



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

Museum News

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Be Sure To Attend the Fifth Annual Davis & Randall Founders Hall Recognition Luncheon!

You will not want to miss the 5th annual Davis & Randall Founders Hall recognition, celebration, and luncheon. Join us on Saturday, November 1, 2014, 11:00 am-2:00 pm, when we honor a new group of six Founders, Builders and Trailblazers for their outstanding contributions to the Scouting community. The cost is \$30 per person for anyone who RSVPs. Otherwise the charge for November 1 walk-ins is \$40 per person.

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 Professor James “Dad” Drew will be recognized as a Founder.

Builders are the second group of persons or organizations recognized in the Davis & Randall Hall. Build-

ers 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, and one who helps make the Founders’ vision a reality. Our 2014 Builders are: Silver Beaver, Distinguished Community Builder, and Special Needs Scouting Pioneer Alexandra “Sandy” Klas; national Boy Scout figure, Brigadier General and Doctor George L. Allen; and Distinguished Eagle Scout, and long-time Scouting volunteer, Orem O. Robbins.

Finally, Founders Hall **Trailblazers** are people or groups who have provided exceptional direct volunteer leadership to Scouting at the grass roots level. These ded-

icated leaders combine their own ideas and creativity with those brought forth by Founders and Builders through their mentorship of youth. The 2014 Trailblazers are Girl Scout Council CEO, Girl Scout volunteer, and North Star Museum Board member, Lorna Palm; and, one of the most influential families in Scouting—the Knuths (Dan, Joann, John, and Kate).

The Founders Hall class of 2014 is a remarkable group of people. Their impact and influence has been felt during the entire history of the Boy Scout and Girl Scout movements. Be sure to attend. To make your reservation, just RSVP to Stephanie at sweiger@nssm.org.



Timing is Everything! Giving is Everything!

What does the North Star Museum mean to you? Are you a lifelong Boy Scout or Girl Scout volunteer who treasures your Scouting memories? Are you a Boy Scout leader who appreciates the opportunity boys have to advance in merit badge workshops? Has your Girl Scout Troop enjoyed Overnight at the Museum? Whatever your story might be, the North Star Museum values your memories, and your experiences. When we say “values kept here,” we mean it in every way possible.

The Museum’s staff and volunteers work hard to preserve the memories of you, your heirs, and all the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who come after you. Stories shared at camp, around the campfire, at meetings, at events, and at workshops are memories seldom recorded. The only place these memories are saved is in your heart. That is why the Museum is here. When you give to the North Star Museum, ***we are supporting you.***



Claudia Nicholson shows off a Give to the MAX Day decal from 2013.

Poised for success like never before, our Museum is on the brink of “the next level.” Our programs have brought over 23,000 people to North St. Paul since the 2006 grand opening. Even this year, visitor rates are up by 65%. This astounding statistic tells us we are more vital to the Boy Scout and Girl Scout community than ever before. The new membership program we launched July 1 has engaged our members in new and exciting ways, telling us you are here to be a part of our story—by assisting us preserve your stories.

Timing is everything. The North Star Museum is at a crucial point. Our resources have been feeding our growth – new programs, new exhibits, and new initiatives are the focus of the Museum’s financial assets. We need your support make the Museum’s year end goal. To help make your year-end gift to the Museum easier and even more meaningful, we have some news. Thanks to the Museum’s dedicated Board of Directors, a matching gift fund of \$16,000 has been pledged! **So, from now until the end of the year, any contribution you make to the North Star Museum will be matched dollar-for-dollar!** Leverage your Museum gift by giving before the end of 2014.

The matching gift fund has even more meaning with Give to the MAX Day coming on Thursday, November 13. Any donations made after November 1 will go towards our Give to the MAX Day totals, putting us in the running for the Golden Ticket bonus of an extra \$10,000. For more details on Give to the MAX day, see the separate article on page 6 in this issue of the *Museum News*.



The Value of Membership

On July 1, the North Star Museum launched a brand new membership program with multiple levels of engagement to choose from. How has the new program been received thus far? Fantastic! Clearly, the time had come for us to ramp up our relationship with members, and you have embraced it with open arms.

At the Open House on October 11, we were delighted and proud to hand out the first pins for members who had renewed their membership with the new program since July 1. Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels of membership all have a pin depicting the North Star Museum Compass. The pins are beautiful to wear and they make a statement of your commitment. These pins are our gift to you for your support.

In addition to the pins, there are more tangible membership benefits. You are also eligible to receive a discount in our gift shop, members-only invitations to special events, discounts on programs, and, of course, the *Museum News*. Speaking of the gift shop, have you seen our new mugs?

When you're a member of the North Star

Museum you are a member of our family. You belong. You share the values of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting we all hold dear. You want to preserve these memories and stories for generations to come. As a member, you are a part of the team that keeps this dream alive!

We would like you to tell people about us. Do you have friends, neighbors, and colleagues who were members of or volunteers with Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting, or both? Tell them about the North Star Museum. Do these friends, neighbors, colleagues have kids of their own in Boy Scouting or Girl Scouting? Tell them about the North Star Museum. Next time you visit us grab a handful of brochures – or call us and we'll send you some. For every new member you bring us, YOU will get a month of YOUR membership FREE!

Who better to tell our story than our members? You are the champions of the North Star Museum and we invite you to shout it to the world. As we like to say at the Museum, "Values Kept Here." And, among those things we value most, is you. Thank you, for being a member of the North Star Museum!



In this photo are pictured the North Star Museum compass pins that are available to members at the bronze, silver, gold, and platinum levels.

New Members Since August 2014

- *The Blixt Family*
- *Shirley De la Torre*
- *Jerome H. Ekblad*
- *Michael J. Fratto*
- *Mark R. and Lori Anne Jones*
- *Beth March*
- *Jeffrey Niblack*
- *Sheldon Sather*
- *Bruce Beck*
- *2 New Young Adult Members*

Know of anyone
interested in joining?

Contact:

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It was a Glorious Annual Meeting and Open House

On Saturday, October 11, 2014 the Museum celebrated a beautiful autumn day with its Annual Meeting for members and 2nd Annual Open House for the community. After kicking off the Annual Meeting with a lovely brunch, we got down to business. The activities and successes of 2013 were reviewed along with the freshly printed Annual Report.

The Annual Meeting also included announcement of the Board of Directors election results. Returning for another term on the Board are Howard Guthmann, John Guthmann, Stephanie Pommier, and Nora Slawik. We also welcomed a new Board member, Emily White. Emily continues her family's long relationship with the Museum. Her father, Ben Webster, was one of the original group of men who started North Star Scouting Memorabilia, Inc. Emily was a Girl Scout for ten years and she has been a Girl Scout leader for the past forty-seven years. She views her involvement in Scouting as a way to give back to society and to help shape the leaders of tomorrow. Be sure to greet Emily when you see her at the Museum.

Continuing a strong tradition, the Annual Meeting featured an excellent guest speaker. The Museum welcomed historical researcher Bobbie Scott. Ms. Scott shared her work on a manuscript she has been researching for the Museum, called "The 3,000 Mile Hike." The manuscript chronicles the incredible journey of two young Boy Scouts on a perilous trek across the country in 1915. Ms. Scott's talk included a slideshow that allowed members to experience old photographs, maps, and documentation of the adventure. Thanks to a Legacy Grant, the Museum hopes Ms. Scott's work will lead to publication of the manuscript.

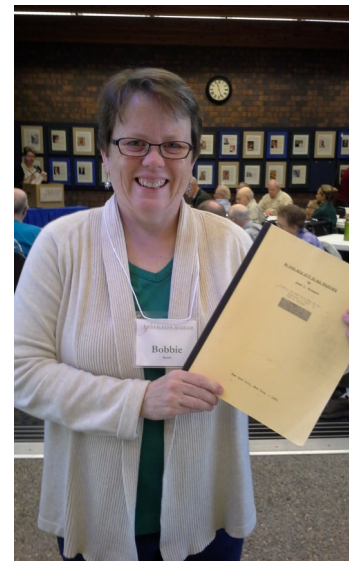
When the Annual Meeting concluded, everyone was swept outside to witness a very special event: the dedication and ribbon cutting for a brand new "Little Free Library" right outside our front doors. According to the Little Free Library website, a Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" gathering place where neighbors share their favorite literature and stories. It is basically a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book and bring

back another book to share. Girl Scouts Hailey Bistodeau and Heather Pommier from North Branch Troop 55712 made the Little Free Library themselves and then donated it to the Museum. For their efforts, the girls earned their Product Design badge and made a wonderful contribution to the Museum and the North St. Paul community. Dignitaries present included North St. Paul Mayor Mike Kuehn and Little Free Library Representatives Susan Bol and Donna Clevenger. After a few brief remarks, Hailey and Heather cut the ribbon to a loud round of applause and then stocked the Little Free Library with books.

Afterwards, members, and guests trailed into the Museum for the Open House, where a variety of exhibitors awaited. Visitors could enjoy community vendors, Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, the DNR Moose Team, hot dogs, cider, scavenger hunts, knot tying demonstrations, and more. It was a perfect way to spend a glorious fall day!



Hailey Bistodeau and Heather Pommier are joined by other dignitaries and family members as they dedicate the Little Free Library during the Annual Meeting.



Bobbie Scott displays the manuscript for "The 3,000 Mile Hike" following her keynote address at the Annual Meeting.

Girl Scout Service Unit Makes a Visit

On Sunday October 12, the Museum welcomed a Girl Scout Service Unit from Eden Prairie. Boy, was it a huge group! We hosted over forty Girl Scouts and their leaders.

During the day, volunteer Nell Nere was in perfect form and led the girls in their activities. Everyone enjoyed a tour and a Girl Scout history timeline review. Then it was time for a scavenger hunt bingo game and an indoor campfire with songs and sisterhood. The afternoon wrapped up with a celebration of Juliette Low's birthday at which time, the girls made birthday cards, ate cupcakes, and watched "The Golden Eaglet" movie. Before departure, we all joined hands for the Girl Scout Friendship Circle and a song. A fun side note: one of the troops in the

service unit was an overnight group from May—Brownie Troop #16440. It was wonderful to see happy returning faces!

Did you know you can schedule a Badge or Journey activity for your Girl Scout group at the Museum? Contact Shirley at sdelatorre@nssm.org for details!



Two brownies had a great time during the scavenger hunt.



What a crowd. The Eden Prairie Service Unit enjoyed a great day at the Museum.

Give to the MAX on November 13!

On Thursday, November 13, the Museum will once again participate in the biggest giving day of the year in the state of Minnesota. "Give to the MAX Day" is an annual phenomenon celebrating "the art of giving."

Give to the MAX Day is a carefully planned day of giving that allows non-profits to take advantage of the strategic marketing provided by GiveMN. Through the GiveMN.org website, non-profits may capitalize on the momentum of generosity created during a well-publicized twenty-four hour period. Starting at midnight on November 13, the North Star Museum will join hundreds of other non-profits in raising as many dollars as possible over

twenty-four hours.

Contests held throughout Give to the MAX Day offer extra funds for non-profits and add some extra fun and excitement. Every hour, the Museum will have an opportunity to win a "Golden Ticket," which is a \$1,000 prize. The more donation transactions we have in a given hour, the higher our chances of winning a Golden Ticket. In addition, at the end of the day, the non-profits that raised the most money will be put into a drawing for a prize of \$10,000.

During Give to the MAX Day, the Museum's Facebook page will be updated with hourly posts and fun videos. Join us for an exciting day

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TO THE MAX
DAY 

of fellowship, fundraising, and fun. Please support the Museum on Give to the MAX Day, November 13, 2014.



Some Cub Scouts enjoy hot dogs and sunshine at the Museum's Open House.

Another Successful Overnight at the Museum

An entire Girl Scout Service Unit came all the way from Shakopee for their “Overnight at the Museum–Camping Adventure” on the weekend of October 4-5. The girls were all working on their aMUSE Journey badge so the night was filled with activities on stereotypes, self-image, and leadership.

Sprinkled amongst the journey requirements were the Museum’s most popular overnight activities, like songs around the fire, s’mores, and watching “The Golden Eaglet.” Sunday morning, the girls enjoyed a breakfast of pancakes and juice followed by more journey activities. Before the girls departed, all gathered hand-in-hand for the Girl Scout Friendship Circle. The leaders were amazed at the wonderful time they all had and the girls were happily skipping about, not wanting to leave. Another successful overnight adventure!



There is nothing like breakfast at Camp North Star.

If you’d like to schedule a customized “Overnight at the Museum–Camping Adventure” for your Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, contact Shirley De la Torre at sdelatorre@nssm.org.

We have our 2015 overnight dates posted on our website at nssm.org. Do not let another group take your date—get on the schedule right away!



The Shakopee Service Unit shows off all of the stuff they made at Camp North Star.

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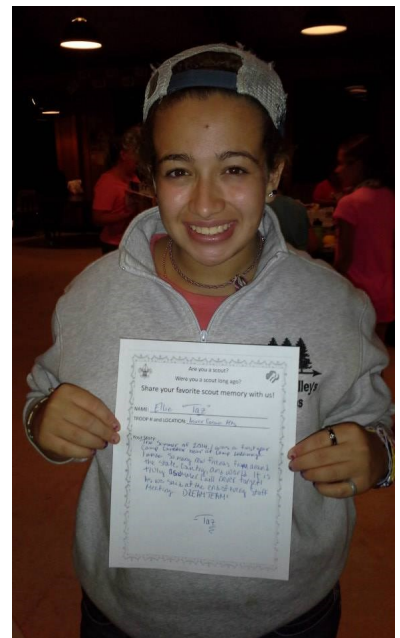
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Scouting Memory of the Month

Our newest feature in the Museum News is the Scouting Memory of the Month. So far, all of our memories have been from years past. Well, how about a recent memory that is sure to last a lifetime?

At the Lakamaga Leader Conference in August, Ellie "Taz" shared the memory of her first year being a counselor at Camp Lakamaga. She said it was a summer she will never forget. Taz will never forget how the staff ended every meeting with a loud "Dream Team!" Now there's a memory with some staying power.

Ellie "Taz" shows off her Scouting Memory form.



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