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**YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THE FOURTH ANNUAL DAVIS & RANDALL FOUNDERS HALL RECOGNITION LUNCHEON!**

The fourth annual Davis & Randall Founders Hall recognition celebration will take place at the Museum on Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Once again, the luncheon celebration will be a “must-attend” event. Do not be left behind as the Museum honors a new group of six Founders, Builders and Trailblazers.

**A Founder** is an individual who has played a substantial role in the advancement of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or the North Star Museum. A Founder is a visionary leader who has played a meaningful role in the creation, innovation or direction of these Scout institutions over a significant number of years. This year, early Boy Scout pioneer and legend Charles L. Sommers will be recognized as a Founder.

**Builders** are the second group of persons or organizations recognized in the Davis & Randall Hall. Builders have made a meaningful impact on one of the Scouting institutions, through their financial support or gifts of influence. A Builder is a transformative leader, persuasive and insightful in their leadership; one who helps make the Founders’ vision a reality. Our 2013 Builders are: former Girl Scout Council president, and North Star Museum Board member Sandra L. “Sandy” Craighead; Trend Enterprises CEO and one of the first female Boy Scout Council Presidents in the nation, Kay Fredericks; and, retired 3M Vice President and former Indianhead Council President Charlton “Chuck” Dietz.

Finally, Founders Hall **Trailblazers** are people or groups who have provided

exceptional direct volunteer leadership to Scouting at the grass roots level. These dedicated leaders combine their own ideas and creativity with those brought forth by Founders and Builders through their mentorship of youth. The 2013 Trailblazers are Girl Scout volunteer Ruth Davis and Boy Scout volunteer Robert “Bob” Plante.

The Founders Hall Class of 2013 is another memorable group of honorees. One or more of these individuals likely led, mentored, or inspired you. The cost is only \$25.00, which covers lunch and event expenses. RSVP for the celebration as soon as possible so you can pay tribute to the Davis & Randall Hall Founders Hall honorees for 2013 in person. To make your reservation, just RSVP to Katy at [kepler@nssm.org](mailto:kepler@nssm.org).

**Get Ready to Pause**

Due to the intense period of activities in October and November at the Museum, the next “Pause That Refreshes” speaker event will take place on December 12. It will be worth the wait. Our special guest will be Naval Commander Gregory Schlichting. His topic is: “Be Prepared: From Camp to Combat.” In his talk, Greg will share how his years in Boy Scouting prepared him for service to our country in Afghanistan. As usual, the cost is \$10, the event includes lunch, and the time is noon to 1:30 p.m. To reserve your seat at December’s “Pause”, just RSVP to Katy at [kepler@nssm.org](mailto:kepler@nssm.org)

## MEMBERS HELP FOCUS THE MUSEUM'S VISION

The 2013 Annual Meeting drew thirty-seven enthusiastic members. While enjoying a healthy breakfast, they had a chance to peruse the Museum's sleek and smartly designed Annual Report. Copies will be mailed to the membership. After Board Chair Ron Phillippo acknowledged many who helped make 2012 a success, Claudia Nicholson discussed the "State of the Museum."

The meeting concluded on a different note. Instead of a speaker, Claudia focused on the members and sought early input into the development of the Museum's next five-year long-range plan. With many great ideas shared, the Board of Directors has a great foundation to work from in 2014. After the meeting, many stayed to look over the Museum or enjoy a hot dog or s'more, courtesy of the adult and youth volunteers setting up for the Open House.



**Board Chair Ron Phillippo leads the 2013 Annual Meeting.**



**Claudia Nicholson did a brief strategic visioning exercise with the membership at the Annual Meeting.**

## MUSEUM SECURES IMPORTANT LEGACY GRANT

In 2012, while spearheading his Eagle Project at the Museum, Scout Dave Nelson opened a box in the collection and discovered a forgotten treasure. What he found was an amazing 1931 manuscript detailing a classic American “coming of age” tale. The document, titled “My 3000 Mile Trip to San Francisco”, by Leon Blehart, chronicles Leon’s 1915 hike

from Minnesota to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in California. The narrative starts with Leon leaving Saint Paul with five other Saint Paul Boy Scouts and an adult leader, a large trek cart in tow, continuing on to San Francisco from Colorado, where Leon and fellow Scout Max Bernstein split with the rest of the group.

Now, in order to research and prepare the manuscript for possible publication, the Museum successfully secured a \$7,130 Legacy Grant to fund the project. Keep your eyes on future issues of the *Museum News* for updates on the progress of our potential publishing project.

## OVERNIGHT AT THE MUSEUM IS HERE!

As we foreshadowed in the August *Museum News*, the Museum has an exciting and BRAND NEW program geared just for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. On three weekend overnights in November, you can have an Overnight at the Museum. Yes, a camping experience right at the Museum!

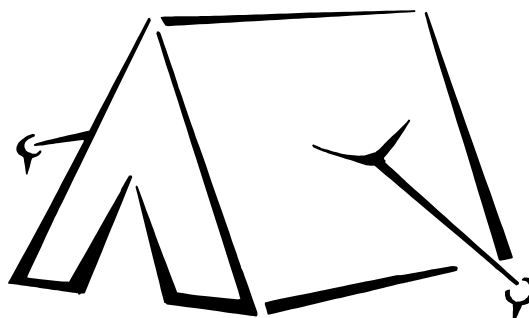
The events run from 7:00 p.m. on Saturday night to 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning on the weekends of November 2/3; 16/17; and, 23/24. The event will include activities, crafts, a bonfire, food, fun, and songs

until midnight. Then our erstwhile campers roll out their sleeping bags and sleep “under the stars” in the gallery. The next morning everyone wakes to a pancake breakfast and final activity before departing with a fun souvenir!

As these three weekends in November are the pilots for our new program, we are offering Overnight at the Museum for \$25 per person. An experience like this is easily a \$50 value. What a great opportunity for a troop to hang out together and have some very unique

fun! But, Overnight at the Museum will be a great experience for Scouts of all ages. The little ones (Daisies, Brownies, Cubs) may enjoy it the most. Leaders and chaperones will enjoy the fun too. Just bring your sleeping bags and we take care of the rest!

This is a first come, first served event. Do not wait until the last minute. To make a reservation, contact Shirley at [sdela-torre@nssm.org](mailto:sdela-torre@nssm.org) and insure your unit’s spot at one of these important pilot weekend adventures!



### New Members Since August 2013

- Heather and Markus Bieber
- Christina Hursh
- Padraic McGuire
- Steve Panning
- William Phillips

Know of anyone interested in joining? Contact Katy Epler at 651-748-0660 or [kepler@nssm.org](mailto:kepler@nssm.org) and she will gladly help you.

## 2013 ELECTION RESULTS—SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

After a month of suspense, the 2013 election results were announced at the Annual Meeting on October 12. We can now welcome new Board members, Dr. Thomas Alt and Bruce Richard. Our newest Board of Directors members officially take office on January 1. Be sure to extend an official “congratulations” when you see them next. Tom and Bruce join returning Board members, Hugh Gwin, Robbi Moore, Kurt Leichtle, and Tom Welna. At the Annual Meeting we also acknowledged retiring Board Member and Past Board Chair Barb Herrmann for her many years of loyal and effective service.

Let’s find out more about the two great new additions to the Museum Board of Directors. Dr. Alt is a retired cosmetic surgeon and former National President of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery.

He has a parallel career as a Boy Scout volunteer. He has been proudly registered in Scouting for sixty-four years. He is an Eagle Scout with three palms, and has received the Explorer Silver Award, the God and Country Award, the Distinguished Eagle Scout award, and the Silver Beaver, and served as Northern Star Council President from 2009-2011. Tom has served in many capacities in Scouting, especially in the former Viking Council, where he was a Cubmaster, District Roundtable Commissioner, District Chair, Council Commissioner, and Vice President for District Operations. He is currently serving on the Northern

Star Council Board. Tom is also a proud Wood Badger, and has trained and served on the permanent staff at Gilwell, as well as serving as Wood Badge Council Coordinator for Viking Council, and as Regional Course Director.

Bruce Richard is a Founder in the Davis & Randall Founders Hall. He is the first Founders Hall honoree to join the Board of Directors after their induction. Bruce is a Minneapolis native, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, a businessman, and former Indianhead Council President. Bruce joined Northern States Power (NSP) as an Electrical Engineer and worked his way up to the position of President and Chief Operating Officer. He retired in 1986. Since then, Bruce has founded several consulting firms and contributed to our community through his work with Scouting, White Bear Lake Chamber of Commerce, and the Roseville Rotary Club. He also served as a Regent of St. John’s University in Collegeville, MN. Bruce is well known as a community philanthropist.

Other matters on this year’s ballot were also approved. For the second year in a row, membership passed housekeeping amendments to the Museum’s By-Laws. This year we also amended the Articles of Incorporation. The amendments eliminate outdated language and inconsistencies between the two documents. In addition, the amendments increase the Museum’s flexibility with regard to possible agreements with other

organizations, such as Boy Scout and Girl Scout councils. These agreements could lead to expansion of our collection or designation of the Museum as the official records depository of one or more councils. Thank you for participating in this year’s election.



**Dr. Tom Alt**



**Bruce Richard**



## CLUB BRUCE IS LAUNCHED!



The much anticipated launch of Club Bruce took place on Saturday, October 12, at the Museum's Annual Meeting and Open House. After the idea was first introduced in the August *Museum News*, the program elements fell nicely into place.

Club Bruce is the Museum's new junior membership program for kids. It features the Museum's mascot, "Bruce the Moose." Kids who purchase a Club Bruce membership for \$35 will receive Bruce's "adventure pack" filled with educational tools for learning and fun. The items include a nylon drawstring back pack, a water bottle, a combination compass/flashlight/whistle, the quarterly kids newsletter, *Moose News*, invitations to special members only activities with Bruce himself, and discounts on Club Bruce birthday parties and overnights at the Museum. An incredible value!

In addition, a portion of the "Club Bruce" proceeds will be shared with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Moose Research Pro-

ject, helping to support the preservation of moose populations in Minnesota. Excited about its collaboration with the Museum, the DNR moose research team had a display and a representative present during the October 12 events to share their latest research and findings. DNR Wildlife Research Manager Lou Cornicelli, Ph.D., put it best: "I'm glad you reached out directly to us. We're eager to promote this important project to a broader audience and this is a very good opportunity. While I was not a Scout myself, the son of a very close friend of mine recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout at age 14 and I was humbled by the opportunity to speak at the ceremony. I appreciate very much what Scouting instills in young men and women and we're happy to get the moose message out through your organization."

Look for other Club Bruce program elements in the months ahead. We are planning a patch, special programs, and a regular Bruce the Moose comic strip that runs in a local publication. We expect that Club Bruce will raise the profile of the Museum among youth, increase membership, and increase Museum visitation. Spread the word!



**The Club Bruce Adventure Pack**

## Calendar of Events

### A busy season for the museum!

**Friday, Oct. 25**

**Special Birthday Edition of "S'mores with Juliette"**  
6:30 – 8:00

*Join us for songs, birthday cake and party games from the Victorian age as we celebrate Juliette Gordon Low's birthday! RSVP at [kepler@nssm.org](mailto:kepler@nssm.org)*

**Saturday, Nov. 9**

**Founders Hall**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*A celebration of key individuals in the scouting communities.*

**Thursday, Nov. 14**

**Give To The Max Day**

All day!

*Visit our Facebook for hourly updates, contests and FUN as we go for "The Golden Ticket" on this annual day of giving in Minnesota!*

**Three Weekends in Nov.**

**Overnight at the Museum!**

*A wonderful NEW adventure for youngsters at the North Star Museum! Troops, Packs and Dens can play at the museum 'after hours' with crafts, activities, & games, sleep overnight in the gallery, and then enjoy a pancake breakfast the next morning. These three weekends in November are the PILOT for this new program. For details contact Shirley at [sdelatorre@nssm.org](mailto:sdelatorre@nssm.org)*

**Sunday, Dec. 8**

**Milk & Cookies with Santa**

2:00 – 4:00

*Jolly old St. Nick takes a break from his holiday duties to relax at the North Star Museum for some refreshment and visits with the little ones! Bring your camera for a great Santa photo op and visit Santa. Then take a peek at all the new things we have at the museum!*

**Thursday, Dec. 12**

**Pause That Refreshes**

Noon – 1:30

*Featuring a very special speaker: Naval Commander Greg Schlichting shares how his years in Boy Scouting prepared him for service to our country in Afghanistan. This is sure to be a riveting Pause and will book up quickly!*

*RSVP to Katy at [kepler@nssm.org](mailto:kepler@nssm.org)*

**A Grateful Harvest**

**So much to be thankful for at the North Star Museum!**

William Blake said, "A thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest," and we are very thankful receivers over here at the 'little museum that could!' This past year we have seen unprecedented growth - in our exhibits, our building, our staff, and our programs. In 2014 we will be magnetic, bringing a whole new level of engagement with you, our valued supporters! Many thanks to you all for being on this adventure with us!

## MUSEUM'S FALL OPEN HOUSE IS A SUCCESS

On Saturday, October 12, 2013, right after the Annual Meeting, the Museum hosted its Fall Open House. The event was open to the public and featured tours of the museum, vendors, food and crafts, a bonfire with s'mores, Pinewood Derby demonstrations, and prizes. A nice crowd of neighbors, friends, casual visitors attended the festivities. According to Executive Director Claudia Nicholson, "the open house gave us a chance to showcase the Museum for folks unfamiliar with the institution and others who just want to know us better." The open house also presented a chance for existing members to show off the Museum to friends and potential members.



Both the kids and the adults showed plenty of interest in the DNR exhibit at the Open House.



There was plenty to do at the Open House, including a Girl Scout display (left) and, of course, FOOD, like the s'mores being prepared by these Scouts (right).



The Pinewood Derby track saw plenty of action at the October 12 Open House. Here, Esbin Perez of Pack 228 is shown helping Chuck Clausen load the starting gate.



Current and historic cars are lined up and ready to race.



## INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS HUB FOR A DAY

On Saturday, October 19, 2013, the Museum hosted the worldwide “Jamboree on the Air” (JOTA) event for the second consecutive year. As a worldwide Scouting event, JOTA includes amateur radio and internet (Jamboree on the Internet – JOTI) that links Scouts from all around the globe.

A nice crowd of youth and adults joined amateur radio Venture Crew 3373 and its radio station KBSA. They were led by Advisor and radio expert Tim Arimond. Through their impressive array of equipment, they scoured the airwaves for Scouts on the air searching back in other countries around

the globe. Many contacts and potential friendships were made.

Continuing with the international theme, the day’s events also included Merit Badge Workshops for Citizenship in the World and Radio. The Museum also sponsored other activities focusing on sound, frequency, and communication. They included communicating in semaphore and Morse code, and the use of crystal radios. There were even races on the Museum’s new Pine-wood Derby track. With JOTA, the Museum has found a real winner. Look for the event to be repeated next October.



Scouts practiced Morse code during JOTA.



Rick Clem led the Radio Merit Badge Workshop

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## ARE YOU READY FOR S'MORES WITH JULIETTE?

The annual "S'mores With Juliette" party to celebrate the birth of Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low is one of the Museum's most popular events. This year's birthday bash will take place on Friday, October 25, 2013, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Come as a troop and help us blow out the candles on Juliette's cake as we all sing "Happy Birthday" to this extraordinary woman who founded the Girl Scouts! In addition to exploring Girl Scout history, there will be a ton of activities that kids enjoyed during the Victorian era. You will sing old-fashioned Girl Scout songs around the

campfire and play popular games of the era, such as jacks, tops, and Graces. Of course, there will be swaps, birthday cake, and s'mores. To join the fun, simply RSVP to Katy at [kepler@nssm.org](mailto:kepler@nssm.org). The celebration is only \$4 per person. RSVP today!



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