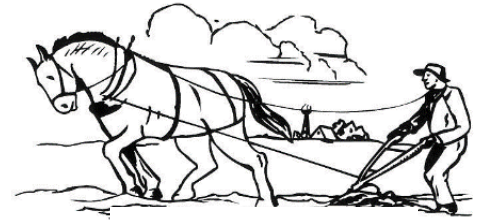


February, 2023

## Roseville Historical Society

# MEMO



Founded in 1977

### From Farms to Village to City

By Nancy Adomeit

Fifty years ago this June, Roseville held a weekend celebration in honor of its silver anniversary (1948 – 1973). "From Farm to Village" was the theme for the growing town of 37,000. At the time it was the third largest municipality in Minnesota. Simultaneously, the village celebrated the first 25 years of the Roseville Area School District.

The weekend began early Thursday evening with a gala for 600 people at Paul's Place (closed and torn down in the early 1990s) to recognize former mayors and councilmen who played a role in the building of the village. On Friday there was a golf tournament, a Field and Track event and an Ice Show at the Roseville Ice Arena.

It appears there were also softball tournaments and a home-run derby as trophies were given out on Sunday. Singing in the park and fireworks rounded out the weekend.

By far, the best attended event was the Rose Parade on Sunday. Over 4,000 people attended to view the numerous marching groups, floats and antics. Miss Roseville 1973 and her court were a favorite of the crowd.

Several former Miss Roseville winners, including Loni Anderson and Linda Mattison, attended the event and rode on the Roseville float in the Rose Parade.

Do you have a 1973 Rosefest button? If so, would you donate it to the Society?



The Golden Anniversary was celebrated in style in 1998. According to newspaper coverage, the events focused on the pioneers and volunteers who built Roseville. Over 5,000 were personally invited to the event, "and that's just the people we know about", said Pat Johnson, chair of the 1998 Anniversary Committee.

The celebration was not limited to a single weekend, it went on for 6 months!  
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Please leave a message.

# President's Message



By Alyssa Kroschel

The December meeting and dinner was attended by 43 members. Everyone enjoyed the food and entertainment.

We will have new hours at the office/museum beginning March 1.

Mondays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Fridays 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

We can use your help to keep our doors open—requirements are a happy face to greet visitors. Call the office to sign up for a couple of hours.

See you February 20 at the membership meeting.

Alyssa

## Important Dates

### Membership Meetings

Monday, Feb. 20, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Election of Officers

Monday, May 15, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, Sept. 18, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, Dec. 11, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Membership meetings are held in the Fireside Room at the Oval. Door prizes, snacks and fellowship provided at all meetings.

### Board Meetings:

Thursday, April 13, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, August 10, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 9, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Board meetings are held in the Aspen room at City Hall.

**February Program**  
**"If the Shoe Fits"**  
**Dick Wenkel, Presenter**



## Election of Officers - 2023

The election of officers will be different this year as no meetings were held for several years due to Covid. Historically, 3 officers of the six are elected for 2-year terms each year.

This year, to get back on schedule per the by-laws, three officers will be elected for 1-year terms and three will be elected for 2-year terms. Next year the three elected for 1-year terms will be elected for 2-year terms.

They are as follows:

<u>One-year</u>	<u>Two-year</u>
President	Vice President
Secretary	Treasurer
Heritage Director	Archives Director

More information will be available at the meeting.

## Proposed By-Law Change

The Roseville Historical Society Board approved the following change to the By-Laws. The purpose is to have more members on the board. This will provide for more input and decision-making at the board level. Most other local historical societies have a larger board and include trustees on the board membership. Please consider approving this change at the February 20 membership meeting. The proposed change will add 2 at-large board positions.

### Article V: Board of Directors

1. Board members shall take office upon election.
2. The Board shall have authority to conduct the business of the Society.
3. The Board shall meet four (4) times a year. The dates of the meetings shall be set at the ~~February~~ **January** organizational meeting of the Board. Special meetings may be called as needed.
4. A majority of the membership ~~(4)~~ **(6)** of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
5. **The Board of Directors shall be composed of the four (4) officers of the Society: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and two (2) Directors: Heritage and Archives and (2) Directors at-large.**
6. The offices of President, Secretary, Heritage Director **and one Director at-large** shall be filled by election in even years. The offices of Vice President, Treasurer and Archives Director **and one Director at-large** shall be filled by election in odd years.
7. The immediate past president shall serve ex officio as non-voting advisor to the Board.

## Heritage Report

By Sharon Pillen



Hello to all!

We did very well with our fundraiser this year. We closed out at \$4,935.25 after all-expenses paid. Thank you all for making this happen.

I cannot do without the Rhubarb patches, the donations of sugar, flour, fruit, jars, decorative cans, sewing items, and the many miscellaneous items. The money made has paid our expenses for the year at the museum.

Thank you to all the workers during the fundraiser to cover our hours. Many helping hands make things work. A heartfelt appreciation to all the volunteers and your time given to the Roseville historical society this year.

Please keep all the donations coming in for 2023. If you have questions about what we can use, call the office or contact Sharon. We will open our boutique again for the month of November and the first weekend of December. Mark your calendars to help assist during that time.

Happy Valentine's Day to you—you all make my day with your help during the year. Some people are like angels, they leave a hint of heaven wherever they go.

Sharon

## Polar Food Locker



## Reimringer Family History

As told by Joe Reimringer in 1985

Grandfather, Edward Pixley, a Yankee from Pennsylvania, came to Michigan to work. There he met and married an Irish girl, Katherine. In the 1850s, they came to St. Paul. They had 2 daughters: Frances, who married John Leinen; Mary E., who married Nicholas Reimringer.

In the 1870s, Nick Reimringer came to St. Paul. He and Mary had 5 sons: Ed, Frank, George, Joseph and Albert.

Nick owned 25 acres where the Rosedale development stands. Leinens and Swansons were neighbors. Nick did Farming and market gardening.



The children attended Brimhall School. The first building, a wood structure, burned in 1909. The students finished out the year attending school in

the wooden Town Hall. In the spring of 1910, a block building was built.

In 1936, it was replaced by a red brick structure built by the WPA. It had two rooms, a library and an auditorium. After several alterations, the building was torn down in the 1960s. The Lob Pine stands on the site.



There were eight grades in the first one-room school with 30-40 pupils. At first one left school at 16. Later, the law required a certain number of years in attendance. On completion of eight grades, pupils took state examinations the same as eighth graders throughout the state. The

children attended Cretin High School, walking to Como and Snelling to take the streetcar.

In 1952, the Dayton Company bought the property of the Reimringers and their neighbors, but they continued to live in their homes until 1968. Frank Reimringer's home was razed because it was two-storied and no one in the developed suburb of Roseville wanted a two-story house moved in.

The original farm house of Nick Reimringer was torn down. Two Leinen homes were moved out and are still standing – one is one block east of Hamline on B2. The other is way out on County Road E.

The red barn which was built by Mr. Pixley in 1862 still stood on the farm in 1968 when it was burned down to make ready for the Rosedale enterprise. It was still straight and true at that time. It had been put together with pegs in the old way, rather than with nails.

Joe and Nick Reimringer served on town boards.

These are some of Joe Reimringer's memories of the community he grew up in.

- The Town Hall was a wooden structure that stood on the corner of Hamline and B. It had a partially exposed basement and one went up a flight of stairs to enter the main floor. It burned in 1910. In 1911 a red brick building was built. Town meetings, elections, parties and dances took place there.
- The children in the area would trace the ruts of the old Indian Trail in the field at Fairview and B.
- Zimmerman's owned the land where the golf course and pond are (Hamline and B2). It was called McGrath Lake and later Zimmerman Lake; the pond was used for skating.

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## Reimringer Family History

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- The Northern Pacific had a station west of the Richter barn on Hamline and C. People would take the train into St. Paul from there.
  - Geismann Inn on the southwest corner of B and Snelling was sold and became the Windsor Tavern.
  - Krause's oil station was on the northwest corner of B and Lexington. Gottebehuts sold refreshments there.
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## No Apology

By Mary Overson 2022

I pull the covers  
Around my head.  
If I could I would  
Just stay in bed.

Winter weather  
Is not my friend,  
But I must get up  
Before it's dark again.

Walking on ice  
Is never fun.  
Bones heal slowly,  
But there's shopping to be done.

I count the days  
Till warm winds blow  
And tender shoots  
Poke through the snow.

It may be due  
To getting old,  
But I absolutely  
Hate the cold.

(Mary is a member of the Roseville Historical Society. If you have a poem or saying you would like included in the MEMO, let us know.)

## From Farms to Village to City

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Starting with a birthday bash at the end of May and continuing with monthly community-based events culminating with the "Golden Rose" banquet at the Midland Hills Country Club in mid-October. The Roseville Historical Society released the first edition of "*Roseville Minnesota – The story of its Growth - Volume Two*"\*.

The biggest event of the celebration was a carnival that featured amusement rides, food booths and over 60 craft vendors, square dancing, fitness demonstrations and a variety of musical options. 10,000 people were expected to attend the event. Roseville's official 1998 population of 34,000 was lower than in 1973.

What will Roseville's Diamond Anniversary bring this year? Perhaps your story. If you have any material that might help Roseville reminisce about its past, please contact the Roseville Historical Society and let them know about it.

\*This book is available through the Roseville Historical Society for \$15.

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As of March 17 (his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday), Herb Dickhudt is resigning from the Monday/Wednesday office crew.

Herb was one of the original members of the Society. He helped move the RHS 6 times.

We would like to extend our thanks for all the time Herb has donated to the Society.

## Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form with your check to: \_\_\_\_\_ Individual membership \$10.00/year  
Roseville Historical Society \_\_\_\_\_ Family membership \$15.00/year  
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The Roseville Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. Money given above membership amount is tax deductible. All memberships are for the calendar year (January – December).

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