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"Pioneer Women" Panel, YouTube, Beginning November 14, 2021

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Sunday, November 14, 2021, 2:30 p.m. we will launch another of our great panel discussions from the past.

"Pioneer Women" from March 21, 2004 features Leona DeLue, Terry Ruehl, Jean Bernstein, Wilma Brenne, and Jean Dinnocenzo. These five women, who came in the first few years of Park Forest talked about how they came and what they found here. Terry Ruehl took the muddy kids picture we love to share.



Leona was one of the first residents to move in on the first day. Terry was here by Halloween 1948. I believe all were living here within the first year, and told great stories. It will be posted indefinitely like our other video programs.

Tune in to "Park Forest Historical Society "YouTube Channel to watch.

Interested in helping preserve Park Forest History?

We are looking for volunteers to show the museum, to help the board, and to work on the Archive collection.
Contact Jane Nicoll, 708-481-4252, or via email on the website, parkforesthistor.org.

PARK FOREST HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

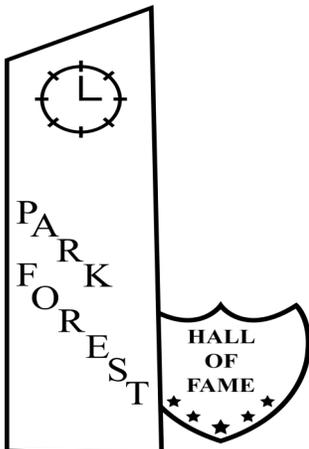
until December 31, 2021. The official form, which **must** accompany nominations, is available at the 1950s Park Forest House Museum, when it's open, at the Archive, 227 Monee Road on Friday 10-12, in the Village Hall lobby, or on the website at parkforesthistor.org. **We are not mailing the form to all this year. If you can not get it off the computer, let us know and we will send one out.** Nominations may be mailed or delivered in person to 227 Monee Road.

To be eligible for the Hall of Fame, persons nominated must have made substantial, beneficial, and consistent contributions to the life and well being of Park Forest over a considerable span of time. Nominees may now live elsewhere, or be deceased. Individuals or couples may be nominated. The person making the nomination does not have to live in Park Forest, or be a member of the society.

Persons may only make one nomination each year. Separate sheets indicating why the person is being nominated, and in convincing and thorough detail, describing the nominee's qualifications and contributions which fit the criteria must be attached to the required nomination form. A list of those already in the Hall of Fame is on the reverse of the form or on the website.

Inductees will be chosen by the Park Forest Historical Society, and announced early in 2022.

The induction ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, April 3, 2022. It may be in person at Freedom Hall, or it may be videotaped and aired on YouTube as in 2020 and 2021.



In My Own Little Corner

By Jane Nicoll

Be sure to visit our “Step Back into a 1950s Christmas” exhibit this year!

Halloween is up through November 6, 2021. “Step Back into a 1950s Christmas” is November 27, 2021 to January 5, 2022. We include a Hanukkah display. Find the Christmas/Hanukkah exhibit flier enclosed. Be sure to post it somewhere and share it with friends. If you tried to view our September YouTube program on “50 Years of the Park Forest Aqua Center” we apologize. Facebook did NOT launch what we loaded. There is a technical problem with file formats which we hope to resolve and post the panel discussion later.

Read about the makers of our C. Sincere Black Forest Green Christmas tree at www.TheAluminumForest.com. Kelly McClure switched from a book on Aluminum trees to a website. Photos of our tree and of the unique storage boxes, which are quite rare, are featured. Big thanks to Kerry Adams and Blaise Parker for helping take high resolution photos and for getting them sent to Kelly.

“Remembering Rich East” Video to be for Sale Soon!

Since May 2020, the PFHS Board has been invested, including financially, in documenting Rich East High School. We hired a photographer to go into the school with us that May to preserve images of the interior and exterior. More than 900 photographs and some video were taken. Jane scanned early photos and brochures from the collection, and scans from Arnold DeLuca’s scrapbooks were included showing Prom Train articles, photos and more.

Then to find recordings and sheet music for the Rich East Loyalty Song and “Hail to the Green and Gold”. Peter Pisello, former band instructor, supplied a fully orchestrated version. A Facebook appeal found people with the sheet music in various states, some quite nice. Jane’s son had the melody to the fight song in his trumpet case. Rich East records in our collection, both a little rough for digitizing, were digitized by Chris Janota and Jane.

With COVID-19 restrictions, people weren't willing to sing together. We found the Class of 1967 had sung both songs, beautifully, at their 50th and put them on YouTube. One recording had been remastered by Ken Kortge who was willing for us to use all the music. David Peryam let us use his YouTube recording of the fight song.

Then to find someone to compile the video itself. Jared Amani was hired for that.

Now our challenge is to get the finished video reproduced and packaged for sale.

We think we can get that done in the next week or so.

We plan to sell the nearly 25 minute video for about \$20 to cover our considerable expenses of hiring the photographer, video artist and of getting it copied.

Watch for an announcement that we have it ready for sale, which we sincerely hope will be in time for Holiday gift giving! We hope, whenever it is available, you will buy it!

Yay Green! Yay Gold! Yay Team, Let’s Go!!!!

Did you remember to sign up to be a member or to renew your membership?

Can’t find your form? Pick one up at the museum, Archive, or copy it from our website, parkforesthistor.org. You can also opt to join via PayPal on the website with a message, “Membership”. **Just Join!! In order to remain in operation as a Society, we must have more Active Volunteers and more Members.** Too few are doing too many jobs, and many things cannot be done.

Park Forest Plaza and Holiday Theatre.

Print by Annabelle Gould, 1966. 11" x 14". Price \$15. S/H is over \$6.

This print is available at the Museum for purchase or through the Society website. Visit our Museum Store or Online Store to see gift ideas.

