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**Calling You - The "So Big We Need Two" Calls to History**

Call to History is back in 2019. The event is SO BIG that we need two of them: Saturday, April 27 at noon and Tuesday, April 30 at noon. Of course, both events are at the Museum. You are not limited to one of these events. Feel free to join us for each program. You will have a different kind of fun at each Call to History luncheon and your support is appreciated. Call to History is our primary fund-raising event for the year.



**Noorain Khan**



The lunch on Saturday, April 27 will have a Girl Scout focus and a nationally recognized speaker. We will celebrate Girl Scouting's highest achievement—the Gold Award. Since 1916, Girl Scouts' highest award has stood for excellence and leader-

ship for girls across the country. Answering the question "who is a Gold Award Girl Scout" will be Noorain Khan. Ms. Kahn is currently the secretary to the board of directors for Girl Scouts of the USA and she works at the Ford Foundation in New York. She is a Rhodes Scholar, Young Woman of Distinction (GSUSA Gold Award national honor) and has a degree from Yale Law School. Do not miss the opportunity to join Ms. Kahn in honoring the achievements of so many girls and women who have earned the Gold Award.

On Tuesday, April 30, the focus will be on Boy Scouting. Our keynote speaker is Northern Star Scouting's CEO, John Andrews. Last summer Northern Star Council moved into a new headquarters at Base Camp, Fort Snelling. The former headquarters at 393 Marshall Avenue is set to be razed in the near future. Did you know that when the structure was built, a time capsule was included? Well, that time capsule presently sits at the Museum. If you are curious about its contents, attend the April 30 Call to History luncheon. At this

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event, the time capsule will be opened, and its contents revealed to the public for the first time.

There is no charge for the two Call to History events and lunch is provided. Invitations will be sent to our members and other supporters, but you do not need to wait for an invitation to register for one or both of the events. Simply call Diana Foss at 651-748-2880. Keep an eye on our new-look web site for registration information as well. Answer the "So Big We Need Two" Calls to History today!



Governor Harold LeVander and Hugh Gwin, council executive board member of Hudson, Wisconsin, place the cornerstone in the new Charles L. Sommers Scout Service Center. They were assisted by Scouts John Werner, 1124 Matilda Street, and Mike Doermer, 100 West Lawson Avenue, both of Troop 66.

Neighborhood Youth organizations and churches participated in the program ceremonies which were held March 4. A hermetically sealed copper box, containing records of participating organizations, was enclosed behind the cornerstone.

**This time capsule was placed behind the cornerstone when the Service Center at 393 Marshall Avenue was built in the 1960's. Come to the Call to History to see it opened.**

## In Memory of Museum Donor Roy Kenneth Nelson



Museum supporter Roy Kenneth Nelson recently died at the age of 85 on January 14, 2019. He is survived by Peggy, his wife of 60

years, Margaret, daughter Brenda Longman (Jerry), son Kenneth David Nelson (Joan), grandsons Erik (Lindsay) Eliot, and granddaughters Anna and Greta.

Roy (Ken) served his God, Country, Community and family. For his country, he served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. His community service was extensive. He volunteered his services to the Jaycees, Boy Scouts of America, Church, Toastmasters, Salvation Army, and the Simpson Shelter. He was recognized with

the Viking Community Award during a Minnesota Vikings half-time presentation. He served as a District Governor in Toastmasters and he was awarded the Toastmaster International Presidential Citation. In Boy Scouting, he was honored with the Silver Beaver Award for a life time of service.

Roy made a difference. He will be missed.

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## Pinewood Derby Tips - Building a Winner

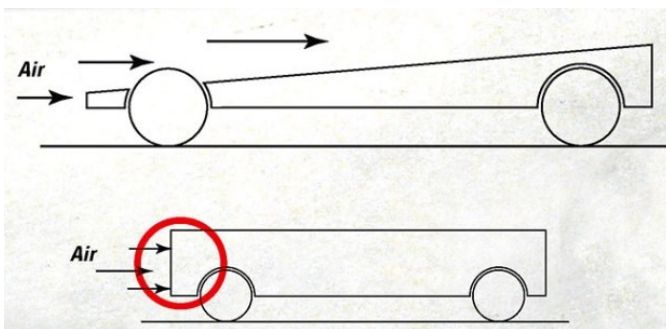
Pinewood Derby is a big deal. That is why the Museum has a state-of-the-art track and that is why many Cub Scout Packs and Dens reserve time at the Museum to run their cars and work out bugs. Other Packs and Dens actually hold their Pinewood Derbies at the Museum. The Museum also has a nice collection of vintage Pinewood Derby cars.

Ever wonder why some cars win big and other cars are much slower even though they look the same? Now, thanks to *Boys Life* magazine, you can learn how to build the fastest car. It may not be rocket science but this article contains tips from a rocket scientist. Whether it be weight, weight location, alignment, or the axels, there are many ways to make a car go faster. If you want to learn the tips, here is a link to the *Boys Life* article:

[https://boyslife.org/hobbies-projects/projects/138909/use-science-to-make-a-fast-pinewood-derby-car/?utm\\_source=scoutingwire&utm\\_campaign=swvolunteer1162019d&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content](https://boyslife.org/hobbies-projects/projects/138909/use-science-to-make-a-fast-pinewood-derby-car/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swvolunteer1162019d&utm_medium=email&utm_content)



This article is not just for boys. You just might want to keep this information on hand so you can take on defending champion Tom Welna at this year's Derby Night at the Museum. In the meantime, call Diana at the Museum (651-748-2880) if you want to reserve track time or conduct a Pinewood Derby at the Museum. See you at the races!



The most basic aerodynamic design is a simple wedge.

### Renewing Members

- Keith Krause

**Know of anyone  
interested in joining?**

**Contact:**

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## Check Out the Museum's New Web Site

The wait is over. Yes, the long-awaited updated Museum website went live in January. Volunteer Kari Erpenbach designed the website three years ago, and Volunteer Terri Anderson, Museum Webmaster, added the content. New Board member Natalie Broshar provided the know-how to work with our ISP ORI to get the old web site down and the new web site up. Thanks to the leadership of these volunteers, we have a beautiful new look web site for all of you to enjoy.

The web site has something for everyone. In addition to its attractive appearance, the web site is full of valuable information. Everything you need to know is under five drop-down tabs. First, you can find out about the Museum. What is the mission and vision of the organization? Who is on our Board of Directors? How do you find the Museum? What is the admission fee? What are the Museum's hours? All of that information is under the "About" tab. The tab even has issues of the *Museum*

News and our annual reports going all the way back to 2012.

The "Collections" tab fills you in on our Boy Scout and Girl Scout collections. There is also a section covering Scouting artifacts. This is a tab we hope to grow significantly in the coming months as a major cataloging project was recently completed thanks to a Minnesota Legacy grant. Thousands of our artifacts were numbered, cataloged, and photographed. We hope to share parts of our amazing collection on line.

The "Programs and Events" tab is where you can find out about all of the upcoming things to do and see at the Museum. Merit badge workshops, Girl Scout advancement, S'mores with Juliette, leadership training, annual events like the Skunk Reunion, Jamboree on the Air, Derby Night at the Museum, and special events like Call to History and the Founders Hall will all be uploaded to this tab. If your favorite activities and events are not there now, they will be

soon. We were just so anxious to get the web site out to you.

Many thoroughly modern non-profit supporters like to support their favorite organizations electronically. Well, through the "Support" tab, you can support the Museum financially. Renew your membership, make your annual gift, or become a sustaining member by giving monthly through your credit card. You can also find out about our levels of membership or even learn about volunteer opportunities. Supporters who volunteer their time are just as valuable as supporters who offer financial support. Many do both.

Finally, there is the catchall "more" tab. That is where you will find our contact information and, well, more. Over time, there might even be a surprise or two. Check out our new web site today. Let us know if you like the look and the ease of navigation. We will continue updating the content over the coming weeks.



**Not too long ago, Zachary Marshaal did his Eagle project at the Museum. For his project, Zachary built and installed the bases for the Museum's old display cases in the gallery. Elevating them makes them much more useful for exhibits and easier for visitors to see. Zachary recently had his Eagle Court of Honor. Here he is wearing his new Eagle pin with Jack Johnson of the Museum's Exhibit Committee, who advised Zachary in his project.**

## A Farewell to Claudia



Dear Friends:

I'm glad to have an opportunity to close out my arc at the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting with a personal message to all of you.

Thank you. Just thank you.

My time at the Museum was very, very important to me, both professionally, and personally. I learned a lot about my skills, which really lean more towards people and collections, rather than numbers, money, and management. I think everyone probably needs a job like that, in order to learn their limits (we all have them, and I seem to have more than lots of other people!).

But it is all of you that truly had the most impact on me. Had I not come to the North Star Museum, I would never have met such a great group of individuals, the vast majority of whom would never have crossed my path. It has been such a true pleasure to get to know you, work with you, and in many cases, watch your young people grow up. I treasure the friendships that I gained in the nearly fourteen years I was with you, and I will be devastated if I cannot keep up my relationship you.

There are, as we have all found out, lots of things that I don't know. But, there is one thing that I do know, and it is this: the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting is a treasure. And it has treasure in its collection. If you are not aware, the Museum was founded by a group of Scouters, friends, really, from the East Side of St. Paul. These men did their Boy Scouting together over decades, and when they founded the Museum, they populated the collection with their personal stuff. Ask a historian—material created over decades by a group of people who knew each other and worked together is *gold*. It is the kind of collection that allows historians to tease out the real history—the history that you are creating every day in your work with youth in your communities.

We cannot allow anything to happen to the Museum, other than it prospering and building a reputation for both excellence in programming, and the depth and breadth of its collection of historical materials. Many of you have made contributions in all of these areas. Keep it up. Keep the Museum's doors open. Keep it collecting and serving you, but more especially, your youth. Let's all work together to ensure that all kids in Girl Scouting and Boy Scouting in this region know the history of their programs and can draw inspiration and strength from the stories of their peers in the past.

I will miss the Museum a great deal, but it was time for me to move on. I have started a museum consulting business and have some exciting projects happening right now. I hope not to be a stranger. And I hope above all, that I continue to meet you in the community or wherever you are.

I will continue to support the North Star Museum. I know, almost better than anyone, just exactly what there is that is worth supporting. Talk to the volunteers if you don't feel you know. They will tell you!

Best wishes to all of you, my friends!

Claudia J. Nicholson

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## Learn and Earn the "Girl Scout Way"

The Girl Scouts of the USA have a rich history. One of the best ways to learn that history and keep the legacy and traditions of Girl Scouting alive is to earn the Junior Girl Scout Way Badge. Well, girls will have an opportunity to earn the Junior Girl Scout Way Badge at the Museum on Sunday, March 3, 2019 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

During the March 3 Girl Scout Way program, Junior Girl Scouts will complete most of the requirements for this badge. They will learn how to use the Girl Scout ways and traditions to make the world a better place.

Registration for the Junior Girl Scout Way Badge program is only \$10 per girl. To register for Girl Scout Way, just call Diana Foss at the Museum (651-748-2880). The program can accommodate up to 25 girls. Register today before the program fills up!



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