



# NORTH STAR MUSEUM

## OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

### Museum News

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### A CALL TO HISTORY!



As the sun rises on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, Will Sulzbach’s bugle call heralds a new arrival—the first ever “A Call to History” breakfast at the North Star Museum. Please join us for this free event. We are planning a dynamic program. Engaging speakers and a wonderful video will inspire and delight guests as we invite folks to become a part of our new Giving Society (to be revealed at the event).



**Barb Corti Herrmann and grandson Xander research family history in Scouting at the Museum**

Why “A Call to History”? Because of you! The North Star Museum has had thousands of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts come through its doors. History tours, service projects, Courts of Honor, Ceremonies, Merit Badge Workshops, just to name a few.

Thanks to our robust programs for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, we are on the radar of more Scouting families than ever before. It is our honor to preserve and showcase YOUR personal Scouting history, and what a thrill it is for us to inspire younger Scouts to “bridge the generations” and get them talking to parents and grandparents about their Scouting stories. It’s all about family, traditions, and values. That’s the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting. That is why we are here.

“A Call to History” will provide a great opportunity those unfamiliar with the Museum to learn



**Passing knowledge from one generation to the next**

more about us, and for current supporters to be re-inspired. “A Call to History” takes place at the North Star Museum and begins with registration at 7:00 a.m., followed by the program at 7:30 a.m. Please plan on attending. We would be delighted if you could bring a guest. To find out more or to register, contact Shirley De la Torre at [sdelatorre@nssm.org](mailto:sdelatorre@nssm.org). Put “A Call to History” on your calendar today.



**Come visit the Museum**

## Happy Anniversary!

It is hard to believe that ten years has passed already. Ten years from what, you ask? Well, during the fall of 2004, after the untimely death of Richard E. Carroll, the Museum's first Executive Director, the Museum embarked on a national search to fill the position. Right in the middle of the process, the opportunity to buy our building came out of nowhere. Those were exciting times indeed.

Our national search produced the perfect candidate right under our noses. Yes, this month marks Claudia Nicholson's tenth year as the Museum's Executive

Director. Through her stewardship, Claudia put her own mark on the position and integrated a new building into our institution at the same time. Please make it a point to wish Claudia a "happy anniversary." Probably the most appropriate acknowledgement of her service and the Museum's success over the last ten years is a tribute gift in her honor. To make a Tribute gift, go to the Museum's web site, click on Donor Opportunities on the top menu, and then Make a Donation. Be sure to indicate that you are honoring Claudia in the Tribute or Memorial Dedication field. You can also contact



**Claudia Nicholson**

Stephanie Weiger at [sweiger@nssm.org](mailto:sweiger@nssm.org) or 651-748-2880 to make your gift. Happy Anniversary, Claudia!

## Happy Birthday!

If you look hard enough, there are plenty of reasons for happiness in February. For example, despite the cold, we are one month closer to spring. This year there is another reason. A person who often refers to himself as "this ole Scout" is celebrating a milestone event. Yes, our very own Chair of the Museum's Board of Directors, Ron Phillippo, turned 80 years old on February 18. Ron's incredible energy and creativity belies any particular age. We are lucky to have him at our helm.

Please make it a point to wish Ron a "happy birthday." I am

sure that Ron would agree that the most meaningful way to acknowledge that he is 80 years young is a tribute gift to the Museum in his honor. To make a Tribute gift, go to the Museum's web site, click on Donor Opportunities on the top menu, and then Make a Donation. Be sure to indicate that you are honoring Ron in the Tribute or Memorial Dedication field. You can also contact Stephanie Weiger at [sweiger@nssm.org](mailto:sweiger@nssm.org) or 651-748-2880 to make your gift. Happy Birthday, Ron!



**Ron Phillippo**



## Strong Finish for the Pause in 2014—Watch for More in 2015

On December 12, the Pause That Refreshes finished a strong year of programs with Guest Speaker Kate Knuth. After growing up in a family of Scouters, blazing her own Scouting trail, and becoming national President of the BSA Venturing program, Kate followed another family tradition and was elected to the Minnesota legislature. It was no wonder that her many stories and experiences commanded the attention of the Pause crowd.

The Pause also provided an opportunity to address some unfinished business. The Knuth Family was honored as Founders Hall Trailblazers in November but Kate was unavailable for the ceremony. At the December Pause, the Knuth family plaque was re-unveiled, all to the delight to those assembled.

More interesting and informative Pause That Refreshes programming will take place in 2015. Quarterly events are planned. Watch the Museum's Facebook page and website for details on the date and speaker for each event.



Ron Phillippo, Kate Knuth, and Lorena Palm pose at the December Pause That Refreshes.

### New Members Since December 2014

- *Kim & Bob  
Brynildson*
- *Stephen & Joan  
Costello*
- *Tom Creager*
- *Scott & Mary  
Degel*
- *Maureen &  
Robert Espelien*
- *Brian Halloran*
- *Kate Knuth*
- *David J. Lovett*
- *David J. Murphy*

## Congratulations Mike Fratto!

Northern Star Council recently announced its 2015 class of Silver Beaver Award recipients. One of the honorees is Mike Fratto. Since the inception of the Museum's Merit Badge Workshop program, Mike has been a regular merit badge counselor, specializing in the Citizenship badges. We owe the success of our program to leaders like Mike.



All of the Silver Beaver recipients will be recognized at the Northern Star Council Court of Recognition. The event is on March 21 at the Council's Base Camp facility. If you would like to honor Mike in person, sign up to attend. Congratulations Mike!

*Know of anyone  
interested in  
joining? Contact:  
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## Scouting Memories of the Month

We have two Scouting memories of the month to share in this issue of Museum News. Values and memories are kept here.

### High Adventure Makes Leaders!

February's first Scouting Memory comes from Kimberlee Horbal of Crew 276 out of Champlin, MN. She shared a timeless memory with us during her recent visit to the Museum.

Kimberlee attended a Kodiak High Adventure Leadership Challenge course in 2011 and said it was the best leadership training ever. Later, Kimberlee was asked to speak about her experience at a Northern Star Council Friends of Scouting meeting. She said her experience with Boy Scouts of America and Venturing changed her life and that without this training she would not be the leader, friend, and sister that she is today. Kimberlee is filled with gratitude and says, "Thank you BSA and NSC for everything you bring to this great country we live in and encouraging youth and adults to be the best we can be!" Kimberlee's memory reaffirms the Museum's motto, "Values Kept Here."

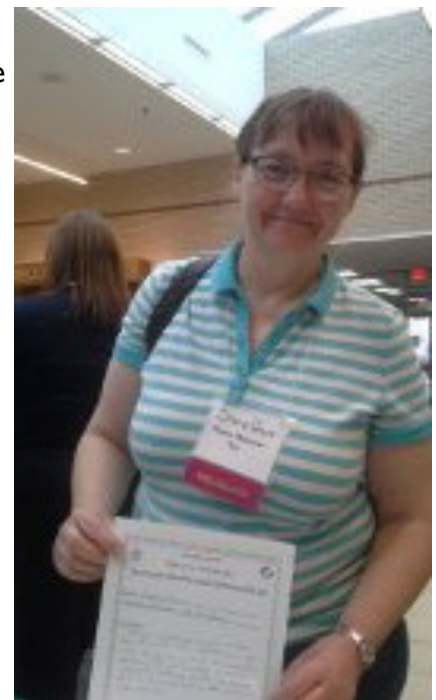


**Kodiak Leadership Challenge  
logo**

### Running with the Bulls at Camp Sacajawea??

The Museum was present at the Girl Scouts River Valleys Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 31. It was there that we found Diane Grant. During her visit to the North Star Museum display, Diane shared a wonderful memory with us!

Diane attended a Girl Scout campout at Camp Sacajawea in the early 1970's. At that time, she was a Cadette. As the girls were enjoying their experience, a bull from a nearby farm got loose and ran unchecked through the girls' camp. During the melee, Diane helped the leaders corral the younger Girl Scouts into one of the buildings so they would be safe until the bull could be caught by his owner. The wild bull of Camp Sacajawea gave a whole new meaning to "high adventure"! Now that's a memory.



**Diane Grant with her Scouting  
Memory Form**

## A New Tool is Here to Make Your Museum Donation Online

The Museum has a new vendor to help you donate to the Museum online. Late last year, the Museum selected Vanco Services, LLC to process all online transactions for those interested in the financial well-being of the Museum. Vanco is an industry leader that processes transactions for thousands of clients. With the new tool, donating to the Museum has never been easier.

Now, you can donate right on the Museum's nssm.org website. Just click on the DONATE NOW! link or, using the QR Code underneath the link and your smart phone app, you can quickly connect to the Museum's donation page. Once you are on the site, create a secure, password-protected profile and process your donation or membership renewal. Better yet, set up a Sustaining Membership on the site. With a Sustain-

ing Membership, you can make a recurring donation to the Museum without having to worry about remembering to write a check. Simply set your desired donation frequency near the bottom of the donations page. The web site even keeps a record of your gifts for you. Give the Museum's new partnership with Vanco a try. You will like it. So will the Museum.

## Make Your Merit Badge Reservation

The Museum's winter/spring schedule of merit badge workshops is now posted on our website. Eleven merit badges are being offered starting February 21. The major focus of our first sessions of the year is on the Eagle-required Citizenship merit badges. As you know, Citizenship in the World, Citizenship in the Nation, and Citizenship in

the Community are all Eagle required. They are each being offered in February and March, and two of them are being offered twice. Don't miss your opportunity to complete these important merit badges.

If you or your favorite Scout already has his citizenships, we are also offering Personal Fitness,

Personal Management, Communications, and Medicine. Go to the museum's website and follow the instructions to sign up. We offer mail-in registration only. Do not wait because these sessions usually sell out!



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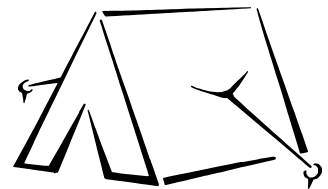
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## Be a Part of the First Polar Scout Camp

If you are a fifth grade girl or older, you will not want to miss the Museum's very first Polar Scout Camp overnight on March 7-8. The fun begins Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and continues to Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Yes, you can "get your chill on" at the Museum and have a winter camping adventure. Participating girls will learn winter survival skills and techniques, practice putting up a winter tent in the snow, learn how to stay warm while sleeping in the snow, and enjoy a camp-

in at the Museum. Just \$50 per person covers all of the food and materials. You will have an arctic blast at Polar Scout Camp. Register today by calling 651-748-2880.



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