



**NORTH STAR MUSEUM**  
OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

# Museum News

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## Attend Derby Night at the Museum and You Will Win, Win, Win!



The Museum's **Derby Night at the Museum** "FUNraiser" is only a few weeks away. We want to see you on Saturday, November 4, at 6:30 p.m., so sign up and attend Derby Night for the ultimate "win, win, win" experience. For your convenience, tickets can be purchased online at <http://tinyurl.com/DerbyNight>.

How can there be so many ways for you to win,

you might ask? First you will have the chance to fulfill all of your childhood dreams of finally winning a Pinewood Derby! Whether you make a new car or spiff up the car you raced as a youth, you can come to the event and race in a regulation Pinewood Derby on the Museum's state-of-the-art track. Or, you can fulfill a different fantasy and enter the open competition that allows you to race a "funny-car" of your own design that does not need to meet the size or weight criteria of an official race. Just make sure it fits on the track and doesn't fall over or fall apart before the starting gate goes up. How fun is that?!

Second, you do not have to race at all. Come as a spectator and cheer for whatever car or cars appeal to you. Dessert and complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks will be available. You win simply by enjoying Derby Night fun and fellowship. Keep in mind that this event is NOT just for Scouters or former Scouts—everyone is welcome! (Just a reminder that this is an event for adults ages 21 and older.)

Third, you could enter and win the Derby Hat contest. Design your own derby hat, wear it to the event with your other "derby duds", and enter (Continued on Page 2)

## Earn Your International-Flavored Merit Badges While Enjoying JOTA

After reading your August Museum News, you probably made plans to attend Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, on Saturday, October 21 at the Museum. Who would want to miss the largest Scouting event in the world? If you forgot, this

is your one-week-away reminder. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and ham radio operators around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. It is the one Jamboree that requires no travel other than to North Star Mu-

seum, where you will find a real ham radio operator.

If you are a Boy Scout, or if you know a Boy Scout, you will also find advancement opportunities. Although the event is only a (Continued on Page 2)

## Attend Derby Night at the Museum and You Will Win, Win, Win! (cont.)

the competition. May the best hat win!

Fourth, you could bid on your favorite things at the Derby Night Silent Auction. Gift cards from local establishments and merchandise from other vendors will be among the items you could go home with if you are the high bidder.

Fifth is the wall of wine and beer

raffle. Buy a raffle ticket (or lots of them), win the raffle, and take home a hearty supply of wine or beer.

Your final win is also a win for the Museum. All event proceeds from admissions, the silent auction, and the wall of wine and beer raffle benefit Museum programs. That is why Derby Night at the Museum is the ultimate "FUNraiser". Don't be left out--

get on track to your own "win, win, win" by buying your ticket and inviting your friends today. See you on November 4 for Derby Night at the Museum!



## Earn Your International-Flavored Merit Badges While Enjoying JOTA (cont.)

week away, if you, or a youth you know, needs the merit badges being offered in conjunction with JOTA, there is still time to "hit the pamphlet" and prepare hard for the opportunity to earn a merit badge. The first merit badge being offered is the day before JOTA. Counselor Mike Fratto is offering Citizenship in the Nation at noon on Friday, October 20.

Three merit badges are being offered at the Museum during JOTA on October 21. Counselor Geoff Forbes kicks things off with Citizenship in the World at 9:00 a.m. After the workshop is done, stay and enjoy JOTA. Or, come to JOTA in the morning and join counselor Bob Elliot in the afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Communications Merit Badge. This is a merit badge that cannot be completed in a single session but the boys can get off to a good start. Finally, Rick Clem will counsel Radio Merit Badge. JOTA provides the perfect backdrop for you to earn this badge.

As always, merit badge workshops offered by the Museum often fill up. Register as soon as possible on the Event Bright web site. Here are the links:

Citizenship in the Nation: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/citizenship-in-the-nation-merit-badge-workshop-tickets-38352345899>

Citizenship in the World: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/citizenship-in-the-world-merit-badge-workshop-tickets-38641513808>

Communications: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/communication-merit-badge-workshop-tickets-38361670790>

Radio: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/radio-merit-badge-workshop-tickets-38600553294>

If registration for the badge you are interested in is filled, we will try to offer the badge again soon. In fact, the Museum is presently assembling a Super Merit Badge Week for the week between Christmas and New Year's so you or the Scouts you know can take advantage of your week off school.

## We Remember a True Friend of the Museum — Michael J. Galvin, Jr.



On September 21, the Museum, and all of us, lost a true friend in Mike Galvin. For the past several years he chaired the Museum's Development Committee and played a significant role in expanding and updating the Museum's fundraising efforts and strategy. The following are excerpts from his obituary as published in the St. Paul Pioneer Press:

Michael J. Galvin, Jr., age 87, passed away on September 21, 2017 in St. Paul, following a stroke on September 15, 2017. Preceded in death by parents Michael J. Galvin, Sr., and Margaret Galvin. Survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Frances Culligan Galvin, and 7 children: Sean Galvin (Mary Galvin), Kevin Galvin, (Cynthia Galvin), Kathleen Walker (Robert Walker), Nora Galvin (Jeani Pearson), Margaret Galvin, Mary Galvin (Mike Monroe) Tricia Mockenhaupt (Gus Mockenhaupt), and 13 grandchildren. Also survived by sisters Sheila Rangitsch and Mary Farrell. Mike's trademarks were his zest for life, his intelligence, his quick Irish wit, and his story telling. He took delight in his family, his many friends, and his law partners. He was born in Winona, Minnesota in 1930. He attended

Cotter High and graduated from Cretin High School in 1948. He was deeply proud of his Winona heritage and returned frequently. He attended the 1947 World Boy Scout Jamboree in Paris, France, and tirelessly supported the North Star Council of the Boy Scouts as a life-long scout. Mike graduated from the College of St. Thomas in 1952. He served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force from 1952-1954, and was stationed in St. John's, Newfoundland. His stories of Newfoundland included claims that nothing surpassed "seal flipper stew" and that puffins tasted "like bald eagle." He graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1957 and joined Briggs and Morgan. Mike was very proud to have practiced with the firm for his entire 60-year career, and did so right up to his death. Mike was described as a "firm legend" and was celebrated by the Minnesota State Bar Association for his extraordinary contributions to the legal profession. With the firm's support, he was member and president of many social organizations and university boards, and received many awards. Having learned thrift from Mike, we note that our budget prohibits the listing of each such position and award.

Mike, we miss you. Thank you for all you did for the Museum - and many other organizations.

*Know of anyone  
interested in joining?*

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## A Letter to Our Members and Patrons\*

Dear Museum Members and Patrons,

This is the time of year when we take a moment to evaluate our success over the past year and identify areas where we can improve.

This letter comes at a time of key transition for our organization. You will see, as you review this annual report, that in the last year we have accomplished a number of key initiatives proposed by the Board or initiated because of increasing financial demands. Concurrently, we spent a great deal of time working on the future of the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting, to ensure the Museum will be around to educate and preserve this important history well into the future.

In many ways, the upcoming year is a new beginning for us as an organization and we have called it the Museum's *Year of the Phoenix*. During these financially difficult times, the Board—with substantial input from our members—adopted a new business model that moves the Museum away from an over-dependence on single donors into a multi-tiered funding strategy. While this is a departure from our past, the Board needed to find a way to ensure the Museum's continued existence. The by-product of this change is that the Museum will become much more

aggressive in offering new services for those who cannot visit, but only access us remotely, as well as for the membership in general.

Through key Board leadership decisions, we are working to strengthen the organization and to position the Museum by expanding into Service Learning, encouraging young people to take ownership of community challenges, and find ways to respond. We are also aligning our organization to solicit more strategic input from our Museum patrons, in addition to your more typical tactical feedback.

Despite tough economic times, 2016 was an expansion year for us:

- We welcomed our new Executive Director.
- Membership continued to increase.
- Our new interactive exhibits were a huge success, captivating patrons for hours.
- We implemented a multi-tier fundraising effort that was widely successful.

- New processes and procedures streamlined our business practices.

When you read the Museum's Annual Report, we hope it will remind you of our recent successes and energize you for the future as you envision the mission of the Museum for 2017, and beyond. For those of you who have tirelessly committed time and energy to the success of this organization, we **thank you**. For the many of you who are new, we welcome you to Museum. We look forward to working with all of you in 2017.

Best regards,

Sandy Craighead and Thomas Welna, Board Co-Chairs  
Brenna L. Barrett, Executive Director

\*A version of this letter was included in the Museum's 2016 Annual Report, which was distributed at the organization's Annual Meeting on September 13, 2017. The full report is available at the Museum or on the Museum's web site.





### The Annual Meeting—A Time of Transition for the Museum

“On September 13, the Museum held its Annual Meeting. Over thirty members attended and enjoyed the opportunity to see the current exhibits, review the impressive-looking 2016 Annual Report, and hear Brenna Barrett’s first State of the Museum review since becoming Executive Director a year ago. A summary of her report is contained elsewhere in this issue of the *Museum News*.

The Annual Meeting was also an opportunity for Brenna and the staff to thank our members and volunteers for their service to the Museum. We all know that the Museum cannot operate without its volunteers. Each person in attendance at the Annual Meeting received a personal thank you card from the staff and a hearty round of applause from those in attendance.

After the meeting, there was plenty of time for food and fellowship as members wandered the Museum and took in the exhibits. It was a festive occasion that encouraged everyone to envision all of the great things that the next year will bring.



## The North Star Museum—Your Reunion Headquarters

The year 2017 has been a year for reunions at the Museum. On July 18, it was the Senior Scout Roundup Reunion. On June 3, it was the Skunk Reunion. Then, on September 30, the Museum hosted a National Jamboree reunion.

Regardless of the Jamboree year, all of the participants had something in common—a great Jamboree experience to reminisce about. Gordy Meeker (1937 Jamboree), Jack Johnson (1960 Jamboree), Jim Lindfors (1977

Jamboree), and Kurt Leichtle (2017 Jamboree), talked about their personal experiences. For example, Gordy told us about how Charles Sommers, who had known his father, paid the way for him and his brother to attend the Jamboree after their father had passed away shortly before the event.

The reunion produced a lively and wide-ranging discussion of all things Jamboree. In addition to common experiences and shared adventures, there was one more thing that all of the attendees



agreed upon—we need to do more of this. Keep your eyes open for the announcement of more reunion opportunities at the Museum in the future.

## Museum Hosts North St. Paul Fall Roundup Parade

On Thursday, September 14, the Museum hosted an end-of-summer event for the community of North St. Paul. Throughout the summer, Friday evenings are reserved for the History Cruzers classic car show, which usually runs from Memorial Day through the middle of September. The last car show of the year is sent off with a celebratory parade the night before—the Fall Roundup Parade. This year former Museum Board Member Paul Anderson was honored as the parade's Grand Marshall.

With an increasing community profile, the Museum was asked to host a reception for parade participants in 2016. Unfortunately, weather forced cancellation of the event. We were asked to host again this year, and we gladly took up the task.

Between 6:45 and 8:00 p.m., 258 people came through our doors, eager for hot dogs, chips, and pop, as well as a comfortable place to sit down and chat. Along with many others, we saw clowns, Girl Scouts, beauty queens and assorted royalty, and Boy Scouts. For many of our guests, it was their first time in the Museum, and they came away impressed.

Expecting a throng of people, we had plenty of help. Volunteers from Pack 9073 of Maplewood, cooked hot dogs, served our guests, helped clean up, and directed people around the Museum. Museum volunteers counted the guests, talked to individuals who spent time in our gallery spaces, and talked up the Museum and its programs.



Thanks to the Fall Roundup Parade, the Museum successfully took advantage of a golden opportunity to introduce a whole new group of people to the Museum.

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## DID YOU KNOW?...



Did you know the Museum has estate planning materials? If you are interested in receiving copies, contact Barb Herrmann: [barbherrmann@comcast.net](mailto:barbherrmann@comcast.net).

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