



The Little White Paper

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January program...

Great grandson to present story of mayor, businessman George Brackett

David Brackett, great grandson of George Brackett, will present the story of George Brackett, who was the first mayor of the City of Minneapolis in 1873, and a businessman/entrepreneur who was instrumental in building a wagon road in the Skagway area of Alaska during the gold rush. David Brackett is a structured settlement consul-

tant with offices in Bloomington, Minn. He resides in Deephaven. David will show slides of his great grandfather's unique life at the Thursday, January 13, 2011, general membership meeting of the Society, at 7:00 p.m., at the Society's Historic Church and Museum. Refreshments will be served following the presentation. Come and bring a friend.

Upcoming programs...

Spring meetings offer great variety

February 10 – Antique appraisers Bonnie Lindberg and Jim Marinaran, Appraisal Specialists Midwest of St. Louis Park, will present how to collect antiques, what the most popular collectible antiques are, how to determine an antique's value and how to go about selling an antique. This is NOT an 'antique road show', which the Society has sponsored over the last nine years, but an opportunity to learn about antique collecting and selling from the experts.

March 10 – We are pleased to bring to the Society membership Ms. Suzie Goodsell, archivist from General Mills, who will give a presentation about the history of General Mills and its home office in Golden Valley.

May 12 – Jim Rock and Roxanne Gould, residents of Golden Valley and educators at Augsburg College and Wayzata High School, will present the history of Native Americans in the Golden Valley area in the 1800's.

All programs will be held at the Society's Historic Church and Museum at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Cable program features historic church, houses

Society members Betty Crews and Rudi Martignacco were featured some 54 times on TV over the recent Thanksgiving weekend. They were interviewed by local cable Channel 12 and talked about the Society's historic church history and their research of houses in Golden Valley that are 100 years old or older. Rudy Martignacco's house at 4846 Golden Valley Road qualifies as one of the oldest houses in the city. Channel 12 showed scenes of the house as Rudi talked about its history. Nicely done Betty and Rudi!

Golden Valley AARP donates photo albums

Betty Crews donated two photo albums of the Golden Valley AARP chapter of their organization's activities in the early years.

Our sympathies to the George Klouda family

Our sympathies to the family of George E. Klouda who died December 5, 2010. George was a long time member of our Society.

Golden Valley turns 125...

125th anniversary offers many activities, opportunities

Throughout the year 2011, attention will be focused on the 125th anniversary of the Village and City of Golden Valley through the efforts of many Golden Valley organizations and individuals. Under the chairmanship of Marshall Tanick and Volunteer Coordinator for the City of Golden Valley, Sandy Werts, three planning committee meetings have been held. Representatives of the Golden Valley Historical Society, Perpich Center For The Arts, Calvary Lutheran Church, Little League, Golden Valley Rotary Club, League of Women Voters of Golden Valley, Golden Valley Fire Relief Association and individual residents

attended.

City of Golden Valley Newsletters will be publicizing 125th anniversary events during the year. The Historical Society will plan and organize a guided 1950's Rapid Transit bus tour of the historic sites of Golden Valley, continue support of a geocaching tour (via GPS) of sites of historic value in Golden Valley, recognize long-time corporate citizens of Golden Valley through live programs and newsletters, host another luncheon honoring the city's most long-term residents, co-host with Golden Valley senior residences the antique road shows where members of the public can

bring antique treasures to have them appraised, and provide historic displays from the Society's archives for city hall, Golden Valley Days, and the Hennepin County Library Golden Valley Branch. Volunteers are needed to assist with all of these events. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Society Secretary Don Anderson.

Donations needed to help preserve Society audio visual collections

Society volunteer intern, Chris McCann and her husband, Nate Therneau, have researched the electronics marketplace for equipment to convert VHS tapes to CD or DVD and a digital projector for group viewing of DVDs and other electronic media. The two pieces of equipment selected will cost about \$500.00. The Society asks for your help in purchasing this educational equipment, which will help preserve our audio-visual collections and make them more accessible. Your contribution would be most helpful and appreciated. Send your check, payable to the Golden Valley Historical Society, to 7800 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427 with a note indicating that you would like the proceeds to be used for this purpose. We thank you.

Burma Shave Company was a GV neighbor

Before the days of billboards on the highways there were the Burma Shave road signs, which promoted safety as well as a men's shaving cream. The Burma Shave Company was located just west of Penn Avenue and just south of Bassett Creek in Minneapolis. Signs were posted along highways several yards from each other, so a driver could read them all as he/she passed them. Here are some samples:

