



The Little White Paper

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“CHICK SINGERS EXTRAORDINAIRE” FEATURED AT THE FEBRUARY 11TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Marilyn Monroe, Judy Garland, Doris Day, Patti Page and Shirley Temple never performed in Golden Valley. But the tunes they and others made famous will get a hearing on February 11th when Nuance/a duo returns to present “Chick Singers Extraordinaire” for the Golden Valley Historical Society.

In three previous programs, vocalist Baibi Vegners and pianist Dan Wascoe sampled standards by Scott Joplin, Irving

Berlin and the Gershwin brothers. This year they shift from composers to the signature tunes of popular women singers during the first half of the 20th century. Peggy Lee, Mary Martin, Rosemary Clooney and the Andrews Sisters also are represented on the playlist.

The meeting will be at the Society’s historic church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Mn at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served.



Nuance/a duo

BROOKVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER – A LOOK AT ITS BEGINNING...

In 1967 a bond issue totaling \$1,600,000 for the acquisition and development of the Brookview Center and Golf Course was approved by the residents. The turnout of voters was the largest in Golden Valley history up to that time. The Brookview site was purchased from Superior Golf Club, a private club, and work began on Brookview Park in 1968. The Park and Recreation Department moved their offices into the Brookview Municipal Community Center and began operating the swimming pool and the golf course. In 1984 the swimming

pool was closed because of needed repairs. The community center was extensively remodeled and a grand opening was held on October 21, 1984.

The center is widely used by the community. Rooms are available for community meetings and individuals may rent the center facilities for weddings, dances, and receptions. A wide range of activities were planned to serve all age groups under the direction of Sue Cook, program supervisor. Classes and programs ranged from junior jazzercise or karate, to football or hockey, to italic lettering and

many more. The senior citizen program, under the direction of Barbara Bailey, was one of the largest and fastest growing programs in the community center.

In the recent years, the Brookview Community Center has been evaluated and it has been determined that the structure is past the time of more renovations and it has been decided by the Golden Valley City Council the building needs to be replaced not remodeled. Watch the Golden Valley quarterly news for the current plans for the Brookview Community Center.

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE EXHIBIT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

The chairperson of the Society's Exhibit Development Committee, Crystal Boyd, reported to the Society's board of directors at their January meeting that Museology finished edits about Meadowbrook Elementary and the veterans. A request to the federal government for Edward Jordan's military records has not been received as

yet. The script is now finished.

Status of exhibit phase 4 – fabrication: A large grant application to the Historic Resources Advisory Committee was submitted on November 5 for \$180,000. The Society's application was reviewed by the committee and was ranked among the 83 other applications as #30

in the line-up. Unfortunately, the committee ran out of money before they reached the Society's proposal. Thus, the Society was not unded. The proposal will be reviewed, re-written and again submitted to the HRAC in June, 2016. If the grant is received, the museum will open in winter, 2017.

ONE OF THE PREMIER ORGANIZATIONS IN GOLDEN VALLEY – A BRIEF REVIEW:

The Golden Valley Courage Center facility is located at 3915 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN. It is a Minnesota based rehabilitation and resource center that advances the lives of children and adults experiencing barriers to health and independence. At Courage Center they specialize in treating brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, chronic pain, autism, and disabilities experienced since birth. Founded

in 1928 by Golden Valley resident Wilko B. Schhoenbohm, who served as the Courage Center's executive director for 31 years, until January 1, 1984.

In addition to the Golden Valley location, Courage Center has locations in Stillwater, Burnsville, Forest Lake and Duluth, as well as camps at Maple Lake and Lake George. In 2016 Courage Center will celebrate its 88th anniversary.

ACCESSIONS TO THE SOCIETY:

Susan Moss of St. Paul, MN. sent to the Society two pads of Ewald Dairy product order forms which an Ewald family member identified as those used by the "milk-men" in the 1920's and 1930's.

The order forms listed the size of the product and the products line by line. For instance, HOM milk, 2%, 1%, skim, whipping cream, etc. Also in the list of products were fruit drinks, detergent in 10 or 25 pounds, dishwasher soap in 10 pounds and cookies! A member of the Ewald family verbally contributed that the "milk-men" also had available silk stockings for their customers to order. What historical archival

items will reveal! As youngsters, we thought that the "milk-man just brought milk and of course, chips of ice to swipe from his truck when he was delivering the milk. Thanks to Susan Moss for thinking of the Society for the Ewald Dairy product order forms.

ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY FOR GOLDEN VALLEY... DID YOU KNOW?

The Village of Golden Valley was incorporated in 1886. It will be the 130th anniversary of the Village/ now City of Golden Valley in 2016.

IN REVIEW:

At the January 14th general membership meeting JoAnn Funk gave a presentation about the pearl button boom. This is a little known historical event which led to the harvesting of mussels from the Mississippi River and its tributaries. She described the processes used to find the mussels on the bottom of the river, the harvesting of the shells, the shipping of the shells to factories along the river in Minnesota from Lake City down to Muscatine, Iowa, and the manufacturing of pearl buttons. She was so interesting that you could almost smell the odor of the shells in the shipping process and the residue remaining after the shells were made into buttons. Funk was not only warm and articulate but a pleasure to meet. Twenty members and guests enjoyed her lecture. Dr. Dennis Johnson provided the cookie treats for the event.

