



The Little White Paper

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January 12 meeting ...

Rhees will reveal history of Earl Bakken, museum

The Bakken Museum, located at 3537 Zenith Avenue South in Minneapolis, was founded in 1975 by Earl Bakken, a Minneapolis native who discovered his passion for science at an early age. He was eight years old when he saw the film "Frankenstein" at a local theater, and watched in amazement as Dr. Frankenstein used science and electricity to bring the monster to life.

The movie inspired him to conduct his own experiments with electricity in the basement workshop of his childhood home. Bakken went on to study electrical engineering at the University of Minnesota and, in 1949, co-founded Medtronic with his brother-in-law. In 1957, he developed the first wearable, external, battery-powered pacemaker.

Dr. David Rhees is the Execu-

tive Director of the Bakken Museum and will present a program about the Museum and Earl Bakken. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 12, at the Society's historic church and museum at 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley. It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Golden Valley Hall of Fame inducts first five honorees

The first annual Golden Valley Hall of Fame project was a huge success. Honorees were inducted on Friday, December 2, at the 125th Anniversary of Golden Valley luncheon with 290 guests in attendance.

The 2011 inductees were: **Philip Brunelle**, who has spread his love of music all over the world; **Don Byerly**, whose entrepreneurial spirit and vision brought upscale food shopping to Golden Valley; **Betty Crocker**, an international symbol for all that home cooking can be fun, nutritious, easy and appealing; **Gleason Glover**, who worked tirelessly for equal treatment of all people; and **Robert Provost**, who sacrificed for his country and served his community all his life.

Brunelle and Byerly were able to accept their awards in person. The Crocker, Glover and Provost

awards were accepted on their behalf by representatives of General Mills and other family members. The Hall of Fame photo and stories will be placed on a plaque in the Golden Valley City Hall later this spring.

Tom Gillaspay, Minnesota State Demographer, was the keynote speaker at the luncheon. He talked about the demographic and economic history and future of Golden Valley and Minnesota. Rena Sari-gianopoulos of KARE 11 TV was the Master of Ceremonies.

On December 16, 1886, at a meeting in the old District 21 schoolhouse, the Town of Golden Valley was separated from Minneapolis Township by a vote of 78 to 1. On January 3, 1887, the village was organized under the provisions of Chapter 145 of the General Laws of 1885. Newly elected officers included Uriah Wilson, president,

John Scheid, Michael Rey, James Sweeney, William H. Varner, Jr. and William H. Varner, Sr.

The Hall of Fame inductions were one of many events of Golden Valley's 125th Anniversary Celebration during 2011. Future Anniversary celebrations will include installation of the Hall of Fame Inductees plaque and planting of the 25-year Time Capsule in the Golden Valley City Hall campus area.

New roster enclosed

Secretary Don Anderson reports that the 2011-2012 Golden Valley Historical Society membership roster has been mailed to Society members along with this January, 2012 newsletter. Any changes or corrections to the roster should be emailed or mailed to him at maryanddon3030@aol.com or 7800 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427.

President thanks financial supporters

President Ken Huber sends his thanks on behalf of the Golden Valley Historical Society to the following organizations and individuals for their monetary contributions: City of Golden Valley; anonymous donor of \$5,000; Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church via Boger Dental Practice; Covenant Manor;

The Rotary Club of Golden Valley; Travelers Foundation; Federated Women's Club of Golden Valley; and the large number of members and friends of the Society who have sent memorials in honor of specific individuals. We appreciate the support.

From Dr. Dennis Johnson, DDS...

Martha Hanover's cookie recipe

I had an old friend who said, "I never met a cookie that I didn't like." I sort of fall into that category. The recipe here was given to me by Martha Hanover, who was the wife of the Golden Valley Fire Chief, Al Hanover. As a patient of mine, she would bring some cookies in when she had a dental appointment.

1 cup shortening	1 cup coconut or chopped nuts
1 cup white sugar	1 tsp. baking soda
1 cup brown sugar	½ tsp. salt
2 eggs	2 cups cornflakes or Wheaties

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs and mix well. Sift in dry ingredients and mix. Grease the cookie sheet and drop mix by rounded teaspoon. Bake at 375° for 10 minutes, until light brown. Martha said, "It makes a good batch."

Fun with homonyms: Words that sound the same

You think English is easy??? Check these out. English is a crazy language!

1. The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**.
2. The farm was used to **produce produce**.
3. The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** more **refuse**.
4. We must **polish** the **Polish** furniture.
5. He could **lead** if he would get the **lead** out.
6. The soldier decided to **desert** his **dessert** in the **desert**.
7. Since there is no time like the **present**, he thought it was time to **present** the **present**.
8. A **bass** was painted on the head of the **bass** drum.
9. When shot at, the **dove dove** into the bushes.
10. I did not **object** to the **object**.
11. The insurance was **invalid** for the **invalid**.
12. There was a **row** among the oarsmen about how to **row**.
13. They were too **close** to the door to **close** it.
14. The buck **does** funny things when the **does** are present.
15. A seamstress and a **sewer** fell down into a **sewer** line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his **sow** to **sow**.
17. The **wind** was too strong to **wind** the sail.
18. Upon seeing the **tear** in the painting I shed a **tear**.
19. I had to **subject** the **subject** to a series of tests.
20. How can I **intimate** this to my most **intimate** friend?

Upcoming programs

February 9, 2012 – Roxanne Gould and Jim Rock will return for another presentation on Native American history.



March 8, 2012 – Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Paul Anderson will give a presentation about the U.S. Civil War as a Civil War general. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Road shows planned

Three of the Society's popular antique road shows are in the planning stages for this spring and summer. They will be held at the Calvary Center Cooperative, Woodbury Senior Residence and Heather's Estates. Details will be available in the February newsletter.