



The Little White Paper

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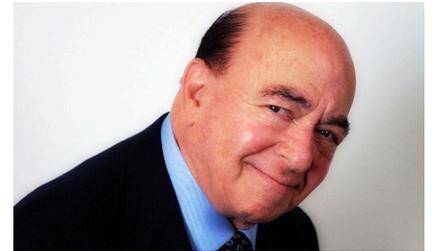
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Barry ZeVan The Weatherman WILL BE THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

Barry ZeVan was a well-known and popular television weatherman in markets across the United States in 1957 to 1988. Since delivering his final weather forecast on KARE- in Minneapolis-St. Paul in 1987, he has gone on to host several TV specials, produce a number of award-winning documentaries all over the world and do consulting

work in the media relations field. He and his wife, Ellen, are long-time residents of Golden Valley. The meeting will be on Thursday, February 14th, 7:00 p.m., at the Society's Historic Church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427. The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the program.



Barry ZeVan

GVHS NEW MUSEUM TO BE OPEN ON PRESIDENT'S DAY:

Monday, February 18th, is a national holiday, President's Day, with schools and many businesses closed. The Golden Valley Historical Society Museum will have a special day with the museum open hours being 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. The Society Directors offer this special day to members and residents to stop by and visit their new museum. The usual hours of the museum are on Thursdays and Saturdays from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. Other hours and days can be arranged for group or family tours. The purchase of vintage Golden Valley street signs will be available with a special buy one vintage street sign and get a second sign free. The

genuine street signs were mostly installed on street corners starting after WW II, are \$25.00 each. A post card advertising this special museum open for Presidents Day event will be mailed to all the Golden Valley households.

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF NANCY KOCHENDERFER:

A long-time member of the Golden Valley Historical Society, Nancy Kochenderfer has died after short illness. She served as a member of the Society's board of directors for several years. Per Nancy's wishes, a memorial service was not held.

THE GOLDEN VALLEY CITY HALL DISPLAY CASES HOLD GRAND OPENING PHOTOS:

Photos of the Society's grand opening of the new museum were taken by Scott Nelson and mounted on a poster board by Peggy Nelson. The photos are now on display in the glass enclosed display cases on the second floor of the Golden Valley City Hall. The grand opening was held in September with an estimated 100 visitors attending the event.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Elizabeth (Liz) Andress and Steve Solbrack, 1620 Aquila Ave. N. Golden Valley, Mn 55427; phone 651-983-8105; email: liz@solbrack.com;

GOLDEN VALLEY HISTORY – CCX MEDIA WILL PRODUCE A 45 MINUTE DOCUMENTARY IN 2019:

The local television station, CCX Media, (formerly known as Northwest Community Television when Ray Stockman, Golden Valley Council member, and other persons created the cable station), cable channel 12, has been working on long -time productions called “Our Town’s Story” to produce the documentary of a city. Dave Kiser, Assistant Executive Director, has been the CCX Media interviewer for the projects. To date, Robbinsdale, Brooklyn Park, and Maple Grove have been completed and each in a 45- minute program, shown on CCX Media cable. The City of Plymouth documentary is just about completed.

The next community on their “to do” list is Golden Valley. Dave Kiser has met with the members

of the board of directors of the Golden Valley Historical Society to focus on the research to discover and report about the Village/City of Golden Valley. This meeting brainstormed the subjects, people and events, that will be researched, people interviewed, and those parts of the Village/City of Golden Valley will be produced into the 45 -minute documentary. The board of directors listed a great many of possible persons, corporations, and city government personnel, to be interviewed for the CCX Media production. This project will be researched over the next 6 – 8 months. The completed documentary will be shown over CCX Media, channel 12, and the Golden Valley Historical Society will be provided with a copy to use as the board decides.

IN REVIEW:

At the January 10th, general membership meeting the program was the popular photographer/historian, Doug Ohman, who in his 21st annual program at the Golden Valley Historical Society, took the appreciative audience on a verbal/photographic tour of the Northern and Western historic sites. His imaginary car trip, including imaginary little kids, with the necessary food and potty stops, got the audience to participate with many telling of their visits to the historic places along the way. Rudy Martignacco shared that they owned one of the smallest camping trailers and said that you could have breakfast in bed without getting out of bed. The 38 members and visitors came from all around the local area, who Ohman has attracted each of the last 21 years at the Society programs. He will be back again.

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF JAMES NIELSEN:

James Nielsen recently passed away after a short battle with cancer. He was a valued member of the Society and was a “worker bee” around the Society’s historic church. At age 90 he was the fixer of the occasional problems that popped up from time to time. His family, however, “laid down the law” and told him he was not to climb up a ladder to replace a burnt- out light bulb. Jim respected his physical limitations and followed his family’s rule.

His family said that the Historical Society was a very important part of his life.

He enjoyed his time working at the historic church and found it very rewarding. He often talked about the various projects that were going on. He was very proud to have been involved in and watch the Society grow to where it is today.

Jim Nielsen had a wonderful sense of humor and religion was not high on his priority list, so he found great pleasure in telling people how he had been entrusted with keys to a church! He will be missed. A celebration of the life of Jim has been held.

UP-COMING PROGRAM:

On March 14th, the history of the Glenwood Hills Hospital will be presented by Crystal Boyd. The Glenwood Hills Hospital located on the East shores of Sweeney lake, in its early days had milk cows on their site which provided fresh milk to the patients, staff and the student nurses. Boyd will provide more details at the program about the only hospital located in the Village/City of Golden Valley. The program will be at 7:00 at the Society’s Historic Church.