



Fourth Tuesday Program

A Congress for Women: Women's Clubs and the Chautauqua Movement

Chautauqua was a rural movement focused on moral education and self-improvement through programs on reform, religion, and culture. The movement was useful for advancing the cause of "womanhood," through the creation of organizations like the Woman's Council in Ottawa, Kansas, in 1892. This Council, defined as a "congress" for the growing women's club movement, provided a space for women to discuss important issues of the day. This presentation will examine how these clubs engaged women in political activism, particularly suffrage and temperance, and how this early movement laid the groundwork for contemporary issues of feminism and gender equality.



Presented by Sarah Bell, who has just recently completed her doctoral work in history at the University of Kansas. She is membership coordinator at the Watkins Museum of History in Lawrence.



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7:00pm – 8:30pm

**Tonganoxie Community
Historical Society
Site & Museum**

210 West Washington St.
Tonganoxie, KS 66086

TCHS presents programs on the Fourth Tuesday of every month (except June and December).

These program meetings are held in the Reno Methodist Church on the museum site.

The meetings begin at 7:00 pm and include a brief business meeting and historical program.

All members of the community are welcome. The program is free; and refreshments are served after the program.