



The Little White Paper

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WOMEN IN COMMAND – HISTORY'S GREAT QUEENS IN CRISIS IS THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM



Lyndon Griffin

Throughout history, women have held political and military power in moments of great crisis. Their story is often lost in the broad movement of time. This program, presented by Lyndon Griffin, will explore their successes and failures, as well as their Impact on their nations and world history itself.

The membership meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2015, at the Society's historic church located at 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427, at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the program.

SECOND GENERATION GOLDEN VALLEY STREET SIGNS CONTINUE TO BE A POPULAR SURPRISE GIFT ITEM:

At the last count, the Society has sold just about 350 Golden Valley second generation street signs. As we get closer to the holidays, we will be receiving more orders for the signs.

So far former Golden Valley residents have ordered and had mailed to their current homes in California, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, New York, Chicago, several parts of Wisconsin and even northern Minnesota. Also, many out of state former Golden Valley residents have had the street signs delivered for free to current

Golden Valley residents who are friends or relatives.

If you are getting ready to think about a surprise, totally unexpected, gift for someone, check to see if the Society has in its sign inventory that street sign where your someone grew up. Just email Secretary Don Anderson to check on the signs availability. (maryanddon3030@aol.com).

The signs are \$25.00 each plus shipping and handling. Free delivery to Golden Valley residents.

UPCOMING PROGRAM IN NOVEMBER:

The general membership program on November 12th will feature Carole Van Valkenburg, the former Golden Valley Lilac Queen of 1969, who will present some of the history of the Miss Golden Valley festivities. One of her first duties was to speak at the grand opening of Brookview Golf Course. The program, at 7:00 p.m. will be at the Society's historic church.

AZZAM AND SCANLON ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

At the general membership meeting on September 10th, Nancy Azzam and DeDe Scanlon were elected to serve for a three year term on the Society's board of directors. The board meets monthly on the second Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. at the Society's historic church to conduct the business of the organization. 3 year term of office on the Golden Valley Historical Society board of directors has expired as of August 31st, 2015, for Nancy Azzam, John Colwell and DeDe Scanlon. We offer our thanks to them for their contribution of time, talent and enthusiasm during their tenure.

MUSEUM SCRIPT APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

On September 9th the Exhibit Development Committee, chaired by Crystal Boyd, along with the museum consultants, Musology Museum Services, presented to the board of directors a 94 page script of their recommendations for the floor plan layout of the new museum, and the display themes for the permanent and temporary positions in the museum. The board of directors reviewed the recommendations and approved the submission, subject to a couple of further verifications in the script.

The next step toward

opening the Golden Valley Historical Society museum will be the Collections Committee recommendations to the board of directors about the policy for items in the Society's collection now, future donated items and the photographing of collection items by the public.

The phase 2 of the collections process will be the inventory and planning for the items in the Society's collection. This cataloguing phase will utilize an electronic system rather than the paper inventory that has been used for the life of the historical society. (The idea is to open up

the indexes so that the members and public can view on the website the items the Society now has in its collection.)

The phase 3 of the progress toward a working, available, museum is to prepare the addition for the preserving of the historic displays – like having the windows coated to prevent the daylight from damaging the displays. And, “coming down the home stretch”, will be the updating of the Society's website.

The goal for a grand opening is late 2016 or early 2017. Get ready to mark your calendars.

THE EARLY SETTLERS OF GOLDEN VALLEY PROVIDED A PLACE TO BURY THEIR DEAD:

On the corner of Winnetka Avenue and Medicine Lake Road there is a small cemetery which is now owned by the City of Golden Valley. The cemetery was founded on May 17, 1869, by 12 of the earliest settlers. These pioneers were: Henry Yentsch, Sr., Henry Yentsch, Jr., Frederic Younker, Frederick Bies, Mathias Messerschmidt, William Roggemann, John Roggemann, and David Bies.

At the time, David Bies owned the land where the Midland Shopping Center is now located. He offered to donate one half an acre of land for the cemetery. In Germany, the homeland of all the founders, it is a tradition that all cemeteries face the east. Because the Bies' property did not have the proper slope, the offer was turned down. Instead, the men accepted a donation of one half an acre from Henry Yentsch, Sr., who owned the property where the cemetery now stands.

During the organization of the cemetery, the founders stipulated in one of the by-laws that no one would be excluded from membership in the cemetery association because of religion or race. On May 20, 1907, the annual cemetery association meeting was held. It was at this time the name was changed from Crystal Lake and Minneapolis Township Cemetery to The Golden Valley Cemetery.

At some subsequent time, the cemetery was turned over to the City of Golden Valley. The Golden Valley Planning Department now has charge of selling lots and supervising the opening of graves for burials. A walk through the cemetery will reveal the names of many of the settlers of Golden Valley. (Source: Golden Valley 1886-1986 Minnesota, published by the Golden Valley Centennial Committee, 1986.)

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A standing committee was authorized and established by the Board of Directors, called the Collections Committee. This committee has primary responsibility for the overall supervision of the Society's collections and for authorizing additions to and removals from these collections.

The initial committee members appointed by President Ken Huber, are: Crystal Boyd, Rudi Martignacco, Nancy Kochenderfer, Peggy Nelson, Lisa Paulson, Ken Huber and Don Anderson. The committee meeting schedule will be discussed and adopted at the first meeting.

If you would be interested in serving on this committee, please contact Secretary Don Anderson.

ACCESSION TO THE SOCIETY: Betty Crews donated a glass Ewald Dairy small creamer.