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## Dr. Magne Olson, "The Causes of World War I" November 12, 2017

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**Sunday, November 12 2017, 2:30 p.m. hear historian, Dr. Magne B. Olson speak on, "The Causes of World War I."**

April 2017 marked the 100th Anniversary of U.S. involvement in World War I.

**Magne Olson is retired as a professor of history at Chicago State University and served as PFHS president from 1987-1999.**

**Open to the general public.**

Park Forest Village Hall, 350 Victory Drive,  
Park Forest, IL 60466.



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### Interested in helping preserve Park Forest History?

We are looking for volunteers.

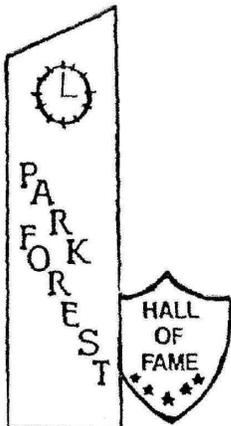
Contact Jane Nicoll, 708-481-4252, or via email on the website, [parkforesthistor.org](http://parkforesthistor.org).

### PARK FOREST HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

until December 29, 2017. The official form, which **must** accompany nominations, is available at the 1950s Park Forest House Museum, when it's open, at the Archive, 227 Monee Road on Friday 10-12, or on the website at [parkforesthistor.org](http://parkforesthistor.org). **Members are receiving the form and guidelines in this newsletter.** Nominations may be mailed or delivered in person.

To be eligible for the Hall of Fame, persons nominated must have made substantial, beneficial, and consistent contributions to the life and well being of Park Forest over a considerable span of time. Nominees may now live elsewhere, or be deceased. Individuals or couples may be nominated. The person making the nomination does not have to live in Park Forest, and does not have to be a member of the society. Persons may only make one nomination each year. The official nomination form is required along with separate sheets indicating why the person is being nominated, and in convincing and thorough detail, describing the nominee's qualifications and contributions which fit the criteria. A list of those already in the Hall of Fame is on the reverse of the form or on the website.

Inductees will be chosen from among the eligible nominees by the Park Forest Historical Society, and announced early in 2018. The induction ceremony will be held at Freedom Hall on April 15, 2018.



## In My Own Little Corner

By Jane Nicoll

We will have two special programs this fall/winter we hope you will join us for.

["Share YOUR Halloween Stories" will be held Wednesday October 25, 2017 at 7 p.m.](#)

["Sharing Holiday Memories" will be held Wednesday December 13, 2017 at 7 p.m.](#)

Both of these meetings will be held in Ryan Hall at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 227 Monee Road in Park Forest. They will be followed by visits to the museum.

Please join us and share some of the memories from your past. Spread word of these to your friends and family. We will be promoting these via Facebook, only.

**Volunteers:** We must have more volunteers to be docents/tour guides at the museum in order to maintain these hours!! Please be trained to volunteer, and help us stay open in this new location. **We need a Volunteer Coordinator to schedule docents. That is also happening out of my house right now, which is not a fair division of labor!**

**Board Service:** The Society is looking for Board members. [We must have more active volunteers serving on the board in order to keep operating. We need new blood, and more hands to be able to serve our mission.](#) Currently, the board meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m., usually in

Park Forest Village Hall. If you are interested in applying to be a board member, contact me.

At our annual meeting, we voted in two new board members, Jessica Jack Barnes and Chris Janota. Safiyyah Al Amin and Josh Sopiartz are part of our Advisory Board. Welcome to these new Board Members and we look forward to working with them! Thank you to Safiyyah and Josh for their continued advice. Thank you to Dr. David Golland who just stepped down as Vice-President and to Paul Blobaum who has stepped in to that role for the coming year. Thank you to Sally Wallach who served with us for several years and is now a Board Member Emerita!

**Active Volunteers and Members:** In order to remain in operation as a Society, we must have more [Active Volunteers and more Members.](#) Too few volunteers are doing too many jobs.

Many things can not be done because there simply are not enough people to carry out projects.

**Speaking of Membership—Did you remember to sign up to be a member or to renew?**

Forms were in the September "The Spirit." Can't find your form? Pick one up at the museum, Archive, or Village Hall brochure racks, or copy it from our website, parkforesthstory.org.

You can also opt to join via PayPal on the website. **Just Join!!**

**Grants:** Thank you to Village Manager Tom Mick, Mayor John Ostenburg and the Village Board.

We have been awarded a sixth Donor Match Grant for \$5000. Thank you to all of you who have been contributing to our match via memberships, donations, sales and museum admissions. We rely on your help again this year to make this very important match, which keeps the museum open.

**The 1950s Park Forest House Museum:** The museum is open for regular hours, Wednesday and Saturday 1-3:30 p.m., in St. Mary's Catholic Church, 227 Monee Road, Park Forest, IL 60466. It will be open by appointment. Contact me at 708-481-4252, or Mike Gans, at 708-305-3308.

Be sure to visit. **"Step Back into a 1950s Halloween"** exhibit will run through November 4 2017.

**"Step Back into a 1950s Christmas"** exhibit is scheduled for November 25, 2017-January 6, 2018.

[Don't miss our very special exhibit, "Boomer Toys and Dolls"! Come see the dolls, games and toys we have on display. Look at the exhibit flier on our website for a sample of some of the many toys played with in the late 1940s into the early 1970s. You can set up and play some of the games!](#)

[Bring the family to demonstrate how we all survived without computer games!](#)

[We also have many illustrated books on display with the stories and photos of classic toys and dolls.](#)

### Park Forest Plaza and Holiday Theatre.

Print by Annabelle Gould, 1966. 11" x 14". Price \$15. S/H is \$6.

This print is available at the Museum for purchase or through the Society website. Visit our Museum Store or Online Store to see gift ideas.

