



The Record

Topic for January 19 Meeting to be Announced

The topic of the January 19 meeting will be determined at the January 7 Board meeting. You will be contacted by e-mail with the subject of the meeting. If you do not have e-mail, you can call the History Center, 763-571-0120, and there will be a message on the phone to let you know what the topic will be.

Upcoming Events



Saturday, January 9

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

History Center Open House

\$3 admission, free to members

Tuesday, January 19

7 p.m.

**Fridley Historical Society
Meeting**

At the History Center

Saturday, January 23

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

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Saturday, February 13

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

History Center Open House

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Topics of Interest Survey

By Vicki Rockwell

At our December board meeting we discussed the reasons for the low attendance at our History Conversations. Despite great topics and wonderful work by Robert Christenson, who coordinated them, attendance was often not what we hoped it would be.

Because of Robert's unpredictable flight schedule, related to his business, we will no longer be scheduling History Conversations. So, we are asking for your feedback and ideas, which would be very much appreciated.

Share your thoughts, please

What are some reasons you have not attended and/or what would be of interest to you? Is it:

- The day they are held? Currently they are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
- topics not of interest?
- do you have a topic you would like to suggest?
- Do you need transportation?
- any other feedback is welcome.

Responses can be made by:

- mailing them to the Fridley Historical Society, 611 Mississippi St, Fridley, MN 55432
- calling and leaving a message at the history center, 763-571-0120
- e-mailing Past President Vicki Rockwell at vr331@comcast.net.

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Summary of Board Meeting
Thursday, December 3, 2009

President Vicki Rockwell called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Members present: Judy Anderson, Pete Bonesteel, Dorothy Gargaro, Jerry Manley, Grace Norton and Allen Taylor. Members absent: Beth Hitomi and Mary Sue Meyers.

Treasurer's Report

Anderson said she will need to pay the state sales tax for the "Fridley—Its History and People" books that were sold at the History Center. Bob's Produce will pay the sales tax for the books sold in their store, for which we are grateful.

President's Report

Rockwell brought the calendar for next year and presented it to the Board.

Discussion Items

What kind of meetings are of interest to the members was discussed. Rockwell said she would write a survey to be run in the newsletter concerning what is of interest to the members.

Committee Reports

Hall of Fame: Taylor said he thought September 18 would be a good date for the 2010 Hall of Fame. Location is to be determined.

City and Family History: Gargaro reported that we have 24 orders for "Fridley—Its History and People" books but we need the funds to print another order.

Archives: Bonesteel is preparing the February display promoting Presidents' Day for the Mississippi Branch library and is about 80% done. He said we won't be able to promote the 2010 Hall of Fame at the library.

Membership: Membership renewal forms will be going out to members this week.

Hitomi will be taking over as Chair of the Membership Committee.

Fundraising: Taylor has talked to Mayor Lund about putting Fridley Historical Society events on the community bulletin board. He will send Paul Rignell of the Focus newspaper an article promoting membership in the society.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.
Grace Norton, Secretary

Membership Committee Update



Last month you received a letter giving you the opportunity to renew your membership in the Fridley Historical Society for 2010. Each and every one of you are truly appreciated and we hope that you make the decision to renew. We are grateful for the many prompt responses. If you haven't sent yours in please do so as soon as possible.

Do you know someone who would enjoy being a member? You could share this opportunity with them or consider giving them a membership as a gift.

The Membership Committee is looking for more members. If you would like to be part of the committee please contact Vicki Rockwell at vr331@comcast.net or 763-571-3669.

John and Nancy Banfill An Early Fridley Family

This is the first in a series of excerpts from "Fridley—It's History and People" exploring the history of families in Fridley.

John Banfill was born in Vermont on February 12, 1811. After working as a mason and serving as a Colonel in the Seminole War in Florida he married Nancy Foster of New York City in 1838. They moved to Wisconsin where they lived for six years. In 1846 they moved to St. Paul.

In 1847 John made a claim for property on Rice Creek near the Mississippi River in the area then known as Manomin, which later became Fridley. He built the Banfill Sawmill and erected a two story white frame house. He planned it so that the an "L" could be used for business purposes with no passage through the living quarters. The house became known as the The Banfill Inn. The inn consisted of two public sleeping rooms, a large dining room, a ballroom, kitchen and sleeping quarters for the inn keeper. It served military men and the fur traders and was an important hub for the community. As a result of the success of the business Banfill added a store and post office and became the first postmaster of Manomin. He also opened Banfill Tavern. It was a popular stopping place for travelers.

In 1849 he ran for County Commissioner of Manomin County unsuccessfully. In partnership with Henry Rice he built a three story brick building on Third Street in St. Paul where the second Territorial Legislature met in 1851. Banfill sold half interest of the Banfill Inn to Alexander Ramsey, first Minnesota Territorial Governor, and John Nininger, Ramsey's brother-in-law, in 1853. Nininger bought out Ramsey and Banfill in 1856.

In 1857 Banfill was elected from Manomin County as the twenty-fourth district representative to the first state legislature.

John Banfill moved to Bayfield, Wisconsin in 1861, where he kept a hotel. He remained there until his death on May 13, 1887 at the age of 77 years. The Banfill Inn is now home to the Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts on East River Rd. and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Annual Kindergarten Art Fair

Saturday, December 5 kindergarteners from Hayes and Stevenson Schools came with their families to see their holiday art work displayed at the History Center. Cookies and cider were served in the lower level. A picture of each child was taken in front of one of the Christmas trees as they proudly displayed their art work. They each received a copy of their picture when they returned to school after the holiday break.



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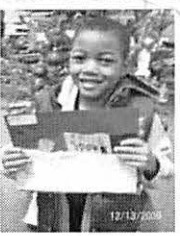
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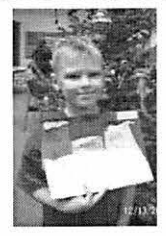
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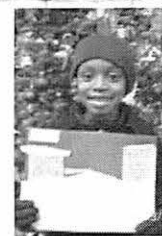
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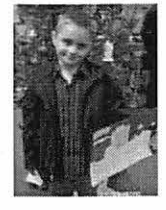
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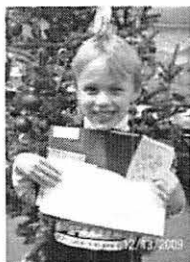
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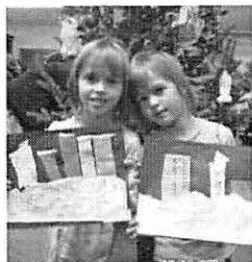
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Andy Stevenson



Eli Nelson



Marin & Helen Riddle



Meadow Gillespie



Archaie Jefferson



Elizabeth Morben



Justice Meier



Wyatt Scott

The Annual Christmas Concert

On December 15 The Kids From Fridley, a vocal group from the Middle School ed by Blair Berger, presented a concert. The concert was well attended and the music was delightful. Everyone enjoyed Christmas cookies and Mary Sue Meyer's wassail.



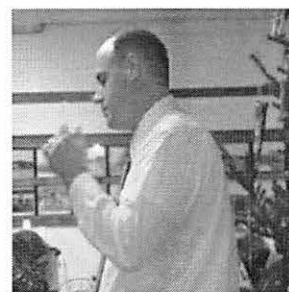
Kids from Fridley performing at the Christmas concert



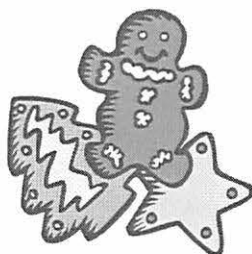
Katie Barrett playing a flute solo



Left to Right: Maya Salo, Katie Barrett & Katie Stevenson singing a trio



Director, Blair Berger



Mary Sue Meyers' Santa collection decorated the treat table.



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Past President's Perceptions

By Robert Christenson



"Reinventing History Conversations"

Four years ago we embarked on a unique approach to collecting Fridley's history. Rather than just accumulating artifacts and items of historical importance for display in our museum, we decided to also collect the stories of people who could enlighten us about aspects of Fridley life that have shaped our city over the years using a history conversation format.

The 25 History Conversations we have presented to date have exhausted the most popular topics we wanted to present and video record at a public meeting. In addition, because my travel schedule is determined only a day or two prior to a flight, I am unable to commit to conducting and videotaping these events on pre-scheduled dates.

But there are many stories still to be accumulated that can enrich our understanding of family life, institutions, government, politics, recreation and interesting events from Fridley's past. One approach would be to use a video recorded personal interview method and show the completed video at a History Conversation. If you have any other suggestions on how the Society can continue to enrich its archives with the memories and stories of Fridley's past, please respond to the survey on the front page.

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February Meeting canceled

There will be no meeting on Tuesday, February 16. Watch next month's "Record" for some major changes in programming. There will be more emphasis on activities centered around the Saturday open houses.

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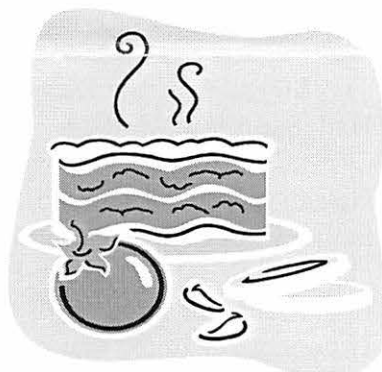
Saturday, March 13

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

History Center Open House

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Plan now for the 2010 Fridley Historical Society Lasagna Dinner!



By Allen Taylor

Mark your calendars for this year's Lasagna Dinner at the Fridley American Legion on April 24, 5:00 p.m. As always, expect to have a delicious dinner along with entertaining commentary from various members of the Fridley Historical Society.

We will also continue to have the very popular sweepstakes drawing for many prizes and the auction. Sweepstake tickets are still \$1.00 each. This is our main fundraiser for 2010. Not only do you support your local Fridley History Center but you can have a great time visiting old and new friends of the Society!

The form to order dinner tickets and the sweepstakes tickets will be sent out next month. If you are interested in helping out in this event by donating items for the sweepstakes or auction or selling sweepstakes tickets, please contact Grace Norton at 763-571-9286.

Your continued support during these difficult times will ensure that our Fridley History Center will continue to offer a rare glimpse into our past. We are one of the finest Historical Societies in the state of Minnesota thanks to you. From the Fridley History Board, we thank you! It is an honor to serve you!

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Discussion Item:

There was a discussion about having the 1950's as the topic of the history conversation for the January meeting. There were no volunteers to moderate the meeting. Rockwell made a motion that we cancel the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Anderson and passed by the Board.

Committee Reports:

Programs and Events: Norton reported for Meyers. She read a letter Robert Christenson had written to Meyers telling her he would no longer be able to do history conversations. In the letter he offered to tape interviews and write a grant for funds to buy recording equipment.

The Annual Lasagna Dinner will be held at the American Legion Hall, Saturday, April 24.

Hitomi reported for Gargaro who was in charge of the Kindergarten Holiday Art Fair on December 12 that between 275 and 300 people attended. People stayed and visited and enjoyed the cookies. One father said that some of his art was on exhibit at the Banfill House. His son was excited that both his and his father's art was being exhibited at the same time. JoAnn Johnson, Lillian Meyer and Suzanne Miskowic were kept busy replenishing the cookies and apple cider.

Archives: Bonesteel reported that he is preparing a February display for the Mississippi Branch Library.

Membership: Several renewals have come in. Rockwell will hand over the chairpersonship of the committee to Hitomi this evening.

Fundraising: Taylor read a letter he prepared to send out to people who had donated prizes for the 2009 Lasagna dinner thanking them and encouraging them to donate again.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Grace Norton

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & DONATIONS

Thank you to the following for their continuing support of the Fridley Historical Society.

Memberships and donations received as of Jan 12, 2010

Individual, Senior, & Family Renewals

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In Memory of Marion Anderson

We offer our condolences to the family of Marion Anderson who passed away last month. Services were held at the Miller Funeral Home Thursday, January 21. Marion lived most of her life in Fridley, raised her family here and was the first head cook at Unity Hospital. She was a member of the Fridley Historical Society for several years. She will be missed by her family and many friends.

The Ryberg and Plum Families

Early Fridley Families

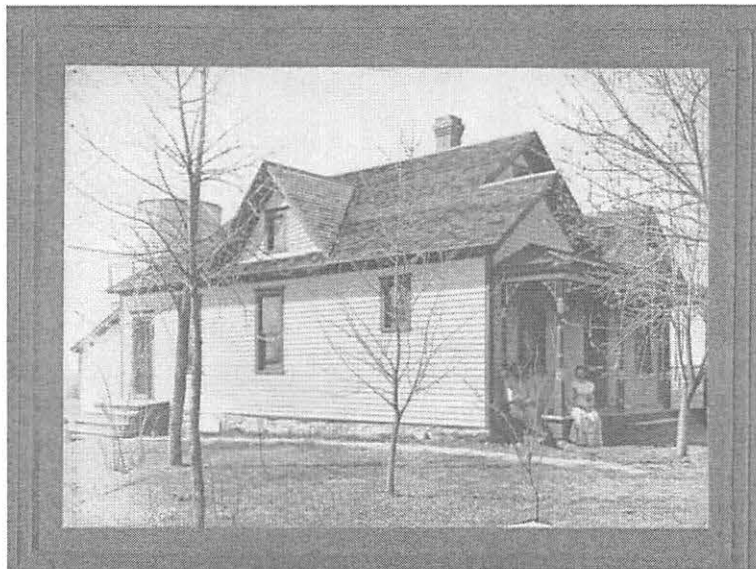
John B. and Augusta Ryberg came from Sweden and settled in Fridley on East River Rd. near the Banfill-Locke House. They operated a small grocery store and the post office which burned down in 1906, but was rebuilt.

They had eight children; Walter, Nellie Oscar, Maude, Paul, Mabel, Ruth and Mayme. When Ruth was a girl of 13 to 14-years-old she would carry the heavy leather mailbag on horseback from the post office and hang it on a hook by the railroad tracks to be picked up as the train traveled by.

Ruth married William Carl Plum. When the Rybergs could no longer manage the store Ruth and William moved into rooms behind the store and post office and managed both of them. At that time the store was called the Plum General Store. Augusta Ryberg developed pneumonia and died in 1926. John died in 1929.

Ruth and William had a son named William (Bill) and daughter named Ruth. Bill lived in Fridley most of his life. Ruth moved out of state after graduating from the University of Minnesota and is presently living in San Diego, California.

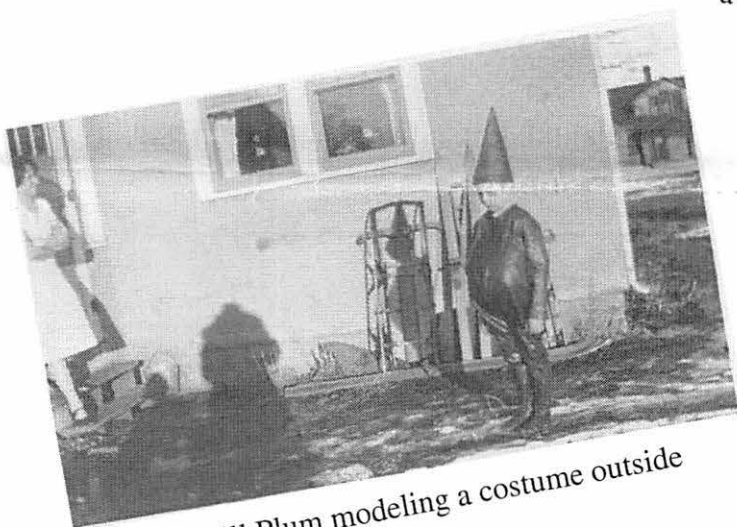
Wendy Plum who is Bill Plum's daughter, gave us a CD containing the pictures on the following page. She and her Aunt Ruth (Plum) Michael provided me with information about the pictures on the following page. Ruth wrote that when she was a young girl she would visit Mrs. Locke in her home which is now the Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts. She and her husband had several antiques in their home, even some items related to George Washington. When Ruth graduated from High School Mrs Locke offered to let her have anything of the antique collection as a graduation gift. Being young and not appreciating antiques she turned the offer down, which she now regrets.



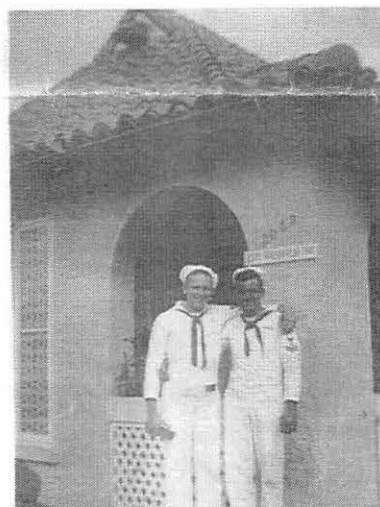
Family farm house on the Mississippi Rive off of East River Road.



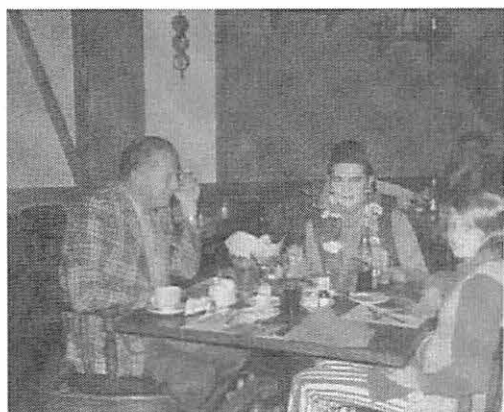
Ruth (Ryberg) Plum on horseback where Rice Creek flows into the Mississippi. The Banfill-Locke House is in the background. This picture was taken when Ruth, who was born in 1892, was in her 20's. Ruth passed away in 1964.



This is Bill Plum modeling a costume outside their home.



Wendy's father, Bill, with a fellow sea bee in Honolulu, Hawaii. They were on Iwo Jima during World War 2.



Bill and Marlene Plum with daughter Wendy having dinner at Sandees in 1971. Wendy's brother, Bill, took the picture.

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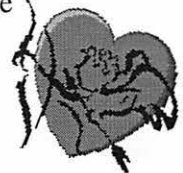


Fridley Historical Society Display at the Library

If you live in the area be sure to stop by the Mississippi Branch Library on 5th Street and Mississippi St. and see the displays in the foyer celebrating February holidays. Bring your children and grandchildren, they will be delighted with it.

Pete and Mary Bonesteel have created fun and interesting miniature early villages along with Lincoln and Washington memorabilia. Pete has included several postcards about Washington and Lincoln from his very extensive postcard collection.

Dorothy Gargaro has done a colorful, romantic Valentine's Day display with some antique Valentine's Day cards. It just might get you in the mood for the Holiday.



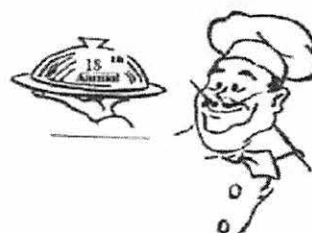


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20th Annual Lasagna Dinner, Sweepstakes and Live Auction

Our annual Lasagna dinner, the major fund raiser of the year, is happening April 24 at the Fridley American Legion Hall, 7365 Central Ave. (sometimes called Old Central.) There is plenty of parking in the back ,off of Onondaga St. Everyone is required to register at the door as you come in. Seating will begin at 4:15 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m.



Marino's will cater a delicious dinner of lasagna, salad, garlic bread, cake, coffee and punch. A cash bar will be available if you would like wine or soft drinks other than punch with your dinner.

The sweepstakes drawing and auction will begin about 5:45 p.m. There will be some great prizes and interesting and valuable items to bid on for the auction.

The tickets and reservation forms with instructions were mailed early in March. Dinner tickets are \$12 and sweepstakes tickets are \$1 each. Be sure to send them in soon, before the dinner is sold out. If for some reason, you did not get yours or you need more tickets, call the Fridley History Center, 763-571-0120. Someone will get back to you.

Something New in Programming

A greater emphasis will be put on History Center open houses generally held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Rather than having meetings the third Tuesday of each month we will have activities during some of the Saturday open houses. One idea is to invite people to share their collections such as car or doll collections. If someone has a collection they would like to show and feel it would be of interest, they could contact the History Center. A date would be set up for the collection to be shown and it would be advertised. Other ideas are celebrations centered on holidays.

If you have something to share or know of something interesting, please contact the History Center, 763-571-0120.

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Donations appreciated

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Saturday, April 24

Lasagna Dinner

Sweepstakes & Live Auction

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Dinner served at 5 p.m.

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Board of Directors Meeting Summary

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Vicki Rockwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board Members in attendance included Vicki Rockwell, Judy Anderson, Pete Bonesteel, Allen Taylor, Jerry Manley and Dorothy Gargaro; absent were Mary Sue Meyers, Beth Hitomi and Grace Norton. Two guests in attendance were Joanne Johnson and Lillian Meyer.

Action Item-Lasagna dinner: In Meyers absence, Gargaro gave her report. It's all set for Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the American Legion and Marino's will prepare the food. All Board Members are to try to get more people to help sell dinner tickets and sweepstakes chances.

Gargaro also reported in talking with Hitomi that she already has received a cash donation of \$100, the donor wants to remain anonymous.

Discussion Item - History Conversions

In last month's newsletter we requested that if anyone had a topic they'd like to suggest or other ideas that might help to bring people into the museum, we'd like to hear from them. Joann Johnson and Lillian Meyer came to the meeting for this reason. Johnson suggested that maybe it was time to discontinue the Tuesday night conversions, and try something new. She offered the idea of having someone who has something like a car collection (or other collections) bring it to the History Museum on one of the two Saturdays we have open house each month. We'd advertise it, and invite everyone to come in to see it. Other ideas were a Valentine Tea Party in February, an Irish "fest" in March, etc. Everyone agreed that we should try something different, and this might be a good draw for the museum.

Another suggestion by both Anderson and Meyer was to stop charging for admission to the History Museum. Everyone agreed this was a good idea. Taylor made a motion that we no longer charge admission of \$3 for open houses, Manley seconded and it passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM

Dorothy Gargaro, City & Family History Chair for Grace Norton, Secretary

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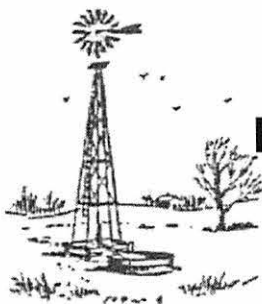


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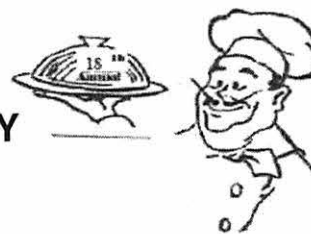
In the past we have urged people whose family histories were not in "*Fridley—Its History and People*," the book published by the Fridley Historical Society in December 2008, to submit their histories. They would be put in the archives and published in a later book. Actually, you would not have to wait that long to see them published. They could be published in *The Record* and also put in the archives.

Perhaps, rather than write a full history you would prefer to write about an incident or experience. If you have any story of interest that would apply to the history of Fridley you would like to share with the membership, please submit it for *The Record*. Pictures would make it even more interesting.

I would reserve the right to edit the stories for length and to some degree for material. You can e-mail it to me at GraceENort@gmail.com or drop it off at the History Center. If you live out of town and would like to mail it, send it to Grace Norton, The Fridley History Center, 611 Mississippi St., Fridley, MN 55432. I would be most grateful for your contributions.



FRIDLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



20th Annual Lasagna Dinner Sweepstakes & Live Auction

Tasty Food!

Prizes!

**You do not
need to be
present to
win!**

Date Saturday, April 24, 2010
Time Doors open at 4:15 p.m.
Dinner served at 5 p.m.
Catered by Marino's
Place American Legion Post 303
7365 Central Ave. N.E.
Fridley

Sweepstakes & Live Auction

Many valuable and unique items can be won in the sweepstakes or purchased in the auction.

Dinner tickets: \$12

Sweepstakes tickets: \$1 each

To order dinner or sweepstakes tickets, call 763-571-0120 and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

Fridley Friends!

Must be 18-years-old or older to purchase ticket or win prize.

Winner responsible for any applicable fees or taxes.

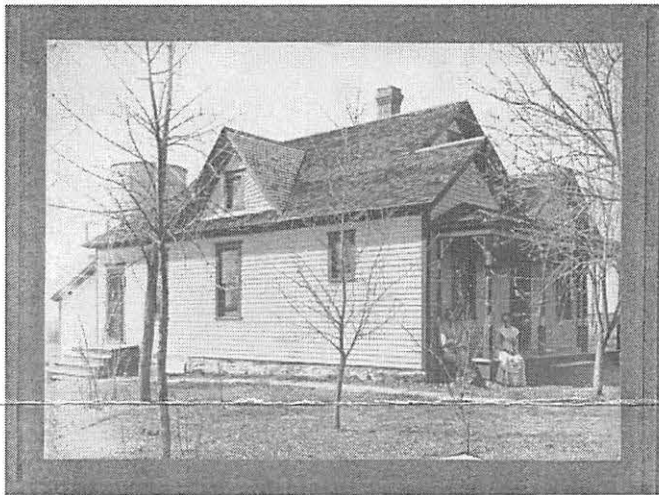
Purchase will not increase odds of winning. Odds of winning are 1 in 35 based on 100 prizes & 3500 tickets.

*Order early:
Limited
seating!*

A Trip Down Memory Lane—And Some Clarification

Contributed by Warren Woods

The February 2010 issue of the Record was of particular interest to me. I grew up in my parents home on East River Road. I was a newspaper carrier for the Minneapolis Star Journal from 1949 through 1953 with a route that extended from my parents house on the north end (6880 East River Rd.) to 59th on the south end. Two of my customers were William Sr. Plum and his wife, Ruth. Across the road from the Plum's house were the Hughes family. Mrs. Hughes was Ruth Plum's sister, Maude. My memory does not allow me to recall Mr. Hughes' first name, although I can clearly remember his face and the little house they lived in.



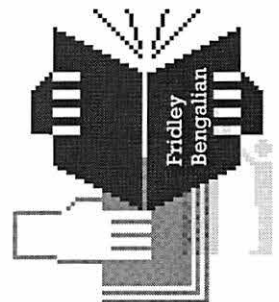
Edward and Anna Plum on the front porch of their farmhouse

The article about the Ryberg and Plum families and the photos were a trip down memory lane. One bit of clarification pertaining to the photo on the upper left of page 5 that is listed as "Family Farmhouse on the Mississippi River off of East River Road." It was actually the home of Edward and Anna Hartman. They were the grandparents of Alice (Hartman) Ganter and myself.

The photo shows Edward and Anna sitting on the edge of their front porch. They purchased the small 15 and a half acre farm for \$2500 on April 5, 1907 and moved from New Brighton along with their children; Carl, Caroline, Mable and Clifford. For nearly 50 years Edward (deceased in 1927) and son, Carl, tilled the land as well as maintaining a small number of cows for dairy purposes. In the mid-fifties the land was surveyed and lots were developed. Former Fridley resident Charlie Johansson built houses on what were once the field and pasture of the farm. The farm house has been modernized, and along with its outdoor handle pump is located at 105 Hartman Circle in Fridley.

Any Spare Bengaliens Around the House?

If you happen to have any spare Fridley High School year books, "The Bengalian," around the house there may be someone looking for just the issue you have. Columbia Heights High School "Cohians" up to 1957 or 1958 would also be of value. If you would like to donate one to the Fridley Historical Society, we could advertise it in the newsletter. There may be people who would be glad to buy it for old time's sake, and it would be source of revenue for the Historical Society. You would be given a receipt for tax purposes. If you are trying to locate one, we could also put that in the newsletter.



Summary of Board of Directors Meeting March 4, 2010

Members present were Judy Anderson, Pete Bonesteel, Dorothy Gargaro, Jerry Manley, Mary Sue Meyers, Grace Norton and Vicki Rockwell. Members absent were Beth Hitomi and Allen Taylor.

Vicki Rockwell called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.

Discussion Items:

Rockwell made a motion that there will be no more History Conversations at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month until further notice. The motion was seconded by Gargaro and passed by the Board.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter and Public Relations:

The February 27 open house had been advertised in the Focus newspaper and on the new electronic city bulletin board with the fact that we are no longer charging admission. It seemed to have a favorable response in the community; five people attended the open house.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.
Grace Norton, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & DONATIONS

Thank you to the following for their continuing support of the Fridley Historical Society with Membership renewals and donations

Individual, Senior, & Family Renewal

Robert Aldrich
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Lloyd Nietling
Virginia Steinmetz
Richard & Ann Teskey
Kathy Smith
David & Yvette Christensen
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Jim & Jan Golden
Elizabeth Hitomi
Barbara Hughes
Rose & Matt Nordin
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Char Fitzpatrick
Kathy Johnson
Eleanor & Byron Jensen
Sonja Granlund Johnson
Warren Olson
Mark Bonesteel

Non-Profit Membership Renewals

Fridley Lions Club

Thank you to the following for your generous donation.

Donations up to \$25

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Barbara Hughes
Kathy Johnson
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Cindy Torfin

Donations over \$25

Mark Bonesteel
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Sonja Granlund Johnson
Warren Olson

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Get in on the Action at the Fridley History Center

This is the year to visit the Fridley History Center. It is open the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free for everyone.

Come in to see the permanent displays and collections of pictures, maps, newspaper articles, vintage clothing, antique household items, the old school room and much more.

Throughout the year there will be special collections and hobbies displayed at the Saturday open houses. On May 8 a collection of baskets was shown.



Flag Day is June 14 and the History Center will celebrate on Saturday, June 12. The flag is used as a design on numerous items from postage stamps, jewelry, clothing to glassware and beyond. If you have a flag decorated item please bring it to the History Center on June 12 so it can be part of the Saturday display.

Some Historical Society members have offered to display their collections or hobbies in the coming months. If you have something to share, please fill out the form on the back page and send it or a letter to the history center at 611 Mississippi St., Fridley MN 55432, and you will be contacted about the schedule.

Upcoming Events



Saturday, May 22

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

History Center Open House

Free admission

Donations appreciated

Saturday, June 12

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

History Center Open House

Free admission

Donations appreciated

Saturday, June 26

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

History Center Open House

Monday, August 2

15th Annual AugustFest

6:00 p.m.

Outdoors at the History Center

Did You Miss Getting a Fridley City History Book?

If "Fridley—It's History and People" was sold out before you got a copy there is a possibility a reprint could be ordered if enough people request copies. About 35 people have requested copies so far. If you would like to add your name to the list of people desiring a book please call the Fridley History center at 763-571-0120 and leave a message. If they are reordered they will sell for \$30 including sales tax.

Fridley Historical Society

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The Board of Directors meets at the History Center on the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.

Officers

Secretary
Treasurer

Grace Norton
Judy Anderson

Other Board Members

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Maintenance

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Meetings: 1st Monday every other month, 7 p.m.

Membership

Beth Hitomi — 763-571-6182

Newsletter & Public Relations

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Summary of Fridley Historical Society

April Board Meeting

April 1, 2010

Members present: Judy Anderson, Pete Bonesteel, Beth Hitomi, Jerry Manley, Mary Sue Meyers, Grace Norton and Vicki Rockwell
Members Absent: Dorothy Gargaro and Allen Taylor

Discussion Items

It was agreed that we will not have a July Board meeting.

Hitomi asked if we had a photography policy because of a request by a visitor when she was the docent on March 27. She was told we do not have a policy.

Committee Reports:

Programs and Events:

Meyers reported that we will sponsor the Fridley band on a North East towing truck in the 49ers Days Parade. It was agreed we should hire Mango the clown for AugustFest on August 2.

Family and History:

Gargaro has reported that we have several more requests for "Fridley — Its History and People." Anderson said if we have 100 orders we may be able to order a reprint. It was suggested we put an article in the newsletter for people to contact the history center if they are interested in purchasing a book.

Membership:

Hitomi reported that we have 155 individual members, two non-profits and four businesses.

Grace Norton

Secretary

Summary of Fridley Historical Society

May Board Meeting

May 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Vicki Rockwell. Other members present were Judy Anderson, Pete Bonesteel, Dorothy Gargaro, Jerry Manley and Mary Sue Meyers. Members absent were Beth Hitomi, Grace Norton and Al Taylor.

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Committee Reports:

Hall of Fame: July 15 is the deadline for nominations for inductees into the 2010 Hall of Fame.

Programs and Events: Meyers reported The Lasagna dinner on April 24 was a success. It was decided that there should be no black frosting on the cake next year. Clean up was donated. Everyone who obtained prizes for the sweepstakes and auction items did a great job — a big thanks.

120 dinners were sold at \$12 each, 1774 Raffle tickets were sold at \$1 each. 93 sweepstakes prizes were given away and eight auction items were sold.

Total income \$4099.00

Total expenses 1070.92

Net income \$3028.08

AugustFest is scheduled for Monday, August 2. Plans are coming along. The permit from the city has been received. Meyers is still trying to contact Mango the Clown.

Fridley Family and History: There are about 35 pre-orders for the book "Fridley—Its History and People." **Maintenance:** The access lift has been serviced. Don and Craig Hohensee are coming next week to get the sprinkling system started for the summer season.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Judy Anderson for Grace Norton, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & DONATIONS

Thank you to the following for their continuing support of the Fridley Historical Society

Individual, Senior, & Family Renewals

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Dr. Don & Susan Blakeslee

Adeline Christenson

Gordon & Carol Christenson

Gloria Egan

Drew & Peggy Flathmann

Charles Hayes

William & Margaret Hunt

Caroline & Dennis Johnson

Charles Lindberg

Melinda Manley

Lucy Mickman

Vicki Rockwell

Agnes Shaw

Warren Woods

Business members

Dunn Brothers Coffee

Ricky's Embers Family restaurant

Two Stooges Sports Bar & Grill

Minco Products, Inc.

July 15 is Deadline for 2010 Hall of Fame Nominees

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Donations up to \$25

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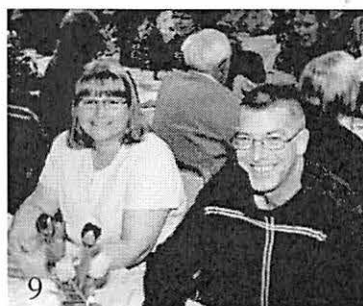
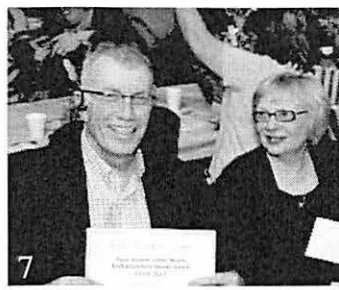
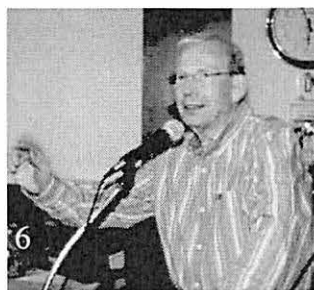
Annual Lasagna Dinner a Huge Success!

The Historical Society's 20th Annual Lasagna Dinner/Sweepstakes/Auction on April 24 drew a large crowd. The event was held at the Fridley American Legion Club on Old Central. There were 120 dinner tickets purchased, and 1774 raffle tickets. All of the auction items received very generous bids.

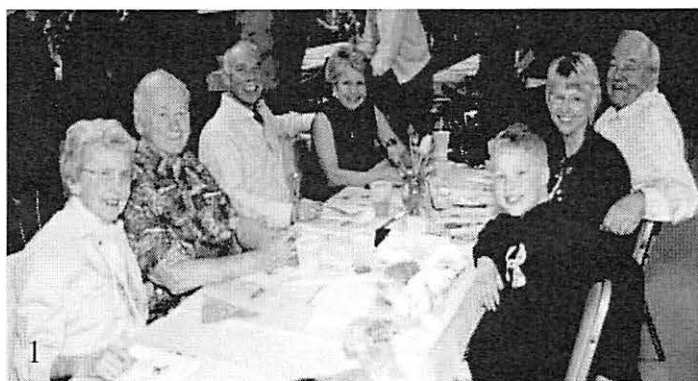
Three members of the Fridley City Council attended, including Mayor Scott Lund, Councilmember at Large Bob Barnette, and Ward 2 Councilmember Dolores Varichak.

Mary Sue Meyers, Chair of Programs and Events organized the dinner and program. Sweepstakes and auction items were collected by members of the Board of Directors personally calling on every business in Fridley and environs. There were 93 sweepstakes prizes given away and eight auction items.

For the third year, Bud Dauphin called the winning sweepstakes numbers and Robert Christenson served as Emcee and auctioneer. Al Taylor announced that the 2010 Hall of Fame Nomination Forms were now available from the Historical Society.



(1.) Wayne and Darlyne Franke dishing up their lasagna. (2.) Kathy Taylor and sons drawing sweepstakes numbers. (3.) Bud Dauphin calling winning numbers. (4.) Mary Sue Meyers and Dorothy Gargaro tallying prizes. (5.) Beth Hitomi helping with drawing. (6.) Robert Christenson calling the auction. (7.) Bud Dauphin and Marcia Schaaf (8.) Mel and Alicia Manley with son, Grant (9.) Melinda Manley and Jerry Blem (10) Left to right: Mayor Scott Lund, Andy Lund, Cindy Lund, Jane Barnette, Don Holum, Marietta Holum and Bob Barnette (11.) Gail and Gary Webb



All photos are left to right. (1.) Virginia and Ray Anderson, Ward and Sherry Schultz, Eric and Pat Jaakkola and grandson, Ryan Kurr (2.) Lillian and John Meyers, Marty Lueders, Diana Merritt, Suzanne Miskowic, Jo Johnson and Helen Sampson (3.) Chuck Hayes, Charles Hayes, Beth and Paul Werking (4.) Gordon Sangster, Carrol Hauge, John Banholzer, Tom Myhra, Gloria Myhra, Phyllis Banholzer, Mavis Hauge and Angela Sangster 5.) Gwen and Roger Nawrocki and Warren Woods (6.) Mary Bonesteel, Lou Heeren, Darlyne and Wayne Franke (8.) Elaine Butorac, Elsie Elverud, Lee Carlson and Dorothy Linse (9.) Lynn Linse, Dick Carlson, Lyle Elverud and Connie Samuelson.

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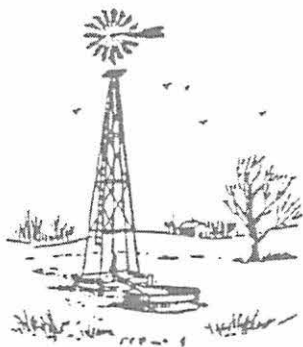
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Come for Summer fun at the 15th Annual AugustFest

Upcoming Events



Saturday, July 10

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

History Center Open House

Free admission

Donations appreciated

Saturday, July 24

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

History Center Open House

Monday, August 2

15th Annual AugustFest

6:00 p.m.

Outdoors at the History Center

Saturday, August 14

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

History Center Open House

Saturday, August 28

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

History Center Open House

Saturday, September 11

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

History Center Open House

Saturday, September 18

Noon

Fridley Hall of Fame Dinner

Plan to come to the Fridley Historical Society's annual AugustFest Monday, August 2, 6:00 p.m. outdoors at the Fridley History Center, 611 Mississippi St. Parking is available at the Hayes School parking lot. For a comfortable seat, bring your lawn chairs.

Don't bother to cook, have supper there. Brats, hotdogs, Chicago dogs, pop, water and ice cream bars will be for sale.



The evening will begin with the Fridley band playing lively toe-tapping music in the Showmobile. Mayor Scott Lund will introduce the new Fridley Royalty crowned at the 49ers' Days Miss Fridley Pageant.



The fire department will bring its aerial ladder truck. The kids can sit in the cab and talk to a fireman. Mango the clown will be there to entertain kids of all ages.

At 7:00 p.m. the Quick Steps team and the Fridley team will play a game of old style baseball. The Quick Steps will have their original players who have been together for several years. The Fridley team will be recruits from the Fridley police and fire departments, parks and recreation, public works and administration employees. Last year the team included a woman and we won, 8 to 0! The Quick

Step team wears 1865 style uniforms and even brought old style uniforms for the Fridley team to wear last year. After the game free cookies and lemonade will be served in the History Center.



Last year's crowd enjoying the game and a beautiful evening.

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Summary of Fridley Historical Society June Board Meeting June 3, 2010

Jerry Manley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members present were Judy Anderson, Pete Bonesteel, Beth Hitomi, Jerry Manley, Grace Norton and Allen Taylor. Members absent were Dorothy Gargaro, Mary Sue Meyers and Vicki Rockwell.

Committee Reports:

Hall of Fame: Taylor said he has contacted the Knights of Columbus and reserved the dining room for Saturday, September 18. Martinos and the head cook at the Knights of Columbus are submitting bids to cater the meal. Four people have been nominated as inductees to the Hall of Fame. The deadline for nominations is July 15.

It was stated that more needs to be done to bring to people's attention the fact that The Hall of Fame is a Fridley Historical Society event.

Archives: Bonesteel said he and Gargaro are doing displays at the Mississippi branch library in June and September.

Mark Bonesteel has added two radar guns to the City Hall display upstairs.

Membership: Hitomi reported that we have 163 individual members, two non-profits and four business members. No new members have been added since May 1, 2010. She will send out postcards to remind last year's members who have not renewed their membership.

Maintenance: Manley reported that his committee worked on the yard and trimmed the bushes on May 25.

Board Member Comments:

Taylor and Bonesteel reported that the May open houses were well attended. There were 20 visitors on May 8 and 17 on May 29.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Grace Norton
Secretary

Show Your Support for the Fridley Historical Society by Attending the Fridley Hall of Fame Dinner

The Fridley Historical Society will honor three residents who have contributed to the growth, success and quality of life in Fridley at the Seventh Annual Hall of Fame Dinner Saturday, September 18 at noon. The inductees will be announced in the next issue of the Record.

The dinner will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 6831 Highway 65 in Fridley. It's a time to enjoy good company, good food and get reacquainted with old friends. Please keep in mind that this is an event of our Historical Society and by attending you show your support of the Society. Information for purchasing tickets will also be in the next Record.

If you would like to nominate an inductee in the 2010 Hall of Fame please call the History Center, 763-571-0120 and request a nomination form. The deadline is July 15.

Flag Day Celebration at the History Center Open House



Clockwise: napkin, small flag, Newspaper article, label from sugar bag, pen, shirt.

Flag Day was celebrated at the June 12 History Center open house. These are flag inspired items that were brought to the History Center.



Flag Day postcard from Pete Bonesteel's postcard collection.

Russell Fridley, Former Director of State's Historical Society

Russell Fridley, who was Director of the Minnesota Historical Society from 1955 until 1986, died of cancer June 17 at the age of 82, surrounded by his family. He became the director when he was only 27 years old and transformed the small St. Paul agency into a statewide system.

Nina Archabal assisted him and followed him as director in 1986. She said, "Russell was never more at home than in a café in rural Minnesota, traveling around and visiting people. He was very much a man of the people."

The Minneapolis Star Tribune wrote, "Under Fridley's direction, the society expanded its budget from \$190,000 a year to \$14 million and its full-time staff grew from about 40 to more than 330."

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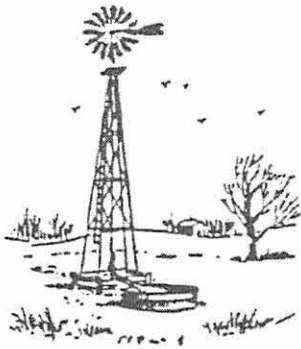
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Seventh Annual Fridley Hall of Fame Dinner Coming September 18

Three deserving people will be honored at the Fridley Hall of Fame Dinner on Saturday, September 18 for their contributions to the growth and vitality of our community. The dinner will be at 12 noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 6831 Highway 65. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m.

The 2010 Hall of Fame inductees are:

Robert Christenson: Robert was a businessman in Fridley and very active in community projects including the Fridley Historical Society of which he was president for many years. His wide spectrum of involvement for Fridley included: Fridley Chamber of Commerce, Fridley Industrial Development Commission, Unity Hospital, American Field Service, Fridley Lions Club, and Fridley Rotary Club.

Jerry Manley: Jerry is a long time resident of Fridley and has lineage to one of the original families who settled in Fridley's pioneer era. He is past president of the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly Retiree Council, active in St. William's Church, Knights of Columbus, a charter member of the Fridley Historical Society and currently serves on the board of directors.

Maynard Nielsen: Maynard was very involved in the preservation and establishment of the Islands of Peace Park. He had a long time involvement in the Fridley VFW, Knights of Columbus, Fridley Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, City Environmental Commission and was a member of the Korean War Veterans.

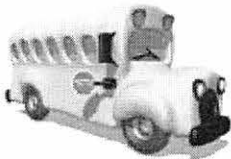
You are invited

Please show support for your community and the Fridley Historical Society by attending the dinner. It will be a time to enjoy delicious food and good company.

Tickets can be purchased by sending \$25 per ticket to the Fridley History Center, 611 Mississippi Street, Fridley, MN 55432. Tickets will be sent to you by return mail. No tickets will be sold at the door.

If you have any questions or wish to reserve a table of eight, call Mary Sue Meyers at 763-717-7987.

Upcoming Events



Saturday, September 11

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

History Center Open House

Free to everyone

Saturday, September 18

Fridley Hall of Fame Dinner

Noon

at Knights of Columbus Hall

Saturday, September 25

11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

History Center Open House

Saturday, October 9

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Tuesday, October 19

Harvest Potluck Dinner, 6 p.m.

and

Annual Business Meeting

7 p.m.

At the History Center

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Summary of Fridley Historical Society August Board Meeting August 5, 2010

Members present: Judy Anderson, Dorothy Gargaro, Jerry Manley, Mary Sue Meyers, Grace Norton and Al Taylor. Members absent: Pete Bonesteel, Beth Hitomi and Vicki Rockwell

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Anderson distributed the financial reports for June and July. Manley made a motion that we accept the treasurer's report; it was seconded by Gargaro and passed by the board.

Public Relations: Paul Rignell, Editor of the Sun-Focus newspaper, called Meyers and emailed Norton saying that he was going to personally interview each of the inductees for the Hall of Fame and publish a series of articles about them in the paper. Sarah Peterson from the Sun-Focus was at AugustFest taking pictures. We are grateful for the publicity they gave us in a front-page color spread.

Hall of Fame: Gargaro agreed to be the emcee for the Hall of Fame Dinner on Sept. 18.

Programs and Events: Meyers reported that AugustFest was a successful event. Anderson suggested that we sell chips next year.

The annual business meeting and potluck will be held at the History Center Oct. 19.

City and Family History: Gargaro reported that there are a growing number of requests for "Fridley—Its History and People. If we order a reprint we need to sell at least 90 books to break even.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Grace Norton
Secretary





Congratulations to Alyssa Carlson, 2011 Aquatennial Princess

Alyssa, 2009 Miss Fridley will be an Aquatennial ambassador along with Aquatennial Queen, Alissa Hibst and Princess, Gina Collins. The three were crowned Friday, July 23 at Ted Mann Concert Hall at the University of Minnesota. Alyssa is studying hospitality and tourism at Wisconsin-Stout University.

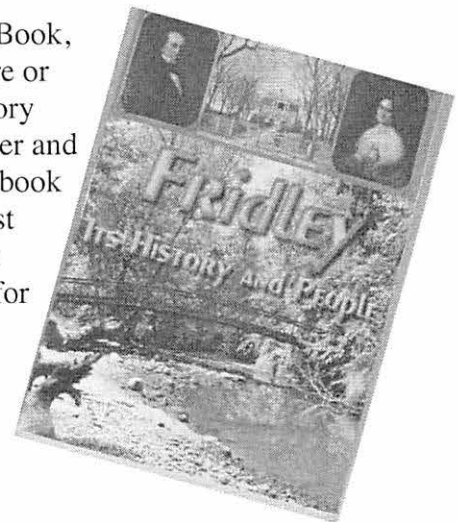
We Offer Our Condolences to the Family of Kay Bonnar Nee

Kay Nee passed away August 2, 2010 at the age of 90 after a brief battle with lung cancer. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Nee who served twice as Mayor of Fridley, 1963—1965 and again 1975—1996. She is survived by a son Christopher (Susie), daughters, Nicole (Alan Cox), Lisa (Jeff Cohen) and Rachel (Adam Hall), and several grandchildren. She was a graduate of St. Catherine College, served in World War II with the Fifth Corps in Europe as an entertainer with the Red Cross, a witness to the Holocaust and activist for peace and justice. In the 1950's she was an actress, writer and director at WCCO TV and a radio personality.

A service was held on August 5 at St. John Neumann Church in Eagan,

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Help Wanted: If you would like to get more involved in the Fridley Historical Society a good way to get acquainted is helping to clean up after events. If you would like to help, call and leave a message on the History Center voice mail, 763-571-9286.

AugustFest 2010 was a Festive Event

This year's AugustFest was celebrated Monday, August 2 outdoors at the History Center. It was a very warm and fun filled summer evening. The Fridley City Band played rousing music in the Showmobile. The Chicago Dogs grilled by Mel Manley and topped with Mary Sue Meyers homemade toppings were delicious. Three Fridley fire fighters brought the ladder truck and demonstrated it to youngsters. Mayor Scott Lund was the emcee and introduced the 2010 Fridley royalty. Mango the Clown entertained with balloon animals.

Sarah Peterson from the Sun-Focus papers was there taking pictures. The following week the paper gave us a front page color spread of the event, for which we are very grateful.

The Fridley team of volunteers captained by Todd Christenson donned old fashioned shirts to play the Quick-steps team in an 1860's style baseball game and played to a 20 to 3 victory. After the game many of the event goers gathered in the lower level of the History Center to cool off with lemonade and cookies.



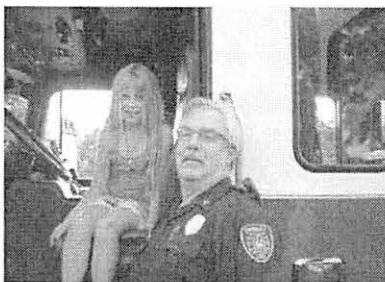
Fridley City Band on the Showmobile



Mayor Scott Lund as emcee



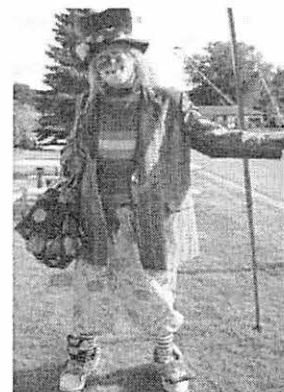
Princess Kyla Bernardy, Queen Ali Fulwider, Princess Brianna Hershey



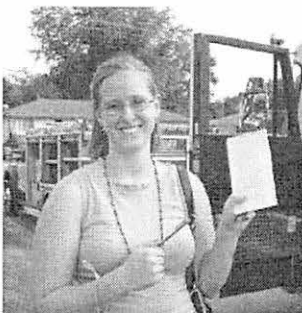
Firefighter Kim Hermann shows Alexa Nielson around the ladder truck



Firefighters Dean Knowles, John Berg & Kim Hermann with Alexa Nielson



Mango the Clown



Sarah Peterson from the Sun-Focus newspaper



Mel Manley serves Mayor Scott Lund a hotdog



Mary Sue Meyers selling refreshments



Robert Tholkes, Umpire & Tally, Mary Tholkes, in charge of "Throng Relations" for the Quicksteps



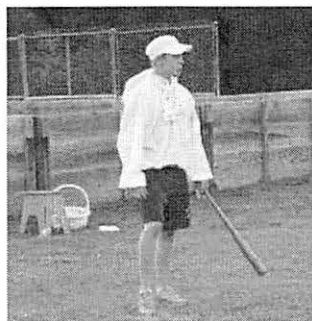
Robert Tholkes umpiring the game



Part of the audience or "throng"



A Quicksteps player comes up to bat



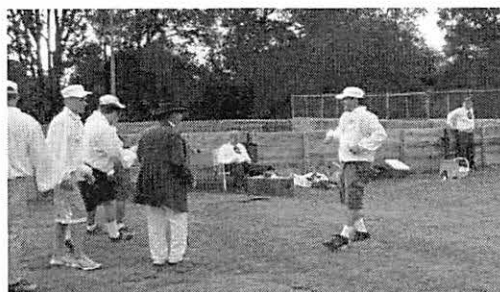
A Fridley player comes up to bat



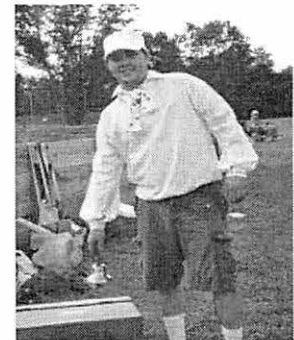
A Fridley player reaches first base



Jason Diederick scores for Fridley



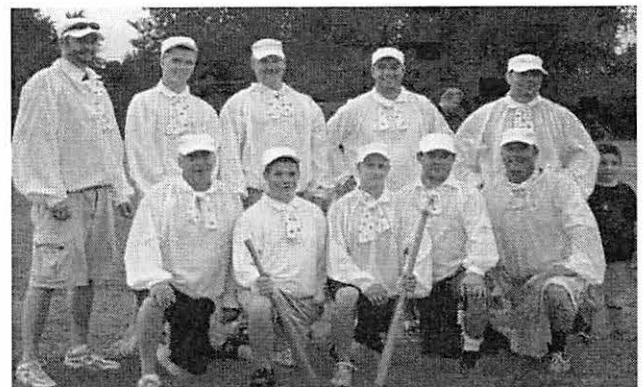
Joe Cable approaches home



Joe Cable rings the bell after scoring for Fridley



Quickstep team (not in order of picture): Michael Andregg, Rich Arpi, Fred Buckland, Doug Ernst, Paul Harris, Jerry Janzen, Howard Luloff, Tom M'Caffery, Christopher Nelson, Gregg Nelson, Tom Wergzyn. Robert Tholkes is on the left and Mary Tholkes is on the right.



Fridley Team: Front row, left to right: Todd Christenson, Chad Christenson, Luke Opsahl, Joe Cable, Tony Lindgren
Back row: John Thrash, Tanner Anderson, Benet Kline, Jason Diederick, Justin Christenson.

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*Celebrating Fridley's past
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Henry Mower Rice — Early Fridley Settler

In 1849, Henry M. Rice purchased large portions of land in the Manomin area, which later became Fridley, where what is now Rice Creek flows into the Mississippi River. He cultivated a portion of the land and built a 16 room colonial mansion on the River. The home which was completed in 1850 was a gathering place for traders, Indians and political luminaries. Legend has it that when the house was complete he sent east for his wife, Matilda, to join him. After meeting some of the local population and visitors, who were often loud and unrefined, she refused to live in the house. The Rice family moved to St. Paul and their Manomin house was sold.

Henry was very influential in the development of the state and the city of St. Paul and donated the land for Rice Park in downtown St. Paul. A statue of him stands in the National Statuary Hall in Washington D.C.

If you have wondered how Rice Creek and Rice Park in St. Paul got their names this will give you some idea.

(Information taken from "Fridley—It's History and People.")



The Record

25th Anniversary Harvest Potluck Dinner and 2010 Annual Business meeting

Upcoming Events



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11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

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No admission,
donations appreciated

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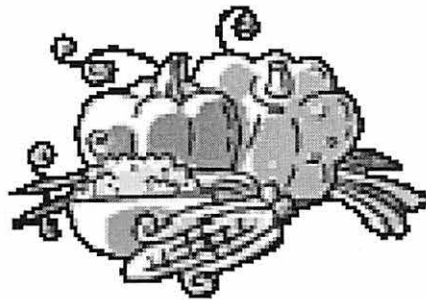
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Tuesday, December 14, 7 p.m.
Christmas Concert



Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 19. Our Harvest Potluck Dinner and 2010 annual business meeting will be held at the Fridley History Center, 611 Mississippi St. The dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and the business meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

If you are able, please bring a dish to share, but if you can't bring a dish you are still welcome. There will be plenty of food brought by our many fine cooks. Beverages, plates and utensils will be provided.



At the business meeting each member of the board will bring a report, including a financial report by our treasurer. There will be an opportunity for Society members to ask questions, share ideas and offer any comments on the activities of the Fridley Historical Society. If you have ideas on how volunteering can be encouraged please be ready to share them.

Orders Still Being Taken for "Fridley—Its History and People"

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Summary of Fridley Historical Society

September Board Meeting

September 2, 2010

Vicki Rockwell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. All members were present: Judy Anderson, Pete Bonesteel, Dorothy Gargaro, Beth Hitomi, Jerry Manley, Mary Sue Meyers, Grace Norton, Allen Taylor and Vicki Rockwell.

Anderson distributed the Treasurer's report for August. She said that Suzanne Miskowic contributed a generous donation to help cover the expenses of AugustFest. Manley made a motion that we accept the Treasurer's report; the motion was seconded by Hitomi and passed by the board.

Committee Reports:

Hall of Fame: Taylor reported that the preparations for the Hall of Fame Dinner are proceeding well. The trophies have been ordered. Hitomi said she is printing membership brochures to be distributed at the dinner.

Programs and Events: Potluck and annual meeting will be October 19 with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. Each board member should have a report prepared. Manley, Meyers and Rockwell's terms on the board end this year. Manley and Rockwell declined to serve another term on the board; Meyers said she would serve another term.

Gargaro agreed to organize the Kindergarten Holiday Art Fair to be held December 11.

Meyers will contact Blair Berger about a December 14 concert with the Kids from Fridley.

Archives: Bonesteel said he and Gargaro had set up the display at the Mississippi Branch Library with information about the Fridley Hall of Fame. This is the third display they have done at the library this year.

Membership: Hitomi reported that we took in two new members last month and two members renewed their membership. She will send out renewal forms at the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Grace Norton
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The 2010 Fridley Hall of Fame Dinner

Three people who have contributed to the quality of life and growth of our community were honored and inducted into the Fridley Hall of Fame at the seventh annual Hall of Fame Dinner held at the Knights of Columbus Hall Saturday, September 18. Mayor Scott Lund was the emcee for the afternoon and introduced each of the inductees. Each inductee received an engraved acrylic award to keep. Their Hall of Fame plaques were shown, and are now on display in the Hall of Fame at the Fridley History Center.

This years inductees in alphabetical order are:

Robert Christenson grew up in Fridley. He was first president of both the Fridley Youth Center and Fridley Chapter of the American Field Service, Executive Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, president of Fridley Lions Club, and served on the boards of many Fridley organizations and commissions. In 1965 he was instrumental in bringing Unity Hospital to Fridley and served on Unity's board for 12 years. Robert was president if the Fridley Historical Society for many years during which time membership doubled and he produced 26 Fridley History Conversations.

Jerry Manley whose maternal Great Grandfather, John C. Sullivan was one of Fridley's earliest settlers, and was the first treasurer of Manomin Township, which later became Fridley. Jerry is currently President of the St. Paul Regional Labor Federation Retiree Council and Vice President of the Minnesota AFL-CIO State Retiree Council. He is a charter member of St. William's Church and an active volunteer. He is also a charter member of the Fridley Historical Society and has served continuously in many positions since the Society was formed. Currently he is a member of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Maintenance Committee.

Maynard A. Nielsen has lived in Fridley since 1956. He is a Life Member of the Fridley Lions Club and has served as the President, on the Board of Directors and as the Gambling Manager for 28 years where he raised money for the community. As a Fridley Lion he has received several awards including the Helen Keller award. He was a member of the Fridley Chamber of Commerce for over 20 years and served on the Board of Directors, receiving the Community Service Award and Man of the Year Award. He is a charter member of the Fridley VFW, where he has held several offices including Commander and Chaplin. He is also a charter member of the Fridley Knights of Columbus. Maynard has served on several city commissions and was instrumental in the establishment of the Islands of Peace.



Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee and host, Allen Taylor



The 2010 inductees with their awards, left to right: Robert Christenson, Jerry Manley and Maynard Nielsen



Music was provided by left to right: Nick Luciow and Jacob Taylor on the violins and Anna Hare on the Viola



Left to right: Allen Taylor, Kathy Taylor, Marilyn Kordiak, Anoka County Commissioner James Kordiak, Dorothy Gargaro, Mayor Scott Lund, Cindy Lund, Bob Barnette



Clockwise beginning at left of picture: Blake Wold, Todd Vlatkovich, Michelle Wold, Ramona Nielsen, Roger Eide, Maynard Nielsen, Drew Nielsen, Dylan Nielsen, Doug Nielsen



Clockwise beginning at left: Paul Beneke, Mary Ann Beneke, Alice Mikel, Dan Mikel, Jerry Manley, Marilyn Manley, Shirley Rasmussen, Bernie Rasmussen, Mary Ann Uram, Sharon Sorensen



Left to right: Ray Anderson, Warren Woods, Barbara Sager, Eric Jaakkola, Virginia (Christenson) Anderson, Buzz Moen, Robert Christenson, John Bold, his wife Cherrie Bold in front of him, Jason Christenson, Pat Jaakkola, Midge Christenson, Debbie Smith



Clockwise beginning at left: Ron Ackerman, Craig Hohensee, Eileen Arnold, Don Meyers, Mary Sue Meyers, Connie Samuelson, Elaine Butorac, Char Fitzpatrick. Pete Bonesteel is in the background.



Left to right: Mel Manley, Alicia Manley, Audrey Johnson, Mark Johnson



Left to right: Sean Gilbert, Marty Manley, Matt Manley, Sandy Manley, Mark Manley, Therese Manley



Left to right: Les Giancola, Arlene Bernstein, James Bernstein, Mary Sheridan, Jim Lind



Clockwise beginning at left: Dick Teskey, Melinda Manley, Jerry Blem, Jose' Valadez, Erin Manley, Leah Gilbert, Ann Teskey



Left to right: Marty Lueders, Lyle Elverud, Chuck Hayes, Helen Sampson, Helge Bode Johnson, JoAnn Johnson, Suzanne Miskowic, Lillian Meyer, John Meyer



Left to right: Mary Bonesteel, Elizabeth Hitomi, Barbara Hughes, Sue Edinger, Grace Norton, Norma Swanson, Art Swanson



Jason Christenson and Bernadine Matushak



Left to Right: Debbie Smith, Barbara Sager, Midge Christenson, Pat Jaakkola



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John C. and Margaret Sullivan

John C. Sullivan and Margaret Grainey were both born in New Market, County Cork Ireland, John in 1819 and Margaret in 1826. They were married March 26, 1850. The Sullivan's were a landed, prosperous family and Margaret was a hired girl. For that reason John's family did not approve of the marriage so John and Margaret left for America the year they were married.

They settled in Batavia, New York. It has been said that Margaret gave birth to a child that died on the voyage. There is no record of that birth, but they went on to have 12 children.

In 1856 they moved to Minnesota and settled in St. Anthony Village. In 1863, John homesteaded a large area of about 760 acres, in what was then Manomin. It extended east from present day Stinson Blvd. to University Ave. on the west and from about 45th Ave. on the south to Moore Lake on the north, including what became known as Sullivan Lake. The farmhouse near the lake is still standing at 5220 Madison St. NE in present day Columbia Heights.

John became the first treasurer of Manomin, later called Fridley. When John died the land was divided between the 12 children. The boys each received 80 acres and the girls each received 40 acres.

Information taken from "Fridley—Its History and People."



The Record

The Kids From Fridley Holiday Concert to be at Community Center

Upcoming Events



Saturday, November 13
11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

History Center Open House

Saturday, November 27
9:00 a.m.

Cleaning and decorating the History Center for the Holidays

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12-3:00 p.m.

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7 p.m.

Christmas Concert with Kids From Fridley

At the
Fridley Community Center
61st Ave. & 7th St.



Last year's choir entertaining us at the History Center.

Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. come and enjoy hearing the songs of the holiday season sung by the Middle School Kids From Fridley vocal ensemble. These enthusiastic young singers are led by Blair Berger. Because the group is

much larger this year the concert will be at the Fridley Community Center, 61st Ave. and 7th St.

After the concert enjoy a hot cup of delicious wassail, made by Mary Sue Meyers, the Program and Events Chairperson. There will also be plenty of Christmas cookies for everyone.



Annual Kindergarten Holiday Art Fair



Saturday, December 11, 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. the holiday art of the kindergarten children from Hayes and Stevenson schools will be on exhibit in the west classroom and the lower level. The children and their parents will come to see their art displayed. Photos the children proudly showing their art work will be taken in front of the Christmas trees.

Dorothy Gargaro, City and Family Committee Chair, is organizing the event. There will be free hot cider and Christmas cookies for all of the visitors. This a free event, a gift to the community from the Fridley Historical Society.



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Fridley Historical Society 2010 Annual Meeting Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Past President Vicki Rockwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introduced the board members. Those present were: Judy Anderson, Pete Bonesteel, Dorothy Gargaro, Jerry Manley, Mary Sue Meyers, Grace Norton, Allen Taylor. Absent: Elizabeth Hitomi,

Manley made a motion that we approve the minutes of the 2009 annual meeting, which were, published in the November 2009 Record. Bernadine Matushak seconded the motion and it was passed by voice vote.



Treasurer's Report: Anderson reported that we have \$7,690 in our investment account, \$6,090 in our checking account. Expected expenses for the rest of the year are about \$1,500. \$3,000 was cleared from the Lasagna Dinner in April. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report and passed by voice vote.

Barb Hughes inquired about an annual audit. Anderson stated that it was done by Eleanor Anderson, CPA. Hughes remarked that it should be a part of the treasurer's report.

Hall of Fame Committee Report: Taylor reported that about 110 people attended the Hall of Fame Dinner September 11 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Robert Christenson, Jerry Manley and Maynard Nielsen were inducted into the Hall of Fame. He was glad to report we ended up in the black this year.



The nomination process and planning take a full year and more people are needed to volunteer to be on the committee.

Robert Christenson stated from the floor that concern has been expressed to him whether the Hall of Fame was a Fridley Historical Society Hall of Fame or the Fridley Hall of Fame, the name it was given when originally created 7 years ago. He suggested that if we wish to keep it the Fridley Hall of Fame, the Hall of Fame nominations and scoring be done by a separate committee composed of Fridley citizens who are not connected to the Fridley Historical Society plus one representative from the Fridley Historical Society. The society might also request endorsement by the City Council of the Fridley Historical Society as the founder of the Fridley Hall of Fame, and responsible for the operations of the Fridley Hall of Fame including the Hall of Fame display at the Fridley History Center. Rockwell stated that no changes would be made without contacting the membership.

Programs & Events Committee: Meyers reported that history conversations were discontinued at the monthly meetings this year. The Lasagna Dinner in April brought in \$3,025.06. We had a float in the 49ers' Days parade pulled by a Northeast Towing truck. Other activities were AugustFest, the Hall of Fame Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall, the Kindergarten Art Fair and the Christmas Concert..

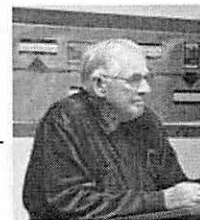


The 2010 Kindergarten Art Fair will be Saturday, December 11. There was an enthusiastic response from the families of the children last year.

Fridley History Center open houses have been well attended this year. An admission fee is no longer charged which seems to bring in more people. Meyers made a request for volunteers to serve as open house docents in 2011. Hughes suggested that there should be training for docents.

Help is also needed to contact local merchants for prizes for the Lasagna Dinner Sweepstakes.

Archives Committee: Bonesteel reported that during 2010 he has done displays at the Mississippi Branch Library for the months of February, June and September with the help of Dorothy Gargaro and his wife, Mary. The September display included Hall of Fame items. They have already been able to reserve the months of February and September 2011 to do displays.



City and Family Committee: Gargaro expressed gratitude to Mary Sue Meyers for the work and enthusiasm she has put into each event, everyone agreed and gave Meyers a hand of appreciation.



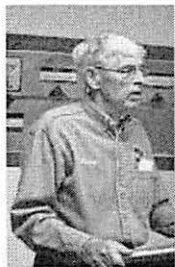
Several orders have been placed for "Fridley—Its History and People" and a third printing will be ordered after the November Board of Directors' meeting, November 4. The books will arrive in time to give them as Christmas gifts.

The committee has received good feedback on the books. People who did not contribute their family history are encouraged to do so for a future book.

Membership Committee: Hitomi was unable to attend, but sent a written report that Gargaro read. The Fridley Historical Society has 121 individual or family members. Fifty-five members pay senior dues, 13 pay individual memberships and 53 pay family memberships. This is a decrease of 20 from last year. 72 members gave a donation over and above their dues. There are five corporate members and six non-profit groups that hold memberships.

The 2011 membership renewal letter will go out in November. We will offer memberships as a holiday gift option this year. People who purchase a membership as a gift will receive a holiday card to notify the recipient of the gift.

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Maintenance Committee: Manley reported that the committee consisting of himself, Marty Lueders, Bill Linton and Al Madison kept the sidewalks cleared last winter. His daughter, Melinda, assisted when her help was needed. The landscaping was maintained in the summer by the committee with help from Tom Myhra.

There have been ongoing problems with the security system this year, most of them minor. A couple of times Protection One, the system provider, had to be called.

Don Meyers and Craig Hohensee took care of the lawn sprinkler system start up and Craig Hohensee did the shut down which saved the society several hundred dollars.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the committee. The present committee has served for several years and needs additional help to spread out the chores.

Fund Raising Committee: Taylor reported that the Lasagna dinner was the biggest fundraiser of the year. Selling the history book can also bring in some money. Mike Shroer of Bob's Produce has allowed us to sell the books in the store and has been very helpful.

Newsletter and Public Relations Committee: Since October 2009 nine newsletters have been sent out. Because we have discontinued history conversations and monthly meetings, newsletters have been sent out only every two months most of the year.

The Sun Focus newspaper has given us some good publicity. A front-page color spread was done of AugustFest. The city has been good to put our announcements on the electronic key-board just south of the city hall.



Actions taken



Rockwell reported that Board of Directors members Manley, Bonesteel and herself are up for renewal. Bonesteel is the only one renewing, leaving two open board positions. The positions of President and Vice President also remain open.

Rockwell nominated Bonesteel to serve on the Board of Directors from 2011—2013. The nomination was seconded by Hughes and passed by voice vote.

Rockwell introduced Mary Ann Hoffman and nominated her to serve on the Board of Directors from 2011—2013. Taylor seconded the nomination and it was passed by voice vote.

Mary Ann Hoffman told a little about herself. She has lived in Fridley since 1987 and taught History at Anoka High School for 25 years. She retired recently and would like to be involved in the Fridley Historical Society.

Hughes suggested we send out the hard copy of the newsletter only to those who do not have email. She was told we would not be able to get bulk mail rates, which are considerably less than first class rates, if we sent out less than 200 newsletters.

At the suggestion of Christenson three "hip, hip, hoorays" were given in celebration of our 25th anniversary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Grace Norton
Secretary

The Harvest Potluck Dinner



Some of the delicious spread at the Harvest Potluck Dinner



Bernadine Matushak, Jerry Manley and Kathy Taylor making difficult choices dishing up.



JoAnn Johnson and Barb Hughes dishing up.



Left to right in foreground: Warren Woods, Mary Sue Meyers and Don Meyers enjoying dinner and conversation.



Clockwise starting at front: Carol Christenson, Judy Anderson, Gwen Nawrocki behind Anderson, Roger Nawrocki, Mary Ann Hoffman, Unidentified, Dorothy Gargaro, Jerry Manley, Jacob Taylor, Barb Hughes, Dorothy Linsey, Grace Norton, Bernadine Matushak. Standing in background, JoAnn Johnson and Marty Lueders.



Taking care of business: Listening to Dorothy Gargaro's report on the City and Family History Committee



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Board of Directors Election Correction

At the Annual Meeting of the Society on October 19, an error was made in calculating which board members' terms of office expired in 2010. Pete Bonesteel was elected for another 3 year term but his term does not expire until 2011. Mary Sue Meyers term expires in 2010. She should have been nominated rather than Bonesteel. To correct this error, Mary Sue Meyers will be nominated for re-election for another 3-year term at the November 4th board meeting, and the election will take place at the December 2nd board meeting. Society members are welcome to attend these board meetings

Third printing of "Fridley—Its History and People" To be ordered soon

If you have ordered a book you will be called when they arrive at the History Center. The cost will be \$29.95 plus sales tax. The books will arrive in plenty of time to be given as Christmas gifts. If you haven't ordered a book and would like one there will be plenty available.