

HISTORICAL SHOREVIEWS

Schoonover: A Legacy Spanning Three Generations

Schoonover Auto Repair was founded in 1938 by Charles A. ("Red") Schoonover, the father of the late Dick Schoonover. The enterprise initially commenced operations on University Avenue in St. Paul, subsequently relocating to 97 N. Snelling and later to 571 North Snelling Avenue.

In 1973, Dick Schoonover and his wife, Beryl, moved the business to Shoreview, establishing it at the southeast corner of Lexington Avenue and County Road E.



They also chose Shoreview as their residence, raising three sons who inherited their father's passion for sports, particularly hockey. The family continues to be actively involved in the local hockey community.

Throughout the years, Dick expanded the business while emphasizing the importance of high-quality service and customer satisfaction. In 2000, Dick's son Mike and his wife Gayle acquired the business and are proud to continue this third-generation family-owned enterprise, which has sustained its growth as an independent, full-service automotive repair facility.

In 2023, the fifty-year-old Shoreview location underwent substantial renovations and expansions.

The Shoreview Historical Society will honor the Schoonover family at a special program in April, with the exact date to be confirmed.

Besides the April reception the family will be honored at the Slice of Shoreview by riding the trolley in the parade on July 26th. Additionally, their family name will be engraved on the Heritage Family plaque which will be displayed permanently at Shoreview City Hall.



For some reason, I like the January/winter edition of our newsletter - Maybe it's the fact that we have a brand new year to anticipate. Or maybe it's because we can look back with pride on what was accomplished during the previous year.



by Jacqui Krebsbach
SHS President

I hope you find our newsletter fun and nostalgic. We asked some of our *Friends of Shoreview History* Facebook members to share their winter memories. Our Facebook page has provided us with not only a new audience for the SHS but also with members who add another perspective to our Shoreview History.

And now let's recap 2024: We honored the Florence Larkey Lundberg Hoff family this year. Their April program about the history of south Shoreview was very informative.

Genealogy was the topic of a library program in April. Many tips were shared by the speaker. Our SHS members were honored at a Member Breakfast with music provided by the Treble Tones Women's Chorus.

Richard Haskett presented a power point program at Applewood Pointe, about the history of the Tanglewood and Hodgson Rd corner.

In July, the SHS greeted the public at the Slice of Shoreview booth. Thanks to Board members Lu Slaten and Carol Gross, visitors were treated to photo displays of past farmsteads in Shoreview.

North Oaks historian Paul Dixon shared the history of the Banfill Locke Trail which ran between the St Croix and Mississippi Rivers and passed through current Shoreview.

Our display case at the Community Center helps bring our story to the public. The donation of many Mounds View yearbooks was much appreciated.

Finally, tours were held in September and October at the Lepak/Larson house. Among the visitors was a relative of Edna Larson, the final owner and some people who made donations to our museum.

That's our year in review. Here are some early plans for 2025:

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Shoreview: *A*

The Shoreview Historical Society asked our **Friends of Shoreview History** members to share their memories of winter activities in Shoreview. We suggested sliding hills, snowmobiling, ice fishing, skiing etc. Here were some of your responses!



*"Youth Hockey-
frozen toes-
Canadian Linx
with Lil Brother."*

-Jeff Lundgren

*"Growing up at the end of
Sherwood Road I always
looked forward to the
snowplow coming down our
road and pile up snow about 5
or 6 feet high. I had so much
fun carving out a snow fort
and cave."*

-Judith C. Nagel



*"Us Cunningham's all skated on a small pond below
Cardigan Junction. We are all so bummed nobody has a
picture that we know, of us skating there. Us nine siblings
would go there many days each week after school. On
the weekends our mom would wrap us all potatoes with
tin foil, send hot dogs and bread, and make a big
thermos of hot chocolate."*

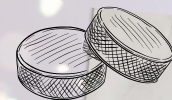
-Mike Cunningham



Snowmobiling on Snail Lake, early 1970's

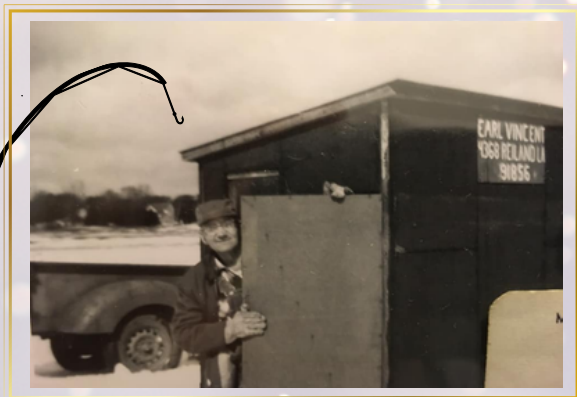
"We'd skate every day after school!"

-Elizabeth Clapp



*"My older brother
Jerry playing
hockey on our ice
rink on Snail Lake.
Early 1960's."*

-Submitted by
Pamela Vincent



*Ice fishing on Snail Lake.
About 1960.*

*"I remember that in the mid-1950's,
that Circle S Ranch on Lexington Ave.
gave horse sleigh rides. The horse
was named Sliver."*

-Pam Ford





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Planting ...



-Pat Sullivan

Many years later when he worked at the arsenal, he went out and found the rock and pieces of the toboggan still laying there.

-Karin Holmberg Kimble,

reminiscing about her father Carl Holmberg



Cross country skiing on Snail Lake. 1980. Another ski run, Villa Arctic Park, was located east of Victoria off of Gramsie Road.

"Skating on our neighborhood ponds on Island Lake on the first clear smooth ice...and learning to ski at Sitz Mark Ski Hill on Snail Lake Road."

-Skip Bidney




Ice fishing on Snail Lake over by the beach. Early 1960's



*"Sledding on the hills by
Amble Road..."*

-Dawn Marie Schifsky

Mount Sitzmark was a ski run located south of County Road F and east of Victoria Street. According to an article dated October 20th, 1966, in the New Brighton Bulletin, there would be snow-making equipment and a 25' x 50' structure on the site. There was also a Sitzmark Ski Shop located at 3100 Lexington at this time. -Submitted by Mary-Ron Zimanski

The Friends of Shoreview History Facebook page now has over **2,000 members!** Join today by searching “Friends of Shoreview History” on Facebook. 

Here are some early plans for 2025 (continued from page 1):

- ◆ Honor the Dick and Beryl Schoonover family as 2025 Heritage Family of the Year
- ◆ Digitize all of our tapes
- ◆ Grow our membership and 'Friends' FB page
- ◆ Expand the tour schedule
- ◆ Broaden our educational collections
- ◆ Create more outside banners for the Lepak/Larson house

Thanks to everyone who has renewed their memberships for 2025!

Welcome to Our Newest Members: **John Doan, Judith Nagel, Jeff & Patty Sulzbach and Brian Wefel.**



Thank you so much for your monetary donations to SHS. Your generosity means everything to us and to the community we serve. Thank you for your kindness and support.
-Kathleen Keller, Don and Carolea Nord and Lisa Wedell-Ueki



It was 25 years ago that the world held its breath as we moved into a new millennium.

IN MEMORIAM

Paul J. Christianson (July 10, 1932-November 9, 2024)

Paul, along with Joe Sacco, created the first shopping center in Shoreview in the mid 1960's (shown right).

Besides selling Rx and medical supplies, the Pharmacy had an extensive gift and cosmetic area. The pharmacy had a very large Hallmark department and baby items and small hardware items were sold. In the early days of the drug store, customers remember a nut machine and a tube tester that sold TV tubes! In later years, a post office was added and there was also a Square Dance shop in the basement of the building.



Joe Sacco stops in for a visit at the new Christianson's Pharmacy in 1958 and welcomes pharmacist Paul Christianson, left, to the Shoreview Shopping Center.

Janice Quick Johnson (March 28, 1932 - October 28, 2024)

Preceded in death by husband Carl and survived by her four sons and their families. Janice's family, the Quicks, lived on the north side of Tanglewood. At one time, Jan and Carl lived with their family on the east side of Turtle Lake off Hodgson Road. The entrance to their driveway was flanked by the stone pillars that originally led to the Carlson estate on the corner of County Road I & Hodgson.

Become a SHS Member now and enjoy Gary LaRue (pictured right) from Rat Pack Entertainment! Gary will be performing at our Membership Breakfast Thursday, April 17th at 9:30AM at the Shoreview Community Center. You can also register at <https://shoreviewhistoricalsociety.org>



Meetings of the SHS Board of Directors take place on the second Monday of each month at 5 pm at the Lepak/Larson house (1170 Lepak Court, Shoreview). If you plan to attend, please email: info@shoreviewhistoricalsociety.org or phone 651-303-4667.

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