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Roselle History Museum Newsletter

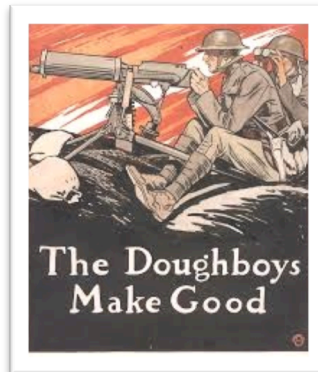
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HISTORICAL EVENING Saturday, April 14

The Rise & Fall of the Doughboy

To commemorate the end of World War I, the Roselle History Museum has invited Terry Lynch to present his informative program, *The Rise and Fall of the Doughboy*. In the 100 years since World War I, the term “doughboy” has come to refer exclusively to the soldiers of that war. In this program you will hear about the efforts of not only the infantrymen of World War I, but all the doughboys in the “War to End All Wars.”



According to Chairman Sue Spachman, the program will be held at Trinity Lutheran Family Life Center, 405 S. Rush Street, Roselle.

7:30: Wine and Cheese Reception

8:00: Program

9:00: Homemade Cookies, Coffee, Lemonade

Tickets may be purchased beginning mid-March at the Roselle History Museum Office, the Roselle Village Hall, or from museum members at \$15 for adults; students ages 6-12 will be admitted free. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$18 for adults. You may use the enclosed order form and mail your check to the Roselle History Museum Office, 39 E. Elm Street.

In Flanders Fields

John McCrae (1872-1918)

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields. (first two of three stanzas)



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM!

The Hattendorf General Store (the first room you enter when you visit the museum) is undergoing a major overhaul these days. This is how you remember it.



Today, it's a blank canvas (below). Starting with a brand new floor and newly painted walls, the General Store and the Children's Room (the second room you enter) will be reinvented.



Each room will have a whole new look that reflects the dreams, designs, and decisions of a handful of volunteers coordinated by Maria Wojtas and Joan Beauprez. (continued on next page)

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Lee Beauprez is heading up the construction part of the project. Here he contemplates whether to retain or abandon the old milk delivery door. In the second picture, Jerry Jeske levels the room-room transition.



Other volunteers on the "Project" include Milan & Ruth Bagel, Joan Beauprez, Walter Brinas, Ray & Sharon Hitzemann, Matthew Kluber, Joyce Kuhlmann, Hank Kvintus, Tom Piorkowski, Glenn Spachman, and Maria Wojtas.

A Re-opening date has not yet been set.

Thank you to the Taste of Roselle for funding much of this work. There are more innovations to come; i.e., The Children's Room and new carpeting.



FLAGS FOR ROSELLE IS RECOGNIZED!

The FLAGS FOR ROSELLE program was recognized by two groups this fall. In

October, the "Giving DuPage" organization



honored the FFR at its annual Volapalooza event. Dr. Lynne Panega, superintendent of Lake Park High School, attended along with several members of the FFR committee.

In December, the Roselle Chamber of Commerce awarded Kay Cahill the Brian T. Healy Service Award for her work with the FFR program. She accepted the award on behalf of all the volunteers.



The 2018 FFR program is underway! Another holiday has been added to the installation schedule: Patriot Day, September 11. The subscription this year is \$50.

Lake Park students and other volunteers will install flags in front yards in the morning and remove them at the end of the day on each of the following holidays: Memorial Day (May 28), Flag Day (June 14), Independence Day (July 4), Patriot Day (Sept 11), and Veterans Day (Nov 11). Proceeds will be shared by the Roselle Historical Foundation, the Charitable Foundation of the American Legion Post 1084, the Lake Park High School Educational Foundation, and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Roselle.

Subscribers may designate a location in Roselle other than their homes, if desired. Subscribers may also order a flag as a gift for a friend or family member who lives in Roselle.

Volunteers & vehicles are needed! Vehicles need to accommodate 10 or 12 8-foot flagpoles. Teams can be either 2 or 3 persons. If you prefer to drive only, you can join a 3-person team where the other 2 people will do the installations and removals. Want to be a part of the action? Contact Dominic Manola, dmanola@lphs.org.

Subscribers have said some nice things about the FFR.

- Best of luck with getting more subscribers. It is a wonderful program, and we are proud participants. I really appreciate you keeping us informed about it. I hope you get 5,000 citizen participants or more.
- We participated in the program last year! We are happy it is back!
- I am so excited this program is being continued!!! I hope more people join!
- Thank you for doing this! What a great idea. Just another thing that makes Roselle great!!

Make subscription checks payable to Roselle Historical Foundation and mail to 39 E. Elm St., Roselle 60172, or pay online at www.flagsforroselle.weebly.com.



*Time flies. Some events we need to remember and commemorate
so that we understand our country's history.*

Some events—those closer to home, closer to our time—we remember lightheartedly.

1818 - 200 years ago



On December 3, 2018, the people of Illinois will celebrate our state's 200th birthday. The Illinois Bicentennial will be a 365-day celebration, 200 years in the making. At the center of the celebration will be a year-long multimedia campaign called, "Born, Built, & Grown." The campaign honors the tremendous people, places, and things that make Illinois so enduringly strong, kind, and beautiful. "Born, Built, & Grown" is a

once-in-a-lifetime invitation to fall in love with Illinois all over again. (www.illinois200.com)



← This stamp will be issued March 5 in Springfield with a first-day ceremony.

1918 - 100 years ago



Crowds cheered on New York's Broad Street near replica of the Statue of Liberty

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ended. At 5 a.m. that morning, Germany, bereft of manpower and supplies and faced with imminent invasion, signed an armistice agreement with the Allies in a railroad car outside Compiegne, France. The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded. (www.history.com)

1938 - 80 years ago

Chicago Daily Tribune

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1938.

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21,500 HAIL NEW GOLDEN GLOVES CHAMPION BAER POUNDS OUT DECISION OVER FARR IN 15 ROUNDS

**MAX SCORES
KNOCKDOWNS IN
SECOND, THIRD**

**Joos Last 8 Rounds
with Eye Closed.**

Ed. note: Connie Connell of Roselle donated the original of this 1938 issue of the Chicago Tribune to the History Museum. The 30+ pages contain many stories, including details about the Nazi invasion of Austria long before the U.S. entered WWII. We will share some of those stories during the coming year.



1948 (70 years ago)—The Catholic Diocese of Joliet was established, and St. Walter's Church was one of the first parishes in the new diocese.

1968 (50 years ago)—Roselle's Jeanne Bonavolonta, pictured here, played a role in the Bloomingdale PTA Talent Show.



1978 (40 years ago)

♦ The Roselle Historical Society was established.

♦ Roselle Lioness Club was formed.

♦ Roselle's population was 13,819.

♦ Dr. G. Allan Gogo succeeded Carl M. Forrester as superintendent of Lake Park High School.

♦ Dr. Charles S. Mueller, Sr., accepted a call to pastor Trinity Lutheran Church.



Dr. G. Allan Gogo



Dr. Charles S. Mueller, Sr.

1988 (30 years ago)

ROSELLE HISTORY MUSEUM OPENS!

Ten years after the Roselle Historical Society was founded, it became the Historical Foundation, and the Sumner House became the History Museum.



1988 (30 years ago – cont'd)

ROSELLE HISTORY MUSEUM OPENS!



Sandra & Jim Birdsall



Susan
Jankowski

Joyce
Kuhlman

Joan
Beauprez

Left:
Jim Birdsall
Al Engel

Tempus Fugit – (cont'd)

2008 (10 years ago)—Museum members visited the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield.



2013 (5 years ago)

- ♦ Gayle Smolinski was elected Mayor for her 5th and final term.
- ♦ Two restaurants opened on Main Street: 8,000 Miles and 1913 Restaurant & Wine Bar.
- ♦ Pik-Kwik Foods closed.
- ♦ US DOT approved the expansion & extension of the then Elgin-O'Hare (now I-390) as part of the O'Hare Western Access Project. Construction began in October.
- ♦ Lake Park HS dedicated its first-ever turf field at West Campus.

2017 (1 year ago) – The Flags for Roselle program was launched with 189 subscribers!



Joan Beauprez and Ruth Bagel greeted guests to the Christmas Open House in the sweetest way possible: an array of delectable cookies baked by volunteers to delight the most critical palate. The table was replenished several times to accommodate the nearly 100 guests.

TWO FLAGS FLYING AT MUSEUM



Have you noticed two flags flying in front of the Sumner House Museum at 102 S. Prospect Street?

The U.S. flag that had been flying there was found to be quite tattered and in need of replacement. As Milan Bagel was removing it, he discovered the ropes were also frayed and ready to fail. The Village of Roselle installed new ropes, and the American Legion provided a newer, larger flag. Hank Kvintus trimmed some foliage from the front of the spotlight so there is no obstruction.

The second flag celebrates the 200th anniversary of the State of Illinois. The flag was presented to the Museum by the Village of Roselle.



Sip & Paint

Instructor: Paulina Engel

The February 16 class is filled! Here's your chance to reserve your space for one of the next two classes:

Friday, March 16, 7–10 p.m.

Friday, April 20, 7–10 p.m.

History Museum Office, 39 E. Elm Street

Call 630-351-5300 for reservations. Then send a check for \$40 payable to the Roselle Historical Foundation to secure your place in the class.



The World of Roselle—1978 vs. 2018

by Charles S. Mueller, Sr.

The Roselle to which I was introduced in 1978 was one full of commitments, connections, and loyalties to family, religion, sports, and other things.

I was briefed on Roselle's family linkages long before the Maryland from which I came was in my rearview mirror. Former Roselle residents warned me in advance that, ". . . local Rosellians and others living up and down the Fox River Valley are related and regularly connect at family marriages, baptisms, birthday parties, funerals, and reunions—and, of course, with their telephones."

On top of that, I discovered that aside from family linkages, many had attended the same schools from Elgin to Addison, had the same doctors, went to the same hospitals, kept doing much of their business at the same places with the same people even after they had moved away. As an example, the clientele at Ron's Barbershop changed very little over the years even though many no longer lived in Roselle. What drew them to Ron's shop was not the much bantered about haircuts but the community news that Ron and others lounging in the shop, like 20th century town criers, passed on all day long.

It didn't take me long to learn that whatever I said or did in the wide world of Roselle would quickly become a part of the community's speedy communication system. One time, for personal reasons, I tried to sneak in and out of Alexian Brothers Hospital—and I thought I had. But the next day while visiting Malinda Richter, a 101 year old, hard of hearing, essentially blind, and home bound church member, she opened our conversation with, "What were you doing at the hospital yesterday?" So much for the subterfuge.

In addition to Roselle family connections were its church connections. Most Rosellians I met weren't interested in abandoning their denominational affiliations even though they could and did regularly attend some services, weddings, baptisms, funerals, social events, and dinners at other churches.

Of special interest was maintaining denominational loyalty when members intermarried. The unwritten rule was that if the bride was a member of one church and the groom of another, the wedding normally took place in the bride's church. Baptisms and confirmations that followed over time were another matter. Resolving where those rites took place was usually settled by the parents' individual weekly worship practice. Their walk in life settled the issue with Roselle's clergy working in the background trying to negotiate delicate theological loyalties toward a win-win family resolution.



commitments . . . connections . . . loyalties

But all that being said, denominational loyalties were easier to handle than loyalties based on the lifelong commitment of a Cubs or a Sox fan. My earliest lesson about that developed when I was strolling down Maple Avenue on a hot July afternoon. I noticed one of Trinity's grandmothers rocking on her shaded front porch listening to what sounded like a baseball game. As I approached, I tried to stir up a conversation by innocently asking, "Are you a Sox fan?" Her reaction made it clear not only was she not a Sox fan but that if I weren't her pastor she'd chase me down the street with a broom. Whew! No more guessing!

In time I learned with Rosellians intense loyalties were part of what it meant to be a Bears, Bulls, or Blackhawks devotee, a little less so with Northwestern, Illini, and Notre Dame fans—though I learned to deal carefully with them as well.

And as if all that isn't enough, there were also loyalties attached to participatory sports like league golfing, team bowling, intra- and inter- church basketball competition. Serious? You bet. Until I declined to do so, I was required to certify (and all other pastors in regard to their churches' teams) that all the members of our Trinity inter-church basketball team were, in fact 1) Lutheran; and 2) except for an allowable two "ringers," were somewhat regular in church attendance. And all that for another dusty trophy for the church's awards closet and the satisfaction of upholding a church's basketball reputation.

There's more to this sports thing. At least three marriages of which I know were seeded from skilled coed roller skaters meeting at local rinks.

Or, what about Dart Ball? No matter the weather, a participant's physical condition, or how far a team had to travel, the scheduled game was always on!

Did I mention the almost fanatical devotion to the "16-inch" softball and that the league games were regularly played in the gloaming? In addition to local games, there was also a number of regular weekend invitational tournaments sometimes taking place over 250 miles away! For aficionados, that kind of distance never seemed to matter much.



But what about today's Roselle commitments, connections, and loyalties? Whatever there still are, few today are as obvious to my ageing eyes as the many in our past. If the loyalties, commitments, and connections mentioned are fading, is Roselle poorer for their passing? Or is this little more than time marching on, leaving a determined commitment to things like the Roselle History Museum in their place?

What do you think?



ROSELLE HISTORY MUSEUM
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ROSELLE IL 60172



Mission Statement

To maintain and enhance a historically accurate museum with primary focus on Roselle and surrounding areas

To collect local facts and artifacts of today that will be our village history and pride tomorrow

To provide a dynamic historical and educational resource for our residents and visitors

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Sundays 2-4 p.m.
Other times by appointment

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Feb 1, May 1
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General Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Museum Office, 39 E. Elm. Everyone is welcome.

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