

# THE FOXBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 7:30 p.m.  
Boyden Library, 10 Bird Street, Foxborough, MA

**TO END ALL WARS**  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO OBSERVE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
OUTBREAK OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR



Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian throne, was assassinated in Serbia on June 28, 1914. Within a month bullets were flying in Europe. Four years later, with sixteen million dead, the conflict we now call the First World War was over. One hundred years later we look back at the problems put in motion by this event.  
(Wikipedia, public domain)

At the November meeting of the Foxborough Historical Society, **Dr. Gary Hylander** will observe the 100th anniversary of World War I or “The Great War,” as it was called at the time, with a lecture entitled “To end all wars.”

2014 marks the centennial of the outbreak of the Great War of 1914-1918. It began on the morning of June 28, 1914 in the distant Balkans with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand.

Now modern tools of slaughter appeared on the battlefield: flamethrowers, machine-guns and poison gas to name a few. The carnage was appalling.

Four empires were destroyed; millions perished. Despite early neutrality even the United States was pulled into the conflict.

The Great War is where the 19th and 20th centuries parted ways forever.

The historical society will meet Tuesday evening, Nov. 25, at 7:30 pm, in the first-floor Community Meeting Room of the Boyden Library. The library is at the corner of Bird and Baker Streets in Foxboro center. Enter by the Baker Street entrance. Parking is available on nearby streets and around the Common. (Please do not park in the Aubuchon lot.) Admission is free and all are welcome.

If interested in joining the Foxborough Historical Society, ask for an application form at the check-in table the night of the meeting. Annual dues are \$8 for individuals and \$10 for an entire family.

We were saddened to learn that **Alice Murphy**, a long time member of the Foxborough Historical Society, passed away on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. We extend our condolences to her family.

### **A Friendly Reminder**

**To date only 20% of the membership has paid their dues for the current year which is from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015. A renewal application form was sent with the September newsletter. You may pay your dues at the next meeting or remit by mail to:**

**Tha Foxborough Historical Society**

**P.O. Box 450**

**Foxborough, MA 02035**

Memorial Hall is open every Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
and on the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!  
The next meeting after the November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of The Foxborough  
Historical Society will be on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

**50 YEARS AGO IN FOXBOROUGH**  
NOVEMBER 1964

- Use of Memorial Hall urged for Town Historical Society.
- New school passes Special Town Meeting unanimously.
- 12 miles of US Route 95 here to be opened for travel soon.
- Parking area behind stores started.
- Set of chains is the best bet for winter drivers.
- Foxboro's fifteen man police department.
- Jewish patients observe Hanukkah at Foxboro State Hospital.

DECEMBER 1964

- Foxboro fans whoop it up on Thanksgiving Day after 16-10 victory, a great win for Coach Tom Sullivan. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive win over Mansfield.
- School Committee denies request for teachers' 6% pay raise. This would have increased the minimum salary from \$5,000 to \$5,300.
- Crèche on Common admired by many. It has been a feature of the community Christmas observance for several years since it was created through funds raised by local women.
- Survey of sewer needs to be asked at 1965 Town Meeting.
- Start moving in new town hall in January.
- Selectmen conduct last meeting in old bank building quarters.

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