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The Westonka Historical Society's Andrews Sisters Memorabilia Goes to St. Paul

Exhibit displayed in the Minnesota Historical Society's next exhibit, "The Greatest Generation"

by Tom Rockvam, Member of WHS

The Westonka Historical Society will be furnishing (on loan) Andrews Sisters memorabilia for the Minnesota Historical Society's next exhibit "The Greatest Generation." These items are part of a collection donated to WHS by Frank Bivins, Moultrie, GA.

The exhibit will begin on May 9, 2009 and will run for five years and consist of 8000 square feet.

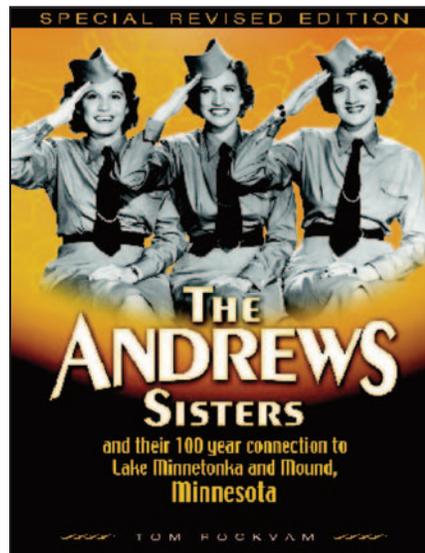
Besides the memorabilia, the Minnesota Historical Society will also have on display the Andrews Sisters 1890's Harvard piano and bench, which will also be on loan from the Westonka Historical Society.

The amount of time that the MHS will use our memorabilia will differ. For 9 - 12 months, the piano will be the focus attraction in the main lobby of the exhibit so everyone will have to pass by it as they enter the viewing room. The main attractions in the lobby change periodically.

The rest of the memorabilia will more than likely be there for the duration of the exhibit. They may move the piano from the lobby to the viewing room when the lobby display changes.

At the request of the MHS, Tom Rockvam has written a revised and very colorful (over 70 pictures) Andrews Sisters book that will be sold during the exhibit titled, "The Andrews Sisters and their 100 year connection to Lake Minnetonka and Mound, Minnesota." The book has the complete story of the Andrews Sisters growing up in Mound, plus Tom's year long endeavor to get the City of Mound to name the walking trail from Commerce Blvd. to the Little League field "The Andrews Sisters Trail."

The book then continues on to tell about the trail dedication, the Andrews Sisters Revival, the



Andrews Sisters Cabaret as well as the full story of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) coming to Mound to film and interview Rockvam at the trail, the Gillespie Center, the Sollie Grocery store (Pete and Ed Sollie were the Andrews Sisters's uncles) and at the Mound beach.

The BBC spent a week in the United States interviewing and filming people and places in CA, MD, NY, and Mound to collect all of the information they needed to make a documentary film of the lives and careers of the Andrews Sisters. The film is finished and will be released in the near future.

To order a copy of the new book, contact the Westonka Historical Society at 472-9800 or Tom Rockvam at Hurl2rock@aol.com or 952-472-0759.

Tom Rockvam, longtime resident of the Westonka area and member of WHS, is also available to speak to your group about the Andrews Sisters or growing up in the Lake Minnetonka area.



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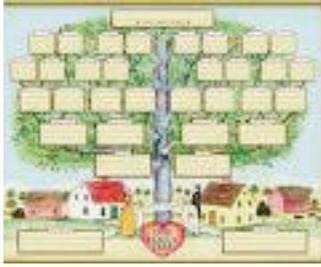
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Check out our displays at:
The Gillespie Center

2590 Commerce Blvd
Mound

The Westonka Public Library

2079 Commerce Blvd
Mound



WHS Genealogy Club Meeting April 18th - 9:30 am - Gillespie Center

The WHS Genealogy Club had a very interesting and informative meeting on January 24th. Kent Cutkomp from the Germanic Genealogy Society of Minnesota was our speaker. He gave an encouraging discussion on how to go about finding information about your “roots” in Germany and countries that used to be considered German. The Germanic Genealogy Society has published a couple of books that will help with the search, and the unique problems that someone encounters when they are searching for their German family information. Kent reviewed the various topics in these books and explained the pitfalls we often find that are unique in researching German ancestors. He also gave several other resources to use when searching for your family history. There were several members of the WHS Genealogy club present, as well as several Gillespie Center members. Many were able to stay long after the meeting and ask individual questions of Kent. He was incredibly gracious and listened to everyone’s concerns and shared his ideas for every unique situation.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18th at 9:30 am at the Gillespie Center.** Stephen Barthel is scheduled to be our speaker. The title of his presentation is: **Help! I’m Stuck!**

Stephen S. Barthel, an accredited genealogist in German research since 1981, has been a reference consultant and worked in library public affairs from 1983-2004 at the world’s largest genealogical library (The Family History Library), located in Salt Lake City. He has researched the genealogies for Peter Jennings, Walter Cronkite, the Queen of Sweden, the President of Germany, Presidents Clinton and Bush, and many other VIPs. He is a presenter at German and Polish genealogical societies throughout the United States. He has also published more than two dozen family history books. He is currently an assistant archivist at the Stearns History Museum in St. Cloud, Minnesota.



Stephen Barthel and Walter Cronkite

Everyone is Welcome!

New Sections for our Newsletter - You are important for this section

We are going to add two more “new” sections to our newsletter, beginning with the next Edition.

#1. - Old Family Recipes

We’d like to publish old family recipes. Not just recipes from an old cookbook. But recipes that were made in your family and the story that goes with the recipe. Was the recipe part of a family tradition? Was the recipe a holiday favorite of one person in the family? Who made the item? Was there something that happened when this recipe was made? Maybe just one time it “didn’t come out” - or maybe there is a story of when it was passed down to the next generation. Remember to include your name, address and phone number, and give us permission to print it. Write or type your recipe with your “story” and submit it to the Westonka Historical Society. These stories will become part of our archives. A few members of the Board of WHS will select one recipe each quarter to publish. We will publish this in our newsletter and on our web page. If your recipe and story are selected to be published, we will send you an American Lotus Note Pad and a Sollie Note Card from our collection as a “prize.”

Send to: Westonka Historical Society, Attention: Old Family Recipe, PO Box 84, Mound, MN 55364

or you can email your recipe and stories to: jeanne@LLbrustad.com - put Old Family Recipe in subject line

#2. - Westonka Trivia

We’d also like to begin having trivia contests in each of our newsletters. We know that you know facts about the history of the Westonka area. Create a trivia questionnaire of 10 or more questions (with answers) and submit them to us. We will select all (or maybe part) of someone’s questionnaire. We’ll print it - and hope that several are able to answer your questions, or have the opportunity to look up the answers someplace. We’ll print these questions in the newsletter and also periodically have contests on our web page. If your questionnaire is selected to be published, we will send you an American Lotus Note Pad and a Sollie Note Card from our collection as a “prize.”

Send to: Westonka Historical Society, Attention: Westonka Trivia, PO Box 84, Mound, MN 55364

or you can email your questions and answers to: jeanne@LLbrustad.com - put Westonka Trivia in subject line

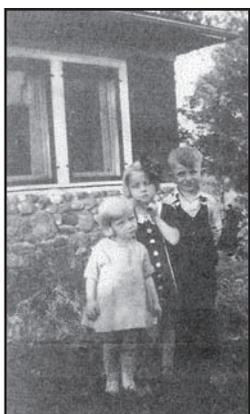
Neighborhood Club Story Continues to Unfold

In a previous WHS newsletter we had this picture of the Neighborhood Club located on Phelps Island, asking if anyone knew information about the club. We know more now!



We received a letter from Dorothy Latterell of Eden Prairie with the following information.

The Neighbor Club House, Devon at Manchester, was owned by Anna E. Kubon, Dorothy's grandmother, from the early 1920s, until it was deeded to Christine J. Kubon sometime in the 1940s.



It was damaged in the May 1965 tornado, and subsequently condemned and burned. The land, lots 1-5, block 18, Wychbood, was later owned by Dorothy's brother, William R. Kubon from the mid 1960s until it was sold for taxes.

Dorothy, Marilyn and William Kubon c. 1937

Marilyn Kubon
South facing side
c. 1950



Dorothy and Marilyn Kubon
C. 1940

This article is a reprint from a March 25, 1949 article in *The Broadcaster*, a school newspaper.

Historians Give Program

The Gopher Historians of Mound Junior High presented a program in honor of the Minnesota Centennial on March 18. The program was directed by Mrs. Marie Johnson.

Four numbers were sung by the Junior High School mixed chorus under the direction of Mrs. Norma Anderson.

The first two numbers, "I'm forever Blowing Bubbles" and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" were sung by the girls' chorus.

Following that there was a style show with John Steward as master of ceremonies. Members of the historical society modeled the old clothes which were loaned by various members of the community. Some of the clothes were more than 50 years old.

The full chorus sang "The Minnesota Song" and "America the Beautiful" following the style show.

Finally there was a movie entitled "Minnesota Documents," which showed how Minnesota came to be, its progress, its natural resources, and its beauty.



Westonka Historical Society in Mound, MN, is considering a future event for **former Tonka Toys employees**. We've hosted reunions in 2002, 2004 and 2006. We're considering hosting another in the Fall of 2009. We have a mailing list of over 300 people. If you **would be interested in learning** about a future event for former employees of Tonka Toys, please send us **your name(s), address(es), phone(s), email address(es)**.

Dorothy's mother, Christine Kubon, said the owners prior to Anna E. Kubon served chicken dinners at the house. Her father, Clifford W. Kubon, said the house was originally involved in some way with real estate sales.

During her time, 1934 to 1955, in what they called the living room, facing east and south, there was a stone fireplace and hand painted scenes of the early island.

If you have the story of your house in the Westonka area, why don't you send us a few of the details. We are collecting those stories for our records.

Thank you Dorothy Latterell for your story.





THE HISTORY DETECTIVE

by Dr. Pam Myers, President of WHS

Letter from Woolnough's Hotel in 1916 reappears in 2008

Many of our local residences have been remodeled over many decades. Some of these buildings were first built in the early 1900s.

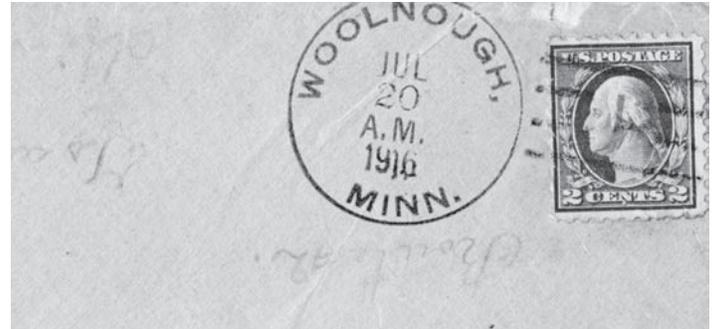
Have you remodeled your home? Have you found documents or treasures left by previous owners? One such remodeled property is at 4339 Wilshire Boulevard.

When the current owners were remodeling, they found a letter written in German, postmarked "Woolnough's Hotel" and dated 1916. The owner brought the letter to the historical society's display at the Depot at Mound Bay Park during last summer's Spirit of the Lakes Festival, wondering whether we could help with translation. We agreed to try.

As you might imagine, handwriting has changed quite a bit since the letter was written. The young local German teacher could not decipher the script. She recommended us to the Germanic American Institute. There were several older members who were willing to try translating, but they were leaving for warmer climes for the winter.

Through another WHS board member, we reached a genealogist who can read the old German script. He not only transcribed the German, and translated the letter, but he did some genealogy research, and found information about the family of the letter writer.

The letter was written by Mrs. Helen Jacoby. Elizabeth Helen was born in Germany and came to America in 1882. According to the 1900 census, she lived with her husband, Philip, and her three children, George, Fred and Anna Susan in Spooner, Wisconsin. The letter was written to Mrs. Chas. Kluck of Isanti, Minnesota.



Envelope with postmark. Note the 2¢ stamp on the card.

Helen writes that she works at the hotel from 7:00 in the morning until 10 o'clock in the evening, each day, including Sundays. "That is too much for my feet. I think I will remain until next week. I cannot endure." Helen says she would write more often, but "I have no time to breathe."

Helen is concerned about her daughter's children who have "the blue cough. They have now somewhat been able to be up. I was so afraid of losing the small boy. He is 7 months old." If her daughter, Susie, had lived alone, Helen would have gone to her, but Susie's mother-in-law lives nearby, caring for her own son's sick child as well as Susie's.

So, as always, letters deal with daily experiences (aching feet) and health concerns (flu epidemic?).

If you should find documents or treasures as you are remodeling your home, remember that these documents are precious. They are windows into the past of our community's history. Let us help you preserve them.



Do you like music from the 40s and 50s?
Well, then save the evening of May 2, 2009.

Westonka Historical Society together with the Gillespie Center are hosting a MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA!

We have a group of professional singers coming to entertain.

We have a menu being planned from that era.

We have more exciting events scheduled to delight you.

We'll keep you informed. YOU SAVE THE DAY!

In Memory

We are saddened by the loss of four members of the Westonka Community that were friends and supporters of the Westonka Historical Society



Dr. Terilyn Carol Turner, 62, of Mound, MN, and Marco Island, FL, died peacefully in her sleep Wednesday, January 28, 2009, after an eight year battle with cancer. Whether Teri was talking with a friend about the latest book she was reading, raising money for a community July 4th fireworks display, sending encouraging e-mails to her doctoral students, working in her garden, or preparing for her next trip to her beloved Florida beach, she always inspired the people around her with her sharp intellect, commitment to excellence and generosity of spirit.

She and her husband of 31 years, John Briggs, relocated to the Twin Cities from Charlotte, NC, in 1983. Avid boaters, they lived and played on Lake Minnetonka and in the Gulf of Mexico. For more than 20 years, she made the 70-mile roundtrip drive from her home in Mound to Saint Paul every day where she held a variety of positions before being named Superintendent of Community Education for Saint Paul Public Schools. She was a staunch advocate for preschool, adult and continuing education programs. After her retirement in 2004, she became an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota and taught, mentored and advised doctoral students in education throughout the nation as a faculty member at Capella University. When she accepted the challenge of working online with principals and teachers who were candidates for doctorate degrees, she became not just a teacher, but also a mentor and a friend to her students. Former Saint Paul Public Schools Superintendent Pat Harvey said the fullness of Dr. Turner's life was an inspiration to her. "Teri had the most beautiful rose garden I've ever seen, and her attention to the meaning behind the art that she and her husband collected made every piece come alive. At work, there always was a smile in her voice no matter how hard the decisions she had to make."

Teri was a long time member of the Westonka Historical Society. Teri was active with the Spirit of the Lakes festival and other local activities.

Leroy W. Schafer of Watertown passed away February 11, 2009 at the age of 81. The Memorial Celebration was held the following Monday at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Mound. Memorials preferred to the Westonka Historical Society.

Douglas Jean Easthouse, age 75, of Mound, died peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on February 3, 2009. Preceded in death by parents, Joe and Ella Easthouse. Survived by his wife of 55 years, Donna Easthouse; daughters, Holly Schluter and husband John, Candy Anderson and husband Al; grandchildren, Sara, Mitch, and Taylor Schluter, Dausyn and Cody Anderson; sister, Sharon Sharp and husband Lee; and also Merritt Geyen who has always been like a daughter.



Doug was born in Minneapolis on November 18, 1933 to Joe and Ella Easthouse from Navarre. He graduated from Mound High School in 1951 and married Donna Jean Randolph also from Mound in 1953. Soon after he joined the Navy he was stationed in Key West, Florida. He was on the boxing team and was a spotter for ships off the coast of Cuba. Doug was a wonderful athlete and sportsman.

During high school he was on the Mound High School Football Team that won the Lake Conference Championship in 1950 and was a Golden Glove Regional Middle Weight Champion. He loved spending time with his buddies hunting, fishing, golfing, and playing cards. Doug's business career consisted of working for E.J. Long Year Mining Co., P. Lorillard Cigarette Co., and Fremont Industries for 25 plus years. He was part owner of Motion and partnered with Pat Codute in Spec I. His greatest accomplishments were Easiway Systems in Delano, which he started with John Schluter in 1980 and worked at until he retired ten years ago due to poor health.

He was a board member at Crow River Bank and was instrumental in preserving the Gillespie Senior Center in Mound. Doug was a role model as he showed great courage and dignity through the last twenty years of heart problems and many types of cancer which took him in the end.

Doug and Donna were very active members of the Westonka Historical Society and were instrumental on the committee to help organize the Phelps Island Gathering, a very successful fundraiser for the Gillespie Center and WHS.



Wilma Evelyn Haarstick was born October 2, 1915, in rural Fergus Falls, Minnesota, the daughter of W.B. and Flora (Backstrom) Haarstick. She graduated from Fergus Falls Teacher Training in 1935. From 1935 - 1949 Evelyn taught in Otter Tail County rural schools and the Village of Dalton. She graduated from St. Cloud State University with a two-year certificate in 1947, a BS degree in 1957, and a Master's degree in 1965. From 1949 - 1977, Evelyn was a teacher in District #277 in Mound, teaching mostly 6th grade, remedial reading and was a reading consultant. She was a Title 1, SLBP teacher and coordinator in both public and Our Lady of the Lake Schools the last ten years she taught. Evelyn moved back to Pelican Rapids in May 2004.

Evelyn enjoyed visiting family and friends. She traveled to parts of the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and the Hawaiian Islands, South America and the Panama Canal. She loved to read, listen to music, hike and cooking. She was active in several organizations: Camp Natch, Delta Kappa Gamma, church, Teacher's retirement group, Archaeological Society, and the Gillespie Center of Mound where she also played in a kitchen band.

Evelyn, age 93, died on Sunday, December 28, 2008 in Pelican Rapids, MN. Evelyn is survived by two brothers: Vernon (Bernice) Haarstick and Floyd Haarstick, Erhard, MN; one sister, Lorraine Ohe, Pelican Rapids, MN; sister-in-law, Arlene Haarstick, Vergas, MN; nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

**Author Kate Roberts
at The Gillespie Center
Saturday, March 7, 2009
9:30 am**



“MN 150 The People, Places, and Things that Shape Our State”

This is a companion book to the exhibit at the Minnesota History Museum that showcases the individuals, events, and inventions that have made Minnesota the great state it is. This is a 224 page paperback book with 120 black and white illustrations.

Kate Roberts, author of the book *MN 150* will be speaking to a combined program offered by Westonka Historical Society and The Gillespie Center. Kate will talk about the methods used to collect the information for the display at the Minnesota History Museum, and answer questions about various topics in the book.



This book will be available for sale from the WHS and she will autograph those books. If you have already purchased one, bring it along and she will autograph those also. This book makes a great gift for any person interested in the history of Minnesota. There will also be other books printed for the WHS that will be for sale.

**This gathering is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
Come with your friends to this interesting discussion!**

Minnetrista is 150 Years Old!

**Trista Day
11:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 16th
Minnetrista City Hall grounds.**

Last year approximately 3200 people attended. **Trista Day 2009** is extra special, honoring the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Minnetrista in 1859. Historic memorabilia donated for display in honor of Minnetrista's Sesquicentennial will be displayed indoors. WHS will have items on display indoors as well in honor of our community's history, with coloring sheets for the children, and possibly book signing by Patrick Mader, a St. Boni native, writer of children's books about Oma and Opa and their Minnetrista farm.

Calling all students in Grades 5 to 8

The Westonka Historical Society is sponsoring a “**HISTORY WRITING CONTEST.**” We are seeking the “stories” of people in the Westonka area. We invite you to interview someone in your family, in your neighborhood or in your parents’ friendship groups that either grew up in Mound or has lived in Mound more than 40 years. When you have completed interviewing them, write up your “story” and tell what you have learned. All of the stories will be saved in the archives of the Westonka Historical Society and become their property. Some members of the Board of the WHS will select ONE story that they think tells the most interesting facts about the history of the person being interviewed and facts about what was happening in Mound while they were growing up and stories from their adult life. This narrative will be published in this newsletter, as well as on the WHS web page and the writer of that story will receive **\$25.00.** There will also be a 2nd prize of \$10.00 and a 3rd prize of \$5.00. You must receive permission from the person you interview that his/her story can be published.

RULES:

1. Full name, address, and phone number of the person being interviewed and the author of the “story” must be listed.
2. A picture or pictures of the person being interviewed are encouraged to be included in the story - both current picture(s) and picture(s) from the person’s past.
3. The story must be typed. (Help is allowed on this part, but the words should be written by the student.)
4. Students do NOT have to be from the Westonka area.
4. The deadline for this “contest” is April 1, 2009.
5. Mail the completed stories to:

Westonka Historical Society
Attn. History Contest
PO Box 84
Mound, MN 55364

A Few of our Items for Sale

New - Colorful Westonka

Coloring Book - \$5.00

Lake Minnetonka Puzzle

550 pieces - Current map - \$20.00

Lake Minnetonka Puzzle

1000 pieces - 1905 map - \$20.00

Island Park Celebration Package

Three directoris (20s, 30s, 40s, 1940 map) - \$20.00
All of the above - with DVD of 2007 celebration - \$25.00

MN 150 by Kate Robert

Celebrating 150 years of MN - \$20.00

A Place to Grow

History of Independence - \$12.00

New - Opa & Oma Together

Children's book by Patrick Mader - \$16.00

New - Oma Finds a Miracle

Children's book by Patrick Mader - \$16.00

Historical Backgrounds of Mound

by Mel Gimmestad - \$6.50

Minnetrista Memories

by Mildred Banks - \$11.00

Island Park T-Shirts

1941 Phelps Island on back - \$5.00

Tonka

Book of history of Tonka Toy Co. - \$30.00

A Collectors Guide to Mighty-Tonka

Identify and rate Tonka Toys - \$39.50

American Lotus Note Pad

Color photo by M. Magnuson - \$2.00

Sollie Note Card

1960 Watercolor by Audrey Holmquist Evans - \$3.00

To order a book, puzzle, note pad or card, please call 952.472.9800 or email: pmyers@ties2.net
Several area businesses also carry our products.



New and Renewing Members Since Last Newsletter

Sharon Corl - Mound

Earl and Gladys Taylor - Maple Plain

David and Gaynal Cross - Mound

Betty Schaughnessy - Spring Park

Jeff Magnuson - Mound

Dan & Yvonne Schivone - St. Paul

Susan Swanson - New Orleans, LA

Thank you for your support. Memberships are one of our main sources of income and they go a long way to help us with our expenses and to continue adding to our "Museum Fund." Membership in the WHS is an excellent gift for someone you know that grew up in the Westonka area, or has worked and lived in the area for a long time. Consider it.



Thank you to:

Betty Schaughnessy

This is a special fund that we have to help fulfill our "dream" of a real museum where we can do research, display our collections, and continue to collect the history of the area. **Please consider a gift to this fund!**



Memorials to our Museum Fund

In Memory of:

- Leroy W. Schafer
Debra & Gerald Laumann
Gladys & Earl Taylor
Shirley & Carl Krause
Doris Spletstoeser
William Stewart
- Doug Easthouse
Pam Myers
Jeanne & Larry Brustad
- Teri Turner
Pam Myers
- Evelyn Haarstick
Jeanne Brustad
Pam Myers

Membership Application

Westonka Historical Society membership is an excellent value for you. People have been handing down the gift of stories of the past to us. We have the opportunity to ensure that these stories will be passed along to the next generation. By supporting our quest to develop a museum in the area, we are helping to highlight this history, which includes Tonka Toys, the Andrews Sisters, and Lake Minnetonka. With this mission we will be developing a place for the entire country to visit, research and appreciate our community's history.

**We are a 501(c)(3) organization
Membership Application**

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email address: _____
Phone Number: _____

Categories of Membership (Annual)*

- Senior/Student.....\$15.
- Individual.....\$20.
- Family.....\$25.
- Contributing....\$50.
- Business.....\$100.
- Patron.....\$125.

**If this is a Gift for someone, please indicate your name and we will send a "gift card" to the recipient from you.*

Gift from: _____

I wish to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to support:

- Museum Fund
- Other Projects _____
- Transferring Photos to database and CD-ROM
- I have material to donate or be scanned by the Historical Society.

Some areas where we need help would include:

- Conducting personal interviews
- Transcribing tapes into written format
- Publicity for meetings
- Researching/writing articles for newspaper
- Working on our next book
- Help with mailings
- Help with membership
- Food coordinator for meetings/special events
- Fundraising
- Book and memorabilia sales, storage, etc.
- Help at meetings
- Video taping or photography
- Running for officer
- Conduct history presentations to students

**Mail check and application to:
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Attention Membership
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Mound, MN 55364**

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*Reminder: The date on your address label is the “expiration” date of your membership in the WHS.
If you believe this date is incorrect, please contact Jeanne Brustad - 952-471-7019*

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Westonka Historical Society
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952-472-9800

Calendar of Events:

March 3, 2009 - WHS Board Meeting -Westonka Estates - 6:30 pm

March 7, 2009 - Kate Roberts, author of MN 150 at the Gillespie Center - 9:30 am - pg 6 for details

April 7, 2009 - WHS Board Meeting -Westonka Estates - 6:30 pm

April 18, 2009 - WHS Genealogy Club - Steve Barthel speaker - 9:30- Gillespie Center - pg 2 for details

May 2, 2009 - Music of the 40s & 50s evening, dinner & show - 5:00- Gillespie Center - pg 4

May 5, 2009 - WHS Board Meeting -Westonka Estates - 6:30 pm

May 16, 2009 - Trista Days - 11:00 - 2:00 - Minnetrista City Hall grounds - pg 6

June 13 or 20 (TBD), 2009 - “Conversation with Mildred” 9:30 - Location to be determined

July 16 - 18, 2009 - Spirit of the Lakes

Purposes and Goals of the Westonka Historical Society

1. Document, preserve, and classify early historical records.
2. Provide children and adults with history of the area accessible to them.
3. Make tapes and recordings to preserve and interpret material unique to our Westonka history.
4. Gather artifacts and reproductions for exhibiting the story of the area.
5. Involve our children with a living program of historical significance to make history “come alive” to them.