

**From the President**

We hope that 1989 has been great so far and we wish all of you happiness and peace throughout the year.

The Society's holiday party was wonderful as I am sure all who attended would attest. Thanks to Soto and Phyllis Colovos for all their hospitality. Other items are contained inside.

The major goal of the Society for this year is to purchase our own historical building. With just a little help from a lot of people, this dream could become a reality. A few articles by Building Fund Director, Larry Calhoun, are within this Newsletter. Please read them for information regarding all aspects of this funding effort. Hope to see many of you on March 18th.

Mary Jo Behrendt Doyle

**SOCIETY INAUGURATES BUILDING FUND  
 Building Fund Drive To Be Announced By  
 President**

On Saturday, March 18, President Mary Jo Doyle will announce the start of the campaign "Preserving the Past/Building the Future" to solicit funds to purchase a permanent home for the Society. It is our hope that all our members, as well as community leaders, will join us for the kick-off.

This will mark a milestone in the 14-year history of the Society. Our collection of historic memorabilia needs to be displayed and made available for use by residents, students and interested persons.

Larry Calhoun, Treasurer of the Society, who is the director of the fund raising drive will say a few words. The goal for this campaign is \$100,000.

**OUR HOPE FOR OUR NEW HOME**

We are seeking an income property on a major street in Rogers Park with some rear or nearby parking. Hopefully, it will have rental units from which the Society will receive a steady income to defray the operating expenses of the facility.

We envision our new home to have a dignified classic facade offering a friendly welcome to passers-by. The interior will feature a reception area for volunteers to greet visitors and answer inquiries. A large area will be used for meetings and for our various programs. Space will be available for students and other researchers.

**HOW THE MONEY WILL BE RAISED**

The minimum amount needed to acquire a suitable location for purchase and renovation is \$100,000. It will be raised through:

- Grants — from corporations and foundations
- Donations — from members (so important), organizations, interested individuals and groups
- Bequests — from individuals who have a life-long love affair with Rogers Park
- Pledges — monthly payments to the Society
- In Kind — donations of labor or equipment; services for necessary renovation and for furnishing the property.
- Matching — from companies with this type of donation.

The Society already has several commitments to some of the above categories.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| Sat. <b>Mar. 4</b><br>11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.              | RP Historical Society Meeting -<br>Rogers Park Branch Library                                       |
| Sat./Sun. <b>Mar. 4 &amp; 5</b><br>11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. | Indian Boundary Fun Fest<br>Indian Boundary Park - Fund<br>Raiser for the Playground                |
| Sat. <b>Mar. 11</b><br>9:00-11:00 a.m.                  | N.E.I.L. Meeting -<br>Winnetka Historical Society   |
| Sat. <b>Mar. 18</b><br>11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.             | RPHS Building Fund Kickoff<br>Rogers Park Branch Library  |
| Sat. <b>Apr. 1</b><br>11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.             | RPHS Monthly Program<br>Rogers Park Branch Library  |
| Sat. <b>Apr. 15</b><br>11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.             | RP Historical Society Meeting<br>Rogers Park Branch Library   |
| Sat. <b>May 6</b><br>11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.              | RPHS Monthly Program<br>Rogers Park Branch Library  |
| Wed. thru Sun.<br><b>May 10-14</b><br>all day long      | Indian Boundary Park<br>Playground - Community<br>Building Project (come<br>see a playground built) |
| Sat. <b>May 20</b><br>11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.              | RP Historical Society Meeting<br>Rogers Park Branch Library   |
| Sun. <b>May 21</b><br>2:15-5:00 p.m.                    | The Chicago Chamber Brass<br>United Church of Rogers Park'<br>(see article on page 3)               |

## The Way It Was

### Fond Remembrances

In the three years, give or take an issue or two, that I have been writing this column, it suddenly struck me that I have been derelict in not mentioning two of the time-honored rituals of life in Rogers Park in the 1920s.

The first one, that of the sudden, though not unexpected, long deep wail of the Jewel Laundry noontime whistle Monday through Saturday. It was inexorable as daylight and as accurate as a carpenter's square. All throughout the area, the same people had almost the same reactions, day in, day out.

Old men, with nothing to do, to the men who pulled their watches from their pockets and generally nodded approbation. The watch could have been a fifteen-jewel Elgin, a lifetime gift from a loved one, or a treasured inheritance. It also could have been a one dollar Ingersoll, one of many such about.

Passing milkmen, or clerks in stores or offices, confirmed their intuitive feelings, and grabbed lunches or headed for the nearby restaurants.

Housewives, enjoying a chat with a friend as they compared infants in carriages, or reined in errant toddlers, panicked and headed home as they realized their older children were even now scurrying home for lunch. Silence took over as life went on.

The second one, was the great part that the horse trough, on the east side of Clark Street, just across from the then Adelphi Theatre. (now the North Shore), played in formulating the lives of small boys. The portion that furnished water for thirsty steeds was, of course, on the curbside of the street.

The fountain side, for people, was next to the sidewalk, having a huge oblong stone as a step, for those interested in availing themselves of the bubbly cold nectar. This was especially appreciated by the small fry. In fact, to get up there and drink while the driver of a dray maneuvered his sweaty team so that both horses could imbibe, was a special manifestation of courage, in some small minds.

On summer days there was generally a line of wagons, each awaiting its turn to slake the thirst of the horse or horses. As they edged nearer and nearer the trough, the horses' ears would stand straight up in anticipation. Though the water had acquired a topping of oats from other horse's muzzles, plus twigs and dead insects, it did nothing to lessen their ardor. On very hot days, the drivers had to almost forcibly urge them to desist, lest the danger of cramps or foundering take its toll.

The boys, by this time a little weary of the scene and miffed by the constant clanging of the streetcar's bells as they waited for the tailgate of the last peddler's wagon to move in a bit and grant them clearance, moved north across Estes to Staerk's Blacksmith Shop, at about 7113.

Here a whole new world of amazing things could be observed. The driver of a laundry wagon, who had stopped in front, unhitched the horse and led it up the cleated ramps, limping slightly. It seems the horse had 'thrown a shoe', jargon for a loosening up or complete loss of the shoe and pad. If the hoof was deemed OK, it was a simple case of reinstallation, with pungent odors as the new red-hot shoe was fitted to the hoof, after immersion in water. If properly installed, there was no pain for the horse.

A sudden clamor in front signaled the arrival of 'Jimmy' the Staerk's slender little horse, hitched to his two-wheel cart. It had brought no less than eight huge horses from Bowman Dairy, the shop's main customer. The driver held ropes, attached to each one's halter, over his right shoulder as he jumped to the ground and quickly signaled for help in bringing in his catch.

Noting that each horse was now tethered to rails on each inside wall of the shop, it was decided that it must now be past lunchtime, so homeward bound went the group, being almost certain to repeat the experience in a day or two. Admittedly this was 'a great era and a great area.'

Norm Coughlin



## Holiday Bash at the Colovos House!

The Rogers Park Historical Society's motto is 'Preserving the Roots of Rogers Park.' All year round the members work hard on the newsletters, house tours, booths at street and church fairs, slide shows and the library displays which fulfill its motto.

Well, as we all know, 'all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,' so, to correct this, each year the Society throws a holiday party. The 1526 W. Sherwin home of Phyllis and Soto Colovos was the trysting place for the party held January 7th.

The house was like a walk in a museum of fine art, pottery and a terrific blend of rugs and furnishings. The wall mirrors added a touch of delicate beauty and extended reflections of the designer's innermost thoughts.

The host and hostess were as gracious and entertaining as the house itself. They made more than 80 patrons of our Society feel like they were being housed in one of Chicago's finest restaurants. The host also gave a brief history of the house while the hostess was preparing the delightful table for the main course of the evening.

The 'finger foods' were beautifully arranged so that they were easily accessible by the guests.

One of the highlights of the evening was the picture taking. Almost everyone wanted their picture taken at one of the many interesting sitting areas of the house or to have a snapshot of the host and hostess. The general atmosphere at the party was one of happiness and satisfaction. The members and their guests talked and walked around freely and, no doubt, shared some of the happenings for the past year in the life of the Society.

My daughter and I, being members and guests at the party, do urge all those who read the Newsletter, see our displays or attend any of the house tours to become a member and enjoy the pleasures of membership of such a wonderful group.

To Soto and Phyllis and your family, the Rogers Park Historical Society wishes you a very happy and prosperous new year and many thanks for offering your gorgeous home for such an occasion.

Glenda Hyde, A.C.P.



### HOLIDAY PARTY COMMENTS

The party was great; enjoyed the wonderful setting in the Colovos house. Food was great; credit is due lots to Mrs. Colovos, Ruth, and the little dishwashers and to all others who organized the affair. I hope all leftover foods were distributed to the needy. They probably tasted better the next day as do our leftovers. The workers should have had a feast for themselves a day or two later.

Tony Eberhart



What a party!  
What outstanding hosts!  
What a beautiful home!  
What a gathering of congenial people!  
What delicious food!  
What beautiful tasty desserts!  
What a party! WOW!

Mitzi Golden



A very enjoyable party. Loved the people. Mrs. Colovos was such a good hostess for us. Hope we repeat it!

Ruth Shatzel



Enjoyed looking at the artifacts and visiting new and old faces — the food and volunteer service was very good.

Party Guest



Dear Mary Jo,

I have only one comment on the holiday party — marvelous!

My congratulations to the person (you, I must presume) who had the idea of asking the Colovos' to host the party. The house was obviously remodeled with such windings in mind. The food was excellent and it certainly appeared to me that a good time was had by one and all.

My only regret was hearing that you suffered an injury that made it difficult for you to enjoy the party to the fullest.

I enclose a thank you note that I sent to Phyllis and Soto.

Thanks again for the party arrangement. We enjoyed it immensely. Oh, and before I forget — the scheduling was also a stroke of good management. It avoided conflict with all the other holiday parties, but was still close enough to the season when people are very much in the party mood.

Tom McGann

### ArtsNorth Concert



The Historical Society will conduct a tour of the United Church of Rogers Park in conjunction with the ArtsNorth concert to be held there on Sunday, May 21. The tour will begin at 2:15 pm on the front steps of the Church which is on the southeast corner of Ashland and Morse. Please join us if you can!

For information, call 743-4477.

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### An Immigrant's View of Rogers Park

Chicago has always been a magnet for new visitors. Its first attraction is the magnificent airport, O'Hare. As you move through the city, there is so much to see and do. One of the great sites is the Lake Michigan shoreline which stretches for miles along the east boundary. Leaving for downtown on the 151 Sheridan bus route or the 147 Outer Drive route, you get the greatest panoramic view of the lake front regardless of the season in which you visit. This route takes you through neighborhoods starting in Rogers Park, which is at the north end of the city limits of the metropolitan area, through Edgewater, Uptown and several other communities.

As I travelled the different areas trying desperately to decide which location I would like to live in, I finally chose Rogers Park. The reasons for my choice 13 years ago were: the commanding rolling of the lake, the beautiful tree-lined streets, the late 1800s' and early 1900s' architecture and the peaceful appearance of the area. My choice has not waned since then, even though there have been some drastic changes. Some of these have come with the decline of businesses and the influx of a mixture of new immigrants.

Rogers Park has always survived declines, even from its early history, through the vibrancy and enthusiasm of its immigrants. It was the immigrants, who in the early days of the Indians, brought Rogers Park from farmland to a prosperous area. It became an important part of the City of Chicago through annexation in 1893. You just have to take a look at the names of the streets and you will receive the message.

This community has quite a lot to offer any insecure visitor who is afraid of the 'colored question.' It is one of the most integrated, yet diverse, ethnic areas in metropolitan Chicago and the reason for this is that the people realize one thing; that 'partnership' in anything is the best solution to a problem.

Rogers Park has quite a number of beautiful architectural buildings, one of which is the Frank Lloyd Wright work known as the 'Prairie Style.' Many other beauties can be found along Sheridan Road, a stone's throw from the dynamic lake, along Howard and Clark Streets, Pratt Boulevard, and Touhy and Devon Avenues just to mention a few. To keep this partnership alive, there is a group called the Rogers Park Community Council, founded in 1953, which honors people for their outstanding services to the community. There are also prizes given to businesses who show 'Faith in the Community.'

There is a program called 'Housing Conservation' which is sponsored by the RPCC, that keeps a watchful eye on landlords so that they preserve their buildings, which provide beauty and shelter for the community's residents. On Sunday, December 4th, 1988 the Sunday Sun-Times ran an article 'Rogers Park Renaissance' which outlined construction and renovation as a stage setter for the comeback of this area. This proves that Rogers Park is important to business and, most of all, it connects most of the

northwest and northern suburbs to the city because this is where the Chicago rapid transit is located.

Rogers Park provides many activities for its residents by way of the parks and beautiful lake front beaches. In the early years, all of these areas were 'private properties' and the residents fought hard to get these areas to become 'public properties.' One such struggle was culminated when the Warren Park field house was dedicated in September of 1987.

Every aspect of Rogers Park residents' well being is taken into account and is given 'The Doctor's Prescription' by its leaders. These people make sure that there are good schools in the area for the educating of its greatest assets. There are several private, as well as public schools, one college and one university. Loyola has been actively involved in the development of Rogers Park since its inception in 1906. To continue this 'educated community concept', the area's public library, founded in 1884, has grown tremendously, providing materials for the handicapped and collections for independent learning, including English, math, science and technology. There are many activities provided for the young by way of special programs.

To help in the preservation of past and present historical facts about this area, there is the young, but dynamic, Rogers Park Historical Society. This group, founded in 1975, puts out a quarterly newsletter emphasizing 'the preservation of the roots of Rogers Park.' It also gets the message across by putting up display booths at church fairs, street fairs and by giving slide presentations to community organizations. They also have a permanent display at the Rogers Park Library. Its members are drawn from all sectors of this wonderful community. There is no discrimination and no one's opportunity to share their time, experience and talent is turned away. This truth is proven in the togetherness that precedes the 'house tour' which is held annually each fall.

The business community, which provides many jobs, has had some 'Old Timers' whose faith has stood the test of time. Two such businesses are S & C Electric Company which proved that at 75 years, things are still great and the Affiliated Bank North Shore National, which was known as Howard Avenue Trust & Savings Bank. A 66 year veteran, the bank shares the same compliment as S & C Electric. There are many other businesses actively involved in community events.

This involvement can be seen at the street fairs, usually held between June and September. The businesses provide activities to make the festive days one of the greatest gains for the public. At these fairs you get bargains galore; the selections are as wide as they are unique. Individual vendors, artists, musicians and such give you the day of your life! I compare it to the 'Indian Festival' in my country of Belize. Colorful, alive and vibrating with music and dancing.

As an immigrant, now a resident of Rogers Park for over 10 years, this is definitely one of the better areas of the city in which to live. The crime rate is less due to community participation with the police department. The business areas, which are within walking distance, the schools, churches, beaches, parks, Y.M.C.A., library, good housing, clean streets and not too much gang activity, add to my

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enticement of the area. The lake and trees were my first love, as I grew up in a beautiful 'seaport village of the Mullins River' in my country of Belize. Several other things, such as the fact that I am living in one of the high grade buildings that was built and owned by Victor Carlson, owner of the Carlson building in Evanston. Another is that I am a member of that wonderful group known as the Rogers Park Historical Society. Here your opportunities and surprises are endless if you just become involved. I urge all those who feel that they can put their ideas to work and learn more about the community in which they live, to join any of the groups that are community oriented. Your experience will be total gratification.

Glenda Hyde, A.C.P.

#### Recent Donations:

Edward Fitzgerald — long-time RP resident  
Family photographs and copies of the  
Fitzgerald Family

Mitzi Golden — RPHS member  
Chicago Evening American Cook Book given to a  
RP teacher from one her pupils dated April 27, 1928

Anita Winandy Kelly  
Photographs of her father's family dated 1930s

David Marshall — RPHS member  
Night Bus Schedule for Devon-Sheridan Route No.  
155 effective July 22, 1962

Elinor Reed — RPHS member  
Friday Tea Cup Circle booklet from 1981 and  
originals of the Tattler, a newspaper serving over  
17,000 readers in West Ridge dated 1953

Note: Elinor was their business manager 1952-53

Naomi Rushakoff — Skokie Hist. Soc./N.E.I.L. Delegate  
A copy of the Index to Niles Township by E. Palma  
Beaudette prepared by Daryl Connitt of the Skokie  
Public Library in 1984

Joan Thiry — RPHS member  
Photographs of her mother and father's family and  
one of a Luxembourg Band

Pat Wahlgren — RPHS member & Moody Bible  
employee  
A lovely wooden bookcase from the former A.C.  
Nielsen building on Howard that Moody recently  
sold

Richard Witry — President Skokie Historical Society  
Constitution and By-Laws of Chicago Public  
Schools Athletic League — pamphlet belonged to  
his father, Joseph J. who lived in Rogers Park and  
coached football and basketball at Senn High  
School in 1931-32 — rules in effect September 1928

#### MEMBERSHIP

Members, it is renewal time once again. If you have  
not sent in your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

The membership fee for individuals is \$10.00 per  
year, our first increase in 14 years, and \$15.00 for a  
family. For any of you who wish to give additional  
support to defray the cost of our Newsletter or to  
bolster our Building Fund, it would be deeply  
appreciated. Remember donations are tax deductible.

#### What We've Been Doing

**Norwood Park Hist. Soc. House Tour** — Sun. Dec.  
11 — Mary Jo attended this annual holiday event to  
support the society as they continue raising funds for  
the historic Noble-Seymour-Crippen House. The  
homes on the tour were beautifully decorated and  
several photos were taken inside and out.

**RPHS Holiday Party** — Sat. Jan. 7 — This year the  
party was held at the home of Soto and Phyllis  
Colovos and was attended by over 80 people, by far  
the most successful affair we have had. There was  
pleasant conversation in a relaxing atmosphere and a  
wonderful evening was had by all. (See article on  
page 3.)

**Greenview Neighbors Holiday Party** — Sun. Jan. 8  
— Members Patrick and Nancy Hartnett hosted a  
party and presented a little history in the process.  
They displayed several of the Society's photo albums  
and our famous Newsletter to members of GNA.

**RP Community Council Annual President's  
Breakfast** — Fri. Jan. 13 — The event was held at  
Loyola University in a room that offered a beautiful  
sunrise. Mary Jo attended as the representative of the  
Society and was pleased to share a special day with  
members John and Pat O'Neal. (See article on page 5.)

**N.E.I.L. Meeting** — Sat. Jan. 14 — Mary Jo, Marty and  
Tony Eberhart attended the bi-monthly meeting held  
at the Chicago Historical Society. We saw a wonderful  
slide presentation on an exhibit opening in 1990  
(more in a future issue). We were able to go behind  
the scenes in the photography and costume depart-  
ments and it was very informative.



#### ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Glenda Hyde has offered to be the oral history  
coordinator and has begun the task of learning the  
"Do's and Don't's" of conducting interviews. Informa-  
tion will be given to anyone who wishes to assist the  
Society in this project. For information, call 465-1043  
or 764-2401.



#### Condolences:

Loretta 'Bunny' Weimerskirch, one of our members  
for many years, passed away in December. We will  
miss her and we offer our sympathy to her husband of  
57 years, Albert, and to her daughters and family.

Virginia Light, one of our newer members and a  
volunteer at the West Ridge Spring House Tour last  
May, passed away suddenly in October. The Society  
offers our condolences to her family.

## Annual Financial Statement — 1988

The annual, unaudited, operating statement of the Rogers Park Historical Society for 1988 was submitted by Treasurer Larry Calhoun at the regular meeting on Saturday, January 21.

### 1988 Financial Statement

#### Opening Balance — January 1, 1988

Checking Account .....	\$ 1,239.01
Savings Account.....	2,017.34
Total.....	3,256.35

#### Income

Membership dues .....	1,458.00
Donations.....	1,092.40
House Tour.....	2,035.00
Building Fund	329.00
Socials.....	618.00
Interest.....	122.29
	5,654.69

#### Expenses

Newsletter.....	1,658.23
Requisitions/Misc.	684.21
House Tour.....	836.14
Socials.....	185.88
Memberships/ Donations.....	54.00
	3,418.46

Net Income	\$ 2,236.23
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#### Closing Balance — December 31, 1988

Checking Account .....	3,139.63
Savings Account.....	2,352.95
Total.....	\$ 5,492.58

Larry Calhoun,  
Treasurer

### Attention Readers!

The Society has great need for any old Rogers Park neighborhood directories. They are often a great force in determining questions that arise on occasion. We presently have an 1897 issue, and ones from 1901, 1915 and 1939, and access to one from the 1880s. If you do have any year, prior to the 1970s, and can donate it, or them, or loan it to us for copying, it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### REGRETS

This spring is going to be a very busy time in Rogers Park/West Ridge. The Society will be concentrating on its building fund, putting out the spring Newsletter and participating in a few other events. Also many local volunteers, including RPHS members, are working on committees and will be building a new playground at Indian Boundary Park. For these reasons, the Society is not going to have a house tour this spring, but hopefully the event will return next year and be better than ever. Thanks to the persons who offered their houses. We hope you will consider us for next year.

### LETTERS.....COMMENTS

The article on grocery stores brought back many memories. Shubert's was 'our' grocery, but I wonder if anyone remembers O'Brien's, which was a small family store on the west side of Central (later Hilldale — now I don't know) between Farwell and Pratt. And then there was a little delicatessen on the ground floor of a house on Robey (now Damen) at the alley between Estes and Greenleaf, where school children stopped to buy penny candy in the days when a penny bought two 'maple chews' or three sour balls. I enclose dues renewal check.

Jean Maxham Edwards

**Editor's Note:** The street is now Wolcott and the building is still standing and houses a beauty shop.

We greatly appreciated receiving a reproduction of your postcard of the Pearson Lumber Company. Evanston city directories verified the location. It is a welcome addition since we have no other record of the business. I continue to keep my eyes open for any Rogers Park materials that might show up here.

Pat Kelly — Evanston  
Historical Society

I have enclosed a check for my membership and a gift membership for my sister in California. Looking forward to seeing you at the (holiday) party.

Dorothy (Einsweiler)  
Piotrowicz

Mary Jo.

I can't thank you enough for your help in locating community groups and bringing the Historical Society to the fair. I hope your House Walk was a great success.

Dale Schmeisser — Coordinator  
1988 Loyola/Sheridan Fair

Enclosed is my check. Please enter my subscription for 1989. I recently was given a copy of your Fall 1988 Newsletter. I was born Oct. 1919 at 6638 N. Ridge. My mother was Amy Zender Windler. My father had greenhouses at that address and it is now the Dominick's store. I read with interest your story of Henry Muno and the picture accompanying it. I remember the two younger ones as my aunt and uncle.

John H. Windler

### Editor's Note:

Are you still in touch with an old neighbor or relative whose roots are in Rogers Park? How about sending in a membership to the RPHS Newsletter in their name to keep them posted on current happenings or jogging their memories on old events, via the Newsletter? It will be mailed to anyone anywhere in the Continental limits of the U.S.

Address comments to:  
Norm Coughlin, Editor  
RPHS NEWSLETTER  
6555 N. Bosworth Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60626

**Building Fund** *continued*

**JOIN THE BUILDING FUND**

Be one of the original "Bricks in the Foundation of the New Home of the Rogers Park Historical Society." See our enclosure.

**Building Fund Director**

Larry Calhoun, Building Fund Director, is enthusiastic in his role and his responsibilities as coordinator of the Society's campaign. He is a 15-year resident of Rogers Park and a 14-year member of the Society.

Larry stated at a recent meeting, "For several years, many of the regular members have been discussing the possibility of someday having our own home. Our extraordinary collection of items should be available for display and for research by interested persons, not just stored in someone's attic." He added "I've been rarin' to go since the Society received its IRS tax-exempt status right before the holidays. It was a wonderful present."

Larry welcomes assistance in this challenging effort. Fellow enthusiasts can call him during the day at 372-7070 or evenings/weekends at 274-0798. You can write to him at 1629 W. Morse, Chicago 60626.



**CONGRATULATIONS**

John and Pat O'Neal were recently selected as the 'Citizens of the Year' by the Rogers Park Community Council. And deservedly so! We are very proud to have them as members of our Society. Their house was on our second annual tour in the fall of 1986 and people remember it as a warm and friendly home. They have assisted not only us, but their church, school and many other organizations in the community. Again, congratulations to you and your family!

**NEW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

As we enter our 14th year of operation, there are many activities that we want to pursue. One of the most important is to enhance our collection of photographs (both old and new) and slides. Another is to make a commitment to the oral history program. These plus the newsletter plus several other activities require ongoing funds. Realizing this, we would appreciate your assistance.

We are instituting new categories of membership. Starting in 1989, the following are in effect:

Individual	\$ 10
Family	15
Sponsor	30
Sustaining	50
Donor	100
Life Member	200

There would be extra benefits for anyone contributing \$30 or more. See our enclosure.

Memorials are also acceptable and the name of the person would be entered in a special place in our new home.



**CONGRATULATIONS**

On Saturday, December 17, several members of the Society attended the 95th birthday celebration of member Mary Mertens Thiry. A mass was held at her apartment on Estes that she shares with her daughter Joan. That was followed by a party given by her four children, two of whom came in from California. It was a wonderful day for her since her children, several grandchildren, and other family members and friends celebrated with her. Mary, we wish you much much happiness and many more special days.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

1989 annual dues are \$10.00 per person or \$15 per family and the membership period is from January 1st thru December 31st.

Membership  Newsletter  Building Fund

Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Rogers Park Historical Society.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Rogers Park Historical Society  
2555 W. Farwell  
Rogers Park, IL 60645

I would like to help the Society when I am available.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Individual:

Leroy Blommaert  
(Edgewater)  
Edmund L. Duskey  
(Sun City, AZ)  
M/M Fred Elisius Jr.  
(Glenview)  
Melanie E. King  
Connie Koopmann  
(Rolling Meadows)  
James P. Krok  
(West Ridge)  
Pat Lyman  
(West Ridge)

Tom McNulty  
Sandra Moore  
Michael O'Connor  
Kathryn A. Porter  
(Lake Geneva, WI)  
Lois Rae Smith  
(West Ridge)  
Jeffrey Wagner  
(West Ridge)  
Arlene Weiss  
Florence Wilson  
(Torrance, CA)  
John H. Windler  
(Northbrook)

### Family:

Susan Carlson &  
David Stahr  
Patrick & Virginia Collins  
Bonnie & Richard Driscoll  
Ann & Winfred Hensch  
(West Ridge)

## NOTICE

This newsletter is published by the Rogers Park Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1975 to preserve the roots of our community.

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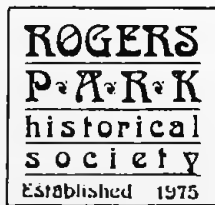
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