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The Memo



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

Setzer Pharmacy

By Bob Setzer and Gary Raines



The Bob and George Setzer founded the Setzer Pharmacy. It was established in 1956 at 1635 Rice Street in St. Paul, south of Rice and Larpenteur. In 1966, the store was moved to the present site at 1685 Rice Street in Roseville.

Bob and George were born in the Macalester addition of St. Paul at 104 Fairview Avenue South. They were sons of St. Paul physician and surgeon, Dr. H. J. Setzer. Bob and George graduated from the U of M College of Pharmacy in 1952. They both served in the US Navy. They worked as pharmacists before going into partnership. Being good at trades, most of the store fixtures and Rx department were hand crafted by them.

On June 21, 1956, they formed the partnership. Robert was 27 years old and George was 30 years old. The original store sold prescriptions, drugs, cosmetics, toiletries, greeting cards, fountain and meals, tobacco and limited clothing. They had 3 other employees. Setzer Pharmacy became a corporation on September 6, 1958.

With rapid growth in the suburbs, they decided to purchase Courtney Drug from Jack and Mary Courtney. They had solid and steady growth and established a professional reputation of service. They continued remodeling and enlarging to meet the changing needs of the community and the pharmacy growth.

Setzer Pharmacy became a "professional teaching pharmacy" with the University of Minnesota School of Pharmacy, one of the top 4 pharmacy schools in the nation.



David Willenbring, Gary Raines, Ethan Carruthers, Peter Haas

Through this program hundreds of students trained and "rotated" through Setzer Pharmacy.

In 1992, Gary Raines bought the business from Bob Setzer.

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President's Message

By Joyce DuFresne, President

We are halfway through a mild season now. We still need to dress warm though.

We like our Roseville with parks and walking areas.

The Roseville Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of the city.

Please Call 651-792-7440 if you are interested in learning more or volunteering. Hours are : Monday 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Thursday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Boundaries are: South - Larpenteur, North - Co. Rd D., East - Rice Street and West - Cleveland Ave.



Dates to Remember



Membership Meetings are held in the Fireside Room at the Oval.

Monday, February 16, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Program:

The speaker at our February membership meeting will be Paul Anderson from the North St. Paul Historical Society. Mr. Anderson will speak about the establishment of that City and the growth and changes that have taken place over the years. This Program continues our series of presenting speakers from the various historical societies in our area.

Monday, May 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 7, 2015 - Potluck, 5:30 p.m.

Board Meetings are held in the Aspen Room at City Hall. Any member may attend and present a subject for consideration.

Thursday, April 9, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 13, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 12, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Display at February, 16, 2015 Meeting

"Making Wood" on the Farm

By Dick Wenzel

Wood was the fuel of choice on many farms up into the 1950's. It usually was readily available on the farm, renewable, and required only a little cash investment. The labor investment, however, was substantial. Felling, hauling, splitting, and stacking were usually family jobs. Sawing often involved a neighbor or two; one with the saw rig and the others furnishing labor; similar to a threshing rig, only on a smaller scale.

The diorama illustrates a typical sawing and splitting scene. The machinery shown is similar to the type of home made saw rigs and splitters built by farmers with a bit of help from a local blacksmith. There were as many variations in design as there were people who built them.

Hope it brings back some fond memories.

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

Election of Officers

Election of officers will take place at the February 16, 2015 meeting. Vice President, Treasurer and Archivist will be elected.

The Society needs your help to remain a strong and vital part of the Roseville community. Please consider donating some of your time to fill one of these offices.

Rynetta Renford, treasurer, has agreed to be nominated for a 2nd term. Additional nominations may be made at the meeting.

Please consider running for the office of Vice President or Archivist. The duties of these offices are:

Vice President - Provides leadership to the Roseville Historical Society; acts as the President in his or her absence; identifies and coordinates speakers for the program section of membership meetings; attend Society Board meetings

Archivist - Responsible for receiving and maintaining records of artifacts, photographs and written materials for the Roseville Historical Society; attend Society Board meetings

Contact Joyce DuFresne, 651-490-5561, to have your name placed on the ballot.



From the Archivist

By Betty Danks

Being closed for 2 weeks for the holidays and not having heat several days, the office work has been slow. Thanks to the Roseville maintenance department for keeping us warm.

A large crowd enjoyed the Christmas potluck in December.

Jane Campbell entertained reciting "A Cup of Christmas Tea." Many guests came just to see her perform.

Several people have stopped into the office looking for a museum. We have been excited to tell them we will have one later this year.



Roseville Historical Society Membership Form

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

Annual Membership:
 Individual \$ 10
 Family \$ 15

Name _____

Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

St _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Dues for calendar year(s) 20__ 20__

Setzer Pharmacy continued

Gary started working at the store in 1966 as a pharmacy intern. That was the year the store moved across Larpenteur into it's new location in McCarron Hills Shopping Center. It started there at 8,500 square feet and over the years has expanded to 15,000 square feet. The store now employs almost 50 people and continues to serve the Roseville Area.

The current officers are Gary Raines, President; Dianne Raines, Secretary; Bryan Raines, Vice President.

Gary has been directly involved with the UofM College of Pharmacy, serving as President of it's Alumni Association and numerous other committees. He also served as president of the State's Pharmacy Association and continues to be active as a member of the College.

Don't Take Life to Seriously -

Everyone has a photographic memory - some just do not have film.

Eagles may soar but weasels do not get sucked into jet engines.

I used to have an open mind but my brains kept falling out.

I couldn't repair your brakes so I made your horn louder.

Inside of every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.

If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.



Roseville Historical Society Membership Meeting Notes

December 8, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by president Joyce Dufresne at 6:30 p.m.

Due to the fact that this was our Christmas Potluck party there were several guests present. Minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved.

Membership chairman, Ron Linebarger stated there are 106 member in the Roseville Historical Society. Seven families had not paid their dues.

Beverly Kroschel reported on progress for our New Home in Evergreen Park.

Betty Wolfangle stated that a grant for \$2,500 has been submitted to the Roseville Community Fund. Sometime after the first of the year another grant will be submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 6.45 p.m.

The program followed with Jane Campbell reciting "A Cup of Christmas Tea" by memory. It was great.

Respectfully submitted
JoAnne Garlough, Secretary

Think Spring

Treasurer's Report

by Rynetta Renford

December 31, 2014

Checking	\$	638.78
Savings		3,707.82
CD		<u>6,125.05</u>
Totals	\$	10,671.65

Roseville Historical Society - New Home



The Roseville Historical Society has the opportunity to move into a new "home" which has been offered by the Roseville Parks and Recreation at Evergreen Park on the southeast corner of County Road B and Fairview Avenue.

The building has been used for many years as a warming house for skating and hockey participants and for summer activities.

This offer is with the provision the Society will find the funding to remodel the building which will provide the permanent home for our museum and office. Redesign is necessary in order to transform the building into a climate controlled museum and its display of artifacts and an office for volunteer staff.



Betty Wolfangle and Beverly Kroschel have been working with the Parks and Recreation Department to complete a plan for remodeling and raising funds.

A grant for \$6,000 has been applied for and received from the Minnesota Historical Society for a climate control study. Rebecca Ellis of Questions and Answers has been hired to complete the study. As soon as her report is filed we will apply for grants to cover the costs of climate control.

Additional grants will be applied for to help with construction costs. Meanwhile, the Society has received a grant and cash donations from the following organizations and individuals:

Roseville Community Fund
Roseville Visitors Association
Ilene Olson
Betty Danks
Karla & Kurt Franke
Wayne & Laurel Richter
Eleanor Schultz
Kim Benson-Johnson
Joyce DuFresne

In addition, 3 individuals have pledged \$1,000 each plus 1 organization has pledged \$250.

If you have any leads for companies, organizations or individuals to be contacted to request a donation, please let us know. We will be happy to follow up on all leads. It will take a huge effort by all members to be sure that our financial goal is achieved.

THANK YOU

Roseville Historical Society members
volunteered 1,185 hours in 2014.

The sustainability and growth of the
Society depends on volunteers.