



# The Little White Paper

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## **LINDA LOOMIS IS THE SOCIETY'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM ON MARCH 9th**

The Minnesota River crosses the State of Minnesota beginning at the South Dakota border near Lake Traverse. From there it flows southeast to Mankato then takes a sharp turn to flow northeast to Pike Island at Fort Snelling. It is the longest tributary in Minnesota that enters the Mississippi River.

The Minnesota River has long served as a major transportation route. It was a major route for fur traders and was known to explorers as far back as the late 1600's when Pierre Le Suer undertook an expedition to locate copper. During this period the French had named the river – River St Pierre.

Native peoples hunted, fished and paddled the river. Early settlers followed, founding cities like Mankato and New Ulm. Later steamboats became the prime way for moving in the Minnesota River Valley until replaced by the railroad. Today, the river is used more for recreation, however the ports at Savage are the second busiest river ports in Minnesota.

The Dakota people had named the river Minnesota which



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means “sky-like water.” When the government formed a new territory that would include the river valley and the surrounding land they called it Minnesota Territory after the river.

In 1992, Governor Arnie Carlson, pledged to clean up the Minnesota River in 10 years! It is now 2017, twenty five years later, what has happened and what is happening now?

On Thursday, March 9th, Linda Loomis, former Mayor of Golden Valley, will talk about her experience as the Administrator for the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, what she has learned about the history of the river, its problems, challenges and its future. The meeting will be at the Society's historic church

located at 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Mn 55427. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

## **ACCESSIONS TO THE SOCIETY:**

Andrew Brenner donated items he acquired from the now defunct Weavewood Manufacturing Company of Golden Valley. Included were company brochures, sample of the raw materials used in making wooden products, salad bowl, candy dish and other finished products. The building in which the company manufactured its products, has become very unsafe for people to gain access. Brenner will be taking photos of the machinery still in the building for the Society's archives.

The board of directors of the Society indicated an interest in having an oral history made with the owners of Weavewood Manufacturing.

Jeanne Andersen, a member of the GVHS, and member of the St Louis Park Historical Society donated a 1951 directory of Golden Valley, Oak Knoll and Medicine Lake published by Lydia Rogers who's office was located at 4901 Excelsior Blvd, St. Louis Park, Mn phone number was Walnut 3652.

## **SOCIETY TO HOST ANTIQUE APPRAISAL SHOW AT HEATHERS MANOR SENIOR RESIDENCE:**

On Saturday April 1st, 2017, from 2 – 4 p.m., at the Heathers Senior Manor Residence at 3000 Douglas Drive No, Crystal, MN 55422, an Antique Appraisal Show will be held. The public is welcome to bring up to 5 items to be orally appraised by local professional appraisers. The appraisers are not equipped at the event to appraise items like dolls, watches, jewelry, large art or large furniture.

A donation of \$5.00 per item will go to the Golden Valley Historical Society museum rehabilitation fund. Light refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be drawn at 4:00 p.m. Reservations are required, call 763-544-6777. GV Historical Society members are needed to assist in being greeters at the event. Call Don Anderson to volunteer – 763-588-8578 or email: maryanddon3030@aol.com

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

**April 13th** – Marshall Tanick, Society member and resident of Golden Valley will present his program on WW 1 Minnesota legal history.

**May 11th** – George Maxwell, author of a book about his ancestor, Dr. Archibald Maxwell, who was a doctor during the Civil War, will give a presentation about Dr. Archibald Maxwell. All the Society programs are at the historic church at 7:00 p.m.

## **MEMORIES COMING FROM A 1951 GOLDEN VALLEY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY:**

Do you remember these businesses? “Jerry Cramer’s very complete Super Market, 1200 Turner’s Crossroad on Wayzata Blvd, Three blocks West of the Belt Line phone Orchard 6997” “Gadbois Quality Meats and Groceries, Golden Valley Road and Highway 100 – phone Aldrich 6655,” Woodfill Shell Service, Golden Valley Road and Highway 100 – phone Hyland 9827.” “Golden Valley Taxi –

radio cab – two way radio cabs– phone Atlantic 4000.” “Hipp Construction – Richard Hipp – General Contractor – homes-commercial – office 1125 Lilac Drive, near KEYD Radio Station – phone Juniper 3232.” “Pete & Art’s Service Station – Skelly Gasolines – Wm. Peterson & Art Jeppesen – Glenwood at Penn Ave. No. phone Main 9254.” “Johnson, Dennis A. – DDS, 7825 Sixth Avenue North – phone Orchard 8313.”

## **IN REVIEW:**

On February 9th at the Society’s General Membership meeting, Philip Brunelle, a leading American conductor of choral music and opera, a Golden Valley resident, and a recipient of the Golden Valley Hall of Fame, gave an entertaining and educational presentation to 24 members and guests. He was surprised to find in the audience one of his early music teachers.

## **TEACHER’S EXCHANGES:**

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: H I J K L M N O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it’s H to O

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on “My Dog” is exactly the same as your brother’s. Did you copy his?

Clyde: No, sir, it is the same dog.

