



The Little White Paper

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THE HISTORY OF GLENWOOD HILLS HOSPITAL IS THE MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM:

Crystal Boyd, volunteer grants manager for the Golden Valley Historical Society, will present the history of Glenwood Hills Hospital. She will provide an overview of important dates related to the hospital's early years. She will also highlight items related to the hospital that are preserved in Golden Valley Historical Society's collections. We hope that the audience will enjoy black and white photos of the hospital's construction and the re-telling of stories from a former student at the nursing school. Please come and share stories of your own!

Boyd graduated from the U. of Minnesota with bachelor's degrees in English and Spanish, plus a minor in Entomology – the study of insects.

IN REVIEW:

Barry ZeVan, the weather man, presented a fabulous program at the February's general membership meeting on February 14th, 2019, Valentine's Day. He told of his many radio and television positions in markets across the United States starting in 1957 to 1988. His career brought him in close contact

She earned a master's degree in Museum Studies from the University of Colorado. During the day, Crystal's full - time job includes managing the Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Also, she recently founded her own part-time business called Crystal Boyd Consulting LLC. She works with families and organizations to preserve their stories, heritage, and history.

The meeting will be held at the Society's Historic Church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427, at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 14th, 2019. It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the program.

with a great many screen, radio and television personalities who he told about in his presentation. He has authored a book about his own career in broadcasting which is available from Amazon. He brought lots of smiles to the 14 members and guests who attended the program on a very, very, very, cold night.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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Dean and Julie Penk, 4309 Woodstock Ave., Golden Valley, Mn 55422; 612-735-4251; email: jberghpenk@yahoo.com; (The editor is sorry to have miss-spelled their name in the last issue of the newsletter.)

PRESIDENT'S DAY AT THE GV HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM HAILED AS SUCCESSFUL!

The Society organized for the GVHS museum to be open on President's Day, February 18th, 2019, with an added promotion of vintage Golden Valley street signs on that day – buy one vintage street sign and get a second one free. Mother Nature provided a beautiful sunny day and when the volunteers arrived at the museum, people were sitting in vehicles waiting for the doors to be unlocked and the lights turned on in the museum.

Four GVHS volunteers were present to help the visitors all during the opening hours. The vintage street sign storage room was like MAZY's Thanksgiving Sale! Visitors seeking their

special vintage street sign. A GVHS volunteer washed the newly purchased vintage signs while another handled the paperwork and payments. The stats for this special President's Day at the GVHS museum were: 4 tired volunteers; close to 70 visitors to the museum; 36 vintage street signs found new homes; plus 24 vintage street signs also found new homes under the buy one and receive a second vintage street sign free, special President's Day promotion. In all, the visitors showered the volunteers with their appreciation for the new museum. Thank you volunteers for the suggested special President's Day event

idea, the museum greeters and the volunteers who assisted the happy vintage sign explorers find their happy memory sign. One visitor suggested that the museum do that day again! The regular times that the GV Historical Society Museum is open are: Thursdays and Saturdays – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For special tours for groups or out of town visitors, other appointments can be made. Call Secretary Don Anderson, email: maryanddon3030@aol.com; phone: 763-588-8578; If you would like to sign up as a museum greeter, to see the smiles on the visitors faces, call Secretary Anderson to discuss your schedule availability.

FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

Are you aware of the fact that the first Black History Month in February was organized by John Mitchell, the first black member of the Golden Valley City Council. Mitchell was employed in the main office of Honeywell Heat Regulator Company in South Minneapolis. He and his family lived in Golden Valley, not far from the famous home of the Lone Ranger, Clayton Moore. John was a member of the Rotary Club of St. Louis Park and he and some other fellow Rotarians began to organize a Rotary Club in Golden Valley. This was in 1973. John Mitchell was the first president of the new Golden Valley Rotary Club and the club will soon be celebrating its 50th anniversary. John also was the member who promoted a change in the Rotary Club's by-laws, to admit women members to the Rotary Club.

Mitchell ran and was elected to the City Council. At his first meeting of the City Council he announced that he was a "Monday Night Football Fan". The council had been meeting on the first and third Mondays regularly. He made a motion to change the meeting date to Tuesday and the motion passed. The Golden Valley City Council has been meeting on Tuesdays ever since. Mitchell was also responsible for creating the first Human Rights Commission in Golden Valley and subsequently they organized the Black History Month in February. The first in the State of Minnesota. The Golden Valley Historical Society museum has a display panel about the contributions of John Mitchell to make the City a better community. Be sure to make a point to visit the museum and bring your friends and out of town guests, too.

UP-COMING PROGRAM:

The April general membership meeting will have a program about the history of women's suffrage in Minnesota. It is the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution amendment which allowed women the right to vote in elections in the U.S. The presenter at this meeting will be Gillian Rosenquist, a current member of the Golden Valley City Council, a member of the Golden Valley League of Women Voters, and, a member of the Golden Valley Historical Society. The meeting will be held at the Society's historic church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Mn 55427, on April 11th, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.