



Golden Valley Historical Society

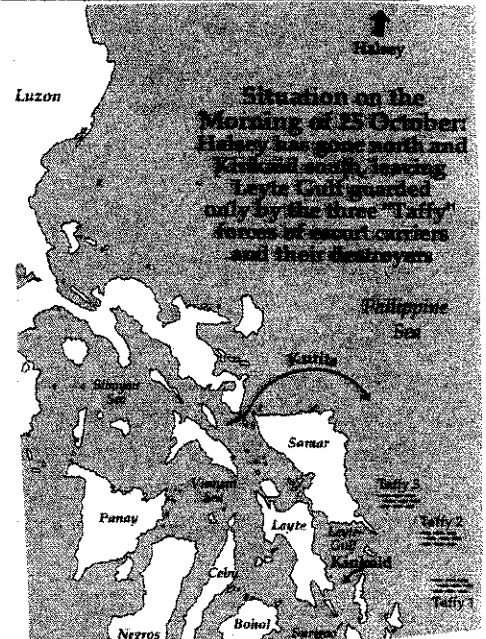
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JANUARY, 2009, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM WILL HAVE THREE SURVIVORS OF THE GREATEST NAVAL BATTLE IN HISTORY - THE BATTLE OF LEYTE GULF - OCTOBER 23 - 26, 1944

The three survivors of the Greatest Naval Battle are Edward Hagerty, Dudley Morland and Hank Pizdrowski. The naval battle was also called the "Saga of Taffey 3".

THIS PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT 1:00 P.M., January 8, 2009, At the Society's Historic Church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN. The program is open to the public and is free. Refreshments will be served following the program. Bring a neighbor or friend and invite them to become members of the Society.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Christine McCann, the Society's intern who helped lots of volunteer members to inventory the archives, sends holiday greetings. She left Minneapolis for St. Louis to finish her graduate studies. In September she returned to her home in St. Paul and was married to Nathan Therneau. They now reside in Philadelphia, PA. where they are employed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SEARCHING FOR AL HANOVER IN UNIFORM PICTURE

Steve Baker of the Golden Valley Fire Department, has asked for our assistance to find a photograph of Al Hanover in his uniform. He was a long time member of the Golden Valley Fire Department and former chief. If you have in your file such a photo, please contact Steve Baker at the Fire Department - 763-593-3977.

HOPKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Donna Adams of the Hopkins 100th Anniversary Celebration Committee, sent an email to our Society to see if we had any items in our archives from the Golden Valley High School, which they could borrow to display along with the Hopkins High School items. The 100 year celebration was held December 8-9, 2008, at the Hopkins High School.

Ms. Adams selected: A GV High School athletic letter jacket; Dedication programs from February 9, 1957; Student registration handbook for 1979-80; Student Handbook - May 16, 1979; "Valley Viewer" of May 21, 1967 and September 22, 1967; First class commencement program - June 3, 1959; "Golden Rule", June, 1976; and a newspaper with photos of the first graduating class - 1959; Ms. Adams said "The contributions from GVHS staff, students, and programs, were an important part of that history." The event was a Huge success, people loved the displays.

PROGRAM PREVIEWS: (All programs are at the Society's Historic Church.)

FEBRUARY 12, 2009: 7:00 P.M. - Leon Frankel, WW II torpedo bomber pilot, in the South Pacific. Flew 25 missions, earned the Navy Cross and other medals, made 67 carrier landings.

MARCH 12, 2009: 7:00 P.M. - Doug Ohman, Pioneer Photography, State Parks of Minnesota.

APRIL 9, 2009: 7:00 P.M. - Darel F. Swenson, Stubbhult Sweden, Inc., "Old World Customs and Farming Methods". Historic Stubbhult, Sweden. How people lived in the 1800's on the farm.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS:

George Martinsen sent a note to correct and add to the December newsletter accession section. "The lady who willed to the Society, the furniture from Robert Moser's home is JACKIE PROMERSPERGER. She and her parents lived right across from where Byerly's now is. That was when Bob Moser had the sand pit there." Thanks, George, for the correction.

JOAN KARGEL sent further information about her family. Her sister, COLLEEN KARGIL sent the Society interior photos of the Historic Church when it was a Methodist Church, as reported in the December Newsletter. JOAN KARGEL reports, "Mom's name is still Marion Kargel, my sister was Colleen Kargel. I'm married but kept my maiden name. My father's name was Rudy. Dad was the part-time custodian/handyman at the GVMC from probably the early 1950's until the new Spirit Of Hope was built on Highway 55. The new church was larger and so Dad took on the custodial position there as a full time job and then retired in 1974 and moved to Arizona with Mom (Marion). He passed away in 1989 while summer vacationing at their island home in Northern Minnesota. Mom still lives in Tempe, Arizona."

CORRECTIONS TO THE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP PLUS ROSTER: (sorry about that.)

JERRY BRETH's phone number inside front cover is: 763-545-3155;

JERRY BRETH's phone number in the alphabet list is: 763 545-3155;

DON AND PAT MOBERG's phone number in the alphabet list is 612-925-5860;

Please make these corrections so as to not inconvenience people with the wrong phone #.

Name correction: Tanick, Marshall H. and Cathy GORLIN;

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

JERRY AND THIRY MINOR, 1914 Wand Avenue N.W., Elk River, MN 55330 phone 763-441-3497; (Jerry and Thiry are the son and daughter-in-law of Don and Edi Minor.) Welcome them at our future membership meetings.

THANK YOU GOLDEN VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF:

The City of Golden Valley Council has approved in the 2009 city budget a \$7,500 matching grant for the Society. The approval of the 2009 city budget was made at the December 16, 2008, council meeting. Thank you City Council Members and City Staff.

Well, this is really good news for Society members. But, it means that our Society and friends of the Society need to contribute to the Society the matching dollars in order to receive the funds from the City. President Ken Huber has included with this newsletter his appeal for your financial help. Please help by contributing what ever amount you can. Thank you members and friends of the Society.

ACCESSIONS TO THE SOCIETY: DON MINOR contributed a copy of the Fort Snelling Foundation newsletter with an article about his WW II experiences in the navy.