

AKRON OHIO STAKE

Family History Fair Doubles in Attendance

by Elizabeth Nielson

More than 100 people attended the Akron Stake's second annual Family History Fair on Saturday, October 14, doubling the number that attended last year.

Of those participating, 43 were not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They had learned of the event through newspaper ads, Facebook, or through other genealogical organizations in the region.



"This is such a testimony of how important this work is for not just members of the Church but for so many others who want to learn about their ancestors," said Sister Jeanne Peugh, director of the Family History Center and the organizer of the fair. "The Spirit of Elijah is strong in the hearts of many and this gives us an opportunity to reach out and help."

The Family History Fair featured nine rotating classes, with topics such as DNA Research, African American Records, Using Family Search, and Comparing Giants—a class about the major genealogy search engines.

Half of the presenters came from outside the Akron Stake, having been invited because of their expertise in the field of genealogy. One presenter traveled from the Toledo area. "The speakers are top notch," said President Talley. "It really is an excellent conference."



Brother Jim Kemple of the Canton Ward agrees with that sentiment. "The presenters were excellent," he said. "I

went to the fair hoping to learn a few things and I was not disappointed. I attended both classes on DNA and came away with much more than I already knew."

Sister Diane Burgoon, also of the Canton Ward, wasn't sure she would learn a lot from the fair but was happily surprised. "The classes were just what I needed to keep up with the changes in technology, and I couldn't wait to get home and put what I learned into practice," she said.

Next year's fair will likely also take place in October. The goal of the Public Affairs Committee and the Family History Center is to keep up the professional level of presentations while increasing the number of attendees again by two.



AKRON OHIO
STAKE CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 11

Sunday, November 12

Plan to attend!

Stake Presidency Message



President Laubaugh

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MUTUAL THEME FOR 2018

By Stake YW Presidency

The Mutual theme for 2018 is Doctrine and Covenants 19:23 “Learn of me, and listen to my words; walk in the meekness of my Spirit, and you shall have peace in me.” This theme will be the focus throughout 2018 in ward/branch and stake activities. As youth learn more of the Savior this coming year and pray about what you are learning, their testimony of the Savior will deepen.



During the Savior’s mortal ministry He continuously served those around him. In studying the four gospels, Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John, we find many examples of the Savior’s service. The Savior served by teaching those around him. He served at His mother’s request by turning water into wine at a wedding feast. The Savior served in other ways. He healed a sick young man. He cast out evil spirits. The Savior healed the lame, the deaf, the blind and the lepers. He raised the dead. He healed the woman with an issue of blood. The Savior fed 5,000 with five loaves and two fishes. He blessed the little children. He forgave sins. He washed the feet of his disciples. The Savior, in His greatest service and our greatest gift, sacrificed His life for each of us providing us with the Atonement. We are taught to learn of our Savior’s example and strive to become more like Him. We should strive to serve others. We should focus more on others and less on ourselves.

How can we follow the Savior’s example and be His hands?



Here is one idea. The holiday season is quickly approaching. What better time than now to serve others. As we enter the gift giving season let us find ways to emulate the Savior’s example to serve others to our family, our friends, our neighbors and even strangers on the street. Let our service to others be the gift we give this Christmas. The Savior showed no restraint in serving others. Let us be His hands and freely serve our fellowmen.

Ward Window

~ Canton ~

by Mary Domenick

As we are commanded to share the gospel, the Canton Ward teamed up with Massillon Ward and set up a booth at our local fair with hopes of missionary experiences. Massillon focused on



Family History while Canton as an opportunity to show that we are not the “cult” people have painted us as. In the morning people seemed to look the other way and walk faster, not wanting to make contact with us. A minister who had spoken with our missionaries in the past was very willing to speak with us and tell us how he felt about the church and the many young men he had met over the years. You could see the respect he had

for our young men and all they do. That alone is a testament of the importance of the work they do. As the day wore on we had some people stop by and ask questions. Mostly on family history but there seemed to be a small interest in the gospel.

On the last day we had a little bit of help to pull people over. The model of the Salt Lake Temple drew attention and a crowd at times. Most wanted to know about it and it was a great way to sneak in the restoration when we talked to people. One person who came to the booth was looking for a way to jump start her family history again. While Sister Domenick of the Canton Ward spoke with her she not only asked questions about how to get into family history; she also wanted to know about the Salt Lake Temple. Brother Domenick,



Canton Primary



***all smiles after their
Sacrament Presentation***

who had built the model, was more than happy to explain anything and everything to anyone who asked. In a little over a week we had reached thousands of people and who knows how many more people will be touched by this experience. I spent three days at the booth and even though we were not in a church, a temple or even an historic site; there was definitely a great spirit with us. It seemed to wrap the booth in comfort and peace. This was truly a great event.

Who Can Serve?... I Can! You Can! We Can!

by Robyn Taylor

The Massillon Ward had another successful Food Drive during the month of September. Their ward has created working relationships with the Stark County Hunger Task Force and S.A.L.T. Box Ministries of Canal Fulton, and the food and money collected were donated to those two charities. The Massillon Ward works with S.A.L.T. Box Ministries to provide and serve a hot meal to needy members in the community on a regular basis. Helen Casciere, the ward public

affairs representative, said of this year's campaign, "We collected approximately 875 pounds of food and personal care items and at least \$685 for our charity recipients." The month's efforts ended with a dinner at the ward building on September 29th where the donated food and money was gathered, weighed, and then sent with representatives directly

to their charities. The food for the dinner was donated by BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse through



BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER SPECIALS

The Brecksville Home Storage has on sale for the month of November **Deseret Granola** (1 year shelf life). It comes in a 2 lb. pouch for \$6.25 or a case of 12 pouches at \$100. The other sale item is **Macaroni** (30 year shelf life). A 3.5 lb. can is \$2.50, or a case of 6 cans for \$15.

The other sale items for the month of November and December are **Sugar** (30 year shelf life) in a 5.8 lb. can for \$4.75 or a case of 6 cans at \$28.50, and **Brigham Creek Hot Cocoa Mix** (2 year shelf life), a 2 lb. pouch for \$3.50, or a case of 12 pouches for \$42.

This is a great time to update or add some new items to the your home storage. The Hot Cocoa mix is one of the most popular items at the storage center. Hot Cocoa mix is a great gift to give to friends, family, and neighbors with a plate of cookies. Hope you have an opportunity to come and visit the Brecksville Home Storage Center. We will be happy to help and answer questions you may have.

Elder and Sister Juhasz • 440-526-4057

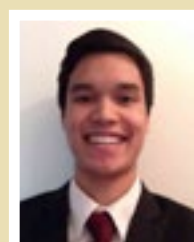
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Wednesday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. by appt



Massillon Ward member Julie Cooper who is the Director of Operations for the restaurant. Eight representatives from the Stark County Hunger Task Force and S.A.L.T. Box Ministries attended the dinner with ward members.

Approximately 17 individuals/families from the ward participated in the food drive, and approximately 70 people attended the dinner, including the 8 guests from our charity recipient organizations.

MISSIONARY RETURNING



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29 NOVEMBER 2017

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36th annual Holiday Tree Festival

Join the holiday magic

November 18 - 26, 2017

John S. Knight Center
77 E. Mill Street, Akron



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Enjoy and purchase hundreds of trees, wreaths and other holiday decorations to benefit Akron Children's Hospital.

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| Monday - Wednesday | 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. |
| Thanksgiving | 2 - 6 p.m. |
| Friday | 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. |
| Saturday | 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. |
| Sunday | 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. |

**Admission to the festival is FREE.
Be part of the fun at these events!**

Preview Gala • Friday, November 17

This evening is a first look at our magnificent array of holiday trees. A fabulous sit-down dinner and grand dessert display precede a sale of trees and other holiday items.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, November 18 & 25

Join us for breakfast and a morning full of fun activities for kids of all ages. Space is limited, and registration is required.

Ribbon Cutting • Saturday, November 18

We kick off the festival with a day filled with entertainment and activities for children, including face painting and visits from the Doggie Brigade.

For more information, call 330-543-8424.
To make a reservation, call 330-543-8340.

Self-Reliance Spotlight

We are excited to introduce a new monthly self-reliance spotlight to our stake newsletter. Each month we'll share any updates regarding our stake self-reliance initiative, highlight an importance self-reliance principle and extend an invitation.

Stake Update

On Sunday, September 24, we held our first Stake Self-Reliance Devotional in the Canton Building. We had a packed house and although we had some initial challenges with the A/C we had a great, interactive event. From that Devotional, we formed 13 small

STAKE CALENDAR EVENTS

November 2017

Saturday, November 11

Veterans Day
Stake Leadership Training/Tallmadge 4-6 p.m.
Stake Conference Adult Session/Tallmadge 7-9 p.m.

Sunday, November 12

Stake Conference/Tallmadge 10 a.m.-noon
LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 18

Stake Youth Dance/Cleveland 7-10 p.m.

Sunday, November 19

Young Single Adult Face to Face with Elder Oaks and Elder Ballard 8-9 p.m.

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving

December 2017

Sunday, December 3

First Presidency's Christmas Devotional Broadcast 8 p.m.

Sunday, December 10

LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve

January 2018

Sunday, January 14

Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults 8-9 p.m.

Saturday, January 20

Stake Women's Conference/Tallmadge 10 a.m. -2 p.m.

Sunday, January 21

Standards Night/Tallmadge 7-9 p.m.

Sunday, January 27

Quad Stake Youth Dance/Youngstown 7-10 p.m.

self-reliance groups across the stake. The groups meet weekly to further develop their skills in one of the four curricula. The groups are now all up and running and already seeing the blessings.

Principle - Self-Reliance is a Principle of Salvation

"Without self-reliance one cannot exercise these innate desires to serve. How can we give if there is nothing there? Food for the hungry cannot come from empty shelves. Money to assist the needy cannot come from an empty purse. Support and understanding cannot come from the emotionally starved. Teaching cannot come from the unlearned. And most important of all, spiritual guidance cannot come from the spiritually weak."

Marion G. Romney, "The Celestial Nature Of Self-Reliance," Ensign, Nov. 1982, 93

Invitation

Learn more about the church's self-reliance initiative. Check out www.lds.org/topics/pef-self-reliance. Consider making a personal or family goal to study the *My Foundations* workbook.

Family History Corner

by Jeanne Peugh,
Director



"We Are The Chosen"*

In each family, there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts, but instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. Those who have gone before cry out to us, "Tell our story!" So, we do, in finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love for me? It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish, how they contributed to what we are today. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers. That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those whom we had never known before.

- Author Unknown -

* Full article posted on Ancestry.com