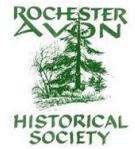




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A Golden Year Ahead

This year marks a milestone for the Rochester-Avon Historical Society. It is the 50th anniversary of the society's founding. On August 7, 1969, the Rochester-Avon Historical Society met for its first formal meeting at the Rochester City Hall. An article in the Rochester Clarion advertising the meeting noted that the "newly formed group . . . was organized for the purpose of preserving all matters of historical value." The society was formed during Rochester's centennial year, which officially kicked off in the summer of 1969 with the Floatable Boatable event, a wacky and fun parade-like adventure down Paint Creek.



Floatable Boatables, a wacky "boat" parade down Paint Creek, kicked off the 100th anniversary of Rochester's incorporation, which launch the founding of the Rochester-Avon Historical Society in the summer of 1969. Photo by Harold L. Mowat.

New Historical Society To Hold Public Meeting

The Avon-Rochester Historical Society will meet tonight, August 7, in the Rochester City Hall at 8 p.m. All persons interested in the history of Rochester and Avon are cordially invited.

This will be the first formal meeting of the newly-formed group, which was organized for the purpose of preserving all matters of historical value.

At a recent informal meeting Robert H. George of Franklin, Michigan, spoke of the program that is being followed in that area wherein buildings, and other memorabilia, is being preserved. George has been instrumental in the preservation of some of the very old homes and business places in Franklin.

One of the considerations to be taken up Thursday night will be the constitution and by-laws of the new society, as well as other matters such as affiliation with the Michigan Historical Society.

For fifty years, the Rochester-Avon Historical Society has made the promotion and preservation of local history its mission. Its aim has always been to educate in order to foster an understanding and an appreciation for all that came before to make the Rochester area what it is today. Through various phases of leadership, the society has worked to preserve historic sites within the community. As expected, there have been some successes and some failures. In attempting to preserve the community's heritage, some might see the society as against change or development; as though it wishes to see the community unchanged. In fact, many historical agencies suffer the same false assumption.

The Rochester-Avon Historical Society, however, views preservation as a partner in the community's growth and development; a way to bring the old and new together to better serve residents, businesses, and tourists.



President's Message:



Tiffany Dziurman
President

Rochester-Avon Historical Society

Happy New Year!

As we welcome 2019, we also reflect on the year that has passed. In 2018, RAHS experienced a transition in leadership with new board members and some new goals and objectives. One of those objectives was to end mailing our newsletter to all members in favor of emailing the publication instead. With the rising costs in printing and postage, it became clear that most of your membership fees were now going towards printing and mailing the newsletter bi-monthly. We believe your membership fees can and should be better utilized for RAHS' mission, which is to "educate our community about history to foster appreciation and preservation of our historical resources and pride of place." By emailing the newsletter we reserve funds from membership fees for programming, field trips, and more. We will have a limited number of printed copies for those in need of one and some will be made available at our meetings.

In keeping with our mission, I am pleased to announce that our Brown Bag lunchtime programs will return in 2019. The programs will take place at the Rochester Hills Museum's calf barn or Stoney Creek Schoolhouse from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on March 5, April 2, and May 7 - the first Tuesday of the month. Please refer to the calendar in this newsletter for more information.

This year, we also look forward to new walking tours of downtown Rochester and the Mount Avon Cemetery. Our Walking Tour Committee is developing a series of themed tours that will highlight particular topics and subjects in our community's history. The tours will be shortened to maximize the time and information presented; they will continue to engage your interest, be fun, and memorable for the whole family.

As we look forward to our remaining programming in 2019, our board members are actively filling the Thursday evening schedule from February through May. We will keep you posted about topics and speakers as the information becomes available. Please let us know if you would like to assist RAHS in program development. We have an opening for Program Director - someone who can work with the board of directors to reserve presenters and workshops for our Thursday evening meetings. This is an exciting volunteer opportunity - especially in light of the society's 50th anniversary this year and the upcoming 100th anniversary of Woman Suffrage in 2020.

Thank you for your continued support of the Rochester-Avon Historical Society. We look forward to a great 2019!

Tiffany Dziurman
President



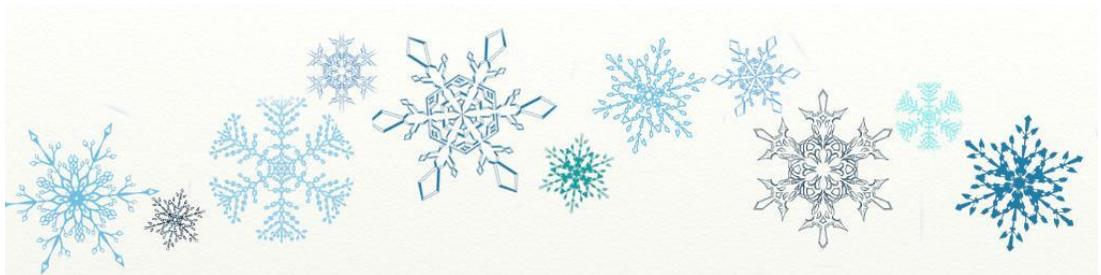
Kris Kringle Market 2018 Re-cap

Despite wet weather that kept attendance down, this year's Kris Kringle Market still was a festive event. Visitors to the RAHS booth purchased merchandise including our Bicentennial cookbook, Era DVD, Rochester mugs and coasters and such publications as our "Home Town Rochester" book.

Nearly 50 vendors took part in this year's Kris Kringle Market Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. The event is held on Fourth St. in downtown Rochester, between Main St. and Walnut Blvd., the weekend of the Rochester Christmas parade. It is put on by the Rochester Downtown Development Authority.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up, staff and tear down the RAHS booth:

Bill Williams
Tiffany Dziurman
Katie Stozicki
Richard Dengate
Sarah Helferich
Carla Gallusser
Janet Potton
Barbara Herman
Brian Dunphy



This annual sale is one of the historical society's fundraising events and also provides RAHS with visibility in the community, helping us to engage with local residents and other historical groups and to attract new members.



Photo: Brian Dunphy and Sarah Helferich

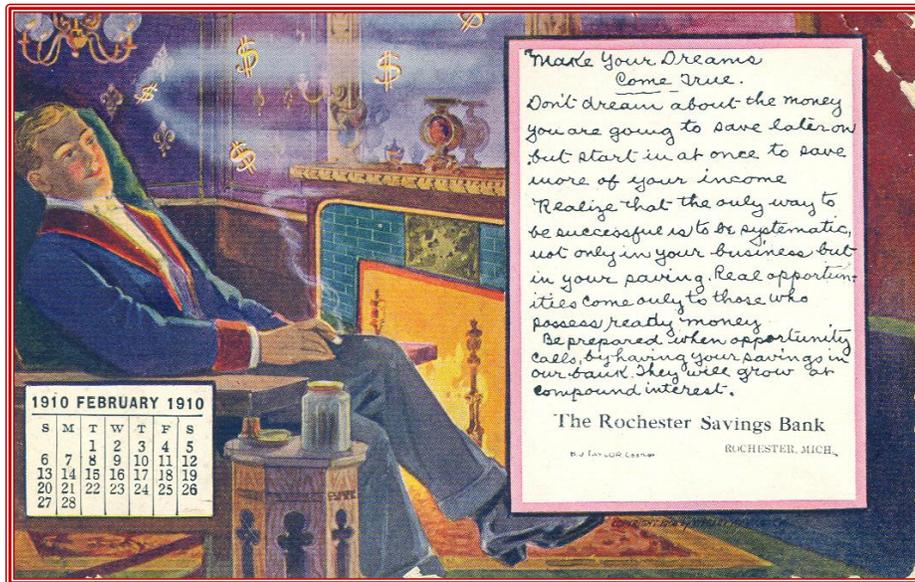
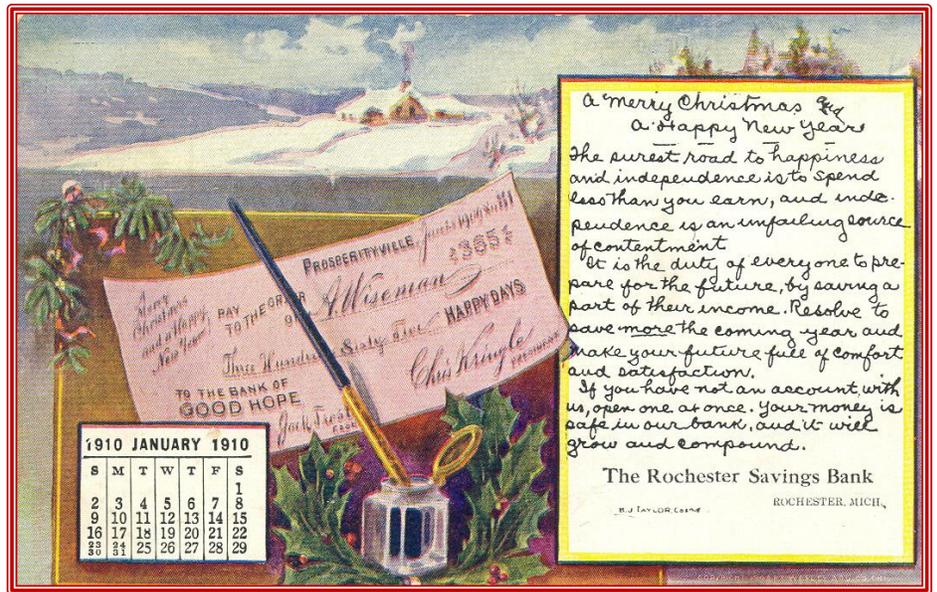


Photo: Carla Gallusser and Sarah Helferich

If you missed us at Kris Kringle, RAHS merchandise is available for purchase on our web site. Visit www.rochesteravonhistoricalsociety.org/our-store to view and purchase books, mugs, and more!



Remember When



Color postcards from the Rochester Savings Bank from January 1910 and February 1910 promoting the bank and its potential for saving. Bob Lytle Collection, digitized by RHPL.



Photo: Leslie Mack

Antique Appraisal Day

RAHS introduces the 2019 Antique Appraisal Day committee: Sarah Helferich, chair; Brian Dunphy and Carla Gallusser, co-chairs.

Please join us on Sunday, March 3 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rochester Community House, 416 Ludlow, for our 26th Annual Antique Appraisal Day. Sarah is working closely with former chair and first vice president Carol Tough to continue this popular event. Thank you to our committee, appraisers, and friends who are donating their time and resources to once again bring this great event to the community. More information about the 26th Annual Antique Appraisal Day will be announced on our web site and social media sites, so stay tuned.



COVER STORY CONTINUED:

So, as we begin a new year - a golden one for the society - our mission remains the same. We will continue to work to preserve what remains of our historic resources and remember what has been lost. In 2019 the historical society will examine ways to renew some preservation efforts, as well as develop and produce new content through expanded programming, potential publications, and more.

Fifty years ago, citizens committed to education and history volunteered their time and efforts to organize the community's first historical society. Without them, the society would not be what it is today. Our members are still the backbone of this organization and we look forward to seeing more of you at our events and meetings in 2019. We also encourage all of you to volunteer your time and effort in helping the society continue its mission for another fifty years.

**Thursday Evening Lecture Program**

“Rochester in the 1920s”

February 7 at 7 p.m., Rochester Hills Public Library Multipurpose Room

Rochester Hills Museum Manager Patrick McKay will present “Rochester in the 1920s” on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Rochester Hills Public Library. Using museum archives and newspaper collections, McKay will reveal how the 1920s roared through our community. The decade was one of change, when many Americans owned cars, radios, and telephones for the first time. The cars brought the need for good roads and bridges and the radio brought the world closer to home. The decade also ushered in an era of Prohibition, new technologies, as well as mass production that led to a vibrant consumer culture, stimulating economic growth. Come and find out how Rochester, Michigan, was affected by these events and how those events from nearly a century ago are still evident today.

This program is free and open to the public.

Brown Bag Lunchtime Program

“The History of Frank Rewold & Sons: 101 Years in Rochester”

March 5 at 12 p.m., Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm/Calf Barn

In 1918, Frank M. Rewold joined his father, Henry, at Meadow Brook Farms harvesting crops and building fences for John and Matilda Dodge. John Francis Dodge died in 1920. In 1926, Frank Rewold became the personal contractor for the remarried Matilda Dodge Wilson. From the beginning, Frank Rewold's carpentry, relationship skills, and attention to detail transcended time. Decades passed as Frank Rewold taught his young apprentice and son, Roy Rewold, the tools of the trade. Years later, Roy, did the same for his son, Frank. As CEO and President, Frank has led his grandfather's company to where it stands today. In its fourth generation and a century later, Rewold and Sons has not forgotten its heritage when business was done on a handshake. Jason and Sean Rewold will continue the tradition and lead the company into the next century from its north Oakland County base in Rochester. The goals remain: the same to build relationships, trust, and quality that span generations.



Bring your lunch and enjoy complimentary coffee, tea, and cookies. This program is free and open to the public.

2019 JANUARY

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**Don't miss these upcoming events
Be sure to mark your calendar now!**

Board of Directors Meeting – January 15

Evening Program Meeting 7pm – February 7

Deadline for ERA articles – February 12

Board of Directors Meeting – February 19

2019 FEBRUARY

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Antique Appraisal Day – March 3

Brown Bag Lunchtime Program – March 5

Executive Committee Meeting – March 5

Evening Program Meeting 7pm – March 7

Board of Directors Meeting – March 19

More to come.....

2019 MARCH

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WANTED

RAHS thrives on assistance from volunteers. We are looking for members of all ages and experience to volunteer for any of the following open positions. If you are interested in volunteering, call us at 248-266-5440 or send an email to rahsupdates@gmail.com.

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Director of Merchandising
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Director of Special Projects
Walking Tour Committee*

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<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$15 <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Business \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> Patron	<p style="text-align: center;">Join the Rochester-Avon Historical Society Today! <u>Membership Application</u></p> Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
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How would you like to participate?

- Annual Picnic
- Antique Appraisal Day
- Historic Research
- Historic Walking Tour Guide/Assistant
- Fundraising
- Genealogy Research
- Heritage Days
- Oral History
- Photography/Videography
- Publications
- Refreshments at Meetings
- Special Project Volunteer
- Website/Social Media



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