

Alexander Macomb Historical Award
Individual



Year Award Given: 2014

Awarded to: Patricia Chownyk – Roseville, Macomb, MI

Nominated by: Kim Parr

Presented Where: Macomb County Heritage Alliance Annual Meeting -
Simpson Park Camp – April 26, 2014

Presented By: Macomb County Heritage Alliance

Anyone who meets Pat Chownyk, quickly learns that she is very, very passionate about history, especially Roseville, Michigan's history. Pat has been involved with the Roseville Historical Society for over thirty years, having served as a member of their board of directors and many committees including the last 20 years as the group's president. Over the years, Pat has also worked closely with Roseville Public Library staff to establish an archive housed in the library. Additionally, she has been instrumental in helping the archive acquire its collection which contains over 10,000 historic images, newspaper, historic documents and oral histories.

Pat has also been active in other Roseville organizations including serving as parish historian for Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where she has been a life-long parishioner. In 2014, Sacred Heart merged with St. Athanasius in Roseville and Our Lady Queen of All Saints in Fraser. The three merged parishes were given the name of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, where Pat remains an active member and historian.

Kim Parr, Director of the Macomb County Historical Society stated that, "communities need people like Pat to keep their heritage alive. Pat has been an integral part of the Roseville Historical Society and many people don't realize how much time and effort this takes."

Pat has set a wonderful example for other Macomb County historians. Her enthusiasm, enduring dedication and love of Roseville and its history serve as inspiration to our historical community and we are proud to award her with the 2014 Alexander Macomb Historical Award for an individual.

Information Resources: *The Macomb Daily* / May 12, 2014
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