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The “Fabulous ‘50s” announced as the topic of Sioux City History Day

Revisit the post-WWII era that marked many transitions in American society from clothing to politics to entertainment at the **7th annual Sioux City History Day: The Fabulous ‘50s** on Saturday, October 11 at Western Iowa Tech Community College from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. While times were good with the baby boom and economic prosperity, the dawning of the cold war, racial tensions, the polio epidemic and natural disasters had a substantial impact as well. It seems fitting that Sioux City celebrated its first 100 years during such a unique and transformational decade.

The event is sponsored by the Sioux City Public Museum, Western Iowa Tech Community College, and the Waitt Family Foundation.

Keynote speaker Ralph Swain, WITCC humanities division chair, will kick-off the day with a retrospective of the decade. Additional sessions include a slide-show of 1950s photographs, the reading of time capsule letters, and discussions with local personalities. Opportunities for audience participation will be available throughout the day.

Lunch will feature music and Sioux City images from the Fabulous Fifties. The presentations are free and registration is NOT required. A boxed lunch is available for \$6 by calling WITCC at 712-274-6404 or toll free at 1-800-325-4649. Registration # is 09/FYCPDV-2416-01. Payment is required one week in advance.

For general information, contact Grace Linden, curator of history, at the Sioux City Public Museum’s Pearl Street Research Center, 224-5001 or visit www.siouxcitymuseum.org.

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Schedule

- 8:45** Doors Open (Historical organizations booths in the hallway between sessions from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
- 9:00** Introductions by Master of Ceremonies, Russ Gifford
- 9:15** “The Fabulous ‘50s” – Ralph Swain
- 10:00** “Crime and Corruption at City Hall: Sioux City in the ‘50s” – Russ Gifford
- 10:30** Break
- 10:45** Readings from 1950s Time Capsule Letters
- 11:00** “From Korea to the Classroom” – Darold Sea
- 11:30** “Working for Ma Bell” – Audrey Mook
- Noon** Lunch/1950s Slide-Show (held in the Black Box Theatre; boxed lunch available with reservations)
- 1:00** “Breaking News of the 1950s” – Don Stone
- 1:30** “Iconic Toys of the 1950s” – Larry Fuller
- 2:00** “The First on the Scene” – George Lindblade
- 2:30** “Containing the Polio Epidemic” – Gloria Welte and Verla Thompson
- 3:00** 1950s Slide-Show (repeat showing)

All sessions listed will be held in the Building D Large Lecture Hall, except lunch.