

Historical Shore *VIEWS*

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Shoreview's 56th Year

'preserving today's history for tomorrow'

July 2013

From the President

Getting Started in A Floppy Hat

In 1991 the Shoreview Historical Society came into existence.

The Slice of Shoreview, in its second year, moved the celebration to the brand new Shoreview



Community Center. To promote the fledging organization, much to my eight-year old twins' dismay, I dressed in a

vintage dress, wore a floppy hat and handed out SHS brochures with former SHS board member Doris Claeys. When I joined the
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+ SHS CALENDAR + UP COMING EVENTS

- **JULY 26-28 SLICE OF SHOREVIEW. COME VISIT OUR TENT, ISLAND LAKE PARK, SEE STORY BELOW**

- **OCT 13-'OVER 80 RECEPTION' COMMUNITY CENTER. 2 P.M. SEE STORY ON PAGE 2**

- **OCT 21—RAILROAD HISTORY IN RAMSEY COUNTY & SHOREVIEW. LIBRARY 7 PM JOHN WIKRE, RAILROAD HISTORIAN, IS OUR SPEAKER.**

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DAR Forms New Chapter In Shoreview Area

The Shoreview area has a new Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter. It was officially recognized in June.

So far, there are already 22 chapter members, according to Minnesota Organizing Secretary Dee Dee Edlund. The chapter will be named for Harriet G. Walker, of the prominent Walker family of Minneapolis.

Among its missions, the organization raises funds to initiate a number of historic preservation and patriotic endeavors.

Membership in the DAR is open to all women, regardless of race or religion, who can prove lineal bloodline descent from an

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+ SHS Will Help Mark '20 Years of Slice at Island Lake Park' +

It's easy for the SHS to remember the past 20 years at the Slice of Shoreview at Island Lake Park. The two activities—Slice and SHS—have virtually the same history. SHS was born in 1991 and Slice in 1990.

At its booth this year, SHS will note its own history at Slice. The organization started small, with a little tent on the small hill side—featuring some of its efforts during its fledgling years.

SHS will also share space with a Daughters of the American Revolution exhibit.



SHS's 2004 Heritage Family—Virginia Karth Lundgren and Howard Lundgren, left—was announced at the Slice of Shoreview grandstand. *SHS Archives*

Later, the venue was used to launch the very first "SHS Heritage Family of the year", and Howard and Virginia Lundgren were the Slice Parade Marshalls in 2004.

Gradually, SHS increased its exhibit size, fitting in with the Slice's overall themes, while offering its own wares and continuing to tell its own story. It now occupies a much larger tent in the arts and crafts area.

Over the years, the booth has hosted authors, members of the Heritage Family of the Year and other visitors. Plan on dropping by: check out our Second Annual photo contest. (See story on page two). and see what we are up to in 2013---our 20th year at Island Park.

Wanted: A Few Good Men, Women

SHS is looking for a few SHS members (or other interested folks) for short stints as booth staffers at the Slice of Shoreview. Meet your friends--get a free SHS t-shirt. Call Don Follett, 651-490-7510 for more info.

Your Chance to Win a Prize at SHS Photo Contest at Slice

As they say, "brought back by popular demand", the SHS "Identify the Shoreview Photo" contest will be part of the Slice of Shoreview again this year.



Visitors to the SHS tent will have a selection of Shoreview sites and scenes and photos to identify---some easy and some not as easy. First prize is a \$50 dinner certificate at a local restaurant, plus some runner-up prizes. The book *Shoreview Reflections* will be awarded each day to the most correct runners-up entries.

The idea is to better acquaint you with some of Shoreview's historical sites and other areas in our beautiful city.

Most contest photos will be of sites visible from the street. Those persons who know their community the best may have a better chance---but all will have some fun! See you at the Shoreview

For example, where's this Shoreview Scene? Historical Society tent.
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'80 and Over' Invitations Going Out in September **Program to Honor Shoreview Seniors Oct. 13**

+ At the Board Meetings

The following actions were taken by the SHS board in the past quarter:

- + Recommended-- applying for a grant through the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
- + Authorized-- new software to upgrade its SHS web site.
- + Recognized-- special gifts and directed letters of appreciation.
- + Finalized-- Heritage Family, Slice of Shoreview and fall activities calendars.
- + Reviewed--membership status
- +Continued--collaboration with Ramsey County Libraries.

A SHS committee is busy planning for the Recognition Day reception for Shoreview seniors age 80 and over at the Community Center on Oct. 13.

It is the third such social reception held by the SHS to honor those seniors who presently live or who have lived in Shoreview. The others were in 1999 and 2004. Dessert and refreshments will be served.

In connection with the event, seniors are asked to bring along some old pictures of their younger days in Shoreview to share.



Oct. 13 will officially be declared "Seniors Day" by the Shoreview City Council. **Bring your photos of Old Shoreview**

Seniors who attended earlier Recognition Sundays are welcome to attend again. Invitations will go out about Sep. 1. The event is free to those seniors, but any family members accompanying them will be asked for a \$5 donation to help defray costs. In case you didn't receive an invitation or have questions, please contact committee chairs Lu Slaten or Mike Cunningham.

A brief program will be held, including entertainment. The Seniors Recognition Day is being promoted through local churches and other community organizations.

Old Holmberg Home Razed; SHS Checking it Out

Shoreview city officials notified SHS last quarter of the pending razing of the old Carl Holmberg home, built in 1924, on Bridge St. in central Shoreview. The purpose was to allow the SHS to salvage any items of "possible historical value," prior to the razing. The home was burnt down in a controlled fire June 2. New owners of the property will build a new home.

"We appreciate the opportunity to walk through the home," said Jacci Krebsbach, SHS president. "Over the years SHS has collected various fixtures indicative of the times when the structures---homes or barns---were built." Some day the SHS may have a museum for a proper display of the materials, she added. Carl was a longtime Shoreview resident.



Firemen stand by the home, once owned by Carl Holmberg, being razed in a controlled burn. Photo by Josh Wing, new owner of the land.

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Annual Dues

- ___ Adult \$15- 3 yrs -- \$38
- ___ Seniors \$10- 3 yrs -- \$25
- ___ Student \$10- 3 yrs -- \$25
- ___ Family \$18- 3 yrs -- \$45

Tax deductible donations are welcome

Cut out and mail with check to: 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 stories 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 & Slice-- Two Decades at Island Lake



Early parades past Island Lake Park found SHS members as marchers with their horse and carriage float, this one in 2001 featuring reactor Ken Wingard as "Socrates Thompson" (recognized as the first settler in Shoreview). Former Mayor Dick Wedell, right, holds banner. Below, SHS's exhibit in 1999 was in the Fire Station adjacent to Island Lake Park. SHS's Vi Henningfield, left, assists visitors. SHS Archives photos



We Like This Kind of (Historical) Stuff

At the Trojanowski Heritage Family celebration in April, family member Ron Flor brought along a complete bound copy of a 1930 Ramsey County Plot map (be careful, it's heavy), showing all property owners and the farmland borders of that day. Of course, Shoreview was Mounds View in those days, but it was interesting to see who the land owners were, who were to be affected by the coming Arsenal, and where creek beds once were, showing a different eco system. Thanks for sharing, Ron.

SHS Reports 2012 Activities, Progress at Annual Meeting

It was “another busy year for the SHS in 2012,” reported SHS President Jacci Krebsbach at April’s annual meeting, noting some initiatives that the society strengthened during the year.

The meeting was held in conjunction with the Heritage Family of the Year program Apr. 21, with an attendance of 102 at the Community Center.

Jacci underscored SHS’s new, full-year of collaboration for membership programming with the Ramsey County libraries. The society’s programs help build library traffic and the SHS is reimbursed for expenses. Last year, the society held programs on genealogy, the Snail Lake School Time Capsule, and a presentation by Roseville author Kitty Goggins, and will continue the series with an upcoming program on early Minnesota Railroads this fall.

The long journey to restore the Guerin gas service station was completed during the year, and the structure is now in place on the old Larson/LePak farm home grounds. The station was “christened” last fall and the SHS also staffed an open house at the farmhouse (now housing the Home Resource Agency.)

Meeting attendees were encouraged to make program suggestions so the SHS might better serve them.

Also announced was the election of incumbent Lu Slaten to the SHS board of directors. In that connection, Jacci put out a call for others interested in serving of the board. Presently there are six directors.

Financially, the SHS reported \$8,000 less on its balance sheet from a year ago, attributing the one-time \$8,015 cost for the Guerin garage restoration as accounting for the difference. Most of SHS’s annual expenditures are for programs and related costs. SHS Income comes primarily from members’ dues, special gifts and some support from the City of Shoreview.



A 1958 Photo. This landscape photo, taken by Shoreview’s Frank Sandberg when he was a teenager, shows an active Cardigan Junction station, and a still rural Shoreview in the area of Rice St. where a future I-694 would come. Frank says: “This was an excursion train operated by the Soo Line railroad which featured several dining cars in which memorable dinners were served to all passengers including me and my future wife.” SHS is grateful to Frank for contributing a copy of his photo to its files. As many of you know, Frank is a railroad fan. As always, SHS welcomes photo gifts. (Note: SHS will have a membership program on Oct.21 at the Shoreview Library on early railroads in Ramsey County and Minnesota.)

SHOREVIEWS QUIZ ANSWERS

The correct answers to the *Shoreviews* Quiz are: 1.) 1974 2.) George Gotwald 3.) Ken Hanold 4.) 1971 5.) A damaging tornado 6.) 10 7.) Family Circle 8.) 1998 9.) Einhausen; and 10.) County Road E and Rice. St.

Trojanowski Heritage Family Salutes its Polish Roots



Making music on the accordion (above, left) Ron Flor, great grandson of the Lawrence and Michaelene Trojanowski family, and his cousin, Dick Klick on the concertina, entertained at the Heritage Family program in April. Below—SHS president Jacci Krebsbach displays the Heritage Family plaque, where names of all designated Heritage families are inscribed, to the audience and to Bernadine Skoglund. Enlargement below. Bernadine also cut the ceremonial cake (middle column.)



Bernadine Flor Skoglund had alerted many of her relatives in the Trojanowski family tree of the Heritage Family day in April. As a result, more than hundred were on hand and they so much enjoyed her telling of the family coming to the Shoreview area back in 1890s from Poland with an earlier stop in the Hutchinson area.

Bernie's visual story of the Lawrence and Michalene Trojanowski journey included many shorter story nuggets of



Family events, weddings, farming and perseverance, all within the trappings of a much revered Polish heritage.

She paid homage to her mother Alice Trojanowski Flor and her grandparents John and Julia Trojanowski and their years of struggle on the farm. (Also *Historical Shoreviews*, Apr. 1997).

Her uncle Lawrence, 97, one of Alice's three siblings was on hand and greatly enjoyed the fellowship after Bernadine's presentation.

The Trojanowski's initial farm was north of County Road I between Hamline and Lexington Avenues, amidst others of Polish descent, plus many Swedish families. Their original Trojanowski farm house remains, but has been remodeled.

Polish Coat of Arms

Shoreview Heritage families over the years have spanned many ethnic groups, including Irish, German and Swedish.

Attendees at the Heritage Family presentation in April saw the Polish Coat of Arms adorning several locations---the Trojanowskis' family pride shining through

The White Eagle emblem originated when Poland's legendary founder Lech saw a white eagle's nest. When he looked at the bird, a ray of sunshine from the red setting sun fell on its



wings, so they appeared tipped with gold, the rest of the eagle was pure white. He was delighted and decided to settle there and placed the eagle on his emblem.

At the SHS Heritage Family festivities. Bernadine Skoglund chose the Polish emblem as part of the decorations. A giant flag was on display, along with numerous smaller ones, and

another as a decoration on the celebratory cake. There was also one in the Community Center display on the family.

Page 2 photo answer:



The grounds of Lake Owasso Residence, a facility for treat-

ment of adults, off Owasso Blvd. N. in south Shoreview