
Historical Shore *VIEWS*

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Shoreview's 56th Year

'preserving today's history for tomorrow'

January 2013

From the President

Looking at a Busy 2013 !

I love January ! I love making lists, new fresh calendars, scheduling appointments and creating new schedules.

For one month, I am extremely organized ! But then, reality hits --- and I'm in the middle of Slice of Shoreview planning, the Chickadee Boutique, and SHS events and I'm scrambling to stay on track.

The SHS Board has many plans for 2013 including our library programs, the Heritage Family program and Slice of Shoreview participation. We want to represent our members and the Shoreview Community in preserving today's history for tomorrow but we also need your help.

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Hints on Being a Better Family Researcher

SHS members and friends can learn how to research their family tree at a 7 p.m. Jan 14 membership program.

SHOREVIEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

What: An Introduction into Genealogy

When: 7 p. m. January 14, 2013

Where: Shoreview Library

Who: All SHS members and friends and the public are invited

Adele Morris, a Ramsey County librarian, is our speaker and will advise you on the best routes in your genealogical journey. Ancestry.com may be discussed.

Ramsey County libraries and SHS are collaborating on a series of meetings held at the Shoreview library. (There are programs at other libraries as well. See page 3—"With The Other Societies" for programs which explore both our local history and the library's role in providing information.)

Lawrence and Michalene Trojanowski : SHS's 2013 Heritage Family

The SHS board of directors has named the Lawrence and Michaelene Trojanowski family--- which dates back to the 1800s in the community--- as its 2013 Heritage Family of the year.

The family's came from Poland and first settled in what became Shoreview in the late 1800s and have descendants living in the area. The family was among several nominated by SHS members and others in the past year.

SHS has honored such a family from the community since 2004 when the Howard Lungren and Virginia Karth Lundgren families were the first designees.

"The SHS has a Heritage Family program to help point out the lives of early dwellers here and what their experiences were," says Jacci Krebsbach, SHS president. "It's been a good history lesson for all of us to both learn more about the families' journeys and how their surroundings and community may have changed with the times."

The Hugh and Alma Cunningham family was honored in 2012. An April SHS membership program will feature the Trojanowski family's history.



Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Guerin Station Restoration



Heritage Day Mayor Sandy Martin (left to right) along with Carole Grogan and Leroy Guerin use a giant scissors to cut a commemorative ribbon at the restored Guerin Gas Station at Lexington Ave. and County I on the Art Larson farm house grounds last quarter. Then Shoreview councilman Blake Huffman (and now Ramsey County Commissioner) and SHS board Lu Slaten and Doris Claeys cheer them on. Carole and Leroy are children of Roy Guerin who operated the station at Rice St. and Owasso Blvd. decades ago.

City Dedicates Guerin Gas Station

In helping dedicate the Guerin Gas Station, Mayor Sandy Martin in brief remarks thanked all those involved with the restoration project, emphasizing SHS's persistence, and noting city planner Kathleen Nordine's role in coordinating the installation funded by the City, SHS and the Shoreview Community Foundation. Lu Slaten assembled some of the station's artifacts for an interesting display. She also laid out a display of Art Larson memorabilia in the nearby Larson farm house as the building was also part of the day's celebration.

From the President----- continued

With the retirement of charter member Doris Claeys, we have a board position to fill. Maybe this is the year YOU decide to get involved with the SHS. Give me a call !

We're looking for someone to help with our display case at the Community Center, either with donated items or with the display itself. This is the public "face" of the SHS.

We also welcome your suggestions for program ideas, Heritage family nominations and volunteering at the Slice of Shoreview.

With the updating our our SHS website, we are looking for photos depicting Shoreview's past. Schools, businesses, homes, farms ---- all are important to help preserve our history.-----**Jacci Krebsbach**

SHOREVIEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP/DUES RENEWAL FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Indicate choice of membership.

Annual Dues

- ___ Adult \$15; 3 yrs - \$38
- ___ Sr. Citizen \$10; 3 yrs - \$25
- ___ Student \$10; 3 yrs -- \$25
- ___ Family \$18; 3 yrs -- \$45

Additional tax deductible donations are welcome

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Shoreview Historical Society, c/o
Pam Videen, 4305 Parkview Ct.,
Vadnais Heights, MN 55127. For
Volunteer opportunities: (Call 651-
483-2416 or 651- 490-7510).*

A subscription to Historical ShoreViews is included in dues.

The Shoreview Historical Society was born in 1991 when a group of residents took an interest in preserving and recording both the important and informal events in the city, and those that told of our city's growth and deeds of our people. Since its inception the society has worked to fulfill that mission. If you are interested in participating on a SHS committee or on its operating board, please give any director a call.



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SHS NEWS Notes

+ Dues are Due: Let Us Know Your Email Address

All loyal SHS members are alerted that dues for 2013 are due this month. Page two outlines the dues structure, basically unchanged for the last several years. We appreciate your prompt renewal. Please contact board member Mike Cunningham, 651-483-8514, so we can include your email addresses as well, allowing us to alert you quickly on late-breaking events.

+ Over 80 Recognition. SHS is planning another "Recognition event" for those Shoreview Citizens Over Age 80, tentatively scheduled for October. It will be the third such event held by the SHS, the earlier ones being in 1999 and 2004. The events were well received with more than 140 persons attending, prompting the SHS to hold another.

+ In Memoriam. (Historical *ShoreViews* notes those Shoreview area residents 80 and over who have died in the past quarter.) + **Ruth Anderson**, 88, died Oct. 28. She is survived by sons Gary, Bryan, and Scott; grandchildren and a great-grandson. + **Richard Boyd**, 86, died Nov. 27. He is survived by wife Marcella; daughters Mary and Sharon; son Bill; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. + **Margaret Cade**, 91, died Nov. 1. She is survived by her husband Roy; daughters Patty, Jane and Cathleen; sons, Joe and Greg; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. + **Thomas Hipkins**, 87, died Nov. 7. He is survived by wife Delores; daughter Deb; son Tom; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. + **Gordon Paulu**, 96, died Dec. 1. He is survived by wife Arylene; daughter Diane; sons Gary and Boyd; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. + **Delwyn LaTouelle**, 95, died Nov. 15. He is survived by his daughter Bernadel; son Rodney; and a grandson. + **Caryl Jean DeYoung**, 81, died Dec. 9. She is survived by daughter Debra; son David; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

+ With the Other Societies-----

Here's what's going on with some of the area's other historical societies--

+ **Jane Gibbs and the Pioneer Women** of Minnesota is the title of a program at 7 p.m. Jan 17 at the Roseville Library. Terry Swanson curator of the Gibbs farm presenting.

+ **War Within War: Lincoln and the U.S.** Historian David Nichols discusses Minnesota's role in the Union, the Indian wars to come. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Jan 19. Admission. Minnesota History Center.

+ **Downtown White Bear, Part 2.** An exploration via power point of the old scenes in downtown White Bear. 6 p.m. Jan 28 at White Bear Lake Library.

+ **History of the Voting Rights**, a national fight leading to the Civil War. 7 p. m Feb. 12. Historian Bill Green presenting. Minnesota History Center..

+ **Early Days in Roseville.** 2 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Roseville Library

+ **The White Bear Lake Water Ski Company.** The story of the skiers. Dennis Zerwas, Jr., presenter 6 p.m. Feb 25 at White Bear Lake Library.

Your Display Here!



Don't forget to check out our display cabinet (above) on Shoreview history at the Community Center. In recent weeks, we have featured long-ago farmer Art Larson and his life on the farm in Shoreview. Several old photos and artifacts help Art's story come alive.

The displays have always been interesting for their range of topics, stressing the city's early days. The display photos and other materials are assembled regularly and renewed by SHS board member Peg Wedell.

If you have an idea for a display---one you might even make up yourself, let Peg or someone on the SHS board know. It could be a collection of early photos, or specialty items that are reflective of years ago. Illustrations are better than the written word for this display.

Historical Quotes

Remember, remember always,
that all of us, and you and I
especially, are descended from
immigrants and revolutionists."

-----Franklin D. Roosevelt

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I've searched all the parks in all
the cities and found no statues of
committees.-----Gilbert Chesterton

SHS Member's Memoir Records His Own History

In the epilogue of his book "My Childhood Up to Now," his life's story, Terry Swanson writes: "I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up."

It's somewhat an ironic thought as Swanson life's journeys have encompassed enough vocational turns, events, and travels that many might need more than one life-time to replicate, grown up or not.

Like in the lives of many, there are several instances to ask "what if?" Like "what if" Swanson, a native Nebraskan, hadn't elected to attend Sterling College, (Sterling, KS) a Presbyterian liberal arts school where in majored in chemistry.

After college he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and upon discharge elected to try being a teacher.

"What if" he hadn't met Betty Gulbranson of Minnesota in Quito, Ecuador where they were both teachers

Missions Department and subsequently were married.

They returned to Minnesota and continued their work for a short time with the Covenant Denomination, when Terry thought about a new turn in his life's work.

What if he hadn't acted on "a renewed interest in actuarial science" and called Minnesota Mutual Insurance Co.—where he worked toward becoming an actuary, (a goal first realized in high school) and leading to other posts.

In the years 1962 to 2001, Terry's book traces a spectrum of professions: teacher, aspiring actuary, planner, and computer systems analyst.

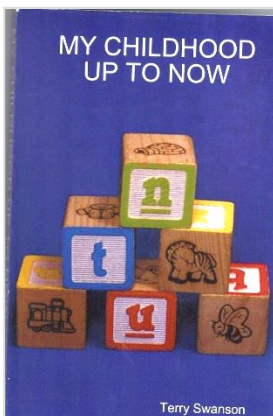
Leaving Minnesota Mutual Insurance Co. he became a pension planner and consultant for both Marsh & McLennan Companies (25 years) and with the State of Minnesota, from which he retired in 2001.

In retirement, Terry, a SHS member, has moved in a deliberate pace. Electing not to divulge a list of hobbies, he smiles: "I enjoy walking a lot," living in the northern area of Shoreview.

The Swansons have three adult children, one son and two daughters, one of whom lives in Denver.

While he hasn't delved much into Ancestry.com yet, (where one can trace his/her genealogy. See page 1), his interest in history is obvious as seen in his book, wherein he devotes several pages to his family's Scandinavian ancestors, his grandparents all being born in Sweden.

In his book, Swanson, 76, hopes the reader gets some insights "into the olden days." He's included a number of camp songs, jokes, idioms and insights into the times when he grew up. It's an interesting way to record history's passage of time---even if it is *only a "childhood."*



+Terry Swanson's 260- page book is self-published, but it is a candid look at both his achievements and flaws, and is an interesting read.

(Editor's note: This is another in a series about citizens in Shoreview whose experiences help make our community a richer one.)



Terry Swanson

A spectrum of professions

for the Covenant Church's World

Historical Shore Views

+ **Historical Shoreviews** and its predecessors have been published by the Shoreview Historical Society (SHS) since the organization's beginning in 1991. It is published quarterly with a volunteer staff and distributed to all SHS members, other local societies, and friends of SHS. The publication's intent is to inform members of SHS events, plans and programs, along with the mission of underscoring the importance of preservation of past materials and records that helped shape the community, as well as the contributions to the community by its citizens. SHS monthly meeting minutes have also been recorded. Copies of Historical Shoreviews are maintained in the Shoreview library and in the SHS offices.