

# The Little White Paper

The Monthly Newsletter of the Golden Valley Historical Society
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### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!**

Due to the large number of events available during the holiday season, the Golden Valley Historical Society board of directors have approved skipping the usual monthly general membership meeting in December.

The next general membership meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017, with

Barbara Bailey giving a presentation, "From Bread Boards to Awards". Bailey will show her long history in developing park and recreation programs not only from her long career in Golden Valley, but in other locations in the State of Minnesota.

On February 9, 2017, Philip Brunelle, a leading American conductor of choral music and opera, a Golden Valley resident and a member of the Golden Valley Historical Society, will give his presentation about his adventures around the world with music. All the general membership meetings are held at the Society's historic church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Mn 55427, at 7:00 p.m.

## THANK YOU HISTORIC CHURCH-FALL YARD CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS:

The sudden change in the weather from a warm fall to near freezing did not stop the Society volunteers from bundling up and raking the abundant leaves from the yard and pulling the plants from the garden areas. Thank you to the brave volunteers: Nancy Azzam; Leone Johnson; Lonnie Johnson; Ken Huber; David Kuball; Linda Loomis; Jim Nielsen; Jean Schultz; and Don Anderson;

And, while we are giving appreciations out, we thank the professional greens keepers from the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club who cut and trimmed, pro-bono, the Historic Church grass each week.

(The Society has agreement with the GVGCC that in return for their cutting and trimming the grass each week, the Society permits the employees of the GVGCC to park their cars in the Society's parking lot. This happens when the GVGCC has large banquet events and needs to free up their parking lot spaces for their banquet guests. That is why our members see from time to time during the day the Society parking lot filled with vehicles. This same arrangement will continue with the GVGCC snow plowing the Society's parking lot, driveway and access ramp.)

#### IN REVIEW:

Members and guests of the Society attending the November 10th general membership meeting were entertained and educated by Joanie Clausen, whose presentation was about her father, former Golden Valley City Councilmember, Ray Stockman, known as the "father of the Golden Valley parks system and a co-founder of the Northwest Community Cable System. Councilmember Clausen did a complete program, much to the enjoyment of the 44 persons in attendance.

#### **ACCESSIONS TO THE SOCIETY:**

AN ANONYMOUS DONOR dropped off at the City Hall a brick from the reconstruction of MacDonald'sonWinnetkaAvenue. **RUDI** AND **CATHERINE** MARTIGNACCO donated an acrylic painting of their pioneer home at 4846 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN., the paper abstract of title for the property and four antique glass bottles that Rudi found buried in the yard, also, a hand written letter (which was discovered stuck in the back of a closet in the home) by a former home owner who related how unfaithful her husband was in their marriage and that she was going to get a divorce. NANCY GLASS donated a 1960 Dawn Acres directory.



A pioneer home located at 4846 Golden Valley Road in Golden Valley was sold recently by Rudi and Catherine Martignacco. According to the paper abstract for the property, a 2 acre tract of land was sold by the United States of America to Edward Sweeney on October 16, 1855. On April 15, 1957 the home and land was purchased by Rudolf Catherine Martignacco and who resided in the home until November 22, 2016. Martignacco commissioned artist Barb Starner of Richfield, Mn to paint the pioneer house. Martignaccos have donated the painting to the Golden Valley Historical Society.



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### SECOND GENERATION GOLDEN VALLEY STREET SIGNS MAKE EXCELLENT HOLIDAY GIFTS – ESPECIALLY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Since two years ago when the Society began selling second generation Golden Valley street signs (erected after WW II) 412 current and former Golden Vallev residents have purchased one or more of the signs which has brought in needed revenue to the Society of \$10,290.00. There are more areas in the NW section of Golden Valley which will be receiving street reconstruction over the next few years and the Society will then receive more second generation street signs from those areas for resale. To order or ask questions about the second generation street signs email or call Secretary Don Anderson. The Society offers free delivery to homes in Golden Valley. Now is the time to order an unusual holiday gift for your family or loved ones.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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Megan Merrill and Chris Lindberg, 4846 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Mn 55422; email: chasealindberg@gmail. com

Greet our newest members at the January general membership meeting.

