



The Record

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I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS IN THE 1940'S

EXHIBIT IS OPEN

Saturdays and Sundays

*November 23rd through
December 15th*

11:00 am until 3:00 pm

*Special Appearance by
SANTA
December 14th and 15th!*



Christmas Tree Display

1940's Vignettes

Trivia Contest

Train Set Operating

Crafts for Children

*Mayor Scott and First
Lady Cindy Lund will
visit.*

Fridley History Center

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

Mary Sue Meyers
Allen Taylor
Mark Bonesteel

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

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Rick and Teresa Hitt 763-571-6310

Membership

Mary Ann Hoffman—763-780-5911

Newsletter Editor

Lori Greiner — 612-749-3917

Programs & Events

Mary Sue Meyers — 763-717-7987

Upcoming Events

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

Board Meeting

Thursday November 7th 4:30 pm

Open House

Saturday November 9th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Board Meeting

Thursday December 5th 4:30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Grand Opening of

I'll Be Home for Christmas In The 1940's Exhibit
And

New Display Honoring Fridley Residents
Who Served In The Military

Saturday November 23rd

11:00 am—3:00 pm

Continuing Exhibit

I'll Be Home for Christmas In The 1940's Exhibit
Saturdays and Sundays

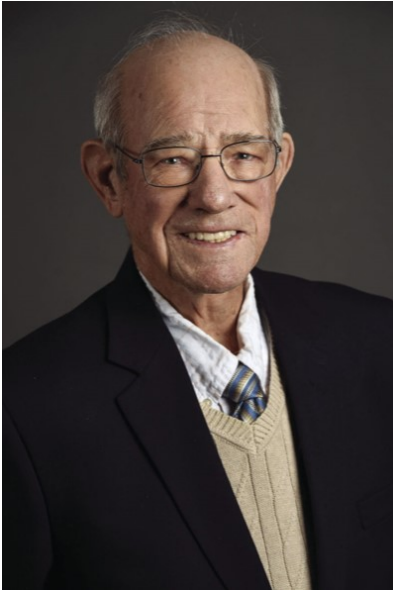
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2020 Open House Schedule

January 11th and 25th
February 8th and 22nd
March 14th and 28th
April 11th and 25th
May 9th and 23rd
June 13th and 27th

July 11th and 25th
August 8th and 22nd
September 12th and 26th
October 10th and 24th
November 14th and 28th
December 12th and 26th



Robert Barnette Retirement

Effective September 15th, 2019 Fridley City Council Member At-Large Bob Barnette retired after 32 years of service. He served from 1976—1985 and again from 1996—2019. His involvement with city government began while working with a group that wanted the area that is now Springbrook Nature Center to be a municipal golf course while another group wanted a nature center. Prior to his years as a city council member, he worked as a high school teacher and a counselor. In recognition of his dedication to the city, September 14th was named Bob Barnette Appreciation Day.

The Fridley Historical Society would like to thank Bob for his service to the city of Fridley and wish him a happy retirement!

Trivia Contest Held

On Saturday October 5th, the Fridley Historical Society held another trivia contest. The written trivia portion was completed by the teams and was followed by a refreshment break before the buzzer round.

Congratulations to the three winning teams!

The next trivia contest will be held on Saturday January 18th beginning at 6:30 pm. We will be giving away souvenir 2019 Final Four gift bags to all attendees, while supplies last.



New Resident Mixer Saturday October 12th

The Fridley Historical Society hosted a display booth at the new civic campus. The event was held to assist new residents learn about city services, ask questions, connect with other new members of our community, and to meet our city officials. In this picture, interim Fridley Councilmember At-Large David Ostwald speaks with a new



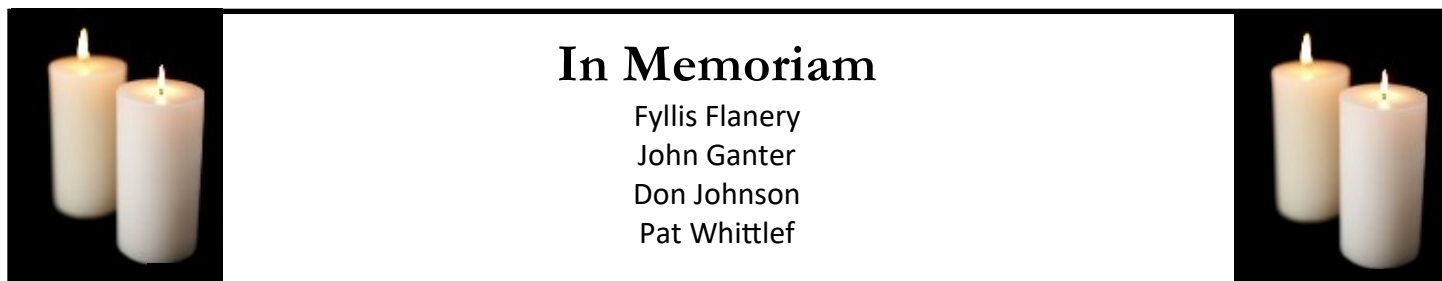
Membership Update

The following recently updated their 2019 dues. 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 generous support!

Lee Carlson
Dawn Cordes & Fyllis Flanery*
William DeCoursey**
Vicky Dimitroff Paulson*

John Perry
Cindy Ruschy*
Rob Zelenak



Fridley Historical Society Technology Needs List

As we approach a new generation of history enthusiasts and the hope of continuing the legacy that so many of you have contributed to, our technology needs to continue to progress as well. In order to archive the vast amounts of photos, documents, and information, we need to upgrade our equipment. The equipment "needs" list will accomplish that goal. Please consider a tax deductible gift to purchase one or more items on the list below. If you have any questions about the equipment and usage, please feel free to contact Mark Bonesteel (763-331-1885) or Al Taylor (763-422-3878). Thank you so much for your consideration!

Logitec Sspeakers	\$ 22.99	LG Portable Projector	\$649.99
Samsung 28" Monitor	\$369.99	Cannon Powershot Camera	\$399.99
HP Pavillion	\$929.99	Netgear Wifi Router	\$499.99
Dell Laptop	\$1,499.99	Adobe Photoshop	\$ 99.99
HP Laserjet Pro Printer	\$429.99	Tech Support	\$200.00
Epson FastFoto Scanner	\$529.99		

Fridley Historical Society Annual Meeting

Monday October 7th, 2019

Present: Mary Ann Hoffman, Judy Anderson, Dorothy Gargaro, Mark Bonesteel, Lori Greiner, Al Taylor, Mary Sue Meyers, and members of the Historical Society.

The evening began with a delicious pot luck and the meeting was called to order by Dorothy Gargaro at 6:45 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board President Dorothy Gargaro welcomed the members of the Fridley Historical Society for attending and announced that the board members would be giving their reports about the past year and plans for the future. She thanked Judy for the time that she commits to ensuring an accurate accounting of our finances, Mary Sue for the events that she puts her heart and soul into to make them memorable and enriching for not only the Society members but for all of our residents that attend, Lori for the newsletter production, Mary Ann for being the "point person" for our membership and organizing our fun trivia contests, Mark for all of his hard work on our exhibits and scanning untold amounts of pictures, and Al for keeping track of and getting all of the maintenance work done at the center.

FINANCE/TREASURER REPORT-JUDY ANDERSON

Judy submitted the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss YTD Comparison, and a statement for our Investment account as of September 30, 2019. Through September 2019, we had \$9,407.52 in income and \$8,543.66 in expenses, for a net profit of \$863.86. This amount does not include the \$1,116 in profit from the Fridley Home and Garden Tour. The tour was held in conjunction with the Anoka County Historical Society and

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS REPORT-MARY SUE MEYERS

Mary Sue said that 2019 has again been a successful and very busy year for the Fridley Historical Society. In January we dismantled our very successful "Patriotic Christmas" holiday display. On February 11th, we had a lot of fun celebrating Valentine's Day with a potluck dinner and white elephant bingo. On April 27th we held the 29th Annual Lasagna Dinner, Sweepstakes, and Silent Auction. The dinner was held at the Fridley American Legion and was catered by Marino's. This is our major fundraiser of the year. The money that we raise is critical to maintaining our museum. We had a sweepstakes with 108 prizes and a silent auction with 21 prizes. We had a \$2,738.53 profit on the event. This is our only fundraiser and we encourage our members to attend to support this fun event.

On July 21st the Fridley Historical Society along with the Anoka County Historical Society sponsored a Home and Garden Tour of homes in Fridley. This was our second year and hope to have it continue as an annual event. The Fridley History Center was one of the stops on the tour. We had an indoor garden display and people got a chance to check out our museum.

In November we normally hold our Hall of Fame Luncheon. In 2019 it was not held due to a lack of an adequate number of nominees. The Hall of Fame honors individuals for their involvement with the building of Fridley and for being actively involved with Fridley, past or present. There are applications forms at the center so please stop by and take one if you would like to nominate someone for next year's (2020) event which will be held in November. The deadline to nominate someone is July 31st, 2020.



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The Historical Society in November and December is sponsoring "I'll Be Home for Christmas in the 1940s" featuring the opening of the military display upstairs in the museum. There will be a display of trees and 1940s vignettes in the lower level. Mayor Scott and First Lady Cindy Lund will make an appearance. We will have our train set operating, a trivia contest, crafts for children, and treats for all. The museum will be open from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays from November 23 through December 15th. There is no admission charge.

On December 14th, the Kindergarten Art Fair will be featuring the art work of Kindergarten students from throughout the school district. Their art work is so creative and charming! Santa will also be making a special appearance on that day and he will also be back on December 15th. We hope that you all will come and see him with your holiday wishes!

We always need volunteers for our committees. Please see me if the Programs and Events Committee is something in which you have an interest. We are in the process of setting the calendar for 2020. If you can volunteer as a docent or have another interest in an event, we would really appreciate your help.

MAINTENANCE REPORT-AL TAYLOR

Al expressed his appreciation for the volunteers who worked in and outside of the center on maintenance and stated that volunteers are always needed as there is a lot of work to be done. He offered a salute to the veterans in the room, members, and community because we owe a great debt to you. Al submitted a technology "needs" list to be included in the next newsletter. Obtaining these items will allow members and visitors to review our historical photos and documents to enhance their knowledge and appreciation of Fridley's past, not only by visiting our center but also via the internet.

(Editor's Note: Here we took a break from the reports to the Election of Officers for the coming term.)

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER OFFICERS

Al Taylor, Dorothy Gargaro, and Mary Ann Hoffman's terms on the Board have expired. Mary Sue Meyers made a motion to nominate them to new terms which was seconded by Lori Greiner. All three accepted the nominations. A vote was held, affirmed by all, and the nominations were approved. Their new terms will run from October 2019 until October 2020.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT-MARY ANN HOFFMAN

Mary Ann reported that in 2019 we had 135 members. In comparison in 2018 we had 151 and in 2013 we had 177. We have five new members and, sadly, eight have passed away. In 2019 we received \$1,319.50 in dues, \$2,773.00 in donations. In addition, three businesses have memberships. We appreciate the generosity of our members!

SECRETARY REPORT-LORI GREINER

Lori thanked everyone who volunteered on our events, exhibits, and center maintenance over the past year and also our society members for their support. The newsletter will be published quarterly as opposed to bi-monthly beginning in October 2019.

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ARCHIVES AND EXHIBIT REPORT-MARK BONESTEEL

Mark said that since the Public Safety (police and fire) exhibit opened in November of 2018, he has been working on a military exhibit, honoring those Fridley residents who served in the military and it will include a memorial display of those service members who were killed in action. He is working on having it ready for the grand opening on November 23rd. The city of Fridley donated photos that were taken of homes and businesses during the 1950s through 1970s. He has scanned all of the business photos and is working on scanning the photos of the homes. The goal is to make the photos available for review electronically, which we have had a lot of requests for. The city also donated items from the old city hall before it was demolished which included shelving, chairs, a computer desk, and signage.

CITY AND FAMILY HISTORY-DOROTHY GARGARO

Dorothy stated that in May, we did a red, white, and blue display at the library that included military uniforms, pictures of fallen heroes as we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Another showcase was filled with tornado pictures and the history of the 1965 tornadoes.

Also in May, we had five third-grade classes come to the Fridley History Center for a tour of the historic classroom. They were given a concise history of Fridley thanks to the posters in the 1931 classroom. They compared the blackboards to the white boards that they now have at Hayes School, the abacus to their calculators, computers with picture boards, word games, etc.

On May 30th, Dorothy attended the digging up of the time capsule that Dr Switzer had buried thirty years previously and the next day, she watched with former Hayes teachers as the capsule was cracked open and it's contents revealed! That capsule and all that it contained is now displayed in the history center classroom!

In June we displayed the Fridley '49ers Day history and the events that the community celebration included.

In July we made a display at the library for our 2nd Annual Home and Garden Tour. Also, the center parking lot was upgraded with expanded parking and well marked handicapped spots and curb cuts.

It's been a good year, except for losing some of our members. We still need more volunteers. With the small board that we have, we continue to do some big things! I'm very proud of the board and the members too! God bless you all!

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Lori Greiner-Board Secretary





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