



# The Informer

Newsletter of the Dundee Township Historical Society

October 2018

## 'GHOST and GRAVEYARD TALES'

**October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2pm**

On Sunday, October 21st at 2:00 pm, Don Alesi will present "Ghost and Graveyard Tales" at the historical society museum.

Don will relate stories of his 20 plus years working in the local cemeteries.

Many of these stories are included in his recent publication titled, Letting People Down : Memories of a Cemetery Worker.

Marge Edwards, historical society president, will also share stories, epitaphs and traditions.

Guests are invited to share their own ghost stories.

Why do we wear black to a funeral?

Do you know the difference between a graveyard and a cemetery?

Why do people put coins on a grave marker and what do they mean?

These questions and many more will be answered.

Guests may take a self-guided tour of the west cemetery

Members, area residents and visitors are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

There is no admission charge but donations graciously accepted.

## HISTORIC SITES 2018

The Dundee Township Historical Society will recognize area homes at its annual Historic Sites Program and Plaque Presentation to be held on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 2:00 pm. The program will be held at the historical museum located at 426 Highland Ave. in West Dundee.

Plaques are awarded to sites of historical significance and "to foster appreciation of and to educate us about our built environment and our heritage". Research is done by committee members as well as homeowners and community members.

Among the homes to receive plaques are

The Henry Wendt House at 110 North Street in East Dundee Dates to Circa 1898.

The former Anniballi Home at 434 Highland which dates to 1919.

Others are still being researched to be sure they qualify.

All area residents are invited to attend this recognition program and plaque presentation to learn about some of the earlier residents of Dundee Township, popular structure styles of the past, and ways to keep or restore their homes to the original architectural design.

There is no admission charge. For more information, call the museum at 847-428-6996.



# Dundee's World War Honor Roll

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" --- *John 15:13*



Q.M. Sgt. Bernard Doss  
Ordnance Dept.  
D. 10-9-18



Pvt. Wm. Miller  
Co. L. 89th Inf.  
D. 7-19-18



Lieut. Howard Sawyer  
Co. L. 130th Inf.  
D. 1918



Pvt. Clarence Shedden  
95th co. 6th. Reg  
D. 7-19-18



Louis Bright  
372 Aero Squadron  
D. 3-18-18



Pvt. Louis Renholtz  
Co. I. 14th Inf.  
D. 12-14-18



Cpl. Stanley J. Cox  
Q.M. Corp 327 Bakery Company  
D. 4-6-19



Pvt. Edmond Frier  
Co. F 343 Inf. 86  
D. 10-11-18



Pvt. Henry C. Schuring  
311 Trench Mortar B.F.A.  
D. 10-17-18



Pvt. Herman W. Selpien  
Co. 2 Eng. Corp.  
D. on or about 10-9-18



Charles T Sundt  
Co. I 34 Engr. Corps  
D. 5-27-18



Pvt. Otto Schuett  
30 Co. 161 Depot Brigade  
D. 10-15-18



Charles H Bartels  
Co. G. 129th Inf.  
D. 5-18-18



Pvt. Herman F. Zirk  
Co. F. 344 Inf.  
D. 10-27-18



Pvt. Louis Allison  
Co. M. 141st Inf. 37th Div.  
D. 11-3-18



DUNDEE'S WORLD WAR HONOR ROLL features fifteen young men from Dundee Township who lost their lives on foreign soil in a conflict to free France and its allies from oppression. The "Great War" had already been raging for a number of years before President Wilson finally made the decision to send troops to Europe. American ships had been attacked and Americans had been killed. There was no recourse but to put an end to the insanity. These courageous young men fought in the battles of Marne, Verdun, Champaign, Blanc Mount, Belleau Woods, and Soissons. They tramped through the Argonne Forest left devastated by the German Army's mustard gas. Besides the "Huns", they fought hunger and exhaustion, rain and cold, cooties and rats and fear. They witnessed their comrades fall, all the time knowing they could be next. The war finally came to a halt. The bombing stopped, the rifles laid to rest. At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918 the treaty was signed and the men sent home.

Women also played an important role in the war. Although they could not officially enlist they could volunteer. Those men and women who attended Dundee High School were honored in the 1918 and 1919 editions of the school's year books, The Black and Maroon.

The following tribute by Frederick F. Hall was included in the 1918 edition.

“The bugle, not the school bell, calls you now,  
On land and on sea , in trench and cantonment;  
In vales of death, on rugged mountain's brow,  
You carry on, strong in your sure intent.  
Freely you offered at your country's call  
Youth, strength, the promise of life's beckoning years.  
God bless, God keep you, who bear with you all  
Our pride, our love, our longing and our tears.”

The original photo is currently on display in a WWI exhibit at the museum.  
It was reprinted after in an edition of the Elgin Daily Courier News .

## **ARMISTICE DAY**

An armistice was signed between Germany and the Allies on November 11, 1918 ending "The Great World War".

This war to end all wars did not become known as WWI until the U.S. became involved in WWII.

In 1918 President Woodrow Wilson names the day to honor the truce but it did not become a federal holiday until 1938.

After World War II we paid tribute to those who gave their lives in both world wars. In 1954, President Dwight D Eisenhower signed a bill that proclaimed November 11<sup>th</sup> as a day to honor all war veterans and the name was changed to Veterans Day.

## **HONORING VETERANS**

In 1928, the dedication of the monument that was erected in honor of those “who offered their lives in humanity’s defense in the World War 1914-1918 and in memory of whose gave the last full measure of devotion” took place in Carpenter Park. Its roll call lists 76 names. This monument is part of The Veterans’ Memorial Garden that was dedicated on November 10, 2001 that includes monuments and flags representing the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. This Veterans Day take some time to thank a veteran who has served to protect our freedom.



## **DID YOU LOSE YOUR ELECTRICITY THIS SUMMER?**

Thanks to William and Rueben Sutfin we have electricity.

In 1892 they built the Citizen's Power, Light and Heat Company which was the Dundee's first power plant on King William St in East Dundee. The electric lights were turned on November 6<sup>th</sup> of that year.

We certainly rely on electricity and do our share of complaining when a summer storm knocks it out. We wonder how long it took to re-establish electric service in those early years.

## **DISGRUNTLED ABOUT BRIDGE REPAIR?**

Prior to 1839 you would have to ford over the river in Dundee if not too flooded to cross. The first bridge made of oak was built at a cost of \$1565 and made things easier for residents. Oh and the bridge was to be completed in March of that year but completion was delayed a bit.

In 1837 Charles and Daniel Carpenter could not cross the swollen Fox River so they set up camp and stayed. The first bridge over the river in Carpentersville did not come until 1851. It was paid for by Julius Angelo Carpenter, Charles' son, who became business owner, builder and benefactor of the town.

## **SLIDE PROJECTOR NEEDED**

We are looking for a donation of a slide projector for the museum. Ours has finally given out. Until we convert our slides to be presented on our power point projector, we are in need of still giving slide presentations to school groups. Please call the museum if you are willing to donate your working slide projector.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the many memorial donations received in the names of Lenore McDonald and Gretchen Matthews. Both ladies are truly missed and their wishes for the historical society are admirable.

Thank you to the EFS Foundation for their recent grant that will help us continue with our building updates and repairs.

Thank you to all those who donated items for our summer Garage Sale. It was a success due to the generosity of many. And of course thank you to the many shoppers who purchased treasures.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

The Dundee Township Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas sale during the Dickens in Dundee Celebration.

The sale will be held on Saturday, December 1st, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church located at 410 W. Main St. in West Dundee from 9am to 3pm.

New, gently used, and vintage Christmas items sold at reasonable prices



Give this form to a friend



**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**DUNDEE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
 426 Highland Ave, West Dundee IL 60118  
 847-428-6996  
 dths@sbcglobal.net

Your membership helps support the Dundee Township Historical Society. The basic objective of the society is to inspire appreciation in our rich local heritage by encouraging understanding and preservation of the history of our township. Dundee Township is an area where new growth and historic preservation stand side by side. We seek your active involvement in the Historical Society. Your financial support by membership dues and donations, and/or your gift of time as a docent, library aide, special events volunteer, etc. will enable us to fulfill our goals.

Visit our website at [www.dundee-township-historical.org](http://www.dundee-township-historical.org) to learn more.

*Complete the form below and include the tax deductible membership fee.  
 The Dundee Township Historical Society does not share any membership information with any entities.*

Please Check One

- Annual Membership                       Lifetime Membership                       Change of Address or Email

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- Senior Citizen Membership (Age 60+) - \$7.50 Annual Fee
- Youth Membership (Age 18 & under) - \$7.50 Annual Fee
- Individual Membership - \$10.00 Annual Fee
- Couple or Family Membership - \$17.50 Annual Fee
- Sustaining Membership - \$40.00 Annual Fee
- Business / Organization Membership - \$60.00 Annual Fee
- Lifetime Membership - \$250.00 One-time Fee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to Dundee Township Historical Society  
 Mail to 426 Highland Ave, West Dundee IL 60118*



## Welcome New Members

Recent new members to our  
historical society

Deborah Cagle  
Capt. James Nickols

Life Members  
Terry & JoLynn Siefert

## IMPORTANT DATES

### October

21 Cemetery Program  
2pm

### November

4 Historic Sites Program &  
Plaque Presentation 2pm

### December

1 Dickens of a Christmas  
Sale 9am-3pm

## Dundee Township Historical Society

**Marge Edwards**  
President

**Open Position**  
President Elect

**Colette McDonough**  
Secretary

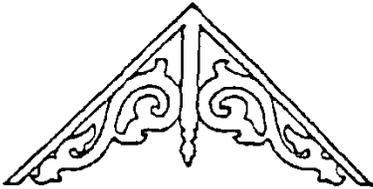
**Sue Roeser**  
Treasurer

**Marge Edwards**  
Past President

**Faye Williams, Greg Ryant,  
Connie Kaschub, Jim Prow, Jack Wendt,  
Dave Culligan, Kristie Benedik**  
Board of Directors

### Committees:

<b>Newsletter</b>	Marge Edwards Kristie Benedik
<b>Historic Sites</b>	Jack Wendt
<b>Library</b>	Luanne Lewandowski Marge Edwards
<b>Museum</b>	Jack & Nancy Wendt
<b>Membership</b>	Faye Williams
<b>Docents</b>	Jack Wendt
<b>Land &amp; Buildings</b>	Jack Wendt
<b>Website</b>	Kristie Benedik
<b>Programs</b>	Marge Edwards



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