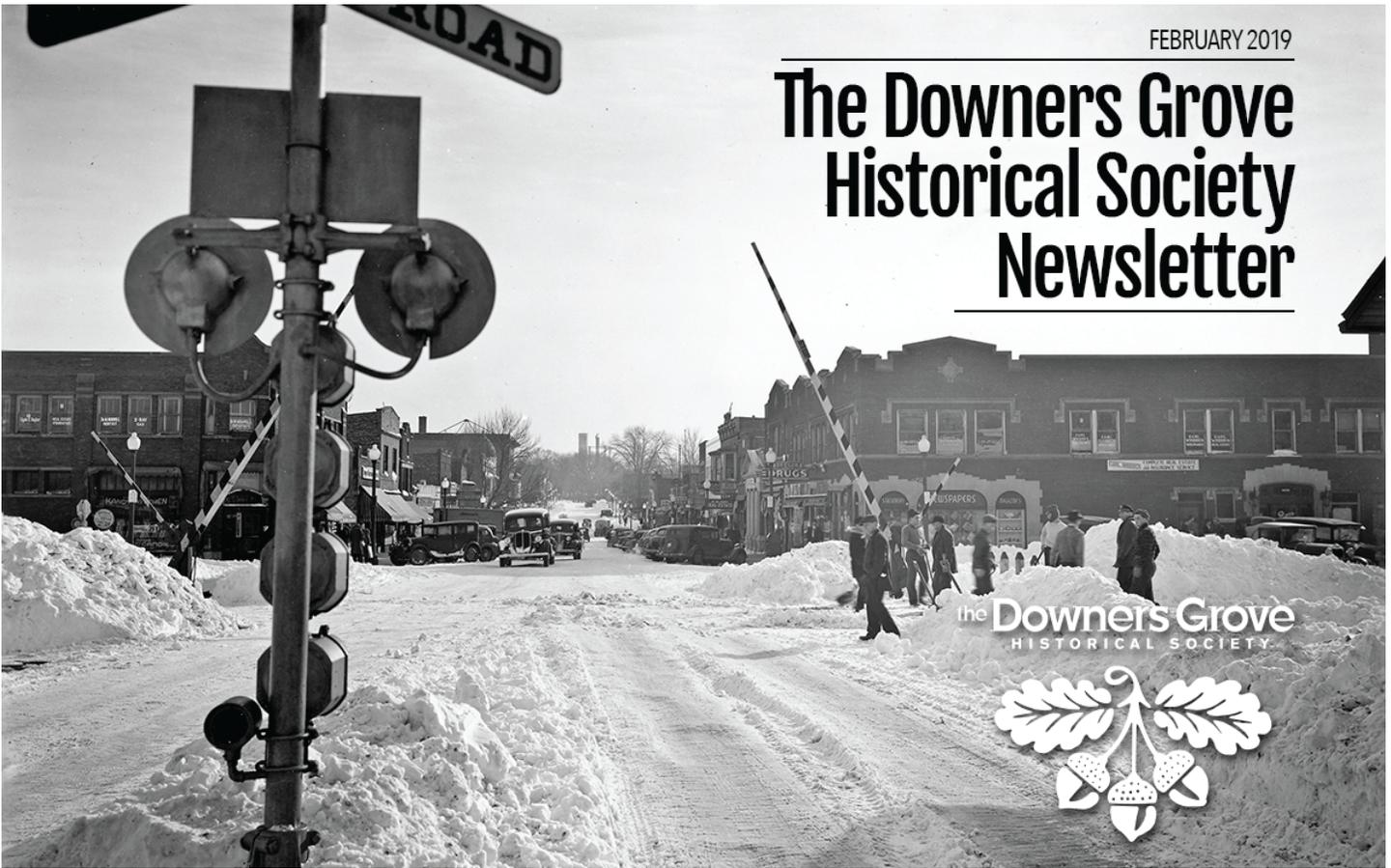


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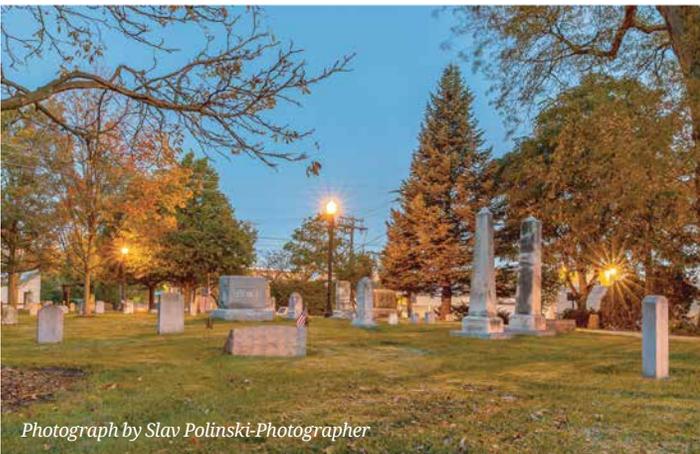
Happy New Year!

Along with the New Year comes our annual membership renewal campaign. We recently sent out your renewal notice and many of you have already renewed. THANK YOU!

If you haven't already done so, please help us keep our programs and events running by sending in your dues. (If you are a life member, you can disregard this request.) DON'T FORGET, our new policy is that you will get into our

educational events for free if you are a paid-in-full member of the Downers Grove Historical Society. If you would like to see how your dues were spent in 2018, click here for a summary of everything we accomplished last year. It was a very busy year, and we have more planned for 2019.

Thank you for your membership and support of Downers Grove history!



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Village to Seek Landmark Designation for Main Street Cemetery

The Downers Grove Historical Society is pleased that the Village of Downers Grove will be submitting an application to designate the Main Street Cemetery in Downtown Downers Grove a historic landmark! Landmarking the Cemetery has been discussed several times in recent years, but more attention was brought to it during a 2018 Plan Commission meeting when

Downers Grove resident Scott Richards raised concern about the Cemetery's lack of protection from future development. The Village will present the landmark application during the March Architectural Design Review Board (ADRB) meeting. The application will then move to the Village Council who will vote on the designation. Please consider attending the ADRB meeting to show your support for preserving this prominent historic site in our community!

Architectural Design Review Board Meeting

March 20, 2019

7:00pm

Downers Grove Village Hall
801 Burlington Ave.



Thank You to The Grove Foundation

The Historical Society would like to thank The Grove Foundation for its past and ongoing support of the Downers Grove Historical Society. In 2018, The Grove Foundation provided a generous donation to help with the Historical Society's 50th Anniversary party and during the last three years they have sponsored the very popular Country in the Park event as part of our annual Founders Day celebrations. Three members of The Grove Foundation Board have served on the Founders Day planning committee, including the Founders Day committee chairman, Bruce Swanson. Bruce has been a driving force with the Historical Society in reviving the Founders Day events and the Founder of the Year designee.

The Grove Foundation is a small not-for profit organization, which exists to enrich the lives of community members by identifying, supporting and promoting recreational, educational and community experiences through innovative and collaborative efforts. The organization was formed in July of 1991 and has distributed over \$250,000 back to the community over the past 27 years.

In addition to various established programs, The Grove Foundation also promotes a Grant Application process in fourth quarter of each year. In 2017, 10 grants we awarded to various organizations in the community. The Grove Foundation also supports families and individuals with critical needs. The Grove Foundation raises money through two major fundraising efforts, Passport in late winter and their annual golf outing in September. For more information about The Grove Foundation, you may visit their website, or visit them on Facebook.

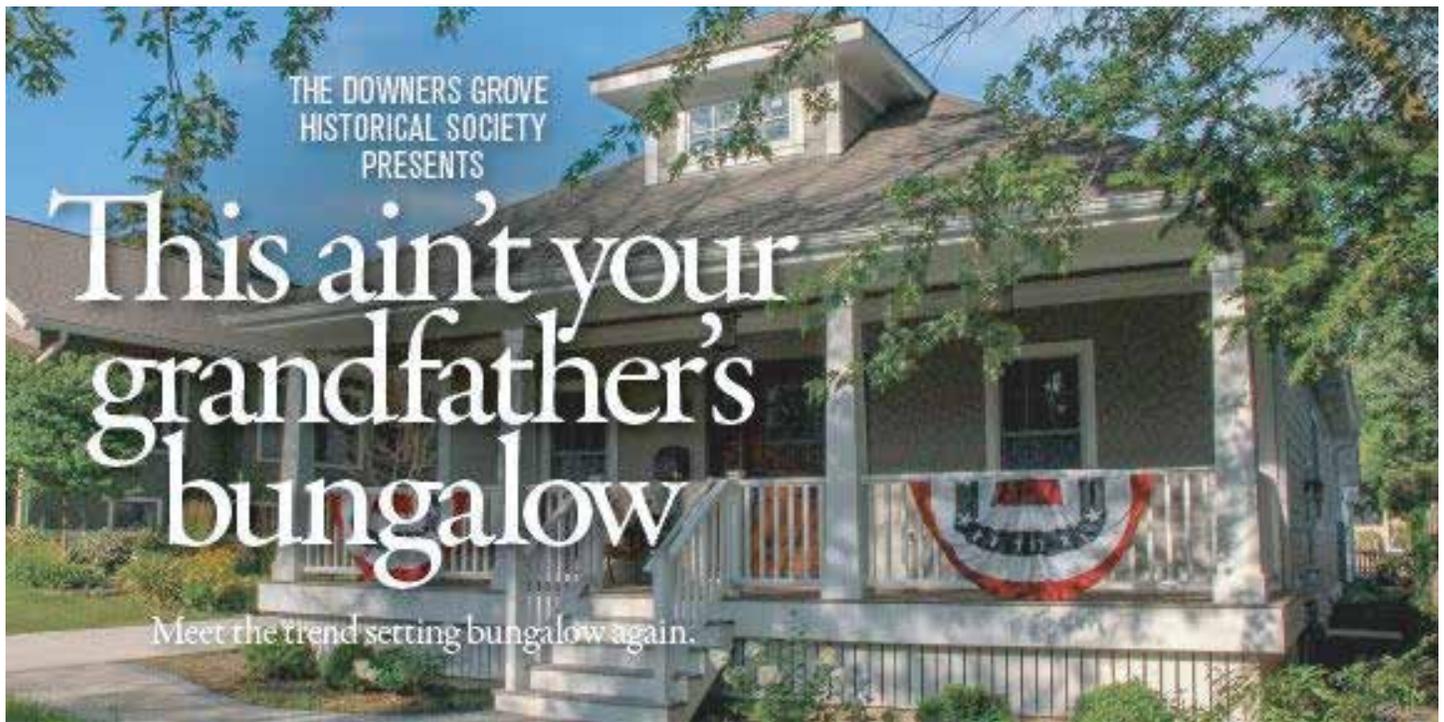
Remembrance of Jane Pugh

We will miss Downers Grove Historical Society Board member emeritus Jane Pugh, who passed away at age 90 in Chicago late last year. She was the daughter of Emerson and Grace (Odel) Pugh and lived her youth in Downers Grove, attending Avery Coonley School. When she retired from her job with the City of Chicago she became active in the Downers Grove Historical Society, commuting out to Downers Grove on the train to assist with events and projects. She maintained the family home in Downers Grove for many years, although lived mostly in Hyde Park.



She was a past member of the boards of the Renaissance Society of Hyde Park, the Hyde Park Kenwood Community Conference and the Friends Against AIDS at the University of Chicago. She was honored with the title of Director Emeritus by the Historical Society upon her retirement from the Society.

Jane, your common sense and strength will be missed.



Downers Grove Historical Society Presents
This Ain't Your Grandfather's Bungalow

Come meet this trend setting bungalow again. Have you ever admired the “new” bungalow just north of Prairie on Main Street in Downers Grove? Are you curious as to who built it and why? Do you wonder why it fits in so well with its neighboring homes? Join us to hear homeowner and architect, Don Rickard, present his home’s story and talk about why this bungalow is not at all like the one your grandfather lived in!

When: Thursday, March 7

Time: 6:30pm Social - 7:00pm Presentation

Where: Emmett’s Brewing Company -
5200 Main Street, Downers Grove

Cost: FREE for DGHS Members whose dues are current; \$10 for Non-Members

Your first drink is on us! (up to \$7 value) Food and additional drinks available for purchase.

2019 Membership

As you may be aware, the time and energy of the society is mostly drawn from donated time. Your financial support helps us to connect everyone interested in society news through event programming, social media technology and ongoing research. Additionally, current members in good standing are able to attend our seminars and special programs for FREE.

Dues pricing is as follows:

- Individual - \$15
- Family - \$20
- Senior/Student - \$10
- Business - \$25
- Life Individual - \$100
- Life Couple - \$200

We are always seeking additional support and if you would like to contribute, please feel free to support us in any way you can.



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