing, retiring after 31 years. He also volunteered for 23 years as a tax preparer. He lived in the Jeffersontown area and belonged to Christ Lutheran Church.

Your newsletter editor had the pleasure of working with Earl a few times at GE.

(The information on Marjorie and Earl was extracted from their obituaries listed in the *Courier-Journal*.)

We hope everyone had a happy and filling Thanksgiving, and we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Joyful, Healthful, and Prosperous 2017.

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