

May 2015

The Memo



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

The Rocket is Still There

By Beth Peter

There are lots of things from my youth in Roseville that are no longer around. For example, Ciceros pizza parlor (in the Har Mar mall), Bridgemans, and Uncle Johns Pancake House have all been replaced by other businesses. Going to any of those restaurants was a treat for my entire family or at least the five children in my family!

The real treat for me was the Ramsey County library, which is still there but has morphed several times since my earliest memories of it in the 1970s. The original building is now gone, but I well remember the exact spot on the shelves that held my favorite book, "Know your Presidents and their Wives." Who needs a card catalog when the book I couldnt get enough of was always in the same place?



Beth Peter

Born in 1966, I grew up in Roseville just one block from the Victoria street ball fields of Central Park. The Roseville park system was a big part of my childhood. Friends and I would go to the park near Lexington and play on the park toys. The metal merry-go-round, monkey bars and of course the three-tier rocket with its slide from the top were all there. In the early seventies the park was fairly open and had few trees. Of course there were smaller trees in Roseville then. I used to be able to stand at my parent's house and see the trains crossing at Victoria and County Road C. Those days are long gone as giant cottonwoods now block the view.

I fondly recall that each year there would be a listing of where and when the puppet show truck, probably a refurbished pick-up truck, would be appearing at the various city parks. My best friend and I would ride our bikes to Acorn Park to see the shows, as well as going to the ones in Central Park. We'd also play tennis on the old Dale Street courts (now the parking lot to the Harriet Alexander Nature Center).

One year we even tried cross-country skiing lessons in the part of the park that now contains the Arboretum. Unfortunately, it was a very brown winter and we didnt learn much but we at least gave it a try. The park system as a whole was like a giant play area for us. As long as we were with friends, parents were less concerned about where we were going.

I went to elementary school at King of Kings Lutheran School. As a small school we had three grades in a classroom.

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President's Message

By Joyce DuFresne, President



Hi Friends and Members,

Well, spring is on the way but it's still cold out. The women are doing a great job in the office, doing more than I can help with.

We're having a table at the B Dale Club in Saturday, May 30, to promote our Historical Society membership. Then, we'll be at Central Park on the 4th of July with a table to promote our Society.

Please join us so we can have a good turnout. Call me at 651-490-5561 to schedule a time to help at the table between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Thank you.

Dates to Remember



Membership Meeting - Monday,
May 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Program: **Bob Jensen**
Maplewood Historical Society

Parade - Monday, June 29, 2015, 6:15

"Nite Out in the Park" Tuesday, July 28,
2015, 5:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting - Monday, September
21, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Board Meetings:

Thursday, August 13, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 12, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

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



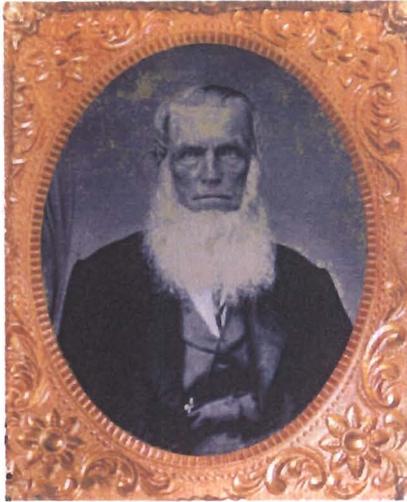
Past Board Members

A special thank you to Bob Neiderkorn, vice President; Betty Danks, archivist; and hospitality chair, Louise Watson for serving on the Board of the Roseville Historical Society.

Volunteers are what makes the organization vital and growing. Their service was greatly appreciated.

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.

Program on Isaac Rose



The Roseville Historical Society and Ramsey County Library are sponsoring a program Thursday, October 8, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at the Ramsey County Library in Roseville about the Isaac Rose family.

Pat Hill will be the presenter. He will be bringing a descendant of Isaac Rose to the program.

Isaac Rose is Rosetownship's namesake.

Watch for further information in the September MEMO.

From the Archivist

By LaVerne Dickhudt



We're continuing to receive donations from people and Beverly Kroschel is getting a lot of pictures off the internet from "You Know You're From Roseville When." That's really helpful.

Our donations are:

Agnes Moser - old fashioned watering can, gas can, hot water clothes handler

Betty Danks - 1800s baby bottle

Christopher Rog - pictures and newspaper articles about Frank Rog

Ray Hansen - set of house plans built in 1940 @ 478 Hilltop Ave. The basement was dug by Harold Woller with a team of horses. We also have the specs for the house. It was owned by Harold and Betty Hansen.

Visitors are still looking for and finding us. We had 10 visitors since the last newsletter and we also sold all three books to one couple!

"Keep On Coming."

Roseville Historical Society Membership Form

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

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

Date _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

St _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Telephone _____

Dues for calendar year(s) 20____ 20____

Roseville Living Smarter Fair - 2015

The Roseville Historical Society had a table at the Living Smarter Fair Saturday, February 21 at Fairview Community Center. Members gave out printed materials and told about the Society.

One hundred, sixty-three people stopped by the table to get information.

Books were sold and money collected for our building remodeling.

This was an excellent time to get information to the public about our move. Everyone seemed very interested and supportive of the new home on Fairview and County Road B.



Nancy Wenkel and Beverly Kroschel



Joyce DuFresne, Ron Linebarger, Betty Danks, LaVerne Dickhudt



Eugene Richter and Herb Dickhudt making popcorn.

Proceeds go the Parks and Recreation Department. They had a great business and sold out of popcorn by 2 p.m.



Cheer

By Eleanor Schultz

Thinking of you card to Bob Neiderkorn

Treasurer's Report

by Rynetta Renford

April 16, 2015

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| Checking | \$ | 87.23 |
| Savings | | 4,008.12 |
| Building Fund | | 10,738.00 |
| CD | | 6,125.05 |
| Totals | \$ | <u>20,958.40</u> |

In Memorial



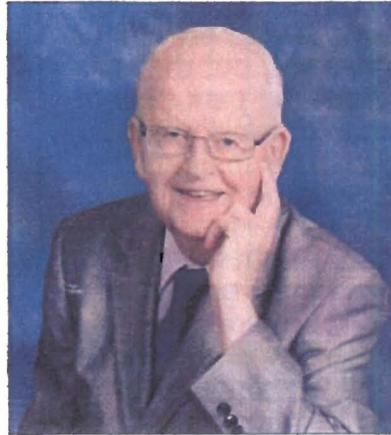
Diane (DeeDee)
Ayde Elliot

Died March 1, 2015

DeeDee died after battling cancer for 4 years. She is survived by son, Michael Ayde (Tina); and a brother, Dennis Ayde (Julie); grandchildren, Brandon, Brett and Bryce Ayde; niece, Danielle Ayde and many cousins and friends.

DeeDee and her parents Roger and Margaret Ayde were longtime members of the Roseville Historical Society.

DeeDee served as Treasurer for four years and was instrumental in getting the nonprofit status reapplied for and updated for the organization.



Donald Herman
Anderson

Died March 27,
2015

Donald passed away peacefully on March 27, 2015. Preceded in death by wife, Florentine. Survived by children Steve (Kelly) and Kristin (Bruce) Lindner; grandchildren, Robert Thomas Sarah, Allen and Karen.

He was an active member of his community and a faithful member of Roseville Lutheran Church.

Donald's service to Roseville included:

- Parks and Recreation committee member and chair
- secretary for the North Suburban Gavel Association
- representative to US Speedskating Organization
- instrumental in Guidant-John Rose Oval development
- Imagine Roseville 2025 Work Group
- treasurer/board member FOR HANC
- instrumental in development/guidance of Roseville Parks and Recreation.

Donald and Florentine joined the Roseville Historical Society in 2003.



City Hall Display

Dick Wenkel had this display at Roseville City Hall. It told the story of truck gardening in Roseville.

Thank you Dick!

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Looking back, it is a marvel that teachers were able to juggle the various levels and provide us all with the education we needed, but they all did well. Even while in school the park system played a role, as we would take walking field trips down to the bog walk that is behind Central Park grade school, visit the tennis courts or go on the now-defunct exercise trail what wound through parts of Central Park. Grade school was a glorious time - good friends, great teachers and the chance to excel. Eighth grade graduation was not a time of joy for me as I knew I was leaving behind the many friends who would go on to Concordia Academy while I made the move to Parkview Junior High.



Beth and Friend

As a seventh grader, I had spent a brief period of time at Parkview. Seventh graders from King of Kings and St. Rose of Lima were allowed to go to first hour at the public school, which took place before the private schools started their school day.

For one semester we all took home economics, learning to sew and cook. The other semester we took shop, where we worked with metals and woodworking among other things. Looking back at my warped-wood box from woodworking and the scary stuffed animal I made in sewing class, I can see that my "talents" were pretty nonexistent. I'm sure many of my fellow junior-high students from the 1970s will recall the "pooper scoopers" that we made and painted in metal class. At least that project turned out well for me.

By the time ninth grade rolled around I was ready for my one year in junior high. Those were the days when there were still enough teenagers in Roseville that three schools were needed for 7th to 9th graders, Parkview, Fairview and Capitol View. Following in my siblings footsteps I went to Parkview. My early days as a new student in the public school system weren't always easy, but teachers and other students made it work out. I recall getting my locker assignment and having no idea on how to work the lock on the locker. At my grade school they hadn't been needed, and as a 9th grader it was probably assumed I had seen one before. A helpful classmate got me through that experience.

There was much I learned in that one year of junior high. In gym class, a very understanding teacher helped me get over my fear of deep water by having me climb down a pole in the diving pool and then floating back up. Apparently that was enough to eliminate that fear, but since I hadn't had swimming classes for 7th and 8th grade it was important.

Mrs. Barb Grengs was my English teacher and a great encourager. During my free study hour I would often come to her room to help out or to play Scrabble. There are all sorts of ways to teach; it didn't have to be standing up in front of a classroom. I also sang in the choir there, which gave me great joy. I recently found an audio-tape from one of our concerts in 1980. We sound like a bunch of 13 or 14 year olds, but the words of "Godspell" easily come back as I listen to us singing.

One special memory of 9th grade was the day I had a visit in algebra class from Tom Vining, who was the coach of the High School bowl team at the Senior High. Apparently my brothers had mentioned me to him and he wanted to check in with me even before I got to senior high. As a bookish 9th grader it was a big moment to be recruited for something like High School bowl.

Senior high (10th to 12th grade) for me was at Alexander Ramsey, which now is the site for Roseville Area High School. Again, in the early 1980s Roseville had enough young people to support two senior highs, Ramsey and Frank B. Kellogg.

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The Rocket is Still There continued

Those were a good three years. Each year I was on the quiz bowl team and we were pretty good. Our main rival was St. Thomas Academy, and we knew each others players pretty well. The games were telecast on Channel 5 on Sunday mornings, although they were taped earlier in the week. We had two good coaches in Tom Vining and Ted Johnson and spent lots of time practicing with questions and a buzzer set that our coaches had made for us. As a sophomore I was one of two alternates, but my junior and senior years I was one of the four starters. As a senior we went to Dallas, Texas for the national tournament. It was an adventure for a quartet of high schoolers who were good with answering trivia quickly.

I also worked in the activities office during lunch hour and after school. In the activities office we sold treats to students and also coordinated non-sports activities. Mr. Emahiser was the teacher who coordinated the office. It was a good job with lots of interaction with others; amazing how many students would stop in for a bit of chocolate during lunch or right after school.

The job in the activity office gave me good background for my 6 years of employment at the HarMar Movie Theaters. I worked in what we called the "back 8". That was opposed to the front 3, which were the original theaters that had the great, colorful bathrooms and the large chandeliers. I started there in 1981 at the age of 15, which meant I could get "sub-minimum" wage of \$2.35 an hour. I recall the 14 ounce small soda was 40 cents and the extra-large 32 ounce cup was \$1.25. Then there were candies and popcorns of varying prices. This was the era before cash registers so we had to do the math for the concessions in our head. Movies were \$2 for a matinee and \$4 for adults. With eleven screens we did not have an automated answering machine, so every time we answered the phone and were asked what was showing we would patiently ask if they were looking for anything in particular (they often were) or would read off the entire list of movies.

The uniforms were pretty ugly but it was a good job and by the time I left in 1987 I was a chief of staff, which was basically a part-time assistant manager. It was an excellent job to have during high school and college and many friends were made.



Peter Home

Growing up in Roseville meant good parks, a good education and a good job. Much has changed in my 49 years here but there are still some things that are the same. Target #1 is still in the same place (now considerably larger) as are my schools, although the public schools now have different names.

Central Park has changed somewhat with the amphitheater and trees that came in after the 1981 tornado, but every time I go to the park off of Lexington and see that the rocket slide is still standing I am reminded of my childhood and the fun I had. Without a doubt much has changed in Roseville, but the rocket is still there.

Congratulations to Wayne DeHaven

Wayne will be inducting into the No. Suburban Gavel Club on May 13, 2015. Wayne was one of the founding members of the B-Dale Club.



Wayne and Delores DeHaven



Roseville Historical Society
Membership Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Joyce DeFrene at 7:10 p.m.

The minutes of the Secretary and report of the Treasurer were accepted as read.

Membership Chair Ron Linebarger stated that the Society has 103 members (70 families and 46 individuals). Eighty-one members have paid their 2015 dues and 22 members have not paid. Ron will contact the unpaid members.

Betty Danks reported that quite a few people had visited the office.

Deverly Kroschel mentioned that donations toward repairing our new home at Evergreen Park were going well.

Election of officers was as follows:

- Vice President - Judy O'Neil
- Treasurer - Rynetta Renford
- Archivist - LaVerne Dickhudt

The speaker was Paul Anderson from the North St. Paul Historical Society. He gave a wonderful talk of the beginning of their Society until now and all the changes and updates that occurred.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnne Garlough, Secretary

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Next Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

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