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S'mores for  
Juliette

**Save the Date for the Lucky 7<sup>th</sup> Founder's Hall Celebration**

Time to get out your pencils, pens, and smart phones so you can "pencil in" Saturday, November 12, 2016 for the 7th annual Founder's Hall recognition and celebration. Like last year, the event is set for 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. And the cost is \$30 per person for anyone who RSVPs. Otherwise, the charge for November 12 walk-ins is \$40 per person. Please plan to attend and help us honor a deserving group of six

Founders, Builders and Trailblazers for their outstanding contributions to Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting.

Last month a group of past Founder's Hall recipients got together to select this year's honorees. We are proud to announce the slate:

- Founder:** Pearl Mitchell-Jackson
- Builder:** Lee and Penny Anderson

**Builder:** Carol and Bob Oldowski

**Trailblazer:** Tom Turba

You will want to be present to see this deserving group of people receive their recognition. As usual, many past recipients will also be present. What a great opportunity to socialize, celebrate, and see what's new at the Museum. See you in November!

**Solve this Riddle and Get Ready to "Ham It Up"**

OK. It is riddle time. What event allows you to travel all around the world, never leave the comfort of your own community, and communicate with Scouts everywhere? Stumped? OK. What is the largest Scouting event in the world and it is held annually the third full weekend in October—this year being October 15? Give up? OK. The answer is JOTA and you can participate at

the Museum on October 15, 2016 starting at 10 a.m. You can't still be stumped. Ok. JOTA stands for Jamboree-on-the-Air.

Yes, Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and here in our community. To fully participate, the only travel needed is to the nearest amateur radio



operator's ham shack. In the case of JOTA at the Museum on October 15th, Tim Arimond will be set up with his friends and radio station KOBSA (Kay-zero-BSA). In addition to your chance to  
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## Solve this Riddle and Get Ready to “Ham It Up” (continued from Page 1)

“ham it up,” the event will be further enriched by the chance to earn Citizenship in the World, Communication, and Radio merit badges through the Museum’s Merit Badge Workshop program. Stay in touch

with the Museum if you would like to sign up for these merit badges because they usually sell out. Otherwise, we will be on the air all day from about 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Remember, JOTA is not just for boys. Girl

Scouts are encouraged to attend so you can talk to your counterparts around the world! See you at the Museum on October 15 for some international travel.

## Sustaining Membership – Tried & True & Easy to Do!

Did you know that you can pay your membership dues with a recurring monthly gift? Did you know that recurring gifts are *the* fundraising method for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? Here’s why. You want to support the Museum and its positive mission that preserves your memories, brings generations together, and tells our common stories of personal growth and deeply-held values through Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting. However, you are busy, so you need an easy way to give. It is so easy to forget. Times can be tight, so you need a way to give that will not pinch your pocket book. Well, choosing a sustaining membership is the way to go. Instead of stretching once or twice a year to make a gift, try a small, affordable monthly gift that adds up to something more substantial over the course of each year.

Not only is a sustaining membership safe, easy, and worry-free for you, it gives the Museum a reliable source of regular income we can count on to carry out

our mission and stay on top of day to day expenses. Here’s how. All you have to do is go to our website ([www.nssm.org](http://www.nssm.org)) and scroll all the way down to the dark green “Donate” bar at the bottom. When you click the bar, it will take you right to our secured Vanco site, where you can scroll to the bottom and click on “Membership – Recurring” (the compass picture). You will then choose how much you want your monthly dues gift to be: \$10? \$20? \$50? The choice is yours! Vanco then walks you through the process of setting up the gift to come

out of your checking or credit card account. You can even pick the date of when your gift is paid. Click on save/complete and you’re done. You never have to give it another thought. Your monthly membership is taken care of for you.

So give sustaining membership a try (and move up a level or two in the process). It’s easy, it’s pain-free, and it helps the North Star Museum with a reliable source of monthly income. It’s a win-win for us all. The North Star Museum – You Belong!



Pictured above are the membership level pins available to all Museum members, including sustaining members.

## Time for Some Cruizing at the Museum

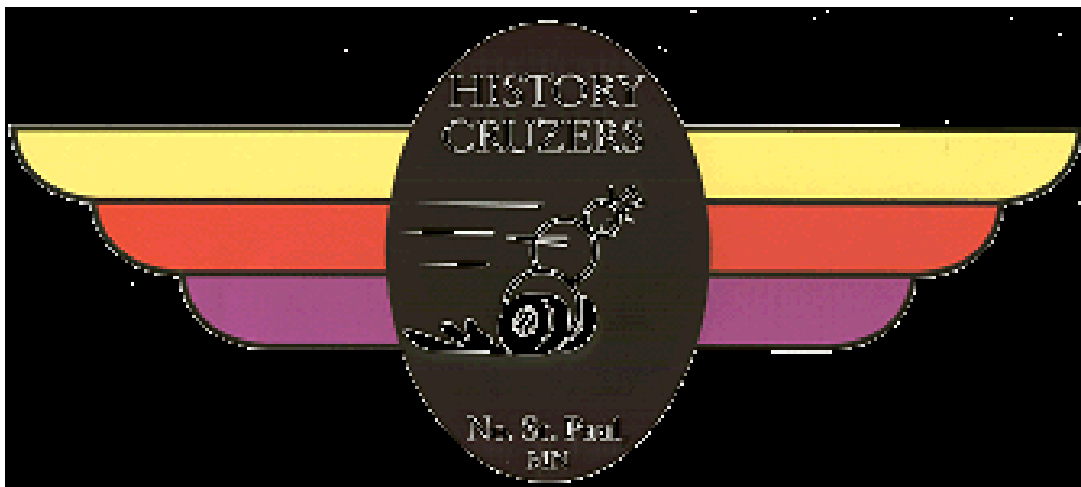
The Museum is hosting a big event on September 15, 2016. On that date, the North St. Paul History Cruzers sponsor the Fall Round-Up Parade in North St. Paul. Following the parade festivities, we will be visited by some 300 Cruzers as they enjoy an after-parade reception at the Museum.

Three years after organizing a modest gathering of cars and their enthusiasts on Friday nights in downtown North St. Paul, the North St. Paul History Cruzers organized as a non-profit of volunteers in 1999. Twenty years later, it is not uncommon to see nearly 2,000 cars,

30 volunteers, great local and fair style food, talented local musicians, fantastic local artisans, and much more, every Friday from June to September. The Friday night car shows provide people with free, wholesome, safe, and inclusive fun for all ages, ability, and income. The Cruzers solicit donations from area businesses and other sponsors to help pay for the mandatory insurance, security, trash removal, and portable toilet rental, among other expenses incurred throughout the year. The History Cruiser's also support the North St. Paul Veterans Park, Silver Lake Splash,

Cops-N-Rodders, and the Fall Round-Up Parade.

This is the sixth year the History Cruzers have organized the Fall Round-Up Parade in picturesque North St. Paul. The parade is a heartwarming gathering of community and local businesses. Also, a prelude to the last car show of the year, which takes place the very next evening. So, come out for the parade and drop by the Museum following the parade. What a night of fun it will be.



### *New Members*

#### *Since June 2016*

- **Steve & Kathy Baprie**
- **Stacey Swanson**
- **Boy Scout Troop #559**

### *Returning Members*

- **Renee Sass**
- **Debra Martin**
- **Michael Gerster**

### *Tribute Gifts*

*Howard Mooers gave a gift in memory of his mother Elsie Mooers (Founders Hall )*

*Sandy and Bob Klas gave a gift in honor of Claudia Nicholson's 11th anniversary with the Museum.*

## Museum Board Member Goes “Over the Edge” by Karla Leitzman

**Editor’s Note:** *The Museum is not just about old memories. Many of our members continue to create new memories in Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting. They continue to stay active with our area councils and facilitate our on-going partnership within the Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting communities. Karla Leitzman is a new Museum Board of Directors member and Girl Scouts River Valleys staff member. Karla certainly created a memory for herself when she recently participated in the Girl Scouts River Valleys “Over the Edge” event. Here is some basic event information followed by Karla’s story in her own words.*

### **The Event:**

More than seventy rappellers joined Girl Scouts River Valleys CEO, Tish Bolger in taking the leap for leadership at Over the Edge on Thursday, June 9, 2016. Participants rappelled nine stories down the U.S. Bank building in downtown Rochester and raised money in support of Girl Scouts and the Camp Edith Mayo renovation.

The event raised more than \$100,000 through participant fundraising, community support, and sponsorships. All funds raised from Over the Edge will support River Valleys’ initiative to reinvest in Rochester’s Camp Edith Mayo and Program Center

to better serve the growing needs of girls in central and southern Minnesota. Located in the heart of Rochester, Camp Edith Mayo and Program Center is a dedicated community space, ensuring that girls have a safe and supportive environment to embrace who they are and explore who they can become. Thanks to support from Over the Edge, more girls have the opportunity to take risks, try new things, and become the fearless leaders of tomorrow.

### **Karla’s Account:**

I raised just over \$1,600 for the Camp Edith Mayo renovations. I’m terrified of heights, but I believe that if we as an organization ask our girls to face their fears and try new things, we as staff members should also do that. While I didn’t particularly like rappelling off a building, I’m proud of myself for facing a fear for girls. I went over the edge for many reasons, however, in thinking back over my time in Girl Scouts, there is one particular memory that sticks out as a time when I realized I could do anything. I was thirteen and at Girl Scout camp and I was doing a high ropes course with my troop. The average time it took each girl to complete the course was about forty-five minutes but I was so terrified, I took about four hours! I

remember standing at the end of the course, having to rappel down the pole to my troop leaders and Girl Scout sisters waiting for me on the ground. I was shaking and terrified to make that leap but I did it! And when I got to the ground, still shaking but so proud of myself, I realized that I could truly do anything. I would not have had that experience without Girl Scouts and I want every girl to have an experience like that where they are supported to go outside their comfort zones and try new things.



**Karla Leitzman is pictured as she rappels down the U.S. Bank Building during the “Over the Edge” event in Rochester. No fear on that face. Photo courtesy of Peter Sandstorm.**



## From the Director (For Now)

It has been rather a long time since I wrote a column for the *Museum News*. However, I have good news to share, and it seems like an opportune time to raise my pen again.

You are aware of how much the Museum has grown and changed in the last eleven years, going from a donated non-public space at the Case Avenue warehouse to our own home in North St. Paul. Those of you who were involved with the Museum when we bought our building may remember how cavernous it seemed, with lots of room to grow, and plenty of space for program.

Initially, I was the sole paid staff member, with a couple of able and willing volunteers (one of whom, Mike Lund, joined the staff not long after our building acquisition). There was a lot to do, but the most important thing was to envision the Museum's future, talk about it to everyone, and make the necessary strategic moves to get us there. This involved advancing everything simultaneously—it was a monumental task.

And here we are today. The building now looks like a museum rather than a library “masquerading” as a museum. The exhibits have a polish and

depth that they did not have then, with many more interesting ones to come. Our educational programs for youth are popular, sought-after, and frequent sell-outs (the Merit Badge Workshop series for Boy Scouts and S'mores with Juliette for Girl Scouts being our most popular). We have also managed to engage a much larger number of individuals in our work, our program, and in supporting us in a way that has allowed us to pay off our building, significantly improve the building, and employ additional staff. All of these steps have allowed us to grow even more. The place is much more complex than it was when I arrived in 2005.

Our growth and the complexities that go with it—a proud product of our success—led to some hard discussions with our Board of Directors this year. In the end, we mutually reached the conclusion that I did not possess the management skills to continue to manage our much-more-complex organization. I excel at articulating a vision for the place that we have all made come true. But managing this bigger organization is not where my heart is, or my skill set.

My enduring frustration has been my inability to work with

the collection as I would have liked. I know that we possess *treasure* here, and it is only by taking care of the collection and properly managing it, that we will be able to show a sometimes skeptical public our worth.

So, as I step aside in favor of a new Executive Director, I will step *into* the position of Curator of the North Star Museum. I will be able to devote all of my time to working with the collection, uncovering our treasure, and finding ways to make it available to you through exhibitions, publications, program, and through electronic means. I am so very excited to finally be able to do something that I have longed to do since I first saw the Museum's collection.

We are now beginning the process of finding the next Executive Director for the Museum. And when that person comes on board, I will work hard to ensure that they have the benefit of my eleven years of experience so they can work with *all of us* to take the Museum to its next level.

Claudia Nicholson

## 40th Anniversary Annual Meeting

On July 12, 2016 over thirty Museum members gathered for an annual meeting that was more celebration than meeting. Yes, we commemorated the Museum's 40<sup>th</sup> year. Before dinner, there was a lively social hour that gave everyone an opportunity to see all of the new exhibits. Following a hearty meal, Board President Ron Phillippo unveiled a spectacular Annual Report while Executive Director Claudia Nicholson summarized the past year and shared her plans to move into a new role with the Museum (see the "From the Director" article on page 5).

Special thanks to Terri Anderson for making the Annual Report something special. Speaking of Terri Anderson, she added a highlight to the meeting by sharing her magic recipe box of lessons, stories, and values.

In addition to the unveiling of the Annual Report, our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirts were also presented to the public for the first time. Anyone wearing the shirt definitely makes a fashion statement. If you would like to order a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shirt, contact Diana Foss (651-748-2880) at the Museum today. Thanks to all who attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. See you next year!



**Claudia Nicholson emphasizes an important point during her State of the Museum overview at the Annual Meeting.**



**The 40th anniversary T-shirt made its stylish debut at the Annual Meeting. Pictured at left are Wes Laseski, Chuck Clausen, Judy Clausen, Bonna Scherer, Kurt Leichtle, Claudia Nicholson, Tom Alt, and John Guthmann.**



**The back of the 40th anniversary Tshirt .**



**Terri Anderson delivered a heartfelt and enlightening talk about her magic recipe box at the Annual Meeting.**

## This Is Not Your Grandfather's Totem Pole Exhibit

With the CampCraft adventure and Order of the Arrow exhibits, the Museum started an exhibits roll in 2015 and this year continues the momentum. One of our prize possessions is the original Camp Neibel totem pole. However, an artifact is only as good as the display that shows it off and tells its story. Thanks to many helping hands, the Camp Neibel totem pole is telling a rich story in its new and updated display.

Here is how it all happened. First, Jim Rupert, possessor of Camp Neibel lore, relayed his first-hand memories to Jack Johnson. Next, Jack – with a little help from Kurt Leichtle – provided the verbiage and pictures for the new signage. Finally, the ever-talented and resourceful Steve Harmon created the signs and photo placements, framed them, and attached them to the backdrop of the totem pole display. Steve also crafted the railings that encircle the totem pole, which, hopefully, will keep little hands off the totem pole and out of mischief.

The updated display includes signage and photos depicting and explaining:

- \*the significance of totem poles in Native American culture;
- \*the connection between Boy Scouts and totem poles;
- \*the story of the Neibel totem pole;
- \*the details of Jim Rupert's restoration of the Camp Neibel totem pole.

It does not matter if you have seen the totem pole before. With this exhibit, you will appreciate the Camp Neibel Pole as if you are seeing it for the first time. Whether you are seeing it again or for the first time, come out to the Museum and see something unique and special.



The original Camp Neibel totem pole.



Designer Steve Harmon with the finished exhibit. .



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## More S'mores for Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday Month

Juliette Gordon Low's 156<sup>th</sup> birthday is on October 31, 2016. What better way to celebrate the month of her birthday than with TWO "S'mores with Juliette" events. On Friday, October 7, the theme is outdoor cooking. Revel in the falling leaves of autumn as you learn about all kinds of cooking and share outdoor cooking recipes.

On Friday, October 28. Enjoy a piece of birthday cake (or two) as you play the kind of Victorian parlor games that were popular during Juliette Gordon Low's youth. Two different events, each with its own brand of fun. Sign up

today and celebrate the birthday of the founder of the Girl Scouts USA in style. Registration for both events is only \$6 and the cost includes all materials and refreshments. Both events run from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Just RSVP to Diana Foss by email at [dfoss@nssm.org](mailto:dfoss@nssm.org) or by phone at 651-748-2889.



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