

The Memo



A Newsletter for members and friends of the Roseville Historical Society.

As I Recollect

By Herb Dickhudt

When you write about places, Roseville or somewhere else, it's people who make up places - and times and personal experiences. These experiences somewhat effect how we look at stuff. Let me tell you about some of my personal history and weather.

I was a "teen" in the early 40's and spent a lot of the winter on ice skates. Dale & Como - St. Paul - was my neighborhood. I had 4 locations to skate and so as fall and winter progressed, each came into play.

The first skating of the year was done on "Little Loeb" a small pond near Dale & Maryland. It's no longer there, a victim of large earth moving equipment and a housing project. We played our first hockey of the season there around Thanksgiving Day. Sometimes we played on "rubber ice" but hey, we were skating. One time I broke through the ice, walked home with the pant leg frozen like a stove pipe, change pants and went back to continue the game on another section of the pond.

As it got colder we went across the street of "Big Loeb". We skated there until Como Lake froze and we then played our hockey there. The hockey rink and the speed skating oval was at the lake's pavilion. The warming house was in the basement but were most happy when there was no snow, put our skates on at the south shore and skated across the lake. Keep in mind that in those years, getting a ride was a pipe dream. God made feet and we used them, especially in the winter, when our bikes were getting a winter's rest. (Continued on page 4)

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PLEASE NOTE MEETING TIME CHANGE!

The February 18, 2013, meeting will be at 7:00 p.m.

Election of Officers will be held.



President's Corner

Hello to all,

It has been snowing all day and night. The winter scene is beautiful this evening.

Gazing out my window I note deciduous evergreen branches sporting a fresh coat of glistening snow, which sparkles in the bright azure sunlight.

Meanwhile, indoor thoughts focus on activities such as reading, cleaning the closets, needlework or deciding how to dress if one chooses to leave the comfortable confines of the fireplace and venture out into the elements. So dress warm and enjoy our lovely theater of seasons.

Joyce DuFresne
President

Dates to Remember



All Membership Meetings will be held in the Fireside Room at the Oval.

Monday, Feb. 18, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.
Election of Officers

Monday, May 20, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 16, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

Reminder: If you need a ride to a meeting or any other Society event, call LaVerne Dickhudt at 651-484-4146, leave a message one week in advance, and you will be picked up.

What's New at the Office?

Around Thanksgiving time, we were awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Roseville Community Fund.

We were thankful to receive it and are in the process of spending it. To date we have purchased a new copy machine to replace the worn out one, and a laser printer. They are both in and running beautifully.

We haven't figured out yet what we are going to do with all of the money they're saving us- Haha.

Thanks to our volunteers

1,282

This is the hours Society members have volunteered in 2012.

This is the equivalent of someone working full time for 32.5 weeks.

From the Archivist
Betty Danks



On January 21, 6 Society members presented a program on Early Rosetown/Roseville for the Men's Club of Centennial Methodist Church to commemorate the church's 60th anniversary. The program was very well received and we were invited to do the program for a Kiwanis group by a member of the Men's Club.

We will be doing another Early Rosetown/Roseville program at the Ramsey County Library on February 24, 2:00 p.m. We did one in August, 2012, and it was so well attended not all could get into the room. We have been invited to repeat the program. If you have not seen it, join us and learn some more about Rosetown/Roseville.

We have had 6 visitors to the office since the last newsletter. We also have had 12 phone and e-mail requests for information. Considering we were closed over the holidays we have been busy filling requests.

Cataloging of pictures is an ongoing task. We received 15 photos from Centennial Methodist Church showing the development of their church.

The Patchwork Playhouse have donated videos, minutes, scrapbooks, banner and miscellaneous information about their organization.

Roseville Historical Society Membership Form

Annual Membership:
___ Individual \$ 10
___ Family \$ 15

Send to:
Roseville Historical Society
2660 Civic Center Drive
Roseville, MN 55113

Name _____

Date _____

Mailing Address _____

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St _____ Zip Code _____

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Dues for calendar year(s) 20__ 20__

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Between Christmas and New Years is when the city's playground rinks would open. West Minnehaha was closer than Como, so that's where I skated then.



I seldom had school homework, so if I wasn't working at the Como Park Pharmacy Drug Store, I was probably skating. I am very acquainted with the "January" thaw. It normally occurred around the 3rd week in January. If it didn't last too long the city would flood and fix the rinks again. Some years they did - some years they didn't.

The last times, I was skating was in the 60s with 3 kids and they were pretty small at the time. Sometimes we would go to Central Park on Dale St. They had a warming house, a Bandy rink and a rink for open skating. It was close to home and fun.

The end of my skating "career" was when we went to the pond on B2 by the 623 school offices. We were having fun and I was goofing around skating backward. I subsequently stepped on a reed laying on the ice, slid on my back side for a long way and after getting the kids to quit laughing, decided it was time to go home. In spite of that experience, I think skating is good exercise and something a person can do their whole life.

This is surely a long story to get to one of the points I think I was trying to make.

History tells us that weather patterns are cycleable. This year our first run of somewhat extended, some what colder temperature, was almost the middle of December. As a kid I'd have been skating for at least 2 weeks already.

What do you think? Has "old man Winter" changed for good or is this warmer weather just another part of a cycle?



Feb 14 is Valentine's Day. If you have a "honey" respond in a meaningful way.

THANK YOU

Frank Watson has updated our website. This has been a huge task and many thanks to Frank for taking on this time consuming job.

Our new website is rhsmn@org. Check it out. It will be kept up to date now with meeting information available.



Irene (Schultz) Jensen
1917-2012

Heidelberg, MN on a 5 acre farm. In 1920, she with her family moved to Rosetownship on a 40 acre dairy farm on Lake Johanna Rd.

She lived there until she was grown.

Irene was a longtime member of Roseville Historical Society with her sisters, Gladys and Eleanor.



Cheer

by Eleanor Schultz

Cards sent to:

Marlene Struwe
Betty and Doug Wolfangle

Sympathy cards to:

Betty Danks
Wayne and Delores DeHaven

Roseville Historical Society

Membership Meeting Notes
December 17, 2012

Meeting was called to order by President Joyce DuFresne at 12:17 p.m. Joyce began our meeting by reading a story that was connected to the Christmas season, "Did You Know." Very interesting.

The minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report were not read as they had appeared in the Newsletter.

There being no Old Business we moved on to New Business.

Herb Dickhudt reported that a check was in the mail from the Roseville Community Foundation for a grant we had applied for.

There was some discussion regarding the time of the February meeting. It had been scheduled for noon but some members felt that was not a good time. A motion was made and seconded to change the time to 7:00 p.m.

Vice President, Bob Niederkorn, introduced our entertainment for the afternoon. Ron Peters, accordion player. Music was great.

This being our annual pot luck Christmas party was the reason for the short meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12.27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnne Garlough
Secretary

P.S. Food was great
Merry Christmas everyone

Treasurer's Report January 16, 2013

by Herb Dickhudt

Checking	\$	209.61
Savings		5,890.97
C/D		<u>5,980.36</u>
Total	\$	12,080.94



History Matters

by Herb Dickhudt

That thought is why the Roseville Historical Society was formed in 1977.

We are in temporary housing now and thank the City of Roseville for making it available to us. That fact, also, is part of our history.

A third piece of history is that Central Park was, in a large part, developed using land that was not prime for building homes on.

Our forward looking leaders thought it had perfect park potential and they were right! Central Park is a model for community activities of many different sorts.

History is about people, places and things. At Central Park's Muriel Sahling Arboretum there is a "Celebration Walk." It's made up of engraved bricks which are sold by the Park's Foundation. They help commemorate a special occasion, honor a loved one or leave a legacy, which is a quote from their brochure. With the new process of engraving, they'll practically last forever.

The Historical Society is already part of the walk. If you are interested in being part of this "Walk," contact the Central Park Foundation at City Hall for details. Installation will begin again in the spring.

