



The Little White Paper

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Thursday, November 14, meeting...

Cox shares writings on Gettysburg

John D. Cox is a writer, speaker, and artist. He was born in New Haven, CT, is a veteran of the United States Air Force, and a former Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park from 2000 to 2009. He has taught classes on Alexander the Great, Ancient Rome, Napoleon, the American Civil War, and the JFK Assassination at grade schools to colleges. He is known as an engaging and animated speaker.

His subject at the November 14 meeting will "Gettysburg: A History for the People," the title of his second book. "Culp's Hill: The Attack and Defense of the Union Flank, July 2, 1863" was his first.

The program will begin at 7:00 p.m., at the historic church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley. Coffee, juice, bottled water, and cookies will be served following the program.



Board approves construction plans

The board of directors of the Society approved construction plans and specifications prepared by Bob Shaffer, Foundation Architects, Inc., for an addition to the south and east side of the current church building at their October 16 meeting. The addition will allow us to display artifacts that have been collected since the Society began in 1973. Shaffer is asking contractors who may be interested in building our addition to submit bids to his office. Completed so far are soil borings in the footprint of the addition, the removal of nine box elder trees and trimming of several more that could have been hazardous to the new construction.

Recent accessions to the Society

Crystal Boyd donated a magazine article about the First Avenue music venue on Seventh Street and First Avenue North. The owner of the establishment is a Golden Valley resident, Dayna Frank. (*Editor's note: The building housing First Avenue was the former Greyhound Bus Depot for Minneapolis.*)

Pete Palmquist, of Golden Valley, donated the onion paper copy of a funeral speech by Rev. J. Harrington for John Gearty, dated September 24, 1913. It is five pages long, single-spaced on 8½ x 14" onionskin, used when carbon paper

was used to make copies.

Keith Westrick of Fargo, ND, donated a 75th Anniversary bronze coin for the Ewald Brothers Dairy dated 1886-1961, with the statue of Chris Ewald on the backside. The statue was located on the southwest corner of Xerxes Avenue North and Golden Valley Road and was stolen many years ago by thieves who backed a vehicle up to it and broke it loose from the concrete base. The statue was never recovered.

We thank the individuals for thinking about our Society as they find these wonderful articles.

Long time member passes away...

Breth maintained Society property

Our condolences to the family of **Jerry Breth**, who died on October 19, 2013. Jerry was a long time member of the Golden Valley Historical Society Board of Directors and served as the Director of Building and Grounds. His funeral was held on Wednesday, October 23, 2013.

Wascoe and Vegners entertain crowd

Dan Wascoe and Baibi Vegners brought toe-tapping ragtime memories to the October 10, general membership meeting. Their music as well as the history of the various composers made the program exciting and educational. Wascoe mentioned many of the restaurants and

some of the speakeasies located in Golden Valley, but most were built or opened after ragtime music declined. The history book of Golden Valley reports that Golden Valley was noted as a “wide open village.” Excellent program! Forty-seven members and guests attended.

GV history on display at City Hall

If your polling place for the upcoming election is at Golden Valley City Hall, be sure to visit the large display case on the second floor where the voting machines are located. City staff has said that the current Historical Society display has generated many favorable comments. If you vote in other lo-

cations, make a special trip to the second floor of City Hall to see the display. The talented members of the Society’s display committee who created this wonderful display about Golden Valley history were DeDe Scanlon and Linda Loomis. The display will be available for viewing into 2014.

Golden Valley organized 127 years ago

Golden Valley became an organized town on December 17, 1886. The first election of village officials was held on March 8, 1887, at the District 21 School. Elected to one year terms were U.R. Wilson, mayor; Michael Ray, James Sweeney and John Scheid, trustees; William Varner, Jr., recorder; and Wil-

liam Varner, Sr., treasurer. Michael Halloran was elected Justice of the Peace and Lucius Daugherty was chosen as constable. Both men were to serve two-year terms. Edward Sweeney was appointed assessor, at a fee of \$3 per day for each day that he spent assessing. (Source: GVHS newsletter of December, 1982).

Enghauser extended Wright influence on Golden Valley homes

Paul Enghauser, builder who developed much of Tyrol Hills and other areas of Golden Valley died on February 15, 1984 at the age of 75. Stanley Kane, a resident of Golden Valley, in a 1954 article in the North Minneapolis Post, stated that Enghauser was a student of Frank Lloyd Wright. His homes were built to fit into existing landscapes and followed the ranch-type look of Wright’s. His most significant contribution (according to Dr. John Borchert, University of Minnesota Geography professor and former Golden Valley Council member), is the curvi-linear streets that are in much of Golden Valley and can be dated back to Enghauser’s membership on the Golden Valley Planning Commission. Before he was a member in the late 1930’s, the streets were laid out in a straight North, South, East, West manner. (Source: GVHS Newsletter of March, 1984.)

Fall cleanup this Saturday!

Volunteers, friends and neighbors are needed to help rake leaves and clean up the Historic Church yard on Saturday, November 2, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Come with work gloves, rakes, leaf blowers, pruning shears and work clothes for the weather of the day. Questions – call Secretary Don Anderson, 763-588-8578 or email: maryanddon3030@aol.com. Your help is very much needed and appreciated.

