Guest Essay
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150 Years Young

As Co-Chairs of the Barrington Sesquicentennial Committee, we invite you to join us in celebrating Barrington’s 150th birthday. As you can see by the calendar of events on the next page, our committee has been busy!

In such a young country, 150 years is a milestone to be proudly marked for its perspective on our heritage and as a foundation for where we go as a community. From its incorporation at the end of the Civil War to its status today as a prestigious and beautiful place to live, raise families, and do business—Barrington celebrates its evolution from 1865 to 2015.

The first official event was the cake and candles party on February 16 at Village Hall (the actual “birthday” based on the signing of our charter by the State of Illinois). We now look forward to a historically-themed 1865 Street Festival, special showings of photos and historical items, walking tours of our business district, a “Barrington through the Decades” Fourth of July parade theme, a grand-scale Civil War re-enactment, and even a portrayal of the Baby Face Nelson and FBI shoot-out that took place on Route 14 in 1934.

Our thanks to the members of the Sesquicentennial Committee who have been hard at work planning the events scheduled for the rest of the year and to those organizations, businesses, and people who have partnered with us – the Village of Barrington, Barrington Area Library, Barrington Park District, Barrington 220, Barrington Area Ministerial Association, and our many civic organizations.

A special thanks to Quintessential Barrington for creating the upcoming commemorative issue that focuses on the rich history of Barrington. Featured in this publication is the work of our History Sub-Committee—a veritable team of your friends and neighbors who researched, conducted interviews, and collected information about the history of Barrington and its founders—the people who came here, put down roots, and set the direction for what we are today.

We are proud to be a part of this celebration and of the wonderful Village of Barrington.

Watch for more information about upcoming social and historical events throughout the year. Follow us on Facebook at Barrington 150 and visit www.barrington150.org.