



# The Little White Paper

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## **“The Best of Minnesota” is the March general membership meeting program featuring Doug Ohman of Pioneer Photography**

Doug Ohman is a recognized photographer who has made a career of photo documenting Minnesota. He has had many opportunities to share his work through published books and public speaking events. Not only is Doug a photographer of historic Minnesota, he has a background in history and geography that comes through his images and scenes. Each of his photos have a story to tell. He has identified

a selection of pictures from his extensive collection that he considers his best of Minnesota. Doug will also share his personal story of how he became a photographer and where he thinks the future will lead him.

The program will be Thursday, March 10th, at the Society’s historic church located at 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN. at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the presentation.



DOUG OHMAN

### **IN REVIEW:**

The February 11th general membership program featured Dan Wascoe and Baibi Vegners, Nuance/duo, songs made famous by the female singers of the 1940’s through the 1960’s such as Marilyn Monroe, Judy Garland, Doris Day, Patti Page, Shirley Temple, Peggy Lee, Mary Martin, Rosemary Clooney and the Andrew Sisters. “Chick Singers Extraordinaire” was the title of this presentation by Wascoe and Vegners. It brought back memories to the toe tapping audience.

### **\*\*General Mills –**

a major fortune 500 company, with headquarters in Golden Valley is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2016. The headquarters moved from downtown Minneapolis to Golden Valley in 1958 to the NE intersection of (now) Highway 169 and Wayzata Boulevard (now I-394).

Welcome new members: Teresa and Tim Martin, 1501 Toledo Ave. N, Golden Valley, Mn 55422, have recently become members of our Society. Welcome them at our next event.

### **ACCESSIONS TO THE SOCIETY:**

The City of Edina sent to Golden Valley Parks and Recreation Director, Rick Bernu an envelope containing a newspaper article about the ice arena in Golden Valley and he gave it to our Society for our archives.

## **FACTOIDS OF GOLDEN VALLEY:\*\***

\*\*Bassett Creek was named after Joel Bassett who, in 1854, built a lumber mill and pail factory where the creek flows into the Mississippi River. The creek drains the area surrounding Medicine Lake, Golden Valley and areas extending into adjoining cities. It flows out of Medicine Lake and from there loops up into northern Golden Valley while seeking its entrance to Minneapolis in the vicinity of Glenwood Avenue. Minneapolis put the creek in a tunnel, which drops 70 feet, as a flooding prevention for the city's residents.

\*\*Byerly's supermarket – the first Byerly's built by Don Byerly, who had a vision of what an upscale shopping experience for his customers should be, opened in 1968. It had very wide carpeted aisles, (unheard of before), open

long hours, (unheard of before), and merchandise available which was of interest to the upscale shopper, was opened on Highway 100 and Duluth Street. Spring Gate Shopping Center followed in 1972. This innovative and magnificent supermarket attracted visitors from many countries.

\*\*Streetcars access to Golden Valley – In the 1930's through the 1950's a "light rail" streetcar traveled from downtown Minneapolis along Glenwood Avenue to the end of the track at the chalet in Glenwood Park, located just south of the bathing beach of Glenwood Lake (now Theodore Wirth Lake). There was a "T" track at that location which allowed the streetcar to back up to gain access to the rails for the return trip to downtown

Minneapolis. Golden Valley was just on the borderline of the area and this is where the only end of the line streetcar riders could get close to Golden Valley. The Greyhound Bus Company had a bus from their depot in downtown Minneapolis that traveled along Highway 12 (now I-394) through St. Louis Park on to its destination at Mound, Minnesota. This was another public transportation available to the residents of Golden Valley. And, of course, there was the Luce Line railroad line from downtown Minneapolis which ran west through Golden Valley which residents could flag down to get on board for the trip to downtown Minneapolis. So that was the public transportation available to the residents of Golden Valley in the "early days."

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

**April 14th** – The Golden Valley Police Department historian, Officer Scott Goebel, will provide some of the history of the Golden Valley Police Department, show some department artifacts and relate the details of the only Golden Valley officer shot in the line of duty.

**May 12th** – Kirsten Boehne will be speaking about her experience with a private collection of prehistoric artifacts that was

donated to the Science Museum of Minnesota. These artifacts are from a site in southwestern Minnesota. She will show the process of accessioning this collection and the value of collaboration between private collectors and museums. Her talk is entitled, "The Pedersen Collection: From Coffee Cans to Climate-controlled Conservation." The programs are held at the Society's historic church at 7:00 p.m.

