



NEWSLETTER

Looking back at January by Pat Chownyk

Our thanks to our speaker Steve Mrozek for a very interesting and informative program about the American Battle Monument Commission. The commission originated in 1917 and is responsible for commemorating the service and achievements of the United States Armed Forces. Dog tags were first used during World War I. they have become invaluable in identifying bodies uncovered through the years in both the United States and Europe. American service men are buried in eight burial grounds. Six in France, one in England and one in Belgium. The family of the deceased have the choice of bringing the body home for burial or remaining over seas. Burial property does not become "American Soil." We have two national cemeteries in Michigan, Battle Creek and Holly.



LOCAL NEWS

The Demise of Sacred Heart Church by Pat Chownyk



From 1861 to 2017, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Roseville, Mi, has served the parishioners of our area. There were several different buildings but the congregation remained constant. I joyfully embraced many, many old friends who had come to say goodbye and to share memories. I was reminded of the many years when there was such a large congregation. Services were held in both the upper and lower church. Bishop Walter Hurley, a former, pastor celebrated the mass, then a brief ceremony closed the church in silence. My life began at Sacred Heart when I attended church at the age of four with my grandparents.

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Program Dates

"Terror in the City of Champions" presented by author Tom Stanton

**Tuesday, February 21
6:30 PM**

Join us for an evening of suspenseful Detroit history! Author Tom Stanton will treat us to a chat about his recent book - *Terror in the City of Champions*. In the mid-1930s, Detroit reigned as a sports powerhouse. Within a six-month span, the Tigers, Lions, and Red Wings won a World Series, NFL title, and Stanley Cup -- a major-sports feat achieved by no other American city before or since. This infectious excitement lifted residents out of the Depression Era doldrums. The glow over Detroit however would dim by a series of unsolved violent crimes conducted by the Black Legion, a secret terrorist organization. Learn how this vicious mob would be stopped in the summer of 1936.

**. A History of the Mount Clemens Rose Gardens
presented by Lynn Anderson & Micki Weiss
Tuesday, March 21 at
6:30 PM**

Programs are at 6:30 pm and are held in Erin Auditorium at the Roseville Public Library from September through June. The Library is located on Kelly, one block south of Common Rd, west of Gratiot behind the Police Station Roseville Mi.

Then on to eight years of grade school, no high school yet. Gene and I were married and the process began again.

Sacred Heart will be missed, not just by our members, but all who had some connection with us in the past. Were you a part of our past? Let us know.



LOCAL AUTHOR

One Cops Journey

Detroit's Deadly Seventies

Al Boudreau was brought up in a northern suburb of Detroit (Roseville), and driven by an overwhelming desire to help others. Al joined the Detroit police department in 1970. After only a year he was asked to work undercover in the Vice Unit. He was assigned to numerous inner city precincts during his time on the job. Undercover and crime conspiracies are just a few. He received 14 Citations/Commendations, plus 7 Letters of commendation.



In the Prologue of his book, Al says “I am trying to give the reader a true inside view of actually being on the job. I want them to see the good, bad and the ugly of the inner city and how it affected and changed cops during the 1970’s. In the decade of the 1970’s, historically the most violent, Detroit was truly the murder capital with up to 700 plus homicides a year, which is more than twice the amount of today’s. Most of us who really wanted to make a difference, didn’t realize that politics could and would be such a negative force from the mid 70’s and on.”

I (Janice Carter, Editor) just finished his book and it is one that I had a hard time putting down. Mr. Boudreau gives an in-depth scenario of what it was like going from a “rookie cop” to putting away his uniform to perform the duties of undercover assignments.

Some of his duties in the beginning of his career are pretty comical, but after finishing the book it greatly made me realize what these men and woman go through everyday to make our lives safe.

I hope everyone will pick up a copy of this book. I really enjoyed it! You can order it from Amazon and it has been released on Kindle and is also available at Barnes and Nobel Book Store. Check it out.



OTHER BOOKS OF INTEREST

- Images of America—Roseville by John and Terry Minnes \$20
 - Kermit Beverly’s Wartime Memories of a Tin Can Soldier \$13
 - Roseville’s Airport—Michigan’s First Commercial AirField by Gail Elliott \$20
- There is a \$3 handling and shipping fee if mailed.

Available for purchase at the Roseville Public Library or complete the order form which can be found on the Roseville Historical Society site, RosevilleLibrary.org

Upcoming Events

On Wednesday, February 8, at 7 p.m. in the Local History and Genealogy Room at the Mount Clemens Public Library, 150 Cass Avenue, there will be a "Let's Talk...Genealogy" meeting. The subject for discussion will be "Have You Tried...Have You Seen?" Share your favorite genealogy websites or new things you've seen that have helped with your research. On Friday, February 10, at 1 p.m. in the auditorium at the Mount Clemens Library, Lisa Eschenburg will present "Understanding the Words Seen in German Church Books". These programs are free and all are welcome. For more information, call the library at [586-469-6200](tel:586-469-6200)



Don't miss your chance to attend the 59th annual Michigan in Perspective:

The Local History Conference! March 3-4 2017

Wyndham Gardens

34911 VanDyke

Sterling Hts, Mi

This conference is held annually for the Wayne, Oakland and Macomb tri-county area and is open to anyone interested in state or regional history.

There are many programs to attend. A few are listed below:

Sailing into history: Maritime shipping on the Great Lakes

Moving to a New Beat: Detroit's Jazz Community

The Battle of the Overpass: A Labor Movement Turning Point

Bath City USA: Mt. Clemens Mineral Baths

The Detroit 67 Project: Looking Back to Move Forward

There will be a Friday Reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ticket required

For information about the conference or hotel arrangements contact

Hsmichigan.org to download the brochure or call 1-800-692-1828



FUN FACTS

Question: How did the early police force in Roseville get their calls?

Answer: One of the earliest forms of law enforcement was this area's answer to Matt Dillon—Christian Gerlach who became Marshall of this area in 1835. Progressing through the years, the early Roseville police protection involved a roving Model T scout car that kept in touch with headquarters during daylight hours by noting the appearance of a red flag on Gratiot in front of headquarters when a message was waiting. At night, the scout car would pull up to the Michigan Bell Telephone Company on 11 mile rd., and honk the horn. The switchboard operator proceeded to stick her neck out the window and relay any pending messages. Later, still prior to radio transmitters, a bright light atop the municipal building flagpole was lit to alert the scout car to return to headquarters.

Source of this fun fact is from the archives of a local Roseville newspaper and written with permission.

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 has to offer.**

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