



# The Record

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Website <http://fridleyhistoricalsociety.org/>

## The 26th Annual Lasagna Dinner, Raffle, and Auction

The event was held on Saturday April 30th at the American Legion.

Thank you to everyone that attended and to all of the people and companies that donated items.

Your support of the Fridley Historical Society is greatly appreciated!



Attendees enjoying dinner and conversation.



Mayor Scott Lund  
purchasing  
sweepstakes tickets  
from Mel Manley.



Mary Sue  
Meyers and  
Al Taylor  
serving  
dessert.



These three  
pictures show  
just a few of the  
sweepstakes  
prizes and  
auction items.

## Fridley Historical Society

### Board & Committees

The Board of Directors meets at the History Center on the first Thursday of every month at 4:30 p.m.

#### Officers

President	Dorothy Gargaro
Vice President	Mary Ann Hoffman
Secretary	Lori Greiner
Treasurer	Judy Anderson

#### Other Board Members

Pete Bonesteel  
Mary Sue Meyers  
Allen Taylor

#### Committees & Chairpersons

Members interested in attending a committee meeting, please call the Chair to confirm time and date.

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#### Newsletter Editor

Lori Greiner — 612-963-1485

#### Programs & Events

Mary Sue Meyers — 763-717-7987

## Fridley History Center Open House

(FREE ADMISSION)

Open every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month

## Upcoming Events

*All events at Fridley History Center unless otherwise indicated.*

### Open House

Saturday May 14th 11:00 am —3:00 pm

Saturday May 28th 11:00 am —3:00 pm

### Board Meeting

Thursday June 2nd 4:30 pm

### Open House

Saturday June 11th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

### Trivia Contest

Saturday June 11th 6:30 pm— 8:00 pm

### Open House

Saturday June 25th 11:00 am —3:00 pm

## Manomin on the Mississippi tour

Sunday June 26th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Bus departs from the Fridley History Center

### Board Meeting

Thursday July 7th 4:30 pm

### Open House

Saturday July 9th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Saturday July 23rd 11:00 am—3:00 pm

### Board Meeting

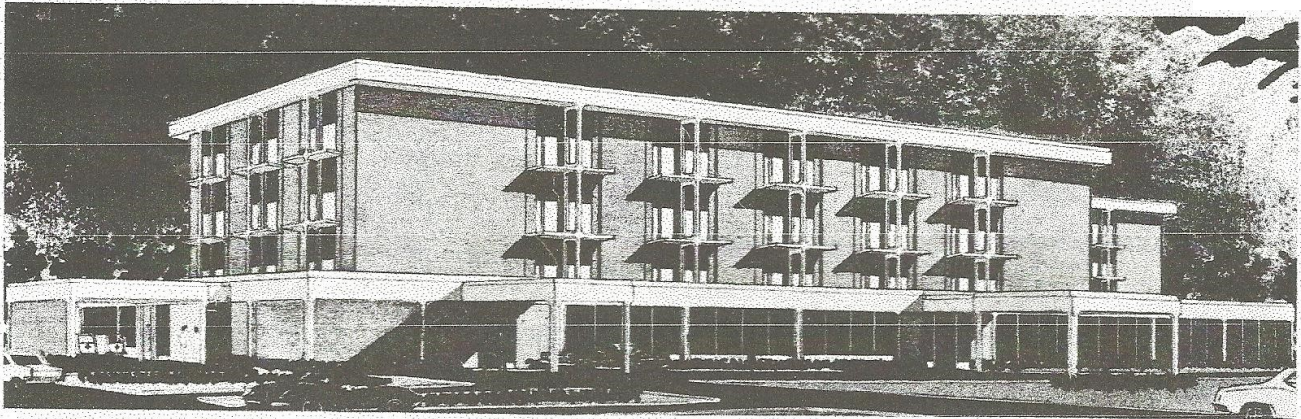
Thursday August 4th 4:30 pm

**CONGRATULATIONS TO UNITY HOSPITAL ON 50 YEARS OF CARING!**

The dedication of Unity Hospital on May 1, 1966 stands as a landmark in the history of the territory it continues to serve. It was a happy conclusion to the efforts of many people in the area working hard and long to help ensure that their fellow citizens would have hospital care that would be conveniently located and dedicated to the health care of their community. The great number of people and organizations with a common interest in sponsoring worthwhile improvements helped to establish the North Suburban Hospital District. In their attempt to bring the hospital into being, various means were explored while searching for the best and most economical measure in the interest of all concerned. The District Board eventually decided the best solution was to partner with an established hospital in the area that would allow the District to build up and equip the institution and the major hospital would accept the responsibility for its direction and operation. Glenwood Hospital was chosen for this responsibility, and the task of planning the hospital got underway in early 1964. By the end of that year a favorable bid was accepted from the architectural firm of S.C. Smiley & Associates. Meanwhile the District arranged the sale of revenue bonds to finance the construction, and on January 23, 1965 the long awaited groundbreaking ceremony took place. The construction proceeded at a rapid pace, and not even the setback from damage from the tornadoes on May 6, 1965 could stop it from being completed on schedule.

While the building was taking shape, the other essential work of organizing the hospital and staffing began. Physicians in the area formed the Charter Staff of Unity Hospital assuring the medical future of Unity Hospital. The formation of the Ladies Auxiliary, and the response of women in the area was tremendous which helped to ensure that this very vital part of Unity Hospital was off to a flying start. It was fortunate also to have so many technical and nursing staff members prepared to direct their full time to making Unity Hospital one of the best hospitals in the area.

Dedication ceremonies included a flag raising by the Fridley American Legion Post 303; Invocation by Rev. Norman Eitrheim; Welcome by Betty Wall, President of the North Suburban Hospital District; Presentation of Charters to Elizabeth Frischmon, President of the Unity Hospital Auxiliary and L. J. Roberts, M.D., Chief of Staff of Unity Hospital Medical Staff; Speaker, Richard Crist; Music by Organist, Floyd Pearson and Benediction by Rev. W. Weiers, Pastor of St. Tim's Church.



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH ON ITS 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!**

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fridley, Minnesota originated through an incorporated Ladies Aid Society in January, 1911, with 25 charter members. In three years they gathered \$1,000 for the church building by holding church suppers, quilting bees and raffles. C. A. Nelson of Clover Leaf Farms donated the land and the members built the church (currently the chapel) themselves. The church is 30 feet by 50 feet with a 40 foot tower, and valued at \$3,000. Redeemer was dedicated on June 15, 1916 with a congregation comprised of 74 adults and 42 children. At the time the church was dedicated, it had a debt of \$600 which C. A. Nelson, the founder of Clover Leaf Creamery paid off. These early members seized the opportunity to lay a foundation and leave a legacy that the congregation has continued to build upon.

Redeemer Lutheran built a basement annex in 1952 with the intent of building a sanctuary upon it. Those plans were bypassed in 1958 when the members realized that a sanctuary built on the basement annex would be too small for the growing congregation. The current sanctuary's first worship service was held on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1960. Then in 1964 the Sunday school building and offices were erected, followed by the activity center and new kitchen in 1985. The facility was made handicapped accessible in 1987 with special parking, a ramp and elevator. On June 2, 2002 Redeemer dedicated the addition of the Commons Area and additional offices. The congregation of Redeemer Lutheran Church feels blessed today to have a community of believers, a place to worship and grow spiritually and a foundation upon which to continue God's work. Their motto is "Knowing Christ & Making Him known".



**Manomin on the Mississippi tour**

Board a bus at the Fridley History Center and take a narrated tour of an area that 170 years ago was known as Manomin.

We know it as Fridley. Through narration, meeting characters of the 1850's and visiting some historic landmarks along the way, you'll learn some of Fridley's early history. Walk the banks of the Mississippi River when we stop for lunch at the historic Riedel House before returning to the history center.

Sunday June 26th 11:00 am—3:00 pm  
Bus departs from the Fridley History Center

Reservations must be made by June 17th online by visiting the Fridley Community Education website at <https://fridley.ce.feepay.com/>.

The following is a list of those who, as of May 4th, have renewed their memberships in the Fridley Historical Society.

A name followed by an \* indicates that the membership included a donation up to \$50 and \*\* indicates a donation of \$50 or greater.

**Thank you for your support!**

Mary Aguilar  
Gordon and Linda Backlund  
John Banholzer\*  
Bob and Jane Barnette  
Gerrie Berg\*  
Don and Susan Blakeslee  
Mark and Laura Bonesteel\*\*  
Pete and Mary Bonesteel\*  
Barney and Ardella Buss\*  
Elaine Butorac\*\*  
Steve and Joan Carlson\*  
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David Carstensen\*  
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Eric and Pat Jaakkola\*  
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Martin Lueders\*  
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Leon Madsen  
Audrey Mahr\*  
Jerry and Marilyn Manley\*  
Mel and Alicia Manley\*  
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Edward Meyer and Barbara Jackson\*  
Lillian Meyer\*  
Mary Sue and Donald Meyers\*  
Tom Myhra\*\*

Roger and Gwen Nawrocki\*\*  
Gene Ness\*  
Maynard Nielsen  
Grace Norton\*  
Donna Olson\*  
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John Perry and Susan Doak  
Roberta Peterson\*\*  
Margaret Pitts\*  
Robert Powell  
Sig and Marti Reckdahl  
Mary Rozmark\*  
Angela Sangster\*\*  
Darryl and Diane Sannes\*  
Carole Schaaf\*  
Roy Scherer\*  
Agnes Shaw\*  
Kathy Smith\*  
Carl and Adele Swanson\*  
Al and Kathy Taylor\*  
Glenn Theorin\*\*  
Gloria Vye\*  
Larry and Pat Whittlef\*  
Lenny and Ann Witucki\*  
Agnes Wolf  
Warren Woods\*

**Welcome New Members!**

Donna Damm  
Rosemary Frauly

Catherine Voss  
Rob Zelenak

**Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting****Thursday April 7th, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 4:43 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. In attendance were Pete Bonesteel, Mary Bonesteel, Judy Anderson, Mary Sue Meyers, Mary Ann Hoffman, Dorothy Gargaro, Lori Greiner, and Allen Taylor

**Treasurer's Report—Judy**

Judy submitted the February and March balance sheets and profit & loss YTD comparisons. Also included was a report detailing the year to year comparisons of income, expense, and profit and loss. \$656 is listed in the March Maintenance section for the elevator repair. Judy called the vendor and confirmed that it is correct. Per the contract, we pay annually for the yearly review. The repair is an additional cost. Al will bring Jodee Kulp's bill for website maintenance to the May meeting. Everyone confirmed that Jodee does a great job and is very responsive to our requests for updates. Al made the motion to approve the treasurer reports, Mary Ann seconded, and all approved.

**Secretary's Report —Lori**

Judy made the motion to approve the February meeting minutes, Mary Sue seconded, and all approved. A discussion was held regarding the newsletter. It was decided that Lori will complete the newsletter the weekend after the monthly board meeting and send it to the printer on Monday. The printed version should be ready for pickup by the end of the week and on Saturday it will be prepared for mailing the next business day. Lori will include the annual dues renewal form in the May/June newsletter for the final time this year.

**Committee Reports:****Programs & Events—Mary Sue**

Lasagna Dinner—We have been receiving responses to the dinner and raffle tickets for lasagna dinner. The last day to let Mary Sue know what donations you have collected will be April 17th or 18th. This will give her time to complete the list, send it to Lori for formatting, and have it printed. Please arrive at the event by 2:45 for set up.

**Membership Report—Mary Ann**

Between the February meeting and March 3rd, we received \$500 in dues and \$1,037.50 in donations. Since March 3rd we have received \$484 in dues and \$868.50 in donations. We really appreciate all of the support from our members and community!

**Maintenance Report—AL and Pete.**

The doorbell by the rear entrance has been installed. Al was helped by Kathy, Noah and Pete. Pete and Al will fasten the flag to the wall with the mount. Thank you Mary Bonesteel for purchasing the flag! It was noted that some needed maintenance is to repaint the front door. Al talked to Rick about lock on the reference room door. A discussion was held about installing a punch code lock. Judy made a motion to approve, Lori seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**Old Business:****Vintage and More Sale—Mary Ann**

Mary Ann reported that the sale went well. Mary Ann and Mary Aguilar are each going to donate \$25 to the history center for the use of the facility.

**Carpet Cleaning Update-Mary Ann**

Mary Ann contacted Stanley Steamer for an estimate on 1300 square feet. She was quoted 20 cents per square foot plus \$20 for each stair case. The total bill will be \$300. A discussion was held and it was decided to schedule the cleaning for Thursday May 12th. Mary Ann will make the appointment. At 9:30 am on Wednesday May 11th the board will move the furniture off of the carpeting.

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**Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting**Thursday April 7th, 2016  
(continued from page 6)**Spring Cleaning—Mary Ann**

We will arrange a date to clean outside of the history center in June.

**June 2nd Board Meeting—Mary Ann**

We have accepted the invitation to visit Betty Addison's house after the board meeting. We will arrive at 6:30 and have Chanticlear pizza in the garden.

**Display cabinet—Mary Ann**

Mary Ann emailed the board members a picture of a display cabinet that was offered as a donation. We decided that we do want it. She will let them know. They have some people that will deliver it to the center.

**Trivia contest—Mary Ann**

We will have another trivia contest on June 11th.

**New business****Replacement of Tables—Dorothy**

We have disposed of the five huge tables. A discussion was held about getting new resin tables. It was decided that we will wait until after the carpet cleaning. The discussion is tabled.

**Manomin on the Mississippi—Dorothy.**

The ad is in the Fridley Community Education catalogue. Everyone that registers is charged a \$4 registration fee by the community center which is included in the \$25 cost of the event.

**A Totally Awesome 1980's Christmas exhibit—Mary Ann.**

This year the exhibit will be open on Saturdays and Sundays.

**Other Items**

Mary Ann announced that she was elected onto board of Anoka County Historical society for a 3 year team. The board meets on the second Thursday of the month.

Mary Ann announced that Allen Anderson donated his 2nd grade report card for this school circa 1943-1944. He also donated a dvd entitled History of BAE—(Northern Pump).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Greiner



*Welcome  
Summer!!!*





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## It's Membership Renewal Time

Please fill in the 2016 renewal form below, make you check payable to the Fridley Historical Society,  
and mail it to us at 611 Mississippi St. NE, Fridley, MN 55432.  
We are no longer sending out membership cards-your renewal will be acknowledged in the newsletter.



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**2016 dues: One senior—\$10, One individual-\$12.50, Family (2 adults, same household)-\$18.50**  
**Please consider making an additional donation to help us reach our goals.**

Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional tax-deductible donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you!