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JOIN US FOR A

ROARING TWENTIES CHRISTMAS



**Celebrate Flappers, Speakeasies,
Tin Lizzies, and the Charleston
by stepping out to the Fridley
History Center.
It's sure to be the Bee's Knees!**

Exhibit Hours—Free Admission
Saturdays, Nov 14—Dec 26
11:00 am—3:00 pm

Tuesdays, Nov 17—Dec 22
1:00 pm—3:00 pm

**Exhibit includes Historical
Vignettes, Operating Train Set,
Trivia, Children's Activities,
Photo Booth, & Treats for All!**

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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Lori Greiner — 612-963-1485

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Mary Sue Meyers — 763-717-7987

Fridley History Center Open House (FREE ADMISSION)

Open every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month

Special Hours for December!

Tuesdays through December 22nd 1:00 pm—3:00 pm
Saturdays through December 26th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Kindergarten Art Fair

Fridley History Center
Saturday December 12th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

“Roaring Twenties” Christmas Exhibit

Fridley History Center
Saturdays Nov 14th through Dec 26th 11:00 am—3:00 pm
Tuesdays November 17th through December 22nd 1:00 pm—3:00 pm
Saturday December 19th includes live jazz



A very special “thank you” to Bob’s Produce Ranch for the recent donation of \$1,000 to the Fridley History Center!
We appreciate your continued support!

Fridley Historical Society Annual Meeting

Tuesday October 13th, 2015

Board Members Present: Mary Ann Hoffman, Pete Bonesteel, Dorothy Gargaro, Lori Greiner, Mary Sue Meyers, Judy Anderson, Allen Taylor

The meeting began at 7:06 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

TREASURER REPORT—Judy distributed a copy of income statement, balance sheet, and the checking account through September 30th 2015. The Franklin Templeton Investments report was available for review. The net income to date totals \$4,743. The expenses will be around our yearly average of \$1,000 to \$1,500. Some planned expenses are replacing two toilets, \$350 for Access Lifts to inspect the elevator, insurance, and replacement of the wood covering the ground floor windows. Our year-to-date total income is \$13,500 and expenses are \$8,855, which is similar to past years. The annual audit will occur in January.

BYLAWS REVIEW AND REVISION—Judy. Everyone received a copy in the mail of the proposed changes to our bylaws. A discussion was held over each change and a vote was taken. The revised bylaws will be implemented and are available for review at the Fridley History Center.

Committee Reports:

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS—Mary Sue stated that we had a very successful year and gave a summary of some of our many events and programs. On November 1st the 11th Annual Hall of Fame Luncheon inducted three deserving members of the community. The Fridley Kindergarten art display on December 13th showcased very creative artwork. The Christmas in the 1960s exhibit was chaired by Mary Ann and dismantled in January. On Feb 12th we had a pot luck dinner and white elephant bingo. April 25th was the date of the lasagna dinner, sweepstakes and auction at the American Legion which was catered by Marinos. We had 92 sweepstakes prizes and auction items and made a \$2,700 profit. On May 6th we held the 50th Anniversary of the Fridley Tornadoes event which filled the Fridley Community Center to capacity. The June 28th Manomin on The Mississippi tour took the history center out and into the community. The August Event featured the Fridley City Band and Fridley Ambassadors. The dollar hotdogs and root beer floats were donated by Culvers. Mary Sue is setting the events calendar for 2016. Volunteers are needed to assist.

MEMBERSHIP—Mary Ann. The number of members is 163 compared to 173 last year. From those memberships we collected \$1,594 in dues for 2015. An additional \$2,143 was included as donations by those who renewed their membership. We also have three business members and one nonprofit member. The renewal form for 2016 will appear in the January/February edition of the newsletter.

CHRISTMAS IN THE 1960S EXHIBIT—Mary Ann. The exhibit was open in November and December. We had a total of 778 visitors, which included 624 on the Saturdays that we were open and an additional 154 on the Tuesdays that we were open. We collected a total of \$511 in donations. This year we are hosting “A Roaring 20s Christmas” with the grand opening on Saturday, November 14th. We’ll also be open the day after Christmas, Saturday December 26th.

APPRAISAL EVENTS—Mary Ann. We had an additional two appraisal events this year with Mark Moran. On May 3rd, 50 people brought in 99 items for appraisal and on August 9th, 33 people brought in 79 items. For the four events that we hosted in 2014 and 2015, Mark appraised approximately 180 items for 375 people. After subtracting the overhead, the Historical Society made about \$1,000 total for the four events.

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The 2015 Fridley Hall of Fame Luncheon

The 2015 Hall of Fame luncheon was held at the Fridley Community Center on Saturday November 7th. The Hall of Fame honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the growth and quality of life in our community.

This year's inductees are Ralph Messer, Earl Bakken, Connie Thompson, and Siah St. Clair. Hall of Fame Chairperson Mary Sue Meyers presented plaques for each inductee. The plaques will be kept on permanent display at the Fridley History Center.

Thank you to all who attended this great event! And thank you to everyone who helped to host this event, including a special thank you to John Fitzpatrick and Don Meyers.



From left to right, Ralph Messer, Pam Petersmeyer and Wendy Watson for Earl Bakken, Connie Thompson, and Siah St. Clair.



Robert Christenson—Emcee



Mayor Scott Lund



Mary Sue Meyers-Event Chair

A ROARING TWENTIES CHRISTMAS

The next two pages give you a sneak peek of our Annual Holiday Exhibit 2015. We have ten historical vignettes on exhibit which include a Fridley train station, operating model train, Hollywoodland, a elegant bridal shop, creative activity center for youngsters, a living/dining area, bedroom, speakeasy, town square, and festive tree with authentic decorations.



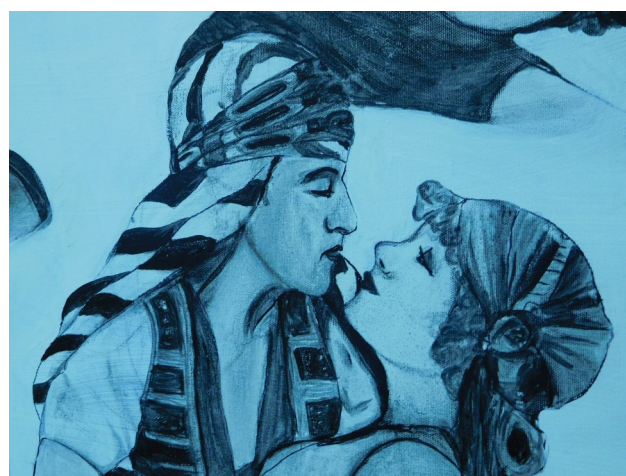
You never know who you will meet. Here John Dillinger (Mayor Scott Lund) and Billie Frechette (Cindy Lund) take a break outside of the speakeasy.



Enjoy some refreshments at the speakeasy!



Welcome to the Fridley Station. Feel free to take the model train for a spin!



Dress up in our flapper accessories and have your picture taken next to the stars!

A ROARING TWENTIES CHRISTMAS

This is just small sampling of everything to see at the exhibit.
Be sure to enter your free ticket into the fishbowl at the speakeasy and you may be eligible for a special drawing to be held on Saturday December 19th, when an afternoon of live jazz will be the highlight of our December dates. Mark you calendar!



Welcome to Fridley!



In the center of it all, a beautifully decorated tree.



1920s bridal fashion.



This bedroom area includes many interesting pictures.



A beautiful table setting!

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COMMENTS BY ALLEN TAYLOR— It is a wonderful thing to see so many donations and dues from our members. Mary Ann and Al called members that we hadn't heard from in over a year to connect with them. The Board has taken on a lot of activities this year. Integrating our reciprocity with other societies is exciting. Some of our current needs are volunteers, more committee members, a new vacuum cleaner, and docents.

COMMENTS BY DOROTHY GARGARO—Al has donated money from the sale of his books and he gave a lot of presentations during the Tornado anniversary. Lori is our secretary and publisher of our newsletter. Dorothy is excited about the many opportunities that we have had to take the Fridley History out into the community. Some of our great events included the Fridley tornado exhibit at Rum River Library in February, being out in the community passing out information in March, the tornado anniversary events in April and May (the 50th anniversary of the Fridley tornados had 800 people attend and was standing room only), the antique appraisal in May, the permanent 1965 tornado exhibit at the center, and the Manomin on the Mississippi tour.. In September the Historical Society had a display and met with visitors at Banfield Locke House Festival of Arts event. In regards to maintenance, boards on the lower windows are in the process of being replaced as are both toilets. As an added note, please turn out the lights when you leave the center.

NOMINATION OF LORI GREINER AS SECRETARY: Lori was nominated as board secretary and all approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Greiner, Board Secretary

Membership Update

Welcome New Members!

Mardi Gohla

Mary Aguilar

John Fitzpatrick and Annie White



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