



The Little White Paper

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Luncheon at Golden Valley Country Club...

Golden Valley celebrates 125th anniversary on Dec. 2

Please join us in celebrating Golden Valley's 125th Anniversary on December 2, at the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club, 7001 Golden Valley Road, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The program emcee will be Rena Sarigianopoulos, reporter and weekend anchor at KARE 11 TV. The keynote speaker will be Tom Gillaspay, Minnesota State Demographer. Highlights will include recognition of the Golden Valley Hall of Fame nominees, display of the 25-year Time Capsule contents, and celebration of the year's activities.

The birthday party is being hosted by The Rotary Club of Golden Valley, The Golden Valley 125th



Anniversary Team, and the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club.

The cost per person is \$20.00 (includes lunch; cash bar available.) Reservations are required by November 23, 2011. To make reservations, respond by mail to:

Sandy Werts,
Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Parkway
Golden Valley, MN 55426

Include your name, address, day phone and email address, number attending and their names, and a check payable to "City of Golden Valley 125th Anniversary Fund."

October review...

Johnson describes how tactics failed at Little Big Horn

Ken Johnson, member of the Wild West History Association, gave a presentation on the "Politics of the Little Big Horn." He described the U. S. Army's plans and tactics and showed diagrams of the many Indian tribes involved.

Johnson explained in detail how U. S. Army tactics failed and who caused the failure. He also described how the Indian tribes disbursed onto the designated reservation area and which ones decided to stand and fight the Army soldiers. Photos of the battlefield were very vivid – some disturbing – but told the story of what happened. Thirty-one members and guests enjoyed this excellent presentation.

Program schedule through March 2012

December 2 – Happy Birthday Golden Valley Party noted above.

December 15 – William Ewald, great-grandson of Chris Ewald, founder of the Ewald Brothers Dairy, will present the history of Ewald Dairy and the Ewald family.

January 12 – Dr. David Rhees, executive director of the Bakken Museum in South Minneapolis, will present the story of Earl Bakken and the founding of the Bakken Museum.

February 9 – Roxanne Gould and Jim Rock will return for another presentation on Native American history.

March 8 – Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Anderson will give a presentation about the U. S. Civil War. This is the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Except as noted, all GVHS monthly programs are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Society's Historic Church and Museum, 6731 Golden Valley Road. Members and visitors are welcome to attend.

Four citizens who made a difference in Golden Valley

Bert Putnam, Robert Provost, Kenneth Dahlberg and Shirley Schultz were citizens who contributed to make Golden Valley a better place to live, work and play.

Bert Putnam (1914 - 2011) was a long time resident of Golden Valley. He and his wife, Helen, lived on Noble Avenue in the Fisher family home (Helen's parents). Bert served on the Planning Commission and in 1947 was elected Village Clerk. He and Helen also served on a committee of the Historical Society that authored the history book, "GOLDEN VALLEY 1886-1986". (Others who served on that committee were Dorothy and Fred Wandersee, Iona Schuller, Linda and Richard Dahlin, Doris and Harold Larsen, Audrey Parish, Edward Mjos, Roger Lindquist, Jeanne Gelinis, Jacqueline Angus and Mary Lindskog.) Bert is survived by four daughters.

Robert Provost (1924 - 2011) was a decorated WW II naval aviator and continued in the US Naval Reserve until 1969, retiring as Lt. Commander. He became the president of The Minnesota Insurance Information Center and was known for his weekly radio programs on WCCO answering questions about insurance. He was a long time member of the Historical Society and served as its president in 2003 – 2007. Provost was also a past president of the Minneapolis Rotary Club #9. His wife, Mary, of 58 years died previously. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

Kenneth Dahlberg, who died at age 94, was also a WW II fighter pilot in the European Theater. He became a triple ace by amassing 15 air-to-air victories over the

Luftwaffe. He was shot down three times behind enemy lines, escaped twice, and sat out the last few months of the war as a prisoner of war near Munich, Germany. He was the founder of the Miracle Ear Hearing Aid Company. He purchased the former Golden Valley theater building, located where the Golden Valley Post Office is now situated, and converted it into a manufacturing plant for Miracle Ear and the pillow radio. He was inducted into the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame and continued his flying into his 90's. He is survived by his wife of 64 years and a son and daughter.

Shirley Peck Schultz died at age 80 on July 21, 2011. She was married to Chester J. Schultz, a navy dentist and professor at the University of Minnesota. Shirley was a stay-at-home mother and housewife. She was a long time volunteer at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden. She was also a member of the Golden Valley Historical Society and in 1997 donated the funds necessary for the Society to acquire the oldest church in Golden Valley. The Little White Church is now used as the Society's headquarters and is being remodeled with the goal of establishing a museum in the lower level. Shirley's husband Chester predeceased her. Schultz is survived by two daughters and a son. She was buried in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

These four individuals each helped make Golden Valley what it is today. We appreciate their contributions and will forever remember them. If you would like to join us in honoring them with a donation to the Society, an envelope has been provided for your convenience.

City seeks time capsule suggestions

As a part of the 125th anniversary of Golden Valley celebration, a 25-year time capsule is planned to be filled with memorabilia of Golden Valley. The time capsule will be buried in an appropriate location in the City Hall Campus area designed to be opened to the delight of the citizens 25 years from now. Blair Tremere is the chair person in charge of obtaining and selecting

the items for the capsule. If you have an item to donate or have a suggestion for an item, please contact Tremere at 763-521-7700 or email: btremere@msn.com



*A Golden Valley
125th Anniversary
theme program.*

Anderson honored with Envision award

On October 18, the Golden Valley City Council presented Society Secretary Don Anderson an Envision award for outstanding and inspiring work as a community volunteer and his leadership during Envision Golden Valley. He was also recognized for his guidance of the Golden Valley Historical Society and contributions to city boards and the Golden Valley Rotary Club.