



The Little White Paper

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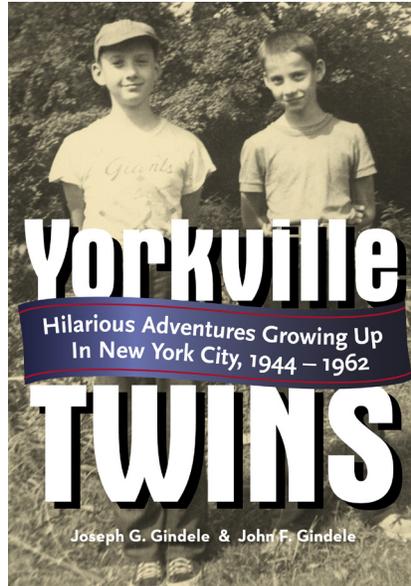
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Thursday, April 10, meeting...

Gindele Twins survived Yorkville

Crystal, Minnesota, twins Joe and John Gindele grew up in a tenement flat in Yorkville on Manhattan's ethnic Upper East Side in the 1940's, 50's and 60's. Born to immigrant Czech and German parents and raised in a family of seven, they survived Yorkville, one of the toughest neighborhoods in the city (also known as "a bucket of blood").

In 1962, at age 18, after completing their education in New York City public schools, the young men moved to Minnesota to earn bachelor degrees and become teachers. They taught in public schools for a combined 64 years (primarily in Robbinsdale), from kindergarten to university classes, and completed internships in Japan and with the 3M Company in St. Paul. Lyle Mot-



tinger was Joe's principal when Joe taught at Hosterman Junior High.

Now, Joe and John will tell you what it was like growing up over



Joe and John Gindele

60 years ago in the Big Apple and will read excerpts from their book, "Yorkville Twins." They and their family truly lived the American dream!

The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. with refreshments following. Be prepared for a fun event!

Church resonates with Harp singing

The March, 2014 general membership meeting was like "Carnegie Hall of Golden Valley."

Sacred Harp singers came from Northfield, MN, New Brighton, St. Paul, Shoreview, White Bear Township, Golden Valley and neighboring communities and could they sing! Sacred Harp singing is not a performance; there is no practice before hand, and participants sit in a "hollow square" formation with one voice part on each side, all facing the center so they can see and hear each other. The historic church has never resonated like it did at this event! Forty-four members, guests and Sacred Harp singers participated in this wonderful experience.

Addition construction progressing

Bob Shaffer of Foundation Architect reports that the historic church addition is progressing nicely with siding being installed, the concrete floor and interior steps now curing, and plumbing and electrical roughed in. Interior wall framing is next on the growing list of work. Shaffer said that ground frost went down seven feet under exposed surfaces this winter. Normal winters produce frost only three or four feet deep. Shaffer also noted that the siding is pre-painted

white but members shouldn't worry about the hand prints on it because it has to be painted again anyway.

May program

Bill Schrankler, author of "Shadows of Time" is known as a real crowd pleaser. A multimedia slide show will compliment the depot stories Schrankler gathered in traveling and researching the over 200 train depots remaining in Minnesota. Don't miss this fascinating part of our Minnesota history.

Haggberg-Miller donates rare Ewald Bros. two-cow pitcher

Susan Haggberg-Miller has donated a six inch high Ewald Bros. Dairy two-cow pitcher. She sent this note along with the pitcher: "I grew up just west of Highway 100 in Crystal, MN. My parents, Wallace and Helen Haggberg, had milk delivery to our home from about 1950 until 1962. Our milk company was Ewald Bros Dairy.

It was exciting to have the milkman drive up in his truck and carry in fresh dairy products. Our milkman's name was Kenny Helstrom, (who) wore a fresh starched uniform and jaunty hat and sometimes he stayed for a cup of coffee. As a child, I loved it when we drove by the creamery and saw the huge cow

heads on the giant outdoor sign of Ewald Bros. Dairy.

Over the years many small premiums and special containers came with Ewald Bros. Dairy products in them. Very few of these containers survived breaks and church rummage sales. This Ewald Cow Pitcher was one that did. Since I had always loved the "big cows on the big sign" it was an item I choose to keep when my parent's home sold in 1992 following their deaths. I am happy to share this symbolic warm memory of Ewald Bros. Dairy with the community served by the Golden Valley Historical Society." Thank you, Susan.

More history of street names

This is the third in a continuing series about Golden Valley street names. **Compiled by Leone Johnson.**

Many names were changed in the street names second alphabet: Old Homestead Road to Toledo in 1948, Utica Lane to Unity in 1958, Bungalow Terrace to Highway 100 and then to Unity in 1962. In addition to Welcome Avenue, there is a Welcome Circle. Xenia went from Wayzata Blvd. to Laurel Avenue and then to Xenia in 1957. Yosemite was added to the alphabet in 1933. Zane, north from Highway 55 to Golden Valley Road, was named Zane in 1962.

Golden Valley streets in the third alphabet (second suburban) were: Adair; Bowman Avenue later changed to Brunswick Avenue N., Cass Trail to Brunswick, and Hughes Avenue to Brunswick in 1948. Then came Colorado, Doug-

las and Edgewood Road, changed to Edgerton Road in 1946. No states or provinces begin with "e" so Edgewood is a made-up name. Lennox Avenue became Florida Avenue N. in 1948. South of Medicine Lake Road was changed to Florida in 1960; Hilltop Avenue to Georgia and Belmont Avenue to Hampshire in 1948. Developer Jack McCabe could have claimed a street in his development but left Hampshire, named for the state of New Hampshire, because it fit into the alphabet (information provided by his son, Roger McCabe). Highland Avenue was changed to Jersey and Sunset Lane to Jersey in 1948 – named for New Jersey of course; followed by Kentucky. Fairfax Avenue was changed to Louisiana in 1948. (In St. Louis Park, Falvey Avenue, named for a pioneer family, was later changed to Louisiana.)

Minnesota Historical Society approves grant for research, planning

Under the leadership of Crystal Boyd, Society Director, and with assistance from Erin Anderson of Museology Exhibits & Programs, the Society applied to the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society for a grant of \$9,990 to fund the Permanent Exhibition Research and Planning Project. The grant was approved and necessary paperwork submitted to the Grants Office of the Minnesota Historical Society. The Research and Planning Project will begin this spring.

Cleanup set for April 26

Building and Grounds Director James Hera checked his crystal ball and selected Saturday, April 26, for volunteers to clean up the grounds at the historic church. Bring your rake, tarp, pruning tool, leaf blower, work gloves, (and maybe a winter jacket and cap) at 9:00 a.m. to help make the historic church yard and gardens beautiful again. Thanks for your help!

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