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From the President

Celebrating Our Heritage Families

Since 2004--that's 15 years--the Shoreview Historical Society has been honoring Heritage families. (Actually we took 2 years off: 2007 to celebrate Shoreview's 50th birthday and 2016 to celebrate the 25th birthday of the SHS.)



We have explored our farm history (Lundgren, Bucher, Kurkowski, Trojanowski, Nord, DeMars Lundberg). Life on Turtle Lake was shared by the Seablooms, Larsons, and Shifskys.
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Got Old Kitchen, Parlor Furniture ? Give Us A Call

SHS is busy furnishing its new home---the former LePak/Larson house---with furniture from the 1930s --- and you have a chance to be a part of it.

If you have a piece of furniture once in your grandmother's kitchen and was from the 1930s or early 1940s that you may want to contribute, lend or sell, let the SHS know and a representative will come and see it.

"It might be nice for someone who has lived in Shoreview to have a piece of furniture windup in the house for perpetuity," says SHS president Jacci Krebsbach, who herself is thinking about contributing a table kerosene lamp (pre-electric days).

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Genealogist Cathi Weber is May 13 SHS Speaker

Want to know more about tracing your ancestors, learning how more about your genealogy? Then you will want to attend the SHS membership program at 7 p.m. May 13 at the Shoreview Library.

Cathi Weber, president of the Anoka County Genealogical Society, is the speaker. She has been researching her family for more than 40 years and started her business, *NorthStar Genealogy* to help others with their family, friends and clients' research, and she also teach classes.

She has researched and compiled a number of charts and books. SHS has been committed to education on genealogy research over the years for its membership through programing
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Herb & June Radmann : 2019 Heritage Family

(Editor's note: In the article below, Sharon Radmann Clare Chatterton, reflects upon her parents---Herb and June Radmann, the SHS 2019 Heritage Family---and some days gone by.)

By Sharon Radmann Clare Chatterton

Living in a large family we never thought about the word vacation until the summer of 1958.

So many questions when Mom and Dad announced our first vacation. We only knew it was far, far away. The rest was a secret.

That summer we squeezed into our Mercury station wagon. There was hardly room for us after we packed all we needed for the long journey.

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2019 Heritage Family Program Apr. 28

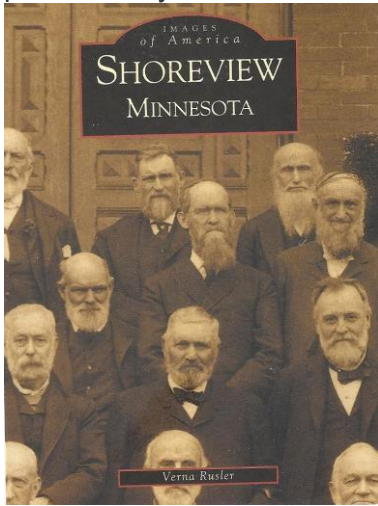
There will be a 2019 Heritage Family presentation at 2:30 p.m. Apr. 28 at the Shoreview Community Center. This is the 14th family to be recognized by the SHS. The public is encouraged to attend to hear some fun stories about life on Turtle Lake !



Food for All, that is if you are a SHS member. The group above (l to r) Nancy Hite, Ann Dehn, Carol Osterbauer, and Howard Statz, were among those who partook in a bountiful buffet breakfast. The free breakfast in January at the Community Center was a token of thanks to SHS members for their support of the organization. President Jacci Krebsbach also updated attendees on some future SHS programs and plans.

Verna Russler, Shoreview Author Dies

Verna Russler, author of the book "*Images of Shoreview*" and former member of the SHS, died this past January.



She worked closely with SHS board members in assembling the book, filled with historical photos (many from SHS files) of early area farm families. The book was published in 2001 by Arcadia Publishers, Mount-Pleasant, S. C. producers of local and regional community histories that feature

telling stories through photos.

SHS has acquired a second shipment of Verna's book and they are on sale through Shoreview City Hall. Verna, 88, was a private pilot in her earlier days; in more recent years her activities were more toward writing.

From the President---continued

Families whose backgrounds were in transportation ---Guerin and Cunningham ---shared wonderful stories, and we also heard about the medical service lives of Dr. Eva Jane Ostergren and Dr. Bert Larson.

While the family presentations have been both informative and entertaining, they have had another wonderful benefit: When informed by the SHS that their family was chosen, family members have reached out to one another for information, photos, stories and artifacts. A presentation is prepared. A creative display is setup at the Community Center.

Each July, the Heritage family rides in the Slice of Shoreview parade and is the honored guest at the SHS tent. Heritage families tell me it is was like having a big family reunion---and younger family members hear stories for the first time.

Shoreview can be proud of these families who have helped shape our community. Want to nominate a family? Email jaccikebsbach@comcast.net.

A list of previous SHS Heritage families is on the right and you may check the web site (www.shoreviewhistoricalsociety.org) where a brief history is included.

---**Jacci Krebsbach**

Cathi Weber--- continued

and Ms. Weber's background and knowledge will add to that. As they say, "It's never too late to start a search for your ancestors."

At the May 13 meeting, Cathi says "We will get started in genealogy research, look at basic forms, computer software options, what types of information to look for and where you might find it."

Taking the next step, means putting the pieces together and looking for clues to other records and where to go to get records, she adds.

Cathi's appearance is co-sponsored by the SHS and the Ramsey County Libraries.

SHS Annual Meeting Apr. 28

The 26th annual meeting of the Shoreview Historical Society will be held at 2:30 p.m. Apr.28 at the Shoreview Community Center.

It will proceed the SHS commemoration of its Heritage Family of the Year. (Story on page one.) In addition to reviewing the organization's past year's highlights,



election of two directors will also be held. SHS by-laws state that directors

serve for three -year terms and that the SHS board may have up to nine directors according to its charter; it presently has eight.

Incumbent directors Lu Slaten and John Vadnais are up for re-election. Members can vote by ballot prior to the meeting.

Past SHS Heritage Families

- 2004--Howard and Virginia (Karth) Lundgren
- 2005--Henry and Henrietta Bucher
- 2006--Hilmer and Gladys Seabloom
- 2007--Celebrating Shoreview's 50th
- 2008--Gust and Anna Larson
- 2009--John and Magdalena Kurkowski
- 2010--David and Emilie Guerin
- 2011--Thomas and Anna Schifsky
- 2012--Hugh and Alma Cunningham
- 2013--Lawrence and Michalene Trojanowski
- 2014--Cyril and Agnes DeMars
- 2015--Hans Eric and Louise Nord
- 2016--Marking SHS 25 years
- 2017--Dr. Eva Jane Ostergren Larson and Dr. Bert R. Larson
- 2018--Sven and Charlotte Lundberg
- 2019--Herb and June Radmann

Radmann Heritage family---continued

We had our own ritual when we all loaded into the car. Dad would call out "Count Off." We responded in our birth order. I was #1 and we continued until we heard from everyone. This should have been fool proof---however, there was a couple of times when this failed. We had kind neighbors who took care of the left-behind sibling until we noticed and returned.

So we started on our long journey from Roseville to Shoreview. Dad made it seem like a long trip by driving around until we were certain we had left the country. We always felt sorry for Dad as he had such a long trip to go to work every day. The truth is he worked just about three miles away.

We arrived at beautiful Turtle Lake and our itty-bitty cabin. We felt like settlers. Yikes! Did I mention the scary dark walk to the outhouse?

Although the space was small, there was also room for friends and cousins. Mom was a magician as she always found a way to feed the masses. When I think of this now, I want to say "Yeah, Mom".

We just happen to be at the lake when the neighbors, George and Betty Hilgert, were placing a For Sale sign down on Lexington Ave. My Dad carried the sign right back to them and said: "Sold!"



June and Herb Radmann

Dad built our new home which made it very personal. With a little help from friends and family it was like a barn-rising on "Little House on The Prairie." Good polka music and cold beer helped to motivate the workers. Our home was built just for us and a place where everyone was welcome.

The family started to flow into Turtle Lake Elementary, Edgewood Junior High, Chippewa Junior High and Mounds View High School. We are now having third generation graduations with a total of 28 graduates, starting in 1965. "Go You Mustangs On Down the Field."

The 60 years passed and every season delivered good memories. The years had some tears but love and laughter shined through. Brother Rocky and family still own the lake home and we still gather and celebrate together. Everyone always welcome. Our family is 55 strong. We are Family.

Thank you, Mom and Dad.

100 Years Ago

The Preventorium Gets its Name

(Editor's note: The abbreviated story below recalling the Preventorium in 1919 tells us about the Shoreview of decades ago. The Preventorium history story is part of *Shoreview Reflections*, a volume of many other stories covering the city's earlier days. Copies for sale through the SHS.)

Today the Lake Owasso Residence in Shoreview is a residential treatment facility for adults with developmental disabilities. The facility is operated by Ramsey County. But starting a century ago, the land was occupied by a Preventorium, the name first given



to the medical facility for young persons who had been exposed to tuberculosis, a rampaging

disease at the turn of the 20th century. Through medical research, various vaccines have now largely controlled tuberculosis within the U.S., though in other parts of the world it remains a health threat.

The facility was first established in 1910 as the Cuenca Hospital for the Care of Tuberculosis and renamed the Children's Preventorium of Ramsey County in 1919. Children exposed to tuberculosis in their homes were removed to the healthy environment of the Preventorium in hopes of preventing them contracting the disease.

The Preventorium closed in 1953 but reopened in 1955 as the Lake Owasso Children's Home, a facility for mentally handicapped children. In 1979, it was renamed the Lake Owasso Residence. The Preventorium Administration Building, pictured above, was razed in the fall of 2001.

Over its history, the "Prev" housed more than a thousand children who had been exposed to the TB virus. Medical practice at the time felt that the children should be exposed to cold weather, fresh air and sunshine; local newspapers of the day showed youngsters running about, thinly clad, in cold weather. The

Over the years, *Historical Shoreviews* has included stories about the Preventorium including interviews with those who lived there as children during the 1940s.



Several SHS Directors Attended a meeting of Local Historical Societies of Northern Ramsey County in February at the Bruentrup Farm, Home of the Maplewood Historical Society. They exchanged information on upcoming programs and spoke about grants and best practices. Bob Jensen, president, Maplewood Historical Society, standing above, chaired the meeting for about 15 persons in the farm home's dining room.

LePak/Larson kitchen and parlor furniture----continued

Kitchen and parlor pieces the SHS is on the lookout for include a sink, table, chairs, maybe a wall telephone, mirror, kitchen cooking utensils, a settee, chairs, etc. While the society can pay for some pieces, donated furniture that "fits into the overall plan would be much appreciated."



The society is coordinating with the Minnesota Historical Society to assure the correct period furniture is acquired. The collection will become part of the home's first floor Museum that will be in other rooms as well. So, think about that vintage tin match box holder you have somewhere in the attic. It would look

great on the Larson kitchen wall. You may contact Jaci at: 651-303-4667 if you have furniture that fits the home.

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