



# The Little White Paper

The Monthly Newsletter of the Golden Valley Historical Society  
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## ACCESSIONS TO THE SOCIETY:

Dustin Jordan (Edward Jordan's grandson) donated three black and white photos dated 1944 of Edward in his army uniform and one black and white photo dated 1946 of Edward, son Denis and friend.

Park Nicollet Clinic, Golden Valley, donated a copy of an aerial photo of the Reiss Greenhouses dated May, 1986; Photos of the Golden Valley Clinic construction in 1966; Gerry Delwo Larson donated photo copies of her school history at Meadow Brook Grade School, 1939 – 1945.

Carolyn and Dwight Townes donated a copy of Tales of Local Minnesota Lumberjacks; several copies of the Golden Valley Post newspapers dated 1974, 1976, with stories about Golden Valley.

## THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

As another fiscal year comes to an end, it is time to thank the members of the Society's Board of Directors for their service. Some of the current board members will be continuing on the board while a few will be retiring. Part of the strength of our historical society and its long tenure, is due to the

## HISTORY OF THE LOGGING INDUSTRY ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IS SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM:

Steve Marking will present a fascinating talk about how millions of logs were brought down the Mississippi River on lumber rafts by brave and daring men.

This was a boom and bust era that saw the beginning of log rafting, the introduction of steamboats and the end of the beautiful white pine forests, all in the span of one man's lifetime.

Marking grew up in LaCross, WI. He spent 23 years studying opera in NY City. He now gives lectures and performs shows on board luxury vessels on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

Mark your calendar and plan to hear this part of our history in Minnesota. The date is Thursday, September 8th, at 7:00 p.m.



STEVE MARKING

at the Society's historic church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Mn. 55427. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the presentation.

fact that many members with talent and creativity have been willing to volunteer their time and service to our organization. A large thank you goes out to all the board members, current and past, who have made our organizations successful. The current board members are:

Kenneth Huber, President; Steve Schmidgall, Vice President; Don Anderson, Secretary; Linda Loomis, Treasurer; Board members: Nancy Azzam; Andy Scope; Crystal Boyd; Scott Goebel; Nancy Kochenderfer; Rudi Martignacco; and Peggy Nelson.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

**October 13, 2016** – Doug Ohman, Pioneer Photography, “Icons Of The Farm – Windmills, Silos and Tractors”.

**November 10, 2016** – “Ray Stockman, The father of the Golden Valley Parks”, presented by his daughter, Joanie Clausen. December, 2016 – no general membership meeting due to holiday festivities.

**January 12, 2017** – Barb Bailey, “Minnesota’s Most Famous Creator of Community Recreation Activities”, will share some of her vast experiences over the years.

**February 9, 2017** – Philip Brunelle, Golden Valley resident, is an important American conductor, largely of choral music and opera.

All the programs are held at the Society’s historic church at 7:00 p.m.

## **GOLDEN VALLEY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING:**

The 2016-2017 fiscal year of the Golden Valley Historical Society will start on September 1st. The annual meeting of the general membership on Thursday, September 14th, will have nominations to the board of directors. Society vice president Steven Schmidgall, chairperson of the nominating committee, will report to the members the nominees for the board. The members in attendance will then elect the board members to serve for the next three years.

## **SOCIETY FACTOIDS IN BRIEF:**

The Golden Valley Historical Society was chartered on October 1, 1974. Over the 42 years it has had 8 members who served as president. The first president of the Society was William Varner, who served for three years. The mission of the Society is to find, preserve and disseminate the historical knowledge about the village/city of Golden Valley, Mn. To this goal the Society has collected oral histories, photographs, video histories and other artifacts. They have been packed in boxes which have had various homes over the years. Since the Society acquired the oldest church in the city on July 1, 1997, the collections have been centralized in the storage area of the building. In 2003, the Society partnered with the Golden Valley Rotary Club to have made a professionally produced history of the city, “Celebrate Golden Valley – A tradition Of Pioneer Spirit And Community Values”. (Producer Curtis Laine, Studio 23.) The history is in both VHS and DVD. A major project was the building an addition to the

historic church for the display of the Society’s artifacts. Architect Robert Shaffer designed the plans, and construction began in October, 2014. The addition was completed in December, 2015. The board of directors have been working with museum professionals, under the leadership of the chairperson of the Museum Development Committee, Crystal Boyd, in creation of policy manuals for the collection and preservation of both the current artifacts and for future artifacts which will be donated to the Society. It has been a slow process but the collections will be shortly re-inventoried into digital format. Secretary, Don Anderson, has received many calls and emails asking about the hours that the museum is open. He has thanked the callers for their interest and has told them that the museum building has been completed but the inside, which will contain the displays is not yet done. The goal is to have a grand opening in the winter of 2017. (Cross your fingers!)

## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:**

Many thanks to all who came to my 90th! It was a one-time event – hope to make it to my 91st! It was a trying time with son’s death. He coped with cancer for 2 1/2 years. Now he is in Peace! Thanks again – GVHS!! Thanks to Nancy for the table flowers and friendship! Keep up the good work with the GVHS! Gratefully, Betty Crews.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Thanks to the large majority of members who have sent in their dues for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. We would appreciate it if those few remaining members would fill out the membership renewal information form and send their check to our business address – 7800 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated.