



The Little White Paper

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PHILIP BRUNELLE WILL BE SPEAKING TO THE SOCIETY MEMBERS AT THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Philip Brunelle, artistic director and founder of VocalEssence, is an internationally renowned conductor, choral scholar and visionary. He has made his lifelong mission the promotion of the choral art in all its forms, especially rarely heard works of the past and outstanding new music. Under his leadership, VocalEssence has commissioned more than 240 works to date. Philip has conducted symphonies (New York Philharmonic, Seattle Symphony, and Minnesota Orchestra among others) as well as choral festivals and operas on six continents. He is editor of two choral series for Boosey & Hawkes and chairman of the review committee for Walton Music. Philip is also Organist-Choirmaster at Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis.

Over the past decade Philip has been deeply involved with the International Federation for

Choral Music (IFCM). He served as president of the Sixth World Symposium on Choral Music, held in Minneapolis in 2002. He is a Vice President of the IFCM Board and served as Executive Director for the 2014 World Symposium on Choral Music in Seoul, South Korea. In 2017, Philip will serve as Artistic Advisor for the 2017 World Choral Symposium in Barcelona, Spain.

Philip holds five honorary doctorates and has been recognized for his commitment to choral music by Norway (Commander of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit), the United Kingdom (Honorary Member of the Order of the British Empire), Hungary (Kodaly Medal), Sweden (Royal Order of the Polar Star) and Mexico (Ohtli Recognition Award).

The Society's General Membership meeting will be on Thursday, February 9th, at the Golden Valley Historical Society's



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historic church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN, at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the presentation of Philip Brunelle.

IN REVIEW:

Barbara Bailey, the City of Golden Valley's first full-time Senior Citizens Coordinator from 1977 – 2005, when she retired after a 50 year career in the Park and Recreation profession, gave an exhausting presentation with a power point, about her organizing a comprehensive program for all senior residents of Golden Valley and the Senior Citizens Center housed at the Brookview Community

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

A manuscript was found amongst the vast collection of the Society entitled, "COMMUNITY STUDY OF GOLDEN VALLEY BY BERNADINE BUSCH JUNE 2, 1948". Quote "The valley is that of the outlet of Medicine Lake, known as Bassett's Creek, which sweeps through the village in the form of an irregular S. This basin, level at it's base and curving gently upward, has it's deep green of natural meadow gilded with the splendor of yellow cowslips in the spring, covered with the bright of goldenrod and sunflowers in the summer, and decked with the mellow sheen of aspen and poplars in the autumn, giving the valley the rich grandure of a field carpeted with gold, hence it's name." Unquote. Ms. Busch does not mention that the name Golden Valley is alleged to have been coined by William Varner who farmed the land now occupied by the Golden Valley Country Club located on Golden Valley Road.

Center. Her presentation started with her working at the young age of 12 in her hometown of Hibbing, Minnesota, and went forward through her various activities and responsibilities. Her career was an amazing series of events at several venues in Minnesota which led her to receive many awards and recognitions. 21 members and guests braved the extreme winter cold to hear her presentation.

ACCESSIONS TO THE SOCIETY:

Andrew Brenner donated a collection of product samples and a walnut weave raw material from the Weavewood Corporation who were located at 840 Pennsylvania Avenue N, Golden Valley. The GVHS board members were most impressed by the samples of the company that has gone out of business. Andrew was asked to seek permission for the Society to take photos of the now shut down plant and get an oral history from the owners.

MARRIAGE is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is a husband.

A POLISH IMMIGRANT went to the DMV to apply for a driver's license. First of course, he had to take an eye sight test. The optician showed him a card with the letters 'CZWIXNOSTACZ'. "Can you read this?" The optician asked. "Read it?" The Polish guy replied, "I know the guy".

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 9th, 2017 – Linda Loomis will give a presentation on the History of the Minnesota River Watershed and its tributaries. An interesting theme as the City of Blaine, Mn. recently ran out of municipal water, and, the City of Golden Valley came within 30 minutes of running out of water when the water main broke in downtown Robbinsdale a few years ago. (The water main provided water from the City of Minneapolis to the Cities of Golden Valley, Crystal and New Hope.)

April 13th, 2017 – Marshall Tanick, local lawyer, and legal historian, will have a power point presentation on WW I Minnesota legal cases.

