



## 3rd Annual Rhode Island Statehood Observance

Saturday, May 29 @ 1:00pm

Rhodes on The Pawtuxet –  
60 Rhodes Place, Cranston

*All Covid guidelines will be followed*

Complimentary event – coffee and soft drinks

**The featured speaker is Russ DeSimone**

**Speaking on “Rhode Island Women’s Quest for  
Suffrage – The Dorr Rebellion - 1920”**

**Also remarks by**

**Dr. Patrick T. Conley – RI Historian**

Free giveaways – Constitution booklets, flags and more

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## About our featured speaker.....



Russell DeSimone is a native Rhode Islander and a lifelong student of Rhode Island's history. An avid bibliophile he began collecting books and ephemera nearly 60 years ago and while his collecting interest has varied it is now mainly focused on materials relating to the state's history, especially the Dorr Rebellion. He is past president of the John Russell Bartlett Society, as well as a

past board member of both the RI Center for the Book and the Library Committee of the Rhode Island Historical Society. He was Secretary of the Nathanael Greene Homestead Association for more than twenty years. He is a board member of the Rhode Island Publications Society, the Heritage Harbor Foundation, and the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame as well as the Rhode Island representative for the National Votes for Women Trail. He is the co-author of *Remarkable Women of Rhode Island, Broad sides of the Dorr Rebellion*, and author of *The Dorr Rebellion Chronicled in Ballads and Poetry*, and *A Survey of Nineteen Century Rhode Island Billheads*. He is the editor of two recent books, *"Fighting Bob" Quinn – The Peoples Advocate* and *Mr. Providence College – The Selected Writings of Rev. Joseph L. Lennon*. He is now retired from both the defense industry and as an adjunct professor at the library of the University of Rhode Island where he curated exhibitions drawn mainly from his collections including exhibits titled "A Survey of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Rhode Island Billheads"; "Rhode Island Lotteries – Three Centuries of History"; "Voting and the Spirit of Democracy"; "Picturesque Rhode Island" and in 2005 "Thomas Wilson Dorr – A Bicentennial Birthday Tribute".

