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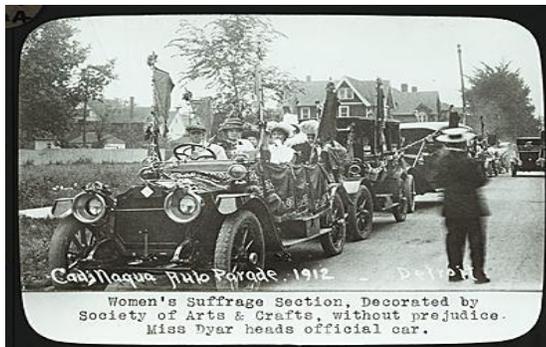
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Suffragists in the Cadillaqua auto parade, Detroit, 1912. Archives of American Art.

100 Years of Woman Suffrage

by Tiffany Dziurman

The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment's ratification which granted women full voting rights in the United States. From the years before Seneca Falls in 1848 to the 19th amendment ratification in 1920, the suffrage movement took unexpected turns, suffered fractures, and omitted minority populations. African-American women were not enfranchised until decades later. Native American women were not considered citizens of our nation until about 1924. Chinese American women could not vote until 1943, due to the Chinese Exclusion Act. Western states used voter suppression to limit voting among Native American and Mexican American women. Yet, the states of Utah, Washington, and Montana granted white women the vote a few years before 1920. Some states in the Midwest allowed women to vote in U.S. presidential and municipal races before 1920. In Michigan after the Civil War, women gained limited school board voting rights. In 1918, Michigan amended its constitution to give women the vote. Yet, most women in the U.S. were not allowed to vote in any local, state, or national election before 1920.

On May 21, 1919, the House of Representatives passed the 19th amendment in a vote of 304 to 89 granting women the right to vote. The Senate passed the amendment two weeks later in a vote of 56 to 25. The amendment then went to the states for ratification. Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin each ratified the amendment within six days of the Senate vote. On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the amendment thereby securing the required two-thirds of the states for full ratification. Certification of the ratification took place on August 20, 1920. **Continued page 3**



President's Message

September means a brand-new season of lectures and programs from the Rochester-Avon Historical Society. Our full schedule of 2019-2020 Thursday evening lectures at the Rochester Hills Public Library and our 2019 Brown Bag lunchtime programs at the Rochester Hills Museum are on our web site at www.rochesteravonhistoricalsociety.org. Our new season will also bring with it some new projects. RAHS will be reworking its historical walking/driving tour book to produce a brand-new publication and we will be taking the first steps at redesigning our web site. In line with our new historical tour book will be a new online resource of local historical sites that can be downloaded from a computer or a mobile app.



Tiffany Dziurman
President
Rochester-Avon Historical Society



RAHS also looks forward to working with the Oakland County Bicentennial team on a few programs and tours celebrating the county's 200th anniversary. So, look for information about collaborations we are doing with the county bicentennial team over the next several months.



I hope you had a wonderful summer. As always, we encourage you to share with us your ideas and suggestions for program, projects, and the like. Together we can preserve our precious historic resources and stories that help make the community one-of-a-kind.



Changes to RAHS Membership Categories

The Rochester-Avon Historical Society has recently updated membership categories as follows. Please note that we have not changed the prices of our membership dues. The following list better defines our important membership categories.

\$15 Student Open to person currently enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary educational institution.

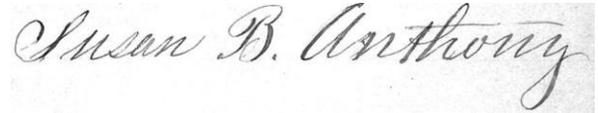
\$20 Individual Open to any person interested in local history.

\$35 Household Includes immediate family members living in the same household. This category replaces the formerly named Family Membership.

\$100 Business/Sponsor Designed for community businesses and individuals with a desire to promote the restoration and promotion of local history.

\$250 Lifetime Perpetual membership for those who wish to make a long-term commitment to the preservation of local history.

Our current lifetime members will become Honorary members and will receive a certificate of recognition for their lifetime of service to local history. RAHS will discontinue two membership categories: Patron and Contributing. Current Patron members will be moved to the Lifetime Membership category



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The 19th amendment reads, in part: *"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."*

To highlight and celebrate the upcoming 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, the Rochester-Avon Historical Society will present programs about women's fight for suffrage. The first program will be "Petticoat Patriots" on Sept. 5 at 7 pm at the Rochester Hills Public Library. Riley Hubbard of Michigan Women Forward #Herstory, formerly Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, will discuss pertinent events during the fight for suffrage and share stories of the women who helped win the ballot. Additional woman suffrage programs will take place in February and March.



Brown Bag Lunchtime Program: "The Lively Town of Rochester: Parts I and II"

Sept. 3 at 12 pm and Oct. 1 at 12 pm

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, Calf Barn

"The Lively Town of Rochester, Michigan" by John Boeberitz (1922-1996) was a slide and audiotape historical tour of Rochester created in 1976. In the 1990s, the tour was put into DVD format by the **Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm**. Due to the length of the DVD, RAHS will feature it in two parts: Part One will be shown on Sept. 3 and Part Two will be shown on Oct. 1. Both Brown Bag programs begin at noon at the Rochester Hills Museum's Calf Barn.

Boeberitz was the Chairman of the 1969 Rochester Centennial Celebration and was known at that time as "Mr. Rochester." In the video, vintage photos are used as Boeberitz takes the viewer on a history-filled journey up the east side of Main Street from the south trestle of the DUR to Orion Junction and returns down the west side of Main Street. He includes side-trips such as Halbach Field, the Detroit Sugar Company, Bloomer Park, Yates Cider Mill, the DUR, railroads, and others.

Each part of the video presentation runs approximately an hour and has not been shown publicly in recent years, so do not miss this opportunity to view it. It is a fascinating snapshot of a town and residents and narrated by a man who did a lot of historical research in preparation for the 1969 centennial, an event that inspired the creation of the Rochester Avon Historical Society, now celebrating its fiftieth anniversary.

No registration required. Open to the public. Cookies and coffee will be provided, bring a lunch to eat.



Photo: Black and white photo of a group of people in front of a horse-drawn streetcar during double Avon township Jubilee, Rochester, MI. Name J. A. Boeberitz stamped on back (photo was taken 1935, exact date unknown). Natalie Stevenson Photo Collection, Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, Rochester Hills, MI.



Thursday Evening Lecture: "Petticoat Patriots"

Sept. 5 at 7 pm

Rochester Hills Public Library, Multipurpose Room

In celebration of women's suffrage and the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment in 2020, Riley Hubbard of Michigan Women Forward #HERStory formerly Michigan Women's Hall of Fame will present "Petticoat Patriots," highlighting events during the years-long fight for woman suffrage and share the stories of women that helped win the ballot.

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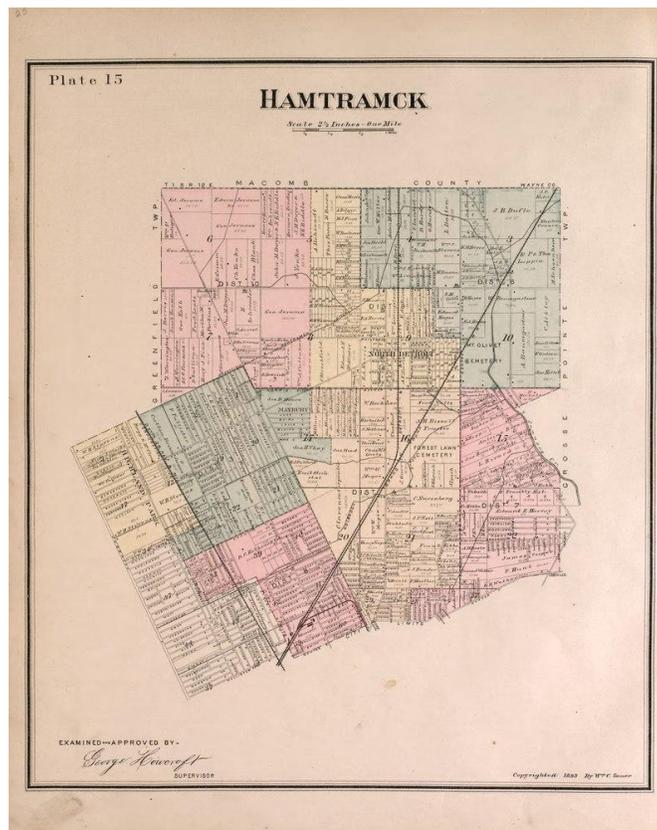
Photo: Provided by Michigan Women Forward

Thursday Evening Lecture: Hamtramck Transformed

Oct. 3 at 7 pm

Rochester Hills Public Library, Multipurpose Room

Greg Kowalski of the Hamtramck Historical Museum will explore the rich ethnic history of Hamtramck, from its Polish roots to becoming the first city in America to have a Muslim-majority city council, Hamtramck has been called the most diverse city in Michigan.



2019 SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2019 OCTOBER

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Don't miss these upcoming events
Be sure to mark your calendar now!

September 3 - Brown Bag @ Museum 12pm

September 5 - Thursday Lecture & Meeting 7pm

September 10 - Executive Committee Meeting 7pm

September 17 - Board of Directors Meeting 7pm

October 1 - Brown Bag @ Museum 12pm

October 3 - Thursday Lecture & Meeting 7pm

October 7 - Deadline for ERA articles/content

October 15 - Board of Directors Meeting 7pm

Volunteer Areas of Interest

How would you like to participate?

- Annual Picnic
- Antique Appraisal Day
- Historic Research
- Historic Walking Tour Guide/Assistant
- Fundraising
- Genealogy Research
- Heritage Days
- Oral History
- Photography/Videography
- Publications
- Refreshments at Meetings
- Special Project Volunteer
- Website/Social Media



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Join the Rochester-Avon Historical Society Today!

Membership Application



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- New**
- Renewal**
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- Special Project Volunteer
- Website/Social Media
- Volunteer Interests/Other

Name: _____
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