

OLD PICTURE PARTY

One way of getting people together to share some of their memories is to invite the community to an “Old Picture Party”. Sometimes when several people get together and look at old pictures, a lot of historical information is shared. This is a particularly good way to have people identify and talk about people and events from the past. When people look at pictures they may remember things otherwise forgotten. In addition one person’s memories or comments may trigger a memory or inspire a story from someone else.

For your “Old Picture Party” have some old photos on hand (the enlarged photo copies are best) and also invite people to bring their own old photos to share. Copy the pictures which are brought also, and be sure to give the owner a copy to take home, an enlargement if possible.

The pictures can then all be laid out on a table where guests can gather around to see them. There should be several students ready to act as scribes to write down the information given. If you are using photo copies, the information can be written right on the page with the picture. Later the pages can be gathered and information compiled in a 3-ring binder to make your own photo book.

Serving tea and cookies afterwards will help to make your “Old Picture Party” a popular event!