

State Theatre hosts Bicentennial Banter series

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To help honor Black History Month, a pair of respected longtime Sandusky citizens relived their experiences in Sandusky from a historical perspective. The Rev. Thomas Darden, the city's first black ex officio mayor, and Dorothy Farrar, a retired Ontario Elementary School teacher, talked about growing up in the community, focusing on life before the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. An audience close to 100 people listened to the discussion Feb. 7 at the Sandusky State Theatre. Named "A Glimpse at Black History Month," presented by the Sandusky Area NAACP, it represented the second of a 10-part series named the Bicentennial Banter. The series — which helps commemorate the city's bicentennial, or 200th anniversary — explores Sandusky through the ages with educational, fun and historic discussions.

Bicentennial Banter schedule

All events take place 6 p.m. at the Sandusky State Theatre, 107 Columbus Ave., Sandusky

COMPLETED

Winters in Sandusky, presented by the Sandusky Maritime Museum
A Glimpse at Black History Month, presented by the Sandusky Area NAACP

UPCOMING

Wednesday — Sandusky as a Destination on the Underground Railroad, presented by the Erie County Historical Society

March 21 — Influential Leader: Eleutheros Cooke, presented by the Cooke-Dorn House Museum

April 18 — Jay Cooke: Shaping Sandusky and the U.S., presented by the Erie County Historical Society

June 20 — From Around the World: Ethnic Sandusky, presented by the Sandusky Library

Aug. 15 — Sandusky Firsts, presented by the Sandusky NAACP

Sept. 19 — Re-enactment by Sandusky's Masons; The organization is also celebrating its 200th anniversary.

Oct. 24 — Carousel Horses and Sandusky, presented by and hosted at the Sandusky Merry-Go-Round Museum, 301 Jackson St., Sandusky

Nov. 14 — Stories and History of Sandusky's Downtown Shoreline, presented by the Sandusky Library

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