



# The Little White Paper

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*May Membership Meeting...*

## History Center program honors "Greatest Generation"

The Minnesota Historical Society launched a major state-wide initiative in 2004 to honor the men and women who experienced the Great Depression and World War II, and built the world as we know it today. This multi-faceted project is both a tribute to the members of this generation and a valuable resource that will help people understand and appreciate the history of this critical era for many generations to come.

The program presenter will be Mark Haidet of the Minnesota Historical Society, who will tell us about the project's components and give a behind the scenes look at how as the project was developed. He will use a power point presentation and show a 10-minute DVD.



The World War II Memorial in Washington D.C.

The program will be held at the Society's Historic Church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 14. Refreshments will be served following the program. Mark your calendar now.

"Minnesota's Greatest Generation" will open at the Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, on May 23, 2009. Contact the History Center, 651-259-3000, for more information.

## Society reaches challenge goal

The magic number has reached—\$7,552.64! The Golden Valley City Council's match challenge to the Society of \$7,500.00 has been met with a generous check from the Golden Valley Rotary Club. Vice President Nancy Azzam received this important contribution at the April 28, 2009, Rotary Club meeting. President Ken Huber

will be sending a letter to Golden Valley Mayor Linda Loomis reporting that the challenge goal has been met. He thanks everyone who made a contribution to the Society and also thanks the City Council members and citizens of Golden Valley for their continued support of our mission to uncover and preserve the heritage of the city.

## Antique road show benefits Society

The Heather's Senior Residence seventh annual antique road show will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, at 2900 Douglas Drive. Each attendee may bring up to five items to be appraised. The \$5 charge per item is a donation to our Society.

## **Golden Valley Festival on May 15 and 16 will include Historical Society members**

The Historical Society will have two presences at the 2009 Golden Valley Festival. The parade at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, will feature Society member Don Minor driving his Model A antique truck with "antique" passengers. The Society will also staff a booth

with some items of historical interest. Drop and say "hello" to the volunteers staffing the booth from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the 16th. President Ken Huber will have some of his antique kids riding toys at the booth, weather permitting.

## **Who remembers Jacobson Machine Works?**

Jacobson Machine Works operated in Golden Valley before going out of business, according to a resident who asked if we have any information on the company. Do you have any knowledge of the firm?

Carl Sandburg Junior High School's is 50 years old this month. Do you have any Sandburg memorabilia that you would be willing to donate to the Society?

Jim Moran wanted to know when the Breck School purchased the former Golden Valley High School Campus. Our research came up with the year 1981. The Society has a wonderful display of items from the first year of the Golden Valley High School on the second floor of the city hall. The Society also has a complete set of year books and other school items in its archives.

## **Local Swedes gather to learn more about ancestral farming practices**

Our April 9 program featured Darel F. Swenson, a Twin Cities trial lawyer and educator who is also the president of Stubbhult, Sweden, Inc., a Minnesota non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting in America the work and objectives of the Emadalens, Naturskyddsforening, an environmental protection society in Smaland. That organization

owns and operates the Stubbhult farm, once owned by visionary small-scale Swedish farmer Ingvar Jonsson. Mr. Swenson's presentation of the farm and its occupants included a narrated photo montage and period music. We had no idea there were so many Swedes living in Golden Valley—63 were in attendance and many spoke Swedish!

## **Society seeks to fill volunteer positions**

The Society has need for part time volunteers for two different positions. The archives inventory needs to be entered into a computer program on the Society's Mac computer. The second need is a small committee willing to clean the main floor of the Historic Church prior to general membership meetings and weddings. For more information contact Secretary Don Anderson at 763-588-8578 or email maryanddon3030@aol.com.

## **Fall kickoff to feature research on bridges**

The fall kick-off general membership program on Thursday, September 10, will feature local author, Denis Gardner. Mr. Gardner, who has co-authored several history books with Society member Doug Ohman, will present his research on Minnesota's Historic Bridges. This meeting is also the annual meeting of the Society and includes the election of the board of directors.

## **In Memoriam**

Carol Jean Rahn passed away on March 1 at the age of 91 after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Ken, sons Scott, Craig and Kent; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Our sympathy goes out to the family.