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Cornerstone

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March - April 2017

Rose Yates

In Loving Memory –

May 19, 1943 to December 30, 2016

Her spirit, love and laughter will never be forgotten!



Coming Events

March 1 – 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting

March 4 – 1 p.m.
St. Patricks Day Parade

Now thru March
“Lemont Then & Now”
Historic Art Exhibit
Lemont Library

March 28 - 7:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting

May 5 – 7 a.m.
Hike to Lincoln Park Nursery
in Waterfall Glen
(Rain Date May 6)

Fathers Day Weekend
Tag Days at Local Grocery Stores

June 24 at Mt. Assisi Fields
Quarrymen Vintage Baseball Tournament

Museum Hours

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Friday

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Saturday

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sunday

Library Hours

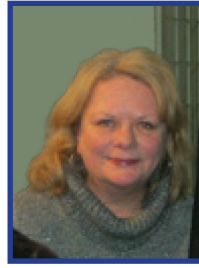
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - Noon
By Appointment



President's Message . . .

Dear Members,

It is still with great sadness that I am writing this letter. I cannot believe the gaping hole that we are dealing with since our Rose Yates passed away. She did so much for our historical society and our community. I would like to personally thank everyone who contributed to the Lemont Historical Society in Rose's memory. I am sure she would be humbled by your generosity.



Update on St. James Academy Demolition: Good News to report. Mr. Alfano is now the proud owner of this historic gem, another accomplishment driven greatly by Rose. He has recently submitted roofing samples to the Historic Preservation Commission. It will be great to see how it progresses!

Another great loss to our Lemont community is the closing of Chipain's Market. We would like to thank them for all of the support they have given our Society over the last 29 years. They will be greatly missed and we are so sorry to see them close!!

Our birthday celebration with President Lincoln was again a great success!! It is a great "FUNraiser" and the President is a really good sport to go to our historic pubs, since he is not a drinker. We had people join the pub crawl from as far away as Evergreen Park. A good time was had by all!

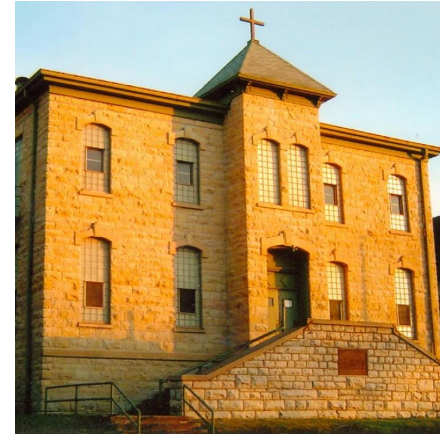
Susan Donahue will again be contacting you about Tag Days which will be held June 16th and 17th.. A thank you in advance to all of you for helping us in this fund raising event.

I hope to see many of you at our March General Membership meeting being held at 7:00 p.m. on March 28 at The Old Stone Church.

All the very best to all of you and your families for a Blessed Easter and Happy Spring!

Sincerely,

Sue Roy



WELCOME, KRANKS! TO 1858 BASEBALL HUZZAH!

Save the Date!

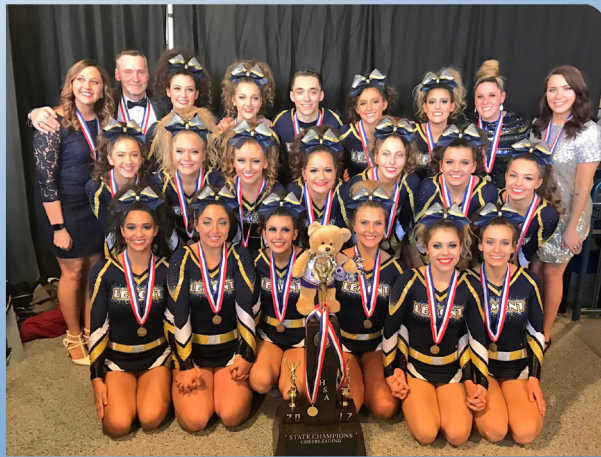
June 24, 2017

Quarrymen Classic Vintage Base Ball Tournament

*The DuPage Plowboys, Grangers of Rochester, Indianapolis Blues,
Lemont Quarrymen, Milwaukee Juneaus, Saginaw Old Golds, St. Louis Brown Stockings
and the Sunset Hill Farm Colonels Will Battle on Mt. Assisi Field*

So, baseball fans, show some ginger and come support the Lemont Quarrymen this summer as they take on several rival baseball clubs. All spectators, cranks, bugs and charming deadheads are welcome to watch or participate in all games. We hope to see you at our second home tournament on June 24th. President Abe Lincoln will be throwing out some pitches as well as playing an inning or two. There will also be a blue grass band performing. **Please inquire with the Lemont Historical Society (630) 257-2972 or Smokey Row Antique Shop (630) 257-1112 for more information.**

LAHS Prints for Exhibit and Sale



Reminder:

General
Members
Meeting

March 28

7:00 PM

By Richard H. Lee

When the Lemont Center for the Arts contacted us, the historical society, we were in the process of updating our archival framed prints that were at the Village Hall starting in 1986. Many of those photos were small sepia-toned originals that had faded from exposure and needed to be scanned to digital format and returned to their file folders. I found several old photos that captivated me so I decided to make a few copy prints and frame them in those old frames.

They suggested an exhibit, "*Lemont Then and Now*" to show some history and modern photos of these old scenes like the stone quarries. Businesses and transportation photos were another selection topic. We eventually supplied 13 framed prints with 3 of them paintings but decided we would not sell them but prefer to make copies for possible buyers. I continued to finish this project and make a few more copy prints for framing for possible

exhibits or sale. Now we have a good collection of historic framed prints we can display or sell to interested businesses or people. The Public Library was interested in an exhibit like this so we arranged and delivered about 14 prints to display on their new walls. This is in process now so we will notify you when they go up and maybe a reception with refreshments.

A few of the old photos were selected for copy prints for a current exhibit at the Center, "*Winter Beauty*" that will run until about the end of February. I also added some of my personal collection of winter scenes around Lemont, especially on the I&M canal and the Heritage Quarries north and east of downtown Lemont. I feel these are one of our best attractions so a representative of the Heritage Corridor wants to see them and we plan to make some CDs of these new collections for sale.

Lemont Area Historical Society

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Barbara Bannon,
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Doris Peterman,
John Quinn, Gary Roy

**Society members
are encouraged
to participate on the
Committee or Subcommittee
of their choice**



ONE OF OUR OWN

We are proud to announce that Norma Johnson is being inducted into the Lemont High School Alumni Hall of Fame. On Saturday, March 4, Lemont High School will welcome its third class of Alumni Hall of Fame inductees. The Hall

of Fame honorees – Albert Albrecht '59, Mary Lou Carlson '71 and Norma (Landgren) Johnson '38 – will be recognized at the school's annual Band Benefit Dinner Dance, which will be held at DiNolfo's Banquets in Homer Glen.

Norma has been a dedicated member of LAHS as past President, board member, served on a committee recording Video/Oral Histories of Lemont residents, a faithful volunteer maintaining our Library collection and for more fundraisers than can be mentioned. In 2004 Norma presented the local history of Education and Schools as part of a panel at Lemont High School.

The Alumni Hall of Fame recognizes graduates who have made significant contributions to society and serve as role models to Lemont High School students. This recognition is the highest honor that can be given by Lemont High

School to one of its alumni. The Alumni Hall of Fame helps foster school and community pride by recognizing the achievements of those individuals who have made Lemont High School an outstanding academic institution.

Congratulations Norma!

This year's event will feature the music of the school's jazz bands, and will run from 6-11:30 p.m., with dinner being served at 7 p.m. The Alumni Hall of Fame honorees will be inducted at approximately 7:45 p.m. The dancing portion of the evening will begin at 8:30 p.m. and run through the rest of the night.

The evening also will include raffles for cash and prizes, with winners being announced later in the evening. DiNolfo's Banquets is located at 14447 W. 159th Street in Homer Glen.

Reservations for the Band Benefit Dinner Dance are \$60 per person, and include dinner, dancing and a cash bar. The deadline for reservations is Saturday, February 18.

To order tickets, contact either Diane Waynick at either tidimakr@yahoo.com at (630) 257-5952 or Karen McClatchy at either karen_mcclatchy@att.net at (630) 257-8890; or click on the link above to download an order form.



2017 SCHEDULE

Baseball fans, show some ginger and come support the Lemont Quarrymen!



**HOME GAMES ARE
HIGHLIGHTED!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
NOW!**

**QUARRYMEN VINTAGE
BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
JUNE 24, 10 A.M.**

Date	Time	Locale	Team
5/5	1:00 pm	AWAY	Creston Regulators v. Somonauk Blue Stockings
5/20	Noon	AWAY	Indianapolis Tournament
6/4	1:00 pm	AWAY	Aurora Town Club
6/11	Noon	AWAY	Cantigny Tournament
6/24	10:00 am	HOME	Tournament with Quarrymen, DuPage Plow Boys, Grangers of Rochester, MI, Indianapolis Blues, Milwaukee Juneaus, Saginaw Old Golds, St. Louis Brown Stockings, Sunset Hill Farm Colonels
7/9	Noon	AWAY	Cantigny Tournament
7/22	Noon	AWAY	Vermillion Voles & Lafayette Square Cyclones at Kennek UK County Park
7/29	1:00 pm	HOME	Quarrymen v. Somonauk Blue Stockings
8/5	1:00 pm	HOME	Quarrymen v. Chicago Salmon
8/12	1:00 pm	AWAY	Chicago Salmon at the Methodist Campground of DesPlaines
8/19	10:00 am	AWAY	Milwaukee Cream City's Festival
8/27	Noon	AWAY	Somonauk Blue Stockings & Creston Regulators at Somonauk
9/9 & 10	TBD	AWAY	Homer Fest
9/16	1:00 pm	AWAY	Sunset Hill Farm Colonels

Home Field Located at 13900 Main Street



Genealogy Corner

by Barb Bannon

Tuned Out On Family History

OK I get it! Not everyone is interested in Family History. Genealogists can get a “little” carried away. Most of us that have been researching our families are passionate about locating headstones, records and pictures of new but often deceased relatives. Family members are most likely tired of hearing about our latest “happy dance” discovery. They try to not let you see them tune out; that their minds wandered to another place, any place but where you are. Genealogists have used various ways to get other family members interested. Many use a family website or newsletter to post updates on research and share ancestors stories hoping someone having the inclination will get involved. Still others try drumming up interest by organizing a family reunion, creating a family tree to display or sharing pictures hoping to generate stories that may not have been told since childhood.

All of these attempts at promoting family history research may still fall on deaf ears but those ears may respond beneficially in a different way. Spring, just around the corner, is a great time for going through all of those nooks and crannies where a researcher’s goldmine often hides. Let your relatives know that you will be their outlet for unwanted pictures, old letters, greeting cards, scribbled family history notes, family related paperwork etc.; they may not realize it would be interesting to you or be a missing key piece of your research.

You never know, in the process you might find there is a flicker of interest shining in someone you never expected.

Like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions but yet our roots remain as one.

– Author unknown



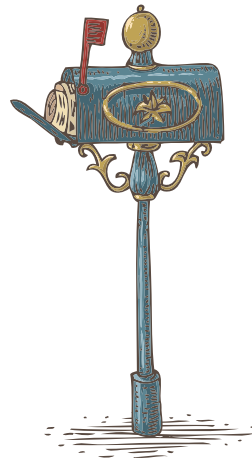
Connecting Branches

The Genealogy Committee has been made aware of the following family names being researched:

Jackie Ciombor-researching **Andrew and Ann Klemens (Clemens)**

Renata Stetina-researching **Pawlak, Maday (Madej) & Balcerzak**

If you are doing research and would like to contact these or other genealogists, please let us know by leaving a message at the Museum 630-257-2972 or by e-mail to lemonthistorical@gmail.com.



Mailbox

Question: I would like to find out where my family lived in Lemont but they were there between census years. Do you have any records in your library that would help?

Answer: Depending on the time-frame we do have directories starting in the 1920’s and if you know the date of an event, such as a birth or death, we have local newspapers dating back to the late 1800’s that may show a location. There are family files to check; possibly one for your family or a close friend that could have been a neighbor. This type of research question can be approached from a number of directions.

If you have a general genealogy question please send it via regular mail or email to lahsgenes2@yahoo.com with “Genealogy Corner Mailbox” in the subject and we will do our best to have the answer in the next newsletter.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR:

- Tag Days
- Quarrymen Vintage Baseball Tournament

Volunteers are needed for these upcoming events. These events cannot be successful without your participation. Your assistance is greatly appreciated! Don’t delay. Sign up NOW!

To volunteer for Tag Days, contact Susan Donahue at (630) 257-2972.

For the Quarrymen Vintage Baseball Tournament, please contact Susan Roy at (630) 888-5259.



STEPPING BACK IN TIME

By Susan Donahue

I am sure all of you know by now that we lost one of our valuable Board Members, “ROSE YATES.” It was a blow to all of us by the suddenness and the fact that she never really let any of us know the extent of the serious health issues she was facing.

I had known her since I was small belonging to St. Patrick Church. Her family always sat in the back pew on the left hand side Sunday, 10:30am. Mass. We sang in choir together which could be intimidating at times as she and her grade were upper classmates. The bond was St. Patrick Church/School which we were so fiercely loyal to and still were/are. Saving Old St. Patrick School from demolition was a labor of love for her.

Her small frame was misleading if you knew her. She loved her family, friends and the causes she believed in. One of my names for her was, “The Energizer Bunny”, because she moved so quickly from one project to another.

I worked on several committees with her including the “125th Anniversary Book” and the “Ad Hoc Committee for the Historic District”. I can still remember being at the Village Hall officially closed for Memorial Day in 1998 and it was so quiet you could hear a pin drop. We, Barb Buschman, P.J. Fitzgerald, Rose and myself were wrapping up the project and going over final details. I had teased her last spring about a new updated edition and she looked at me and said, “Susan, too much on my plate someone else will have to take care of it.”

I also remember being the Secretary for the Historic District Ad Hoc Committee and after one evening meeting while it was still light three of us decided to scope the areas we wanted included. I sat in the back seat taking notes while P.J. drove and Rose figured out where we should start. We first went to the furthest west part of Illinois Street and parked the car. They asked me to get out to check out how far the stone wall went by Totoro’s. “Can’t you move closer to the edge?” they yelled. “No, not without falling”, I said. Now this banter back and forth had awakened a large neighborhood dog who decided to investigate and started running toward me as I sprinted in and just made it to the car. We had a good laugh over that.

I still expect when the front door opens to see her flying into my office on a mission of either getting flyers out or picking up one of the tubs containing materials to use for an outside event. The last time was for the Christmas program and figuring out how many flyers we needed to give to

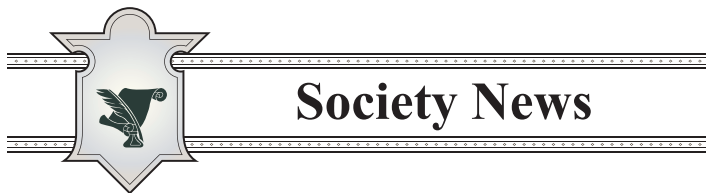
Chipain’s so they could stuff their customer’s grocery bags with them to advertise our event.



It was then on to the LAHS Christmas repackage cookies on Saturday as we all pitched in and Rose was right there making sure the containers were weighed right. She also helped getting the refreshments set up with Barb Bannon as Co-Chairs. On Sunday

it was an opportunity for her to sing with St. Patrick Church Choir. Now singing if you knew Rose was one of her passions. I would call her, “Our LAHS Songbird.” She loved the choir members. They were her extended family like the LAHS. They shared so much together not only singing but the good and bad times in each others lives. I can still see her in one of the pews listening to St. Alphonsus Church Choir and the Choir Director, Joseph Mantorano, turning and asking Rose to stand up because he was dedicating the song, “Christmas Rose” to her. She sat back down and one of her fellow choir members from St. Pat’s put his coat over her shoulders sensing she was a little chilled.

We all have fond memories of Rose and these are some of mine.



By Susan Donahue



MEMORIAL:

We wish to acknowledge the recent passing of one of our faithful Life Members, Ellen Davey. She and her late husband had been involved in many facets of our organization from the very beginning. I personally got to know her because she was one of our “Sunday Volunteers.” Norma Johnson and Ellen were paired together and it was a very good match for both of them. Ellen would from time to time come in and bring me some homemade goodies, which I had no problem accepting.

The Lemont United Methodist Church had as part of their regular service on Sunday, February 19, at 10:45 a.m., a special tribute to her volunteering at their church. RIP Ellen.



Photos From Past Weddings . . .

WEDDINGS

We have a few weddings scheduled for this year, which has in the past been very beneficial to us. We have recently had some stiff competition and so we are doubling our efforts to reach out to businesses related to weddings such as bridal shops, banquet halls, etc. to advertise our chapel.

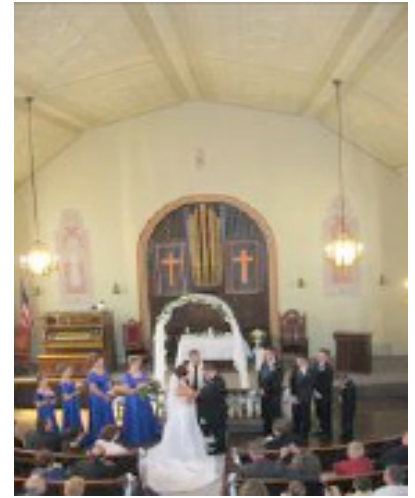
Carol Garibay, Chair of our Wedding Committee, has been going to these area wedding related places. It is a two way street with us including them in our "Informational Packet" that we give to prospective clients and them displaying our new wedding brochure done by Donna Pecina.

We would like all of you to also get the word out that we are doing rentals of baptisms, weddings, and memorial services.

We recently had a baptism (note parents now are very protective of their new additions so no photos were taken) but I can tell you little "Ty" was adorable with many smiles to share with all of his family and me.

The parents decided on a particular date because his great grandparents were still in town from the holidays and were going back to Arizona where they now live.

It was also nice to hear when they discovered the museum part of our building many, "Oh's" and "How nice that you are preserving your history." In the school room display the great grandpa related to me that the ink wells brought back some memories of a little girl with red pigtails who had the misfortune of sitting in front of him. She would totally ignore him so one day he decided when the teacher wasn't looking to dip the tips of those flaming red pigtails into the inkwell. No one noticed and he never did get punished for this. Now his wife who was standing next to him was shocked. "You didn't really do that?" "Yes, I did," he said smiling, remembering fondly.



MEMBERSHIPS

Just a friendly reminder that March is Membership Renewal Month. The form that can be used is on this page.

If you know of someone who you feel would like to join us as we preserve our rich Lemont history please let us know, or give them a Membership Form. Thank you.

Membership Renewal Application

Make checks payable to the Lemont Area Historical Society, 306 Lemont Street, Lemont, IL 60439

- _____ Individual \$20.00/year
- _____ Individual Life \$200.00
- _____ Senior Citizen \$15.00/year
- _____ Student \$10.00/year
- _____ Family \$30.00/year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____