

### ROSEVILLE HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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#### LOOKING BACK AT SEPTEMBER BY PAT CHOWNYK



September speaker, Alan Naldrett on the Lost Car Companies of Detroit. There were so very many automobiles. Most were made in the Detroit area known as the Milwaukee Junction. Many of the factory buildings were designed by Albert Kahn. Quite often brothers worked together on their inventions. Some of the brothers were the Dodge, Fisher, Packard, Duryea, Graham and Delco brothers. Of the new car inventions, the electric cars were much preferred. Steam cars had to be warmed up for 39 minutes. There were only five locations where the electric cars could be charged. Durant and Dort built their cars in Flint.

The three luxury cars were the Peerless, Pierce Arrow and Packard. A few of the early companies were Hupp Motor Co., Chalmers, Willys-Nash, American Motors (Nash and Hudson), Paige and Briggs & Stratton. Many of the car makers were inventors. David Buick invented the porcelain bathtub.

Before the program, nominations were taken for the RHGS board for the year 2017. Elections will be held at the October meeting if necessary.

Don't miss speaker Mike Unsworth's upcoming program about the Japanese Balloon Bombs.

### **Program Dates**

Japanese Balloon Bombs

Speaker:

Mike Unsworth October 18, 2016 6:30 p.m. Refreshments served

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28th Annual Dinner
Featuring
Roseville Mayor
Robert Taylor
November 16, 2016

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 Road, west of Gratiot and the Police Station. Programs are free and refreshments are served. For information, please call the library at 586-445-5407.

## FEATURED SPEAKER FOR OCTOBER JAPANESE BALLOON BOMBS

During WWII, the Japanese used Balloon Bombs in their warfare efforts. These unique weapons targeted the U.S. to cause large scale mayhem. In this lecture, learn more about this special weaponry and if their destructive intent was successful. Michael E. Unsworth is a former History Librarian with Michigan State University now in retirement. He has researched this historical topic since 1982, utilizing collections at the U.S.National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the Library and Archives of Canada.

### Halloween Memories of Roseville

My neighborhood friend and I were 15 and 16 when we did our last attempt at collecting candy on Halloween in the late 50's! A little old probably but at least we dressed in costume unlike some of the teens today. I remember using pillow cases to collect our candy because there was so much and rarely a case for concern of needles or razor blades in the candy. How times have changed! We also went out the night before with a bar of soap not matches and gasoline. My dad would smell my hands upon return to see if they smelled like soap; however, I was clever! I rubbed my hands in dirt before coming in. Did it work? Probably not!

Below is a picture of myself and my friend and a picture of a costume I made for my son as the Tin Man in the 70's out of cardboard. It seemed the costumes were so simple, mostly handmade and not costly.





# .28th RHGS ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 2016 5:30 P.M.

Roseville Public Library Erin Auditorium

The Roseville Historical and Genealogical Society will host its 28th Annual Dinner featuring guest speaker Mayor Robert Taylor.

Reservation Form

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Make Checks payable to: Roseville Historical & Genealogical Society c/o Roseville Public Library 29777 Gratiot Ave.	Membership Types: Individual \$10.00 Family \$15.00 Contributing, Business,	

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Roseville's 38th Annual Big Bird Run Sunday, November 13, 2016 18185 Sycamore For information to register Contact 586-445-5480 10K run, 4Krun, 1 mile fun run

#### MORELL UNTOLD STORIES

November 13, 2016

### **Dossin Great Lakes Museum**

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Four dynamic presentations will remember the sinking of the freighter *Daniel J. Morrell* fifty years ago. Explore the loss with never before told stories about the wreck, the sole survivor's experience and the discovery of the vessel's underwater resting place. call 313.833.1801 for additional information.

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""Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile."

[Indian Summer]"