

The following are highlights of the SRDC's years 1984 – 2009

May 1984 – Grandstand built.

July 1984 – Seats installed

August 1984 – Cornerstone laid which is donated by Becker Bricklaying and engraved (donated) by Lager Monument.

October 1984 – Sewer project given to Haare Plumbing and Heating \$655,979.00 and to be completed in 9 months. Donated popcorn machine for school Halloween parties.

December 1984 – Observe 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party

January 1985 – Obtain 15 year lease to insure Bernard Schuette pond.

May 1985 – Sell monthly \$10.00 tickets to 100 ticket limit and pay out \$500.00 (half).

September 1985 – Ruth Detmer donated quilt for Christmas lighting fund.

November – 1985 Las Vegas night planned.

December – 1985 New Christmas light purchased \$2274.00. 211 paid members.

January 1986 – Alphonse Henrichs retired from custodian at park.

March 1986 – Bought lighted sign.

June 1987- New poles at park.

July 1987 – Fryer and table purchased for kitchen.

August 1987- Build or buy playground equipment.

October 1987- Built fence around ball diamond.

April 1988 – New playground equipment installed.

June 1988 – Virgil Voss replaced Larry Tebbe as custodian of the community bldg.

July 1988 – Lights purchased for horseshoe area.

December 1988 – Road completion (curb and culvert project) - \$667,000.00. Combine Derby scheduled for next year.

May 1989 – New curtains for Development building donated by Homemakers.

July 1989 – 1<sup>st</sup> Combine Derby in Carlyle. Wanting a 50/50 picnic split for the year of 1990.

August 1989 – Joint resolution to have a new Rt. 50 access to the St. Rose Rd.

October 1989 – Dance for road project. Fire Dept. 25 years old.

December 1989 – Breese Jaycees wanting to share a chapter in St. Rose for the young people.

January 1990 – Combine Derby money to go 50% for road project, rest in general fund.

March 1990 – Applied for 1990 Governors Home Town Award.

April 1990 – Jaycee's had Easter Egg Hunt

July 1990 – Did a greased pig contest with Combine Derby in Carlyle.

December 1990 – Got \$21,401.00 gross from St. Rose parish picnic.

February 1991- Applied for water district grant in Springfield, Il.

March 1991- Planted 20 new trees, 10 donated by CKL & I. Flag donated by CKL & I in front of Development Bldg.

May 1991- New curtain and rod at park.

June 1991 - Free use of park with anyone being in the Persian Gulf for family gatherings.

November 1991 - Grant for water district for \$275,000.00 was awarded by the state.

January 1992 – Meeting with Breese, IDOT and SRDC about the new Rt. 50 interchange.

April 1992 – New roof and siding on the Development Bldg. - \$3000.00.

July 1992 – Recipient for Bud Donnewald Memorial Golf town - \$2500.00 for improvements as the park. Start forming committees for the Quadsestential for 1993.

December 1992 - Change Xmas lights to 1 stand in the middle of town. Battle of the wits was played as a fund raiser for the Quadstenstial.

January 1993 – Discussion of a 4 way stop sign in the middle of town.

May 1993 - Big pavilion roof reshingled.

June 1993 - New plans for signs coming into town. Ground donated by Joe Trame and Ferd Tebbe.

August 1993 - Purchase 2-20x30 tents.

September 1993 - St. Rose gets stop signs approved by County Board.

October 1993 - Remodel park kitchen. Donated \$500.00 to Veterans Memorial at Court House for names of WWI, WWII, Korean and Vietnam Wars.

December 1993 - Planted 11 trees at park and new horseshoe pits installed.

January 1994 - Father Schaeffer is welcomed to St. Rose.

February 1994 - Bike path suggested by Mike Schuette.

March 1994 - Borrowed \$20,000 to St. Rose fire dept. for a 30x40 addition.

April 1994 - Had pork sausage breakfast instead of Chicken dinner.

July 1994 - Golf scramble planned for a fund raiser.

February 1995 – Apply for grant money and land owners for bike path. Remodel park kitchen.

July 1995 – Install sand volleyball court.

August 1995 – Extend track for tractor pulls. Brick entrance signs done by Moose Holtgrave.

April 1996 – Volleyball net donated by Anheuser Busch.

May 1996 – Starting a Welcome committee with parish.

September 1996 – Bike path passed by 27 yes and 13 no.

October 1996 – Soccer goals purchased by Gary Rosen and SRDC. Fire safety equipment installed at park.

January 1997 – Gates added to park entrance.

April 1997 – New electric grill was purchased between Booster club and SRDC. Booster Club paid \$500.00 and SRDC paid the remainder \$875.00.

July 1997 – Albers painting re-sealed the blocks on the grandstand and the pavilion \$3500.00.

June 1998 – The big pavilion and east pavilion roofs were shingled.

July 1999 – SRDC gave \$1000.00 for the Jaws of Life Fund to the fire Dept. New floor in the Development Bldg.

February 2000 – Remodel project for Community Bldg. discussed and passed.

March 2000 – Mud Volleyball and Antique tractor raffle to take place mid August.

April 2000 – Fire District awarded Jaws of Life and pay for trip to Springfield, Il.

July 2000 – Awarded Governors Home Town Award.

September 2000 – SRDC lost a dear friend – Mr. Arnold Ribbing a man dedicated to the success of the community of St. Rose and SRDC.

January 2001 – Water district has new 8” line coming to town.

April 2001 – Discussion of Memorial Day “Farmers Pull”. Bike path research reviewing options of a path from the town to the park for easy access for the community.

May 2001 – Purchased batting cages and installed them.

September 2001 – Purchased additional Xmas lights from Euchre tournament for \$4600.00.

June 2002 – Makes contribution to improvements at school ball diamond.

January 2003 – More Xmas lights purchased for \$1300.00. Youth league is formed as a separate activity, having soccer, baseball, softball, basketball.

February 2004 – Xmas lights purchased for \$3181.00. Bldg. hall committee formed.

March 2004 – Lights installed for track and soccer field.

June 2004 – Discussion of replacing the playground equipment.

August 2004 – Shirts were purchased to buy and wear for major events. 1<sup>st</sup> installment of playground equip. approved. Approximate cost \$5000.00

November 2004 – Fire Dept. celebrating 40 years.

January 2005 – New compressor unit for cooler purchased for \$1800.00

April 2005 – No success in finding a willing seller at a wonderful price for ground to build a banquet hall.

November 2005 – Members voted on property for the banquet hall, 21 in favor in purchasing additional ground and 16 to keep it on current property (Park ground). Committee will continue to negotiating on ground from land owners.

February 2006 – To recognize continuous support to our businesses/sponsors a SRDC certificate of appreciation was bought each business.

May 2006 – Combining the Antique tractor pull with the softball tournament, calling it Mid summer classic.

March 2007 – Memorial Day tractor pull discussed to a 2 day event and lawn mower derby on Friday of the Mid Summer Classic. Kitchen at park remodeled \$5500.00.

February 2008 – After 4 years of many volunteers time and effort the vision of a “state of the art” playground area is on paper. A budget of \$37,000.00 approved.

March 2008 – New playground set and additional equipment completed at park for \$35,000.00.

September 2008 – Funds for tractor drive, to pay \$6000.00 or donation for a Fire Dist. Generator.

December 2008 – Park pavilion renovation discussed and bids will be accepted. Web page is developed for more information on the internet (strosedev.com).

February 2009 – Approval for renovation of the park restrooms and kitchen expansion. Remodeling will begin soon.

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 – SRDC hold 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Park. Saturday evening mass celebrated by Fr. Ed Schaefer. Followed by dinner, cash bar, membership picture, & trivia contest.

The above represents highlights for the SRDC “last 25 years of progress) thru minutes at each meeting.

The SRDC has its annual events each year and look for your support.

**Thank you for all your hard work and continuous support.**