



Membership Drive Update

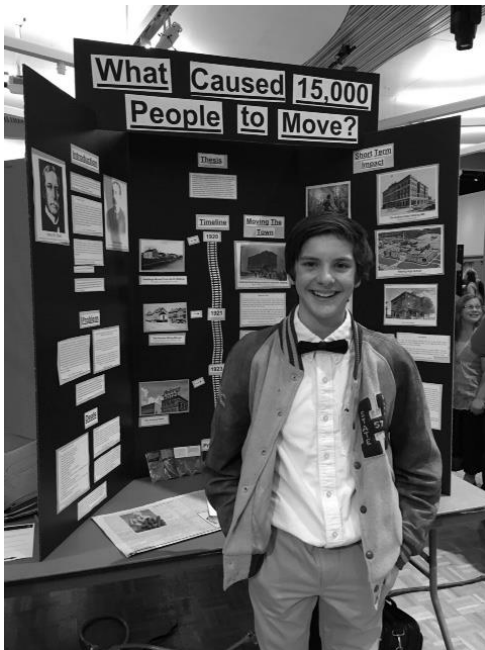
Thanks to those who have renewed their memberships! We currently have 136 members which includes an amazing 36 NEW members! We welcome you and hope you will enjoy the events we have planned for 2016.

We would also like to recognize those who have selected to be “Sponsors” this year:

Jan and Larry Baldwin
Jan Carey
Ken’s A-1 Auto
John and Ingrid Lindberg
Norma McKanna

Tom and Patty Miller
Maureen O’Brien
Security State Bank
Linda Suihkonen
Lawrence Wallin

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please take a moment to do so at this time. Your support allows us to continue our mission of sharing Hibbing’s unique history.



At left: Ethan Ulman stands by his winning project for the South Central Regional Competition of Minnesota History Day. Ethan was inspired to create a project on “The Town That Moved” after visiting the Hibbing Historical Society in early February. Ethan, who is the grandson of Jim and Laura Turk (of Hibbing), and great-grandson of Julie and the late John Znidar (also of Hibbing), won the Junior Individual Exhibit of his region and will move on to the state-wide competition.

Kudos

Kudos to Catherine Hanley and Hibbing Monument Company for donating a copy machine they no longer needed. It is in great condition and has allowed us to once again print “clean” copies for our patrons. Thanks to Helen Thran for donating funds to purchase new ink cartridges for the new machine.

Kudos to Mike Miesbauer (Have tools. Will travel.) for helping to assemble the new office furniture needed to accommodate the new computers in the office.

Kudos to Tony Zubich for helping with various “handy man” chores around the museum as we re-arrange displays, and create a new gift shop corner and media viewing area.

Had a Leapin’ Good Time!

A special “thank you” to Ray Davidson, owner of The Brickyard Sports Bar & Grill, for offering to host our “Leapin’ Good Time” fundraiser on February 29th. Over 100 people attended and enjoyed an evening of good food, fun and reminiscing. Kudos to Curator Erica Larson for the photos of historic Hibbing that were displayed on the TV screens. Dave and Cheryl Gillis were the lucky Split the Pot winners, going home with \$181! We are most grateful to the staff at The Brickyard and humbled by the generosity of all who came out to support us.

Right: The Brickyard building was one of the original structures on Howard Street, built in 1920 by the Oliver Mining Company to draw North Hibbing residents to the southern town site.



This year’s pewter ornament depicts the Hibbing City Hall, chosen as the Society’s fifth annual fundraiser. Each keepsake ornament is approximately 2.5 by 2 inches, and has “Hibbing Historical Society” and the year “2016” engraved on the back. Ornaments will be available for purchase at the Spring Fundraiser on May 7, 2016 (for a cost of \$15.00). After this date, ornaments can be purchased for \$16.00 at the Hibbing Historical Society museum, or mailed (for a shipping and handling fee of \$4.00). A limited amount of the 2013, 2014, and 2015 ornaments featuring the Androy Hotel, the State Theater, and the Memorial Building are also available for purchase, as well as the Hibbing High School ornament.



Teamwork Solves Mystery Photo

In the 2015 Fourth Quarter Newsletter, we ran a photo of what appeared to be a groundbreaking. While no one was able to identify the event, Carol Ongaro offered a few suggestions as to the identity of some of the onlookers.

This sparked Pam Angen and her mother-in-law, Shirley, to team up and provide us with additional information. The photo appears to be of the groundbreaking of the new Mesaba Service and Supply



warehouse on Hwy 169 and 13th Street. Shirley estimates the year to be 1947 or 1948 as there was much new construction going on after World War II.

Shirley disagrees with the previous identification of Ken's Pederson's wife as that would be Shirley's mother. Shirley does agree with the identification of Carol Nara as the younger girl standing in front as the two were one year apart in age. The man with the shovel is Carol's father, Harry, and the lady in-between is Mrs. Nara. The man in the long top coat to the right of Harry is William L. Taylor, who was an engineer for a mining company. The black haired girl behind Carol is Jean, the Taylor's only daughter. She became famous as a pilot in WWII. Shirley believes the well-dressed man, and the lady in the fur-collared coat on the left are Orlando Rosati and his wife.

While many faces looked familiar, Shirley couldn't put names on them. She then used City Directories and her memory and came up with a list of names involved in the Mesaba Service and Supply business, which also had offices in the First National Bank Building. In addition to those already identified, they include: Max Barber, Henry Weber, Walfred Kronman, and Robert Rosenberg. It is to be assumed that they are also in the picture, along with their family members.

Shirley mentioned that the old Polk City Directories aided her in her research. While we have a few at the museum, we could always use more if you have one or more to donate.

Many thanks to Carol, Pam and Shirley for taking the time to research and share this information!

Recruiting Board Members

The Historical Society is hoping to add two new members to its Board of Governors. Meetings are held at the museum on the second Tuesday of each month and generally last about an hour. We are a fun and casual group in need of some fresh ideas for growing the membership, event planning and fund-raising. It is said that many hands make light work. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please call the museum at 263-8522 and leave your name and contact information.

Officer Spotlight

Jack Lynch was born and reared in Hibbing. He graduated from Hibbing High School in 1953 and from Hibbing Junior College in 1955. He holds a degree in Journalism, graduating from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, in 1957.

Jack's dad was a mining cop for Pickands Mather, mostly at the Scranton Mine. His mother worked at First National, Security State and Merchants & Miners banks. She also worked as a secretary for Our Savior's Lutheran Church as well as for Lutheran Social Services in Minnesota and Fargo, North Dakota. Jack recalls hearing "You must be Grace's son." a lot when he was growing up. Then the tables turned when his mother began hearing "You must be Jack's mother." Jack also has a brother, Mike, who is an artist and lives in Minneapolis.

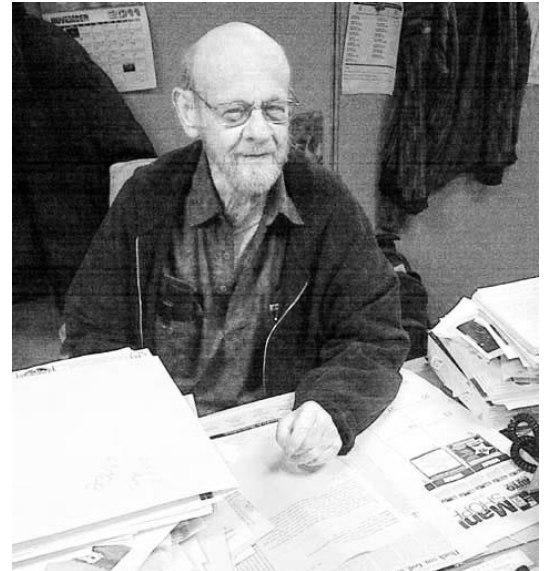


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Jack worked for the Duluth News Tribune for a couple of years before and after his military service, the latter including being stationed in Alaska for fifteen months, seven days, and four hours. But who's counting?

Jack worked full-time for the Hibbing Daily Tribune for 38 years and one month, retiring in 1999. He then did some part time work for both the Hibbing and Chisholm newspapers. He currently writes historical articles for the local newspaper and has done so since 2005. He's been a part of the Tribune for over 50 years.

Jack was using Hibbing Historical files to write his history page and joined the board of the Hibbing Historical Society when it was looking for new members.

Contact Info

The Hibbing Historical Society Museum is open year round,
10:00 am to 2:00 pm (Tuesday - Friday)
or anytime by appointment.

Admission is free!

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Calendar of Events - 2016

May 7: Extra! Extra! Read All About It!
Annual Spring Fundraiser featuring the
history of Hibbing's newspapers. (Please
see insert.)

August 9: Hibbing's Birthday Party

**October 22: Annual meeting and
luncheon Spotighting the history of the
Hibbing Fire Department**

December 9: Christmas Open House