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October 2013

Program Features Vocality Quartet

Oct. 13 Reception to Honor Shoreview Seniors '80 and Over'



What may become a tradition for the Shoreview Historical Society, honoring our most senior citizens, will feature an afternoon dessert reception and entertainment at 2 p.m. Oct 13 at the Shoreview Community Center. SHS coordinators of the event are hoping this year's reception tops the previous ones when some 150 attended.

The dessert reception is free to those over 80 years of age and who either live in Shoreview now or were a former resident. As in other years, persons accompanying them are asked to provide a donation of \$5. Information and invitations have gone out to area churches and senior housing complexes.

Vocality Quartet will Perform at Reception

The brief program will include music by the Vocality quartet with its distinctive singing style. Oct. 13 has been designated Senior Citizens Day in Shoreview. (Story on page 2). You are encouraged to bring and share photos from the '30s of your family or of Shoreview in general.

If you need more information, please contact Lu Slaten. Tel:651-482-8435. To help in the planning, the deadline to sign up is Oct. 5.

John Wickre: Railroad Historian is Speaker

SHS Oct. 21 Program Features Early Railroad Days in Ramsey County and in Shoreview



(Photo: Minnesota Historical Society)

Shoreview Historical Society members and the public will have a chance to relive the early days of railroads in Minnesota, focusing specifically on Ramsey County when local railroad historian John Wickre speaks on the topic at 7 p.m. Monday Oct. 21. at the Shoreview Library.

Wickre has acquired an inexhaustible cache of railroad photos to support his comments. A former Minnesota Historical Society employee, railroads have been a special interest with him for many years. He is also a volunteer docent and historian with the St. Paul

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From the President

Looking Back to Some Interesting Times

As you can see elsewhere on this page, we are celebrating this month with our seniors who are age 80 or older.

If you were born in 1933, what did America look like?



It was the worst year of the Great Depression as well as the drought and the Dust Bowl.

The 18th amendment, better known as prohibition, had been repealed.

In the White House, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt famously announced, "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself," declaring war on the depression. In FDR's cabinet, Frances Perkins became the first woman in history to be named to a cabinet position as Secretary of Labor.

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Heritage Family Marchers

Descendants of the Lawrence and Michalene Trojanowski family hold the family banner (left) honoring Shoreview's "Heritage Family of the Year" in the Slice of Shoreview parade in July. That's Bill Flor, (great grandson of the Trojanowskis), driving an old model but classy looking Farmall tractor, pulling a flat-top carrying other family members and typifying the spirit of the Trojanowskis, area farmers of a century ago. Later, Bill's brother Ron and sister Bernadine, talked with visitors at the SHS tent, sharing stories of early Shoreview

Oct. 13 is Senior Citizen Day in Shoreview

In connection with its "Over 80 Reception" set for Oct. 13, SHS has urged the day be commemorated for Seniors. Below is a portion of the full-page proclamation entered into Shoreview's official city records:

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Sandra C. Martin, Mayor, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Shoreview and all the citizens of this community, hereby proclaim October 13, 2013 as Senior Citizen Day in Shoreview as we commend our older citizens for their many contributions to our community and the tremendous impact they have made on our quality of life in the community and we encourage all of Shoreview to show great honor and respect to seniors.

----- (Signed) Mayor Sandra Martin

From the President ---- continued

In sports, the baseball World Series was won by the New York Giants, the Stanley Cup went to the New York Rangers hockey club and the Chicago Bears were National Football League champs. In the movies, "King Kong" was cinema's first sci-fi film, and 1933 was also the year of the first-drive in movie, built in New Jersey.

In Minnesota, then-governor Floyd B. Olson issued an executive order halting mortgage foreclosures in the state to buy time for the many people facing sheriffs' sales.

Contemporary notables who share your year of birth of 80 years ago are: TV's Larry King; movie stars Joan Collins and Michael Caine; and music entertainer Willie Nelson.

Yes, the year was an eventful one, combining hardship, some breakthroughs and facing some future unknowns; not unlike this year, 2013.

Talk to those seniors of the '30s, they have some good stories, many passed along to them by their elders. Better yet, if you are not yet 80, bring a guest to the "Over 80 Reception" and talk with them firsthand. If you are 80 or over, you're encouraged to come and talk among us about those important years of long ago----**Jacci Krebsbach**

Steve Fellner Wins \$50 in SHS Photo Quiz

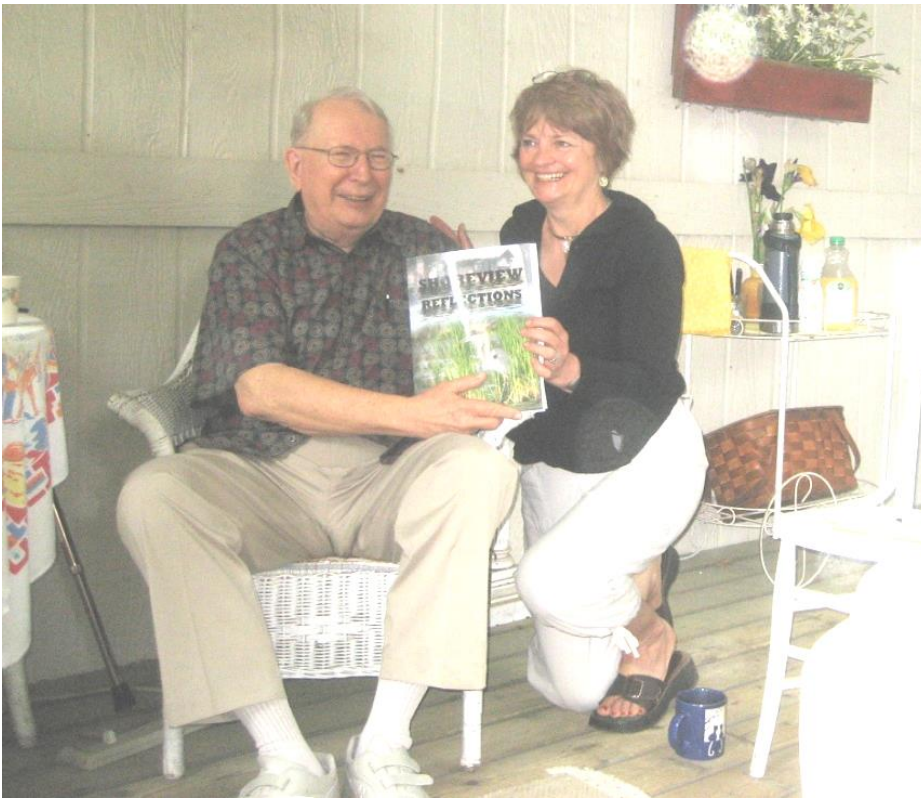
Steve Fellner, New Brighton, was the winner in the SHS photo quiz drawing at the past Slice of Shoreview. He was among a group of contestants who had scored the best in identifying a variety of historically-themed photos of Shoreview scenes. Steve was awarded a \$50 dining certificate to the Green Mill restaurants.

MHS Program on Ramsey As U.S. Secretary of War

Minnesota Historical Society is presenting a special program on "Ramsey After Dark: Secretary of War" at the Alexander Ramsey House. There are two performances, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and 8 to 9 p.m. Oct. 11, 265 Exchange St. St. Paul.

When Alexander Ramsey was appointed Secretary of War by President Rutherford Hayes in 1879, this Cabinet position brought both national prominence and problems and was a fascinating portion of former Minnesota Governor Ramsey's political career. See rarely seen artifacts from his time as Secretary of War.

Admission is: \$10 adults, \$9 seniors and college students, \$7 children ages 6-17; \$2 discount for MHS members.



Talk About The Old Times. John Dimond of Tucson, AZ, and formerly of Shoreview, left above, and Jacci Krebsbach, SHS president, revisit their memories of the time when Shoreview was formed back in 1957. Dimond, who visited Shoreview last quarter along with his two sons, was among the early key petitioners to break away from Mounds View and form a new community. John's family met with SHS board members to chat about those times of early Shoreview.



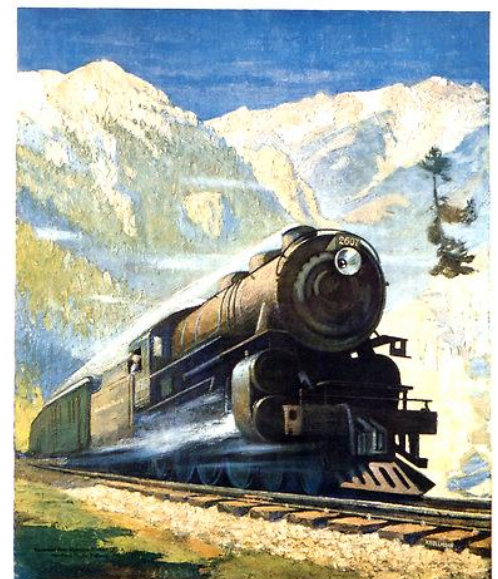
On March 14, 1957 a group of citizens, feeling the inadequacy of a township government, presented a petition to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners that called for the incorporation of the Village of Shoreview. This action separated Shoreview from Mounds View Township. An election was held at the Snail Lake School and the incorporation of Shoreview was approved by a vote of 853 to 748. While he enjoys reliving the old days, John concedes his memory is growing hazy about the details of the venture 56 years ago.

A graduate engineer, Diamond wound up working on the Apollo space program, among other highly technical and high level assignments. The SHS board presented him with some mementos of times long ago and also a copy of *Shoreview Reflections*, stories of the city's early days.

Railroads---continued

Jackson St. Roundhouse in St. Paul Materials in the Minnesota History Center note "the activities of governmental agencies to attract immigrants were the efforts of new and struggling railroads in the 19th century. In the trans-Mississippi River territory, it was to draw to that region passengers and potential shippers and consumers. Competition became keen, and the railroad companies of Minnesota, like those of other states, saw the feasibility, not to mention the necessity, of setting out upon a quest for settlers.

"The first rails in the state were laid in 1862, and after that, with the exception of the period of depression following the panic of 1873, construction proceeded with an ever increasing impetus, until, by 1880, the state had nearly thirty-one hundred miles of line, and its southern, central, and western portions were fairly well grid ironed with rails."



North Coast Limited
in the Montana Rockies

Wickre is expected to display some examples of the popular advertising of the days prior to WW II when railroads were perhaps at their zenith in passenger usage.

Planning Your Estate? Think About the SHS

Please consider the SHS in planning your estate. The SHS can take either direct cash contributions or transfer of stocks.

The society operates primarily on dues from members, and support from the City of Shoreview for selected activities and small amounts through book sales. Including the SHS in your planning, and designating how the funds can be used, assures one of having a positive impact in their community years after their demise.

Last year, the SHS and the city completed the restoration of the Guerin garage, thanks in a big part to a gift from the Shoreview Community Foundation.

In the past year, SHS received gifts from members and friends amounting to more than \$1,000. Most recently, Wells Fargo Bank donated \$1,000 to the SHS with the funds to be used at the discretion of the SHS. "The society is most grateful for this support coming from a variety of sources," said SHS president Jacci Krebsbach. "We are glad the donors see value in 'preserving our history.' "

The society also helps coordinate funds dedicated toward planting trees as memorials in city parks of the donors' designation. Contact Krebsbach or Treasurer Don Follett for more information.

At The Board Meetings

Historical *ShoreViews* reviews the primary actions by the SHS board of directors in the last quarter:

+ Approved dual use of the Slice of Shoreview booth with the Daughters of the American Revolution.

+ Approved hiring of student intern for a specialized project

Ideas for Center Display?

SHS members are invited to suggest subjects or thematic materials for the SHS display case in the Community Center.

Past displays have highlighted Shoreview's early schools, its Heritage families, its military veterans, farm home utensils and furniture, city parks and Slice of Shoreview activities among others. Displays usually are up for a month.

Tune-in to your creative thoughts. Give Lu Slaten a call.

'It's an Opportunity'

Serve on Board of Directors

If you have an interest in local history, have you considered serving on the SHS board?

The board is looking for additional members. Presently there are six directors, including one who is on leave.

So your opportunities are good, as the board is authorized up to nine members, per its charter.

"We welcome new folks, young or old ---the only requirement would be that you be interested in our local history, our residents and the growth and the ongoing change in the community—and that you can find enjoyment in serving," says Jacci Krebsbach, president.

There are opportunities to work with the society's oral history files, historical records, files and photos; help plan membership programs and special promotions; and other activities, she says.

Some History Quotes ---

+History is the sum total of things that could have been avoided.—*Konrad Adenauer*

+ I can't understand why I flunked history. When I was a kid, there was so little of it.---
George Burns

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___ Sr. Citizen \$10 - 3 yrs --- \$25

___ Student \$10 -3 yrs -- \$25

___ Family \$18 -3 yrs -- \$45

Additional 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 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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