



The Little White Paper

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APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO LOOK BACK 100 YEARS TO THE TIMES WHEN WOMEN DID NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS:

Gillian Rosenquist, at the Thursday, April 11th, GVHS general membership meeting will speak about the late women's suffrage movement in Minnesota and its transformation in 1919 into the Minnesota chapter of the League of Women's Voters with a focus on notable women leaders of the time, including the first women elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives. The Minnesota Legislature ratified what would become the 19th amendment enshrining a women's right to vote in September, 1919. This is a joint meeting with the Golden Valley League of Women Voters. The League of Women Voters was founded February 14, 1920. It was a merger of the National Council of Women Voters and the National American Women Suffrage Association approximately 6 months before

the 19th amendment gave the women the right to vote. Its purpose was to help newly franchised women exercise their responsibilities as voters. Only women could join the League until 1973, when the Charter was amended to include men members.

The LWV operates at the local, state and national level. It is non-partisan and does not support or oppose candidates. It studies and supports policy positions.

Gillian Rosenquist currently serves on the Golden Valley City Council. She's a member and past president of the League of Women Voters Golden Valley and belongs to the Golden Valley Historical Society. She has a B.A degree from the University of Washington-Seattle and a J.D degree from William Mitchell College of Law. She and her husband moved to Golden Valley



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in 2002 and have 3 sons. The meeting will be held at the Golden Valley Historical Society's historic church, located at 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Mn 55427, at 7:00 p. m. It is open and free to the public. Refreshments will be served following the program.

IN REVIEW:

The March 14th, general membership meeting program featured Crystal Boyd, a volunteer grants manager for the Golden Valley Historical Society, who presented the history of the Glenwood Hills Hospital which was located on the east shores of Sweeny Lake. She brought out via power point, items from the Society's preserved collections

and related the overview of important dates of the hospital's early years. The 25 members and guests in attendance included some of the former employees of the hospital who related their experiences while employed by the hospital. The shared experiences by the audience enhanced the historic understanding about the only hospital located at that time in Golden Valley.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS:

Clarice Ottoson, 8200 W. 33rd Street, Apt. 215, St. Louise Park, Mn 55426; phone: 952-939-6039; email: cottoson@yahoo.com; Greet her at the Society's next membership meeting.

THE MINNESOTA ALLIANCE OF LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUMS ANNOUNCE HISTORY AWARD WINNERS FOR 2019:

The Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums will be honoring seven local history projects with a Minnesota History Award and nine individuals with a Lifetime Achievement Award at their Annual Meeting and Conference on April 25th. The event will be held at Treasure Island Resort & Casino, located just outside of Red Wing. The History Awards Committee Chair Adam Smith, reports that “Each project symbolizes the great work being done by local history

organizations across the state and each individual’s commitment to serving the local history community.” One of the Award recipients for the 2019 Minnesota History Awards is: Golden Valley Historical Society (Golden Valley) for their project to design, fabric, and install new permanent exhibits. Congratulations to all of the GVHS members who assisted in the creation of the new museum and the professional museum “worker bees”.

FLOWER BUDDINGS ARE NOT THE ONLY THING HAPPENING!

The Spring like weather we are experiencing now is bringing out the flower buds but, that is not the only thing being brought out! Yes! The spring weather is bringing out the visitors to the new Golden Valley museum! On Tuesday, March 19th, Tim Johnson, leader of the “Twin Cities Young At Heart” group brought 21 of his members to the new museum and a guided tour of the historic church. Volunteer greeter Peggy Nelson on Saturday, March 23rd reported that she had eleven visitors to the museum! With the ice and snow rapidly going away, the volunteer

museum greeters can expect to have more visitors coming to the museum. The museum is open to the public on Thursdays and Saturdays from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. Special group tours or your visitors from out of town needing other times to visit the museum can make arrangements with Secretary Don Anderson for special dates and times. Will you help out by volunteering one day a month to be the greeter at the museum? For more information please call Secretary Don Anderson, 763-588-8578 or email: maryanddon3030@aol.com

GOLDEN VALLEY CITY NEWS HAS ARTICLE ABOUT THE GOLDEN VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S MUSEUM

The March-April edition of the Golden Valley City News, edited by Cheryl Weiler, has an article, “NEW HISTORY MUSEUM SHARES GV’S RICH HERITAGE”. It relates the “Little

White Church in the Valley” history beginning in 1882 and the museum addition built in 2012, through the efforts of and financial support from Society members. The museum display theme,

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

The semi-annual Golden Valley Historical Society yard clean up will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at 8:30 a.m. Please bring a leaf rake, work gloves and dress for the weather. The City brush pick up begins on Monday, April 27th so we need to put the branches on a pile on the curb. Thanks for your help. Questions? call Don Anderson.

GVHS CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President Kenneth Huber
Vice President Steve Schmidgall
Secretary Don Anderson
Treasurer David Kuball
Director Nancy Azzam
Director Jenny Brookins (Steve Schmidgall is a Golden Valley Council member who is appointed by the City Council on a calendar year basis to be the liaison with the GVHS.)
The Board of Directors meets monthly at the GVHS historic church. The Society operates on a fiscal year beginning on September 1st through August 31st. Nancy Kochenderfer was a board member serving the final year of her term when she suddenly passed away. The board is interested in having a member volunteer to serve the remaining months of her term and at the September general membership meeting, 2019, being a candidate for the board for a three -year term. Are you that person? Email or call Secretary Don Anderson for questions.

“No Place Like Home” is expanded upon in the article. The article is well written and the Society thanks Editor Cheryl Weiler and Assistant Editor Robert Kueny of the City News staff.