



ROGERS PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
"Preserving the Roots of Rogers Park"

NEWSLETTER

Vol. VII No. I

Winter 1991-1992

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are looking forward to Sunday, April 5, 1992 for the kickoff of the 100th anniversary of annexation of the villages of Rogers Park and West Ridge to the city of Chicago. We will begin our Centennial celebration now and continue with a variety of activities over the next year. We are then planning a fantastic weekend in April 1993, commemorating our actual 100th birthday. We will then celebrate for the remainder of 1993 to wind up this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Hope to see all of you at the Kickoff! See information in the article below.

Martin J. Schmidt

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER ISSUE

This is a special late edition of the Winter Newsletter. Sorry for the delay. Most of my time has been spent planning, organizing and coordinating the activities for one of the most important events in the history of the Rogers Park Historical Society. It is our Centennial Kickoff. I hope that all of you will make a special effort to attend this exciting event.

In addition, I have been a member of the committee that has been working extremely hard to publish our Centennial commemorative calendar. I think that when you see the finished product, you will be proud and delighted with the results. This calendar would make a personal keepsake or a wonderful gift. Enclosed is a flyer/order form for the calendar. Please stop by at the RPHS exhibit on Kickoff day.

Mary Jo Doyle
Executive Director

CELEBRATE OUR CENTENNIAL KICKOFF

On Sunday, April 5th at 1:00 pm, hopefully thousands of neighbors, friends and former residents will gather on Ridge Boulevard between Lunt and Devon. At exactly 1:30 pm, a memorable handholding will take place on this historic route which today is the common border of the sister communities of Rogers Park and West Ridge.

This is a "Rain or Shine" event, so please attend and bring as many people as possible. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night so that you will be on time for this historic event.

See the enclosed Centennial Chronicles for more information related to the Kickoff.

RPHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

On Saturday, January 18th, elections took place and three new members joined our board. They are: Gail Cronin, Patrick Hartnett and Kathleen Krokhar. We welcome them and each will surely be an asset to the board.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

The annual holiday party of the Rogers Park Historical Society was held on the evening of January 11, 1992 at Sherwin-on-the-Lake.

The beautiful large ballroom was aglow with lights from a majestic Christmas tree. A good crowd (almost a 100) was in attendance, and enjoyed tasty appetizers, as well as a delicious dinner and marvelous desserts.

Our hosts, Leonard and Lil Adler, and the other condo board residents certainly did their very best to make sure everyone had a wonderful time. A lot of you had a chance to meet and visit with some of our new members and as all partygoers were in a festive mood.

John Arcand sold raffle tickets and the drawings for prize winners added to the excitement. Mary Jo Doyle, holiday party chairperson, thanks all the volunteers and our members and guests who made this annual event a huge success.

The weather certainly cooperated -- it was dry and not too cold.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

On Saturday, December 7th, approximately 30 members and guests of the Rogers Park Historical Society took a trip to Misericordia's Greenhouse Inn for lunch and then toured the resident care facilities. This outing started with a fabulous lunch and then many people visited the gift shops and bakery. The beautifully stocked shops certainly provided a holiday atmosphere for those who went shopping. The scent of the bake shop lured many of us and, even against our will, scrumptious varieties of goodies were purchased.

Our host, Kasey Smith, took our group on a tour of the state-of-the-art complex. She showed us the dining room, decorated for a special holiday dinner; it was breathtaking. In fact, the entire facility has been recently redecorated in a most cheerful manner. Another stop was a home where the children live, play and exercise.

The resident mayor of Misericordia, Terry Morrissey, extended our group a hearty welcome.

We left with a feeling that the children are well cared for and provided with training and education to see them through life.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

The new information on the top line of your mailing label indicates your member number(s), your member category (see below), N for New or R for Renewal and the month and year that your membership expires.

This data is important, especially to those who have not yet renewed their membership (shown as 12-91). We ask that you consider a 3-year membership available in the Family and Individual categories. This will save you money and save the Society precious time. We encourage and need your support to enable us to "Preserve the Past and Build the Future" of our two communities. A special raffle for all members paid up by May 31, 1992 will be held at our regular RPHS meeting on June 6th.

Member Category	Period	Membership Dues
Life Member (L)	----	\$ 500.00
Donor (D)	Annual	100.00
Sustaining (Su)	Annual	50.00
Sponsor (Sp)	Annual	30.00
Family (F)	Annual	15.00
Individual (I)	Annual	10.00
Family (F)	Tri-annual	40.00
Individual (I)	Tri-annual	27.00