

PINTLALA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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Pintlala Volunteer Fire Department, The Harold M. Newell Station
Photo courtesy Gary Burton

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

H.G. Wells nailed it, "History is a race between education and catastrophe." When a community dies or a nation crumbles, a few survivors will begin to ask penetrating questions. What brought about such a demise? What did we miss? We did not see it coming. Politicians may have lost sight of the cultural tremors or, perhaps, politicians created more darkness than light. We were preoccupied with entertaining ourselves and never saw the beginning of a country's gradual end. Having discarded the appeal of faith, citizens could only welcome a lust for power. Revenge politics had become popularized and harmful. Getting elected has become a means of getting even.

Public service remains embraced by a few. The glitz and glamor of rallies and show-biz endorsements has magnified the forces destructive to democracy. Pintlala is the kind of community with the potential to re-ignite a passionate love for democracy. Everyone can be intentional in doing the small things important to a community. We must become humble enough to check on our neighbors and friends. The welfare of others must be considered with genuine interest.

In my mind, it is a monumental act of service whenever we decide to keep our community clean, remove the roadside trash, and involve others in the process. It may be necessary to inform elected officials of unsafe areas. Pintlala needs more people with big hearts, alert vision, and helping hands. There are those who have been modeling this kind of public service for years. We must do more to honor those who have devoted a lifetime of service to noble causes.

It is true that both inspiration and information can be discovered in a meeting of the Pintlala Historical Association. Please join us on January 21, the Fellowship Hall of Pintlala Baptist Church, 2:30 P.M.

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Pintlala Historical Association Program for January 2024

Pintlala Historical Association meets on Sunday, January 21 at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Pintlala Baptist Church. This is the first meeting of the 2024 year and the time to renew your membership with dues of \$15.00 per household. Treasurer, Ina Slade will be present to accept your check or cash.

Our program will be presented by Jenna Abbott, a Collections Curator at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Jenna received a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and a certification in Museum Studies from Auburn University at Montgomery. She began her association with ADAH in 2022.

Jenna's program for PHA will center upon the 1949 Merci/Gratitude Train, a gift from the people of France to the people of the United States in appreciation for the Friendship Food Train sent by Americans to war-torn Europe in 1947. Each state and the territory of Hawaii received a boxcar. Jenna will tell us about Alabama's boxcar, which is located in Huntsville. Please come learn of this unusual bit of Alabama history.

Invite a friend, relative or neighbor to journey to Pintlala with you! We need to grow our membership roll. Visitors will be welcomed and I think their knowledge of Alabama history will be stimulated!



Jenna Abbott, courtesy Jenna Abbott

Jane Addams, Well Known Social Worker, Speaks in Montgomery Alabama

By Gary Burton

Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, serves as an Internet resource to many researchers. It describes American, Jane Addams with no less than seven descriptors: settlement activist, reformer, social worker, sociologist, public administrator, philosopher, and author. She is best known as the co-founder of Chicago's Hull House, an 1889 center with the purpose to improve human conditions in the industrial districts of Chicago, primarily of European immigrants.

Laura Jane Addams was born in Cedarville, Illinois on September 6, 1860 to Sarah and John H. Addams who was a founding member of the Republican Party in Illinois, a successful and prosperous miller, served as a state senator for sixteen years and served as an officer in the Civil War. Abraham Lincoln was a close personal friend whose correspondence to Addams began "My Dear Double D-'ed Addams". Jane endured frail health her entire life, but it did not end her activism. After a trip to Europe with her friend Ellen G. Starr, Jane returned to America determined to establish a settlement house similar to Toynbee Hall, which she visited in London. Thus was born Hull House in 1889 in Chicago.

Not only did Jane fight for improved human conditions but spoke out against America's entry into the First World War. She was closely associated with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and served as its president for many years.



Jane Addams Photo Courtesy of National Endowment for the Humanities



Jane Addams, ca. 1899.

Bain News Service, Collections of the Library of Congress

Jane Addams suffered a heart attack in 1926 and never regained good health. Ironically, she was admitted to a Baltimore hospital on the same day, December 10, 1931, that the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to her in Oslo, Norway. She died in 1935, three days after surgery, which revealed an undiagnosed cancer. Her memorial service was held in the courtyard of her beloved Hull House in Chicago.

Why is Jane Addams of interest locally? As a result of research for previous *PHA Newsletters* centering on Julius Rosenwald and Booker T. Washington's mutual efforts to improve education for African American students, primarily in the southern United States, it was found that Jane Addams came to Montgomery County in 1915. She was listed as part of the contingent of Northern reformers who accompanied Rosenwald to Tuskegee Institute and on a side trip to visit four Rosenwald schools in Montgomery County. These schools were Big Zion, Davenport/Guy's Village, Little Zion near Ramer and Madison Park near the Elmore County line.

The Montgomery Advertiser of February 22, 1915, page 8, reports Jane Addams made an additional visit to the Pleasant Hill School for African American children on Smiley Ferry Road. No documentation has been found for a Rosenwald School in that community. It is assumed the children must have attended classes in the Pleasant Hill Church. A transcription of this information is printed below:

Miss Jane Addams of Hull House addressed the children of the Pleasant Hill School.

"I was told," she said as she looked over the faces of the negro children "that you knew nothing but how to pick cotton. On my way here I saw cattle, hogs, sheep, bees and evidence s of many kinds of farming. With the war and the boll weevil, I believe you are on the eve of diversification."

A copy of an Addams article in *The Montgomery Advertiser*, February 24, 1915 informs readers of a lecture by Addams and others to be presented at Sidney Lanier High School and was sponsored by the Montgomery Equal Suffrage Association.



Jane Addams Photo by Hulton Archive/Getty Images

MISS ADDAMS TO SPEAK AT LANIER SCHOOL AT 4 P. M.

Overflow Audience Will Be Ad-
dressed at First Baptist
Church

OTHERS ALSO TO SPEAK

Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, Chicago, accompanied by a party of other speakers of national prominence, will address the people of Montgomery this afternoon at 4 o'clock under the auspices of the Montgomery Equal Suffrage Association. The speakers will be heard at the Sidney Lanier High School, and in case of an overflowing meeting, Sunday School rooms of the First Baptist Church will be used to accommodate the crowds at a later meeting.

In a long distance telephone message to Mrs. S. B. Stern, President of the local Association, Miss S. P. Breckenridge, Dean of the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy, Tuesday, said that Miss Addams would be accompanied by Federal Judge George A. Carpenter of the Chicago District; Judge N. W. Pinckney, of the Chicago Juvenile Court; Miss Grace Abbot, Director of the Immigrants Protective League of Chicago; Dr. Jenkins Lloyd Jones, Unitarian minister and lecturer, and Miss Breckenridge.

Each of the visitors will speak and various topics of national interest and importance will be discussed. Miss Addams, who will be the chief speaker of the afternoon, will probably speak on woman's suffrage, child labor and other movements with which she has been prominently identified in America. Miss Breckenridge is expected to tell of the work of the women of Chicago, and the other speakers will deal with topics of current interest over the nation.

Mrs. J. H. Geiger, Secretary of the Montgomery Equal Suffrage Association, will preside at the Sidney Lanier School and Dr. Stakely at the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Olin Kirkland will deliver a brief talk of welcome on behalf of the Montgomery Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Solon Jacobs, of Birmingham, President of the Alabama Equal Suffrage League, and other prominent suffragists of the State will attend.

Preparations for the over-flow meeting have been made on account of the widespread interest in the speakers. In case the Sidney Lanier school auditorium will not accommodate the crowds, the Sunday School rooms of the Baptist Church will be used, and each speaker will address the audience there after completing their talk at the school building.

These precautions against disappointment were taken on account of the conditions recently when Dr. Anna Howard Shaw spoke here and as many as five hundred persons were turned away at the Sidney Lanier building. The Chicago party here today is returning from Tuskegee, where it has been with the Julius Rosewald party attending the annual meeting of Tuskegee Institute.

Writer's Note: "meeting of Tuskegee Institute" [Board of Trustees]

The Montgomery Advertiser, February 24, 1915 from newspapers.com

Pictures from July and Oct Meetings



Alice Carter, Dr. Krawczynski, and Chuck Stanfield



Sehoy Thrower



Alan Davis and Gary Burton



Dr. Krawczynski and Pat Moseley

Invitation from Crenshaw County Historical Society

By Alice Carter

Crenshaw County Historical Society, headquartered in Luverne at the Crenshaw Museum on Airport Road off Highway 331 N., has graciously invited other historical societies/associations in counties surrounding Crenshaw County to visit and chat about our organizations. January 20, 2024 is the date assigned to PHA. The hours available on a come and go basis are 10 am to 2 pm.

Gary and I plan to attend. If any PHA members would like to join us, please contact Alice at alice-carter444@gmail.com. Presently we plan to leave Pintlala at 10 am, visit for an hour and return.

The next day is Sunday, January 21 when PHA has its regular meeting at 2:30 at PBC.

Please join us in Luverne on January 20.



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Join the Pintlala Historical Association
Please mail completed form & dues to:

**Pintlala Historical Association
Ina Slade**

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Areas of Interest _____

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