



The Record

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Website <http://fridleyhistoricalsociety.org/>

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We are pleased to invite you to the

28th Annual

Lasagna Dinner, Sweepstakes, & Live Auction

Saturday, April 21st

American Legion Post 303

7365 Central Ave NE

Doors open 4:15 pm

Dinner served 5:00 pm

Dinner includes:

Salad

Lasagna

Garlic Bread

Dessert

Beverage

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.

Archives and Exhibits

Mark Bonesteel — 763-331-1885

City & Family History

Dorothy Gargaro — 763-792-1080

Finance

Judy Anderson — 763-767-2566

Fundraising

Open —

Maintenance Committee

Allen Taylor — 763-422-3878
Rick and Teresa Hitt 763-571-6310

Membership

Mary Ann Hoffman—763-780-5911

Newsletter Editor

Lori Greiner — 612-963-1485

Programs & Events

Mary Sue Meyers — 763-717-7987

If you would like to volunteer, please call us at the history center!

Upcoming Events

All events are at the Fridley History Center unless otherwise indicated.

Open House

Saturday March 24th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Board Meeting

Thursday April 5th 4:30 pm

Open House

Saturday April 14th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

28th Annual Lasagna Dinner, Sweepstakes, & Live Auction

Saturday April 21st

Doors open 4:15 pm. Dinner served 5:00 pm
American Legion Post 303, 7365 Central Ave NE Fridley

Open House

Saturday April 28th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Board Meeting

Thursday May 3rd 4:30 pm

Open House

Saturday May 12th 11:00 am—3:00 pm
Saturday May 26th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Board Meeting

Thursday June 7th 4:30 pm

Open House

Saturday June 9th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Fridley History Tour

Saturday June 16th 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Open House

Saturday June 23rd 11:00 am—3:00 pm



4th Annual Fridley History Tour

Saturday June 16th 1-4 pm

Board a coach bus at the Fridley History Center and take a narrated tour of an area that 170 years ago was known as Manomin. We now know it as Fridley. Through narration, meeting some characters of the 1850s, 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 Estate before continuing on to another site before finishing the tour and returning to the Fridley History Center.

Limit 45 — Registration must be made through the 2018 Fridley Park & Recreation Activities Guide before June 8th — \$25



Front: Matilda Rice (aka the Narrator), Betsey Fridley, Nancy Banfill.
Middle: Riedel Estate Head Cook, Ida Riedel, Father Hennepin, John Banfill
Back: Secret Cemetery Docent and Abraham Fridley



“Secret Cemetery” Guide



North Suburban Hospital District

The North Suburban Hospital District transferred ownership of Unity Hospital, Fridley to Allina Hospital and Clinics in February 2017. As we no longer own the hospital, we cannot use tax receipts from our communities. Anticipating this sale, the Hospital District did not levy taxes to our communities in 2017 and 2018.

As announced in 2016, the Hospital District is choosing to dissolve as a government body in 2018.

There are several activities remaining that need to be concluded.

1. We have several properties on the Unity Campus or adjacent to Unity Hospital that need to be sold.
2. Proceeds from the final sale of these properties will be added to our current asset balance of about \$3 million. When all receipts and projected expenses have been accounted for and released by our auditor, checks will be released to each city for their use...Blaine, Fridley, Hilltop, Mounds View, and Spring Lake Park.
3. We are required to keep a variety of records for 6-10 years, before being sent to the state for storage. There are 3-4 sites that may be interested in housing these records, for a fee, including the Fridley Historical Society.
4. We further anticipate some legal and financial obligations as we finish up our work. A government body such as NSHD going "out of business" is unusual and we need to proceed correctly.

Lastly, we would like to thank our five communities for their faithful support of Unity Hospital, Fridley over the last fifty-plus years. Your tax support along with the considerable investment of Allina Hospitals and Clinics over several decades has contributed to a beautiful hospital campus and a functional medical facility located in our communities.

Thank you.

Submitted by:

Gerald R. Maeckelbergh

Chair, NSHD

City of Fridley Representative on the NSHD

Membership Update

As of March 3rd, the following have renewed their Fridley Historical Society membership of 2018.

A name followed by an * indicates that the renewal was accompanied with a donation up to \$50 while ** indicates a donation of \$50 or more. Thank you for your support!

Judy Anderson
Gordon & Linda Backlund
Mark & Mary Bonesteel**
Pete and Mary Bonesteel*
Bob & Dodie Burdick*
Barney & Ardella Buss*
Elaine Butorac*
Lynne Grigor*
Nina Eaton*
Suzanne Edinger*
Rosemary Frauly
Earl & Betty Fredrickson
John & Alice Ganter*
Mardi Gohla
Lori Greiner & Tom Heryla*
Mary Ann Haines

Ed & Arlene Hamernik*
Earl Hatten*
Carrol & Mavis Hauge*
Jeff & Jacqueline Hed
Mary Ann Hoffman
Rosemarie Hofstad**
Carol Hoiby
Jon Jacka*
Alice Johnson & Richard Jefferson*
Don & JoAnn Johnson*
Sonja Granlund Johnson**
Julie Jones
Tom & Sarah Joslin**
Nancy Lambert*
Gerald & Margaret Maeckelbergh*
Irene & Joseph Maertens**

Jerry & Marilyn Manley*
Bernadine Matushak*
Donald & Mary Sue Meyers*
Roger & Gwen Nawrocki**
Gene Ness**
Warren & Lily Olson**
Margaret Pitts*
Robert Powell*
Sig & Marti Reckdahl*
Cindy Ruschy
Carole Schaaf
Lee & Gaylene Switzer**
Brian & Joanne Toews
Katie Voss
Agnes Wolf*

Welcome New Member!

Carolyn Nolan*

PHOTO GALLERY



The Valentine Pot Luck Dinner and Bingo was held on Monday February 12th. If you weren't able to attend this year please make plans for next year because "Everyone's a winner!"



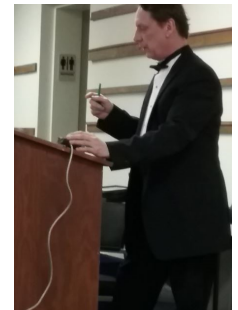
Mary Ann Hoffman chaired and Tom Heryla was the "Alex Trebek" of the trivia contest on Saturday February 24th.



Tom giving kudos to Mary Ann for organizing the event.



The two-person teams had 15 minutes to complete the written portion of the trivia contest.



Tom reading a trivia question with his hand on the buzzer.



The first place team was Peggy and Mike Kalm!



Second place went to Susan and Jerry Tienter. (Susan not pictured.)



And in third place were Connie Rivard and Nancy Corbett.



Coming soon! Here is a sneak peak at the public service display which will be completed soon.

Smiley Nordstrom donated these FMC mugs, high-relief globe, and chalk from the 1920s. If you look closely, there is sawdust in the box to absorb moisture.



Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting**Thursday February 1st, 2018**

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

The meeting began at 4:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Report: Lori submitted the minutes from the January board meeting. Judy made a motion to approve, seconded by Al, and all in favor.

Treasurer Report: Judy submitted the following: Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Comparisons as of December 31st 2017 and January 31st 2018. Al made a motion to approve, seconded by Mary Sue, and all in favor

Committee Reports:

Archives and Exhibits: Mark reported that he is continuing on with the public safety exhibit. He emptied the storage room and a discussion was held regarding adding shelving to the room. He will check prices on shelving and also a keyless entry door lock for the front door of the building.

Maintenance: Al stated that the sprinklers need to be inspected in the spring. Rick has been replacing the furnace filters. Al will make an appointment with the pest control company.

Membership: Mary Ann reported that she mailed out twenty two 2017 IRS donation forms this week to members that requested them. Since our January meeting we have received \$139.50 in dues and \$246.00 in donations.

Programs and Events: Mary Sue recapped the upcoming events. The Valentine Pot Luck and Bingo event is on Monday February 12th and the Lasagna Dinner fundraiser is on April 21st. She is working on the details around obtaining a food voucher for the Manomin bus tour.

Newsletter: Dorothy will send Lori the Manomin bus tour information for the March/April newsletter.

City and Family History: Dorothy reported that Bob's Produce sold four of our Fridley History books in 2017. She set up two displays, a President's Day and Valentine's Day exhibit is at the Fridley library and the Blaine library showcases a Valentine's Day display.

Old Business:

2018 Fridley Home and Garden Tour: Mary Ann updated the board that a meeting will be held on Monday February 19th with volunteers and homeowner who are participating in the tour.

Positively Fridley Public Arts: Lori is excited to begin volunteering with this organization. Dorothy will get her the contact information.

New Business:

Security System: A discussion was held regarding our security system and are checking into the best option that will keep our building secure.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:14 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Lori Greiner



Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting**Thursday March 1st, 2018**

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

Secretary Report: Lori submitted the meeting minutes from February 2nd 2018. Judy made a motion to approve, seconded by Mary Ann, and approved by all.

Treasurer Report: Judy submitted the balance sheet as of February 28th, 2018 and the February Profit and Loss Comparison. The comparison shows that we had a 2017 profit of \$2,197. Al made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori, and approved by all.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Mary Ann reported that in February we received \$530.50 in dues and \$791.00 in donations.

Programs and Events: Mary Sue stated that she will be mailing out the invitations and tickets to the lasagna dinner and auction within the next week. The event will also be advertised in the Fridley city newsletter.

Archives and Exhibits: Mark updated the board on his projects at the center. He will purchase storage shelves and a new front door lock. The storage room has been cleaned out and once the shelving is installed we will have plenty of room to store items that aren't currently on display. He has been painting the public safety exhibit room. Mark passed out a detailed plan of what the redesigned east classroom will look like once it is completed. The classroom will have new display cabinets with aisle widths between the cabinets that are ADA compliant.

Maintenance: Al would like to thank Rick Hitt and Jacob Taylor for shoveling snow and replacing the furnace filters this winter. The report from the pest control company was that the treatments have been successful. Smiley Nordstrom, who worked at FMC, donated a high relief globe, 6 mugs from different eras, and a wooden box containing 1920s classroom chalk. Buzz from Buzz's Barbershop is celebrating the 50th anniversary of being in business and Al will submit an article for the May newsletter.

Newsletter: Lori will send the March/April newsletter to the printer on Monday March 12th.

City and Family History: Dorothy reported that we received a donation from the Fridley Lioness club of banners and pictures for our collection. Also, our sister city is Fourmies France and we will receive the plaque that is currently at city hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

North Suburban Hospital District Record Storage: Dorothy updated us that it is on hold temporarily. We will be updated perhaps after the district's April meeting.

Fridley Home and Garden Tour: Mary Ann said that the next meeting will be on Monday March 19th at 6pm at the history center. The Fridley History Center is listed as one of the stops on the tour.

Fridley History Tour: Dorothy spoke about the history tour's details being finalized. We explored different options for the lunch that will be served.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Anoka County Historical Society: The Anoka County Historical Society will be holding their annual meeting at the Fridley History Center on March 25th from 2 to 4 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Greiner



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It's Membership Renewal Time

Please fill in the 2018 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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2018 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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