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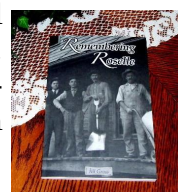
The annual History Museum Christmas Open House will be held on December 6th from 2-4 PM. This year's theme is Christmas in Italy. Enjoy holiday decorations, refreshments, cookies, and cookie recipes. Visit the museum and Richter House to see how Christmas was celebrated in Italy. Enter a free drawing for a door prize on your visit.



Are you looking for a unique Christmas gift?...The History Museum has two books and a brick!

Cherished Recipes is a great 440-recipe cookbook comprised of favorite dishes of many current and former residents. It features 9 categories of recipes as well as personal stories and household hints.

Remembering Roselle is a pictorial history of our village. With 129 pages and 200 pictures, it will take you on an historical trip through Roselle. It is great for browsing and sharing with friends.



Copies of both books are available at the Village Hall or the museum office at 39 E. Elm Street. The price is \$20. If ordered from the museum it can be shipped free of charge until December 30th. Call the museum at office at (630) 351-5300 to arrange for the order or visit the museum Sunday afternoon from 2-4.

Souvenir Bricks You can own a piece of history. Souvenir bricks from the PIZZA COTTAGE one of Roselle's popular pizza places which has recently closed are available at the History Museum for only \$2.00 and come with a certificate of authenticity.

The latest News About Roselle.....

From the PALATINE ENTERPRISE paper November 14, 1924

Roselle is making good its name. It is going to be known in all the country around, and to the motoring city folk as the suburb where the Roses in Rose time bloom in such profusion, that it will be place for everybody to visit and to know and talk about as the Rose Suburb.

This did not happen by accident. It happens because a small group of progressive and live men who have real business interests at stake, have determined that Roselle shall be known as a progressive, and a "go-get-em" town, and as a place of beauty close to the city of Chicago.

Already building is in such progress, and subdivisions already laid out that its growth has begun. In common with other localities, far less advantageously situated, Roselle has risen above the morgue stage, in which it has kept so many years, and even the least progressive of the old timers see the handwriting on the wall, and there is now the happiest kind of a common inspiration locally to make Roselle not only a Rose Suburb, but a real Chicago suburb.

The organization that is behind these new, modern movements—and the Rose doings are only the beginning of what is planned—has no personal axes to grind, and seeks no personal glory. They have been going along quietly for several months, as a very much alive, willing-to-spend-a-little-money crowd, and call themselves the Roselle City Club. And

their object is to accomplish of course at some cost to themselves, and confine themselves to those substantial things only that mean so much in the up building of a community. In short the club is an incipient Kiwanis club.

The City club is not going to monopolize anything and welcomes all and any aid to Roselle's well being that all other social clubs and organizations can bring to municipal welfare in general, and each in its own way.



Another big movement of the City club is about planned in detail and will be announced shortly.

Meanwhile Mayor Thiemann and the trustees of the villages have promised all the help they can give in the Rose propaganda to put Roselle on the suburban map. The mayor has kindly consented, in his own willingness to do anything to help Roselle, to help in the Rose distribution.

The first consignment of Roses will be in Roselle next Saturday, Nov. 15th, and will be stored in the ice house of Weber's hotel, whence distribution will be made. Of course these Roses are absolutely free to all Roselle property owners who will immediately set them out and simply agree to care for them.

Let every patriotic citizen of Roselle telephone at once either to the mayor, Herman Thiemann, Roselle, 66-J or to H. B. Schmidt, Jr., at the Roselle Farmers Co-operative Elevator Co., Roselle 12, and state how many plants you can use. Do it now. You who are residents of Roselle and of course eager to not only help Roselle, but beautify your grounds, you are welcome and invited to telephone what you desire in this matter for Roselle.

LYNFRED WINERY CELEBRATES 30th ANNIVERSARY

Lynfred Winery located at 15 S. Roselle Road in Roselle is celebrating its 30th anniversary.



In 1977 Fred and his late wife Lynn purchased the home that was built in 1912 by John Hattendorf as a wedding present for his daughter, Renatta, when she married William Fenz.

They were attracted to it by the stained glass windows with a lovely grape motif. The original wine cellar has walls that are 18" thick and provide ideal temperature control for aging wines.

Fred and Lynn spent 2 years restoring the house to its original beauty before opening it as a winery. Their high quality wines began winning national awards. In 1982 they won their

first 4 medals in wine competition. This has now grown to a total of 547.

In the fall of 1980, they held the Lynfred Extravaganza which developed into their two day Oktober Fest and pig roast which is now enjoyed by over 2,000 wine and fun loving individuals. (No Beer allowed).

In 1984 the winery building was declared an historical landmark.

The demand for their wines increased so additional capacity had to be added. They now produce 60,000 to 80,000 gallons of wine a year in 80 different wines.

In 1989 plans were approved to add a \$1 million 24,000 square foot addition which added production and storage space, a new tasting room, two apartments, a small banquet room and four "Bed and Breakfast rooms" with construction planned to start in spring 1990. Ground breaking took place in 1990 with Governor Thompson and other dignitaries present.

In 1998 they moved into their new tasting room and gift shop.

Construction moved along

much slower than anticipated and the B&B rooms were not opened until June 2, 2002. Each of the elegant rooms has a wood burning fireplace, heated floors, whirlpools and bathrooms with a host of expensive touches. Each room has a different motif. They are Italian, French, American and German.

In addition to wine they also have a master chef who bakes specialty breads everyday. In addition to their usual breads, they also feature unique breads on a seasonal basis.

May 2005 ABC News broadcast a special morning show segment from the winery.

Starting in 1999 they decided to expand their business outside of Roselle even though they were doing a good mail order business with their wine club of over 5,000 members.

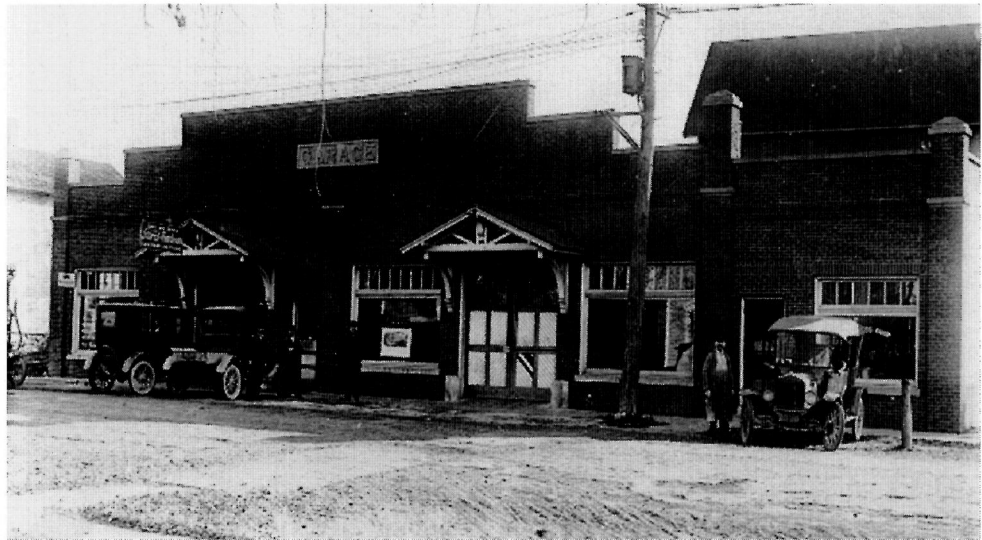


They started in Wheaton by opening Tasting de Vine wine tasting and gift shop. This was followed with another location in Naperville in 2004 and in 2008, a third location in Wheeling.

EDWARD KOLBE's harness Shop

Edward Kolbe had a harness repair shop in Roselle for 20 years. In the 1910 census he is listed as a "harness maker". The harness shop was located in the building next to the "garage Building"-(just west of it) known as the Ford Agency on Chicago St./Irving Park Road. The building holding the shop is no longer standing. A brick building is now at the 31 Irving Park address. In the photo Ed Kolbe is standing in front of his shop but the car is not his. He always took the train to Roselle from Elgin where he lived with his wife, Amelia Patzer Kolbe.

His daughter Charlotte Nestmann told us in 2001 interview that she and her younger sister Olga rode the train with him to work sometimes. They played with children across the street or played in the big sand pile in back of the shop near the corner.



She also remembers he had covers for horses that were of thin fabric, patterned with fringes on the edge. He had a whetstone out in back that he used his feet to turn. He also re-soled or repaired shoes. When he would go out to the farmers to deliver a repaired harness he might come back with a chicken or a duck. Once they rode the train back to Elgin with a live duck in a bag!

In case you missed it on page 1, the Roselle History Museum is holding it's annual Holiday Open House on December 6 from 2 to 4 PM. Please visit us and enjoy some refreshments as well as a view of how Christmas might be celebrated in Italy.

HELP.....Volunteers always needed!

We are always looking for people who are interested in helping preserve the history of our village and the surrounding area. Do you enjoy working on displays, gathering historical evidence, researching photographs or just puttering around cutting news articles for our archives? We can also use people who are handy with tools to do miscellaneous repairs and modifications or, assist with building displays, floats, etc. There are no fixed hours and your compensation is the good feeling you get when you have helped us complete an important project

NOTES FROM THE EXHIBIT COMMITTEE

The exhibit committee continues to meet at least once a week to update the exhibits in the main time-line room which portrays the history of Roselle, a decade at the time. No firm date has been set for the completion of this project since it really is a continuing work in progress. One of the comments we have heard from some people is "I've already seen the museum so there is no need to come back". We are trying to add something interesting and new every few weeks. So you too can experience something new.



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A glass cabinet has been added to the center of the time line room to display items that cannot be easily displayed along the walls. Preliminary changes have been made to the Indian Exhibits in the Children's Room. We plan to add Pioneers and Farmers in the future.

As you tour the Museum please give us feedback and ideas when you visit. After all it is your Museum to enjoy. Not all suggestions can be used, but your comments will help make the Museum an interesting place to continue visiting.



If you are at all interested in helping design and maintain exhibits in the Museum, please let us know. We would love to have you join us.

MEMBERSHIP

Your membership is even more important now.....With the economic slow down, many towns including Roselle, have had to make difficult decisions as to how their limited funds are spent. The village owns and maintains our property but the inside maintenance and other operating costs are the responsibility of the Museum. The village has reduced their financial support of the museum by 50% for 2010. Hopefully these funds might be restored in 2011. Please become a member and help support and preserve and educate people about local history. Your generous help is appreciated.

Yes, I'd like to help the Museum! Here's my membership contribution to the Roselle History Museum for 2010

☐ New ☐ Renewal Circle One: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other Amount
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THINGS PEOPLE WERE SAYING IN 1955

"I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a weeks groceries for \$20.00."

"Have you seen the new cars coning out next year? It won't be long before \$2,000 will only buy a used one."

SAVE THE DATE

The annual historical evening will be held April 10, 2010 at the Trinity Lutheran Church. We will feature a program called "***EARLY MOVERS AND SHAKERS***" by Terry Lynch (back by popular demand. He did the "***UNDERGROUND RAILROAD***" in 2008). This program will present the early businessmen from Chicago in late 1800"s.

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