



Roselle History Museum Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22: 2-4 PM

Museum Open House to celebrate 25 years .

October 5: 8 PM

Pierre Salinger's 1000 Days of Kennedy's Camelot

December 1: 2-5 PM

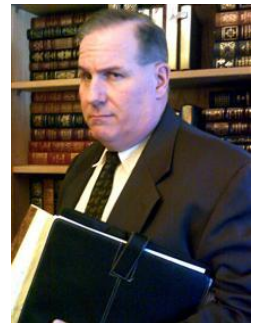
Annual holiday open house

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PIERRE SALINGER and the 1000 DAYS of KENNEDY'S CAMELOT

The Roselle History Museum is pleased to present a second historical evening for the community this year! We think that most of you who are reading this remember exactly what you were doing November 22, 1963, the day President Kennedy was assassinated. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the assassination, we have invited Terry Lynch to present his program, *Pierre Salinger and the 1000 Days of Kennedy's Camelot*. The event will be held October 5, 2013 in the Trinity Family Life Center at 8:00



p.m. A Lynfred wine and cheese reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. preceding the program; cookies, lemonade, and coffee will be served afterwards. Advance tickets are \$15 and can be purchased starting September 16th at the Roselle Village Hall, 31 S. Prospect Street, at the Roselle History Museum's Office, 39 E. Elm Street, or from museum members. Tickets purchased at the door the night of the program will be \$18. Students ages 6 - 12 will be admitted free.

Visitor's from Roselle's sister city in Poland



Mayor Stefan Kolawinski and his wife Sophia from Bochnia ,Poland , Roselle's sister city, came to the Roselle History Museum for a tour during their visit to Roselle in August. They were both fascinated by the old wooden washing machine. (See picture on left) He even took off the wringer to open the top of the machine and examine the inside!

Joan Beauprez and Linda Mc Dermott gave the tour while translator Harriett took photos of the mayor and his wife in every room. In the photo above they are enjoying the charm of the dining room in the Richter House. Afterwards they were presented with a "Remembering Roselle" history book and a museum coloring book. Earlier in the week they were introduced to the village and spent time at the Taste of Roselle.



This old washing machine can be seen in the Roselle History Museum. It will function properly without electric power!

Childhood Memories of Rosewood Farm and Dad

By: Elizabeth (McCaslin) Landahl



Before there was daycare, there was dad care. My father was a practicing large animal veterinarian and a World War II veteran from DuPage County. Growing up as young children in the 50's, my brother and I often traveled with dad as he made his farm calls. Dad has been gone since 2004, but I felt the need to retrace our steps back in time to the Rosewood Farm. This picture shows my dad, Dr McCaslin, mom holding grand daughter Katie, and of course yours truly.

The Rosewood Farm of Roselle owned by Mr. W. H. Odlum and Mrs. Gertrude McNaught, later his wife, was a farm dad loved. Known for their high standards and concern for the animals, much recognition came their way. The Guernsey cattle herd was prized among the top producing herds of the country. They were awarded many State and National class leading records.

Thanks to Mrs. Joan Beauprez, the Roselle History Museum historian, she allowed me to view her private collection of photographs that she took of the farm buildings. I recall now, driving up the circle driveway in front of the barn where my brother and I waited in the car for dad to return.

Mr. Marvin Fansher, the very capable farm manager and dad were both cowmen who enjoyed each other's company. They talked as dad made up jugs of medicine to treat grass staggers and milk fever. They worked in tandem to test the herds for tuberculosis and Brucellosis. They waited together during oftentimes difficult deliveries of the calves.



Finding where Rosewood Farm had been located closed an important, memorable chapter for me! (NOTE) Rosewood Farm was located on the north side of Central Ave. west of Rodenburg Road.

SUMNER HOUSE MUSEUM CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Roselle Museum had its beginning on May 7, 1987 when Don and Mary Thomas decided to sell their house. Then Mayor Sandra Birdsall decided to buy the house for the Roselle Historical Society so it could have a place of its own. She purchased the house on Sunday and then went to the village board on Monday to get their approval. The Roselle Historical Foundation was then incorporated as a 501(3) c corporation so it could enter into a long term contract to use the house and receive charitable contributions.



A group of ambitious volunteers worked very hard for about 16 months converting the house into a museum that could exhibit the history of Roselle. Finally on September 25, 1988 the ribbon cutting occurred opening the museum to the public. After that the museum campus began to grow. The next big change came in October 16, 1990. Harris Bank owned property on Irving Park Road where their bank now stands. It had a coach house on it that they no longer wanted and they donated the building to the History Museum. The Foundation borrowed \$25,000 from the village to move it. It is used as an office, meeting place and storage for many historic documents.

The next big change occurred July 1996. Mrs. Malinda Richter owned the house next to the old village hall. The village had an option to purchase the house when she died. However, the village was anxious to build a new village hall so they reached an agreement that the house would be moved across the street to the museum campus and she would live in the house as a private residence until she died on November 6, 1999.

The eager volunteers went to work again and refurnished the house as a typical 1920's working man's home. October 8, 2000 the first floor was opened to the public and the second floor was opened two years later on October 12, 2002. A number of the original hard working volunteers are still active with the museum.

OPEN HOUSE-Please join us on September 22nd for an open house celebration between 2 and 4 PM. Take an opportunity to visit the museum campus for either the first time or to revisit us and see the many new exhibits that our volunteers have added. In case you have forgotten, the museum campus is located at the southwest corner of Elm Street and Prospect Street, directly across from the village complex. Light refreshments will be served.

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ATTENTION VETERANS

We are looking for Roselle military veterans who are willing to share some of their military experiences, good, bad or funny with our membership. Just send them to us and we will consider using them in future newsletters. Thank You.

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