



The Little White Paper

The Monthly Newsletter of the Golden Valley Historical Society
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Fiscal year end observations...

Huber outlines state of the Society

Since this August Society's newsletter will be the final newsletter for the fiscal year, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of our members who have come out to participate in our many events over the last year. And special thanks to those of you who have volunteered in the areas of the Building and Grounds, Golden Valley Days, Antique Appraisal shows, Historical Display Committee, Wedding Host Committee, the Board of Directors, the Nominations Committee, and a slew of other things not specifically listed here.

We also have received some very large gifts of money to the GVHS to be thankful for over this past year. In fact, there's a chance that our organization may never

again see a donation year like the one we have just experienced. So I hope people fully appreciate what has happened, and are not taking any of it for granted. With these gifts comes a great fiduciary responsibility, but it's one that I am sure we will prudently carry out in the year – and years – ahead.

And speaking of the year ahead, it is shaping up to a rather busy one, dominated most of all by our museum addition building project, if all proceeds according to plan. That is going to mean lots of activity and chances for our members to take an active part, so I look forward to seeing all of you around the place as we head into our new fiscal year. Thank you for your support.

Ken Huber, president

Board determines GVHS policies

The Society's board of directors meets at 7:00 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month, at the Historic Church. This group is the policy maker for our organization. Meetings last about an hour and a half. They have their serious moments with careful discussions and decisions coming from those debates, and moments when the history of Golden Valley is shared, whether the history of a past pioneer resident or a business now long gone. Board members are all volunteers and come from a vari-

ety of backgrounds. Current board members are: Kenneth Huber, Nancy Kochenderfer, Linda Loomis, Rudi Martignacco, Lyle Mottinger, Peggy Nelson, John Colwell, Crystal Boyd, Don Anderson, Jerry Breth, Betty Crews, Jim Hera and DeDe Scanlon. Our thanks to each one for their contribution to the success of our Society. **For information and to express your interest in being a part of this important group, please contact John Colwell, 763-377-1975.**

Cemeteries, ragtime highlight Society's fall programming

September 12 – General membership meeting and election of the board of directors for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The program this evening will again feature Doug Ohman of Pioneer Photography, with his newest research on the "Cemeteries of Minnesota." (See back of page for more details.)

October 10 – General membership meeting, featuring Dan Wascoe and his singing partner, Baibi Vagners. Wascoe and Vagners will share a multi-media presentation of the history of ragtime music and the speakeasies of the early days of Golden Valley. All general membership meetings are held at the Society's Historic Church at 6731 Golden Valley Road at 7:00 p.m. Programs are free and open to the public.

Webber donates career memories

Sue Webber, semi-retired editor of the Golden Valley Sun Post donated a large box of artifacts from her career at the paper.

New member

Susan Haggberg, 1405 Skyline Drive, Golden Valley, MN 55422.

September program preview...

Ohman researches and photographs Minnesota cemeteries

The next general membership program will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 12, with the return of Doug Ohman, Pioneer Photography. Ohman will present his latest research and photos of Minnesota cemeteries, one of which is the pioneer cemetery of Golden Valley, lo-

cated on the SW corner of Medicine Lake Road and Winnetka. Ohman has been bringing his wonderful photos and research to our Society for over 10 years. Each subject is unique – Schools of Minnesota, Churches of Minnesota, Court Houses of Minnesota, and Explor-

ing the Mississippi River from its source to the Iowa state line. He is also a member of the Golden Valley Historical Society. We look forward to his latest adventures.

The program will be held at the historic church at 6731 Golden Valley Road.

Excerpts from the archives...

Stories from past newsletters and historical accessions

From the March 1979 newsletter:

“1926 – 1927 – by Fred W. Wandersee

“I enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard on October 12, 1926. The pay for privates was one dollar per drill session or one dollar per day during encampments. It increased to \$1.80 for line sergeants and, during training camp, the state added about a dollar a day. When we were inducted into federal service the pay was not increased and draftees were paid only \$21.00 per month for the first three months.

“During my first training camp at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, I was severely injured and my glasses were broken. Our medical officers took good care of me but I was not paid to replace my broken glasses or for the time lost from my summer job. I put in a claim to both the state and federal government but was advised that they would probably ignore it. They did!”

From the September 1978 newsletter:

“Golden Valley Fire Protection in the 1920’s; An excerpt from the oral history tape of Neal Rydmark.

“There was the Point Saloon there. It started on fire twice. We didn’t have a volunteer fire depart-

ment then. When I was in the lumber yard the people were worried about fire protection so they bought about twenty fire extinguishers. They were to be distributed over the village. The village didn’t have heat all night (in the village hall) so they had to bury them in the sand (in the basement) at the village hall. Of course when a fire would come

up, I was called to get the extinguishers out. There was a fire in the restaurant and I took two extinguishers but I might as well have spit on the fire as far as that goes. The hay barn was ablaze and one of the extinguishers was frozen up so nothing would come out. I was afraid it would blow up so I just threw it into the fire.”

From the 1868 World Almanac:



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THE PRESENT.

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IMPROVED!
WITH ROWELL'S PATENT DOUBLE GEAR.
THE ONLY WRINGER WITH THE PATENT STOP,
Without which Cog Wheels fly out of gear, and are of No Use when Most Needed.