

January/February 2016

'Rosie the Riveter'

Darlene Imus will portray Rose Monroe, famously known as, "Rosie the Riveter," at the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 7:30 PM.

When the United States entered World War II, over 6 million women chose to work in factories. Rose Monroe was one of them. She was a young widow from Kentucky with 2 small children.



The Rosie the Riveter icon represented the American women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II. In 1942, Pittsburgh artist J. Howard Miller created the celebrated, "We Can Do It!" image—an image that in later years would be known as Rosie the Riveter. The Rosie the Riveter icon was closely associated with a real woman, named Rose Will Monroe, who worked as a riveter at the Willow Run Aircraft Factory in Ypsilanti building the B-24 bomber airplanes.

Rose applied for a job as a riveter at the Willow Run Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti, and legendarily became known as the original "Rosie the Riveter."

She was selected to represent women in the workforce, starring in newsreels with Walter Pigeon, a famous movie actor.

During World War II, Rose and other "Riveters" had set the standards for women today who maintain a balance between work responsibilities and home life. Their significant contribution to the production of building airplanes for the U.S. Army Air Force, championed the slogan, "We Can Do It!"

Guest speaker Darlene has been a member of the Yankee Air Museum since 2000.

After retiring from a career as a teacher, she was motivated to volunteer at the Museum out of respect for her father, who retired from the Willow Run Assembly Plant after 34 year of service.

As a Museum volunteer, Darlene has met and worked with some wonderful people, and has learned about aviation and the history of the B-24 bomber factory.



**Friends of the Plymouth
Historical Museum
Meeting
Tuesday,
March 8, 2016, 7:30 PM**

**Guest Speaker, Darlene Imus
"Rosie the Riveter"**

Free and open to the public



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 1-4 PM all days
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Monthly Drawing

Andrew Spongberg and Merrilee Zawadzki are the winners of the January and February drawings for a \$25 gift certificate.



If you know of anyone who would be willing to volunteer at the Museum each month, please let us know.

Please phone the Museum at 734-455-8940 x 4 and leave a message. We will return your phone call as soon as we are available.

Thank you to our dedicated team of volunteers!

Jump into the Pool !

We are looking for people to join our pool of educational presenters.



Contact Leslie at the Museum at 734-455-8940 x 2, or by email at education@plymouthhistory.org.

New Members—Welcome!

Dennis Bila, Plymouth
 Mark Manchester, Plymouth
 Susan Schwope, Belleville
 Cathy Sekerke, Ypsilanti
 Otto Stockmeyer, Haslett

Plymouth Historical Museum Wish List

1 Roll Postage Stamps	\$49 per
Adopt a Mannequin	\$150
1/2 month heating bill	\$375
1/2 month electric bill	\$475
1 month employee's salary	\$500

To donate online, please visit the Museum website at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/support-us/donate.html>

Tea Party Needs

Demitasse spoons
Salad or dessert forks
3-inch diameter shallow bowls for fruit or sauce

Final Report from the Board of Directors' Committee to Improve Volunteerism

By Sally Fedus, Board Vice President

January 2016

In June, 2015, the Board of Directors designed and sent a survey to 92 current and former volunteers and employees to look into their needs, attitudes and ideas for the purpose of making working at the Museum a more pleasant experience and to encourage more volunteerism. We received written and/or verbal responses from about 55 of those surveyed. Key concepts from those responses include: Communication; Social Interaction; Networking; Recruitment; and, Recognition. The following is a summary of those responses and suggestions for improvements.

Communication is the essential component of involvement at the Museum. It encompasses being informed via the Newsletter (e-mail and/or print), word of mouth from other guides and staff, guide meetings, guide handbook, exhibit walk-throughs, the annual volunteer dinner and other activities. It involves: Social Interaction with other guides, visitors, shift captains (openers and closers,) staff and Board members, Networking with and Recruitment of friends, family members who have been/are volunteers, current and former Museum employees and Board members, as well as Museum meetings, other activities and the Museum marquis. Recognition is another essential component. Volunteers appreciate it when their work performance and volunteer hours are routinely acknowledged not only at Volunteer Dinners but also on a daily basis by positive interaction with shift captains, management, other guides, lunch groups and Board members.

Suggestions for improvements include: provide every volunteer a PHM Newsletter by e-mail and/or hard copy; have periodic guide meetings to include general information; more routinely acknowledge volunteers and their hours worked and knowledge of exhibits, current and upcoming exhibits; provide more information about the permanent exhibits; field trips and other museum related activities; encourage more visitors to attend the museum; and, initially pair a new volunteer with a more experienced one.

Suggestions also include: more frequent awards and/or acknowledgement of work performance at volunteer meetings; highlighting a volunteer in every

PHM newsletter; routinely demonstrating a more welcoming attitude by staff, management and Board members; and, the Volunteer dinner.

Additional suggestions include: network more with friends and acquaintances; more contact with other volunteer/civic groups and clubs; offer more high school students an opportunity to fulfill community service requirements; contact newly retired teachers; post notices at the library, cultural center and other civic buildings; design a "Volunteer Brochure" to offer to Museum visitors; and suggest real estate agents offer home purchasers a one year membership (perhaps at a discounted rate) upon completion of a sale.

We have already incorporated some of the above suggestions into daily life at the Museum and will try to incorporate more of the suggestions as time and opportunity allow. We encourage all staff and volunteers to do so too. **Please remember that we have installed a suggestion box in the office.** We encourage you to put written suggestions into the box as you think of them or present them verbally to the Museum staff and Board. Thank you for your valuable feedback.



Kroger Plus Card Donations

Thank you to those who have added the Plymouth Historical Society to their **Kroger Plus Card**. The Museum receives a small percentage from any purchases made by those who have an up-to-date registration on their cards.

This registration must be completed each year in April. If you have not yet re-enrolled, or want to become a participant in this program, you can visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll."

You must have a valid online account at Kroger.com to participate. If you need help, give us a call at 734-455-8940 ext. 9. We'll be happy to help you get enrolled.

Donations Received
December 2015–January 2016
Thank You!

The following generous donations were received between December 2015 and January 2016:

The Dunning
(\$2,500 +)

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On display until June 12, 2016

The Plymouth Historical Museum showcases its tremendous collection of historical clothing and artifacts in its new special exhibit, "It's a Downton Abbey Thing." The exhibit is on display until Sunday, June 12, 2016.

The exhibit looks at the historic events highlighted in the wildly popular PBS television series, "Downton Abbey," in relation to the events in the U.S. and southeast Michigan during the time period 1912-1930.

Characters from the drama are seen in vignettes throughout the exhibit, including Lady Mary Crawley preparing for her wedding to Matthew Crawley and Footman Thomas Barrow serving Violet, the Dowager Countess of Grantham.



Nominations for Board of Director candidates will be taken from the floor at the April 12, 2016 meeting of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

According to the bylaws:

“Candidates must be members in good standing of the Society on or by the deadline for nominations and maintain their membership throughout their term. Employees and immediate family members of employees and the then acting Directors may not serve as Directors.”

“Additional nominations may be made by individual members at the regular meeting at which the report of the Nominating Committee is presented [the regular meeting prior to the annual meeting]. No nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting. Members may not be nominated for office unless they have given their consent and agree to serve if elected.”

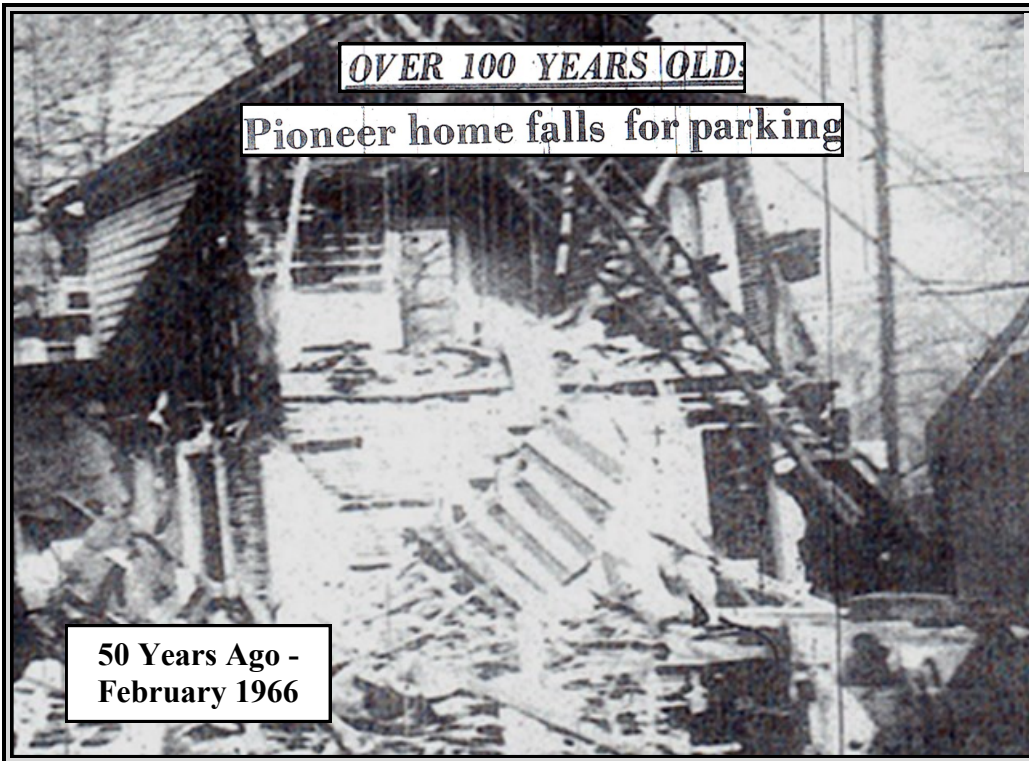
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A Night for the Museum

DINNER • AUCTION • FUNDRAISER
Saturday, March 12, 2016

Tickets are \$75 each

Celebrating
Margaret Dunning
1910-2015



OVER 100 YEARS OLD!

Pioneer home falls for parking

50 Years Ago - February 1966

A house more than 100 years old fell before the heavy shovel of a wrecking machine last Wednesday at 723 Maple St.

The house, and other land in the immediate vicinity is being cleared by Mayflower Hotel owner Ralph Lorenz.

Lorenz was on hand when the wrecking began, and ordered the salvage of several hand-hewn beams that held the house together.

Apparently built before the Civil War in an age when nails were an expensive commodity, the studding and beams of the home show they were all held together by wooden pegs. Studs and beams were joined together with mitered, hand-cut joints.

Plymouth Days Gone By

Compiled by Gerry Sabatini from the newspaper archives at the Plymouth District Library

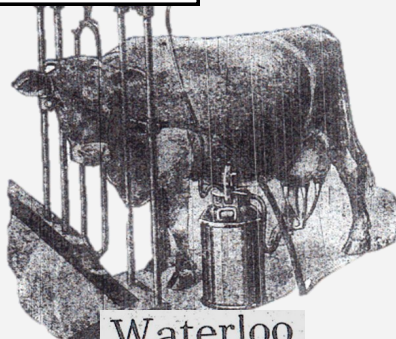
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in the morning
follows the use of
Rexall
Orderlies
the night before



The laxative tablet
with the pleasant taste

In neat tins
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100 Years Ago -



Waterloo

Milking Machine

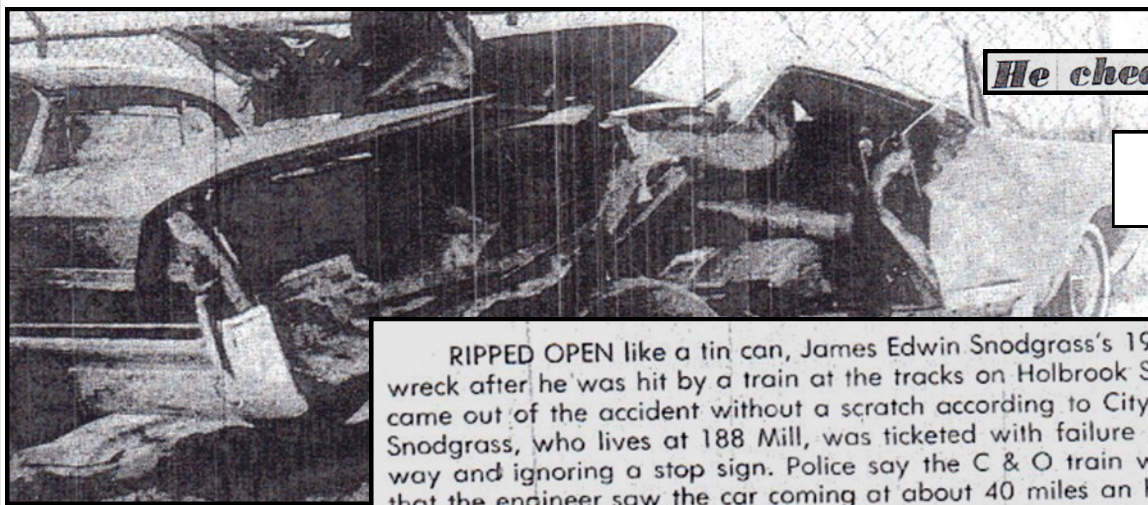
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OPPOSITE
PARK

100 Years Ago - February 1916

Equal Suffrage Lecture

Mrs. G. Edgar Allen, president of the Wayne County Equal Suffrage League, will address a public meeting at Grange hall, Tuesday afternoon, February 15, at 2:15 o'clock, in the interests of the Susan B. Anthony amendment for granting Woman Suffrage. The public is invited and urged to be present. Voters especially are wanted. Please pass the word along and bring a friend. Local committee for the Wayne County Equal Suffrage League.



He cheated death

50 Years Ago -
January 1966

RIPPED OPEN like a tin can, James Edwin Snodgrass's 1964 Pontiac is a total wreck after he was hit by a train at the tracks on Holbrook St. Monday night. He came out of the accident without a scratch according to City of Plymouth police. Snodgrass, who lives at 188 Mill, was ticketed with failure to yield the right-of-way and ignoring a stop sign. Police say the C & O train was backing up, and that the engineer saw the car coming at about 40 miles an hour.

THE **PENN** THEATRE

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When the
BOYS
meet the
GIRLS

50 Years Ago -
February 1966

**Pursell to run
for state senate**

STARRING
CONNIE FRANCIS
HARVE PRESNELL

Carl Pursell will run for the State Senate seat from the 14th District - a seat now held by Senator Farrell E. Roberts of West Bloomfield Township.

PURSELL, who is owner and president of the Western Office

Equipment, Inc., made the announcement last week in Livonia at a district Republican meeting.

He is a member of Governor George Romney's task force on political organization.



The **OUTLAWS**
IS COMING!
STARRING
THE THREE STOOGES

50 Years Ago -

Do Plymouth people want better water?

Do the people of the City of Plymouth want better water?

That question, and several others will be reviewed by a special committee of City Commissioners appointed Monday night by Mayor James C. Houk. The appointments were made at the regular first Monday of the month meeting of the City fathers.

Mayor pro-tem James Jabara will head the committee, with James McKeon and Arch Vallier as members.

In any event, the committee is expected to get the general feeling of the community on upgrading the City's water, which is noted for its extreme hardness.

50 Years Ago - February 1966

City appoints nine-man parking study committee

Parking problems in downtown Plymouth will be attacked anew after the appointment of a nine-man committee Monday night by the City Commission.

The committee is to be chaired by Ralph Lorenz, owner of the Mayflower Hotel, and long active in creating parking downtown. Lorenz is a sort of unofficial expert on parking, having served on various study groups over the past years.

If your hair isn't becoming to you . . . you should be coming to us.

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50 Years Ago - February 1966

PROGRESS IN Bill and Dean Saxton's new Garden Center building was being noted this week as builders awaited steel stringers and rafters for the roof. Saxton's, located on Ann Arbor Trail near Kellogg Park, announced expansion plans last fall that called for a doubling of present floor space (up to 11,300 sq. ft.) and increased parking spaces. Saxton, here in front, said last week he hopes to have the building done by March.



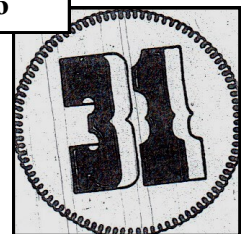
PACKED ICE CREAM

HAND PACKED

BASKIN-ROBBINS ICE CREAM

50 Years Ago - January 1966

PLYMOUTH'S NEWEST business, a Baskins-Robbins ice cream store, held a grand opening last week, with the proud new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Conzett keeping busy serving the over 31 different flavors the store offers. Located on Ann Arbor Rd. and Harvey St., the store features new flavors every month and specially made birthday party treats, created to order.



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Calendar of Events

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March

8—TUESDAY, Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum, Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, "Rosie the Riveter," with Darlene Imus; free admission.

12—Saturday, A Night FOR the Museum, Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, Plymouth, Doors open at 6 PM. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased at the Museum or on the Museum website.

April

12—TUESDAY, Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum, Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, "Animals in the Civil War: Beyond Old Abe and Traveller," with Bee Friedlander; free admission.

May

10—TUESDAY, Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum, Monthly Meeting, 6:30 PM, Annual Meeting, Potluck Dinner, and Board elections. The meal and voting begin at 6:30 PM, rather than our usual start time of 7:30 PM. Potluck Suggestions: Last names beginning A-H—Side dish, Last names beginning I-R—Dessert, Last names beginning S-Z—Main dish

Rent a Room for Your Next Function

The Plymouth Historical Museum is the ideal setting for weddings, showers, receptions, corporate functions, club meetings, funeral luncheons, and many other events. Our Sanford Burr Meeting Room can comfortably seat up to 100 people and has wireless Internet access. Prices are reasonable, and for an additional fee, rental includes use of the kitchen and/or a private tour of the Museum. For more information, visit the Museum or phone 734-455-8940.

