

# Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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"The Voice of the Community"



Steve Trimble

Pictured above: In observance of National Day Without Immigrants, February 16, a large crowd gathered at 10:30 a.m. at the Mexican Consulate (797 East Seventh Street) to begin their march to the Minnesota State Capitol.

## Saying goodbye to Rogers Printing

Karin DuPaul  
Forum Staff

You may notice something missing on the south side of East Seventh Street between Hope and Sinnen Streets – Rogers Printing Services. They have merged with Graphic Resources of Woodbury.

This past year was very tough for the family that owns the printing shop. Owners Lillian and Gary Weisbrod were both diagnosed with terminal illnesses. Lillian passed away on December 11, 2016, and Gary has been in hospice, but wanted to go on one last trip; he and one of his sons went to Hawaii. Their son Andy and his wife Chris have been working at and running the Roger's Printing Services for

years, along with their other jobs.

This long-time neighborhood business will be greatly missed. It has been a real asset to the local business community over the years. If you'd like to continue working with Andy and Chris Weisbrod on your printing needs, they are now at Graphic Resources, located at 2357 Ventura Drive, Suite 100, in Woodbury. They can be reached at 651-772-1577.

*Author's note: When I first went to the copy shop in the late 1970s, it was Kopy Kat Printing Services and the owners were the Rogers family. They purchased the John A. Elling Printing service and changed the name of Kopy Kat to Rogers Print Shop. In 1983, Lil and Gary Weisbrod purchased the printing services from Mrs. Rogers and this printing business continued on East Seventh Street for over 40 years.*

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Photo courtesy of Rogers Printing Services

Rogers Printing Services has been a Dayton's Bluff neighborhood mainstay for many years. The family-owned business located at 790 East Seventh Street has merged with Graphic Resources of Woodbury.

## A night at the CABARET!

Andrew Stohler  
Metropolitan State University

Don't forget to mark **Friday, March 3**, on your calendar for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Art in the Hollow fundraiser, CABARET! A night of live entertainment, fun, drinks, and free food catered by family-owned Yarusso Bros., an authentic Italian restaurant with deep roots on the East Side. This event takes place at the Historic Mounds Theatre, located at 1029 Hudson Road, from **7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

There will be singers, comedians, musicians, dancers, magicians, and other zany acts showcasing local East Side

talent.

CABARET! is produced by the Friends of Swede Hollow, a nonprofit organization working to restore and protect the park, celebrate Swede Hollow history, and host events honoring Swede Hollow. All proceeds from CABARET! go to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Art In The Hollow – a daylong art and music festival, and sculpture contest on **Saturday June 3, 2017**, in beautiful Swede Hollow Park.

Tickets are \$30 at the door and \$25 in advance. There will be a silent auction, VIP bingo, free food, and more! If you or someone you know would like to perform at CABARET! call Romi Slowiak at 763-913-4382 or email romislowiak@gmail.com. Reserve your seat now online at [www.moundstheatre.org](http://www.moundstheatre.org). For more information call Karin DuPaul at 651-776-0550.

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Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour coordinator, Margo Ashmore, with Mounds Park neighborhood resident, David Lyons. Will David's house be on this year's tour? Find out when you go to the home tour on April 29-30. Volunteers are still needed to help with the Dayton's Bluff portion of the tour. Email [KarinDuPaul@comcast.net](mailto:KarinDuPaul@comcast.net) or call 651-776-0550 to volunteer. Don't miss this one!

### Where in Dayton's Bluff?

More chances to win great local prizes!

Tell us where in Dayton's Bluff the photo on page 8 was taken. Send your guess to [editor@daytonsbluff.org](mailto:editor@daytonsbluff.org). The first correct entry will win a great prize from a local business!

## Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike

On the **second Saturday** of most months, the Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike will begin at Indian Mounds Park, located at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, at **10:30 a.m.**

The next hike will be on **Saturday, March 11**. The hike is approximately one and a half to two hours long and will end at Swede Hollow Park or East Side Heritage Park, depending on the desire of the hikers. Share and learn a little history along the way! Email [karindupaul@comcast.net](mailto:karindupaul@comcast.net) or call 651-776-0550 for more information.

## Friends of Swede Hollow

Watch over, restore, and celebrate the history of Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow community at their monthly meetings on **Wednesday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m.** Email [karin@swedehollow.org](mailto:karin@swedehollow.org) or call 651-776-0550 for more information and the meeting's location.

## Dayton's Bluff District Forum Board Meeting

The *Forum* is seeking help with writing, online content, idea generation, and ad sales. Join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, March 2, at 1:00 p.m.**, at Swede Hollow Cafe (725 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street). Call 651-776-0550 or email [editor@daytonsbuff.org](mailto:editor@daytonsbuff.org) for more information.

## Police Community Meetings

The Eastern District Saint Paul Police will host their monthly meetings for community members at the Eastern District Police Office at 722 Payne Avenue, on the corner of Payne and Minnehaha Avenues.

The next meetings are on **Wednesday, March 15, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.** Meetings are intended as a time to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

## Let's stay connected!

Find out what's happening in your community and at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council. DBCC sends out a monthly newsletter to keep residents informed about current programs and issues that impact our community. It's easy to sign up – just text BLUFF to 22828 to sign up and start getting updates delivered directly to your inbox today!



## SNAP Food Program at CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio)

¿Necesita más comida saludable para la familia? El programa SNAP le puede ayudar. SNAP proporciona fondos para alimentos que benefician a familias de escasos recursos.

Aún si no es ciudadano, si tiene hijos nacidos en este país ellos podrían calificar. Participar en el programa SNAP no afectará su estatus migratorio.

¡Llame a CLUES para saber si califica! 612-746-3500. Nuestro personal bilingüe puede facilitar el proceso para usted y su familia.

Need more healthy food for your family? The SNAP program provides funds for low-income families to buy food. Even if you are not a citizen, your children born in this country could qualify. Participation in the SNAP program won't affect their immigration status.

Call CLUES to find out if you qualify at 612-746-3500. Our bilingual staff can facilitate the process for you and your family.

## Twin Cities Mobile Market

The Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that brings affordable, healthy food directly into under-resourced neighborhoods. The Mobile Market stops at Parkway Gardens Apartments, located at 1145 Hudson Road, on **Wednesdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



**Friday, March 3: 5th Annual Cabaret! The East Side's Got Talent.** This is a fundraiser for Art in the Hollow. Dancers, singers, magicians, and celebrity judges, plus a silent auction, VIP bingo, and free food. Produced by Friends of Swede Hollow. Doors open at **6:30 p.m. Show begins at 7:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.

**Saturday, March 4: Independent Wrestling International (IWI).** Doors open at **6:45 p.m.**, bell is at **7:30 p.m.** Come early to get the best seats!

**March 10 - March 25: Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came.** Accompanied by an implacable seer, Childe Roland (so called because he is not yet a knight) enters the mystical, blighted land of the Elf King to save his sister, lost to that realm by ancient and impossible rules.

Written by Steve Schroer of Hardcover Theater and based on the same material as Stephen King's *Dark Tower* series, *Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came* is an exploration of the medieval poem by Robert Browning illustrating one man's struggle with true morality.

Visit [moundstheatre.org](http://moundstheatre.org) for more information on these and other events not listed here, and to purchase tickets as they become available. The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; [historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com](mailto:historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com).

## March at the Dayton's Bluff Library

Join the Dayton's Bluff Library for the following events taking place in March: *English Conversation Circle; Saturdays in March, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.* This is an opportunity for non-English speakers to practice their English speaking skills in casual conversation.

Join the *Dayton's Bluff Book Club* to read and discuss multicultural and local authors' books. This neighborhood club meets the **first Wednesday of the month** to share thoughts about selected books. Books and a light dinner are provided at no charge.

Email [daytonsbuffbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:daytonsbuffbookclub@gmail.com) for more information, or call 651-793-1699.

For information about these and other events check [spl.org](http://spl.org) or call 651-793-1699. The Dayton's Bluff Library shares its home with Metropolitan State University at 645 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

## March at the East Side Freedom Library

**Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m.**, the East Side Freedom Library (ESFL) will host activist and author Steve Early, a longtime participant in the labor movement, to discuss his new book, *Refinery Town: Big Oil, Big Money, and the Remaking of an American City*, which explores and analyzes the success of grassroots progressive politics in Richmond, California. The book, with an introduction by Bernie Sanders, traces the effectiveness of class-based inter-racial political activism in an aging industrial city which had long been dominated by Chevron Oil.

After the discussion, Ward 6 (located at 858 Payne Avenue) invites you to enjoy happy hour pricing on drinks (\$4 draft beers, selected wines, and rail drinks) in the great tradition of labor fellowship and solidarity.

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The March film is part of the *Storytelling through Vinyl & Film* series, a partnership between the ESFL and A Greener Read used bookstore. The evening begins at **5:00 p.m.** with music at A Greener Read, located at 506 Kenney Road, St. Paul, followed by the film screening at **8:00 p.m.**, at the ESFL.

**March 23 - April 8**, ESFL will host Carlyle Brown's *Down in Mississippi*, a gospel play set during the Freedom Summer of 1964.

The East Side Freedom Library is located at 1150 Greenbrier Street. Call 651-230-3294, email [info@eastsidefreedomlibrary.org](mailto:info@eastsidefreedomlibrary.org), or visit [eastsidefreedomlibrary.org](http://eastsidefreedomlibrary.org) for details on these and other upcoming events as they become available.

## Business Classes

The Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. Classes last eight weeks and include operations management, marketing, financial management, one-on-one assistance with creating and preparing a business plan, plus eight hours of one-on-one time with the instructor.

Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support services.

The course is sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center. There is a small registration fee based on a sliding scale. Class size is limited. Call Emma Spillman at 651-379-8432.

## Attention Dayton's Bluff Gardeners!

Join a diverse group of gardeners by reserving a plot today at beautiful Skidmore Park Community Garden! Located at 1085 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, plots come in two sizes: 40 square feet and 64 square feet for a fee of \$20 per year.

Applications and Garden Rules are available at the Skidmore Park Community Garden Facebook page or by visiting <http://bit.ly/bDQRI7>. Submit applications by mail to John Barbie at the address provided on the application. One application per household – applications must be received no later than **April 8, 2017**. Plots will be assigned in the order applications are received. To receive a garden plot assignment, you must attend orientation at Skidmore Park Community Garden on **April 10, at 6:00 p.m.**

Contact John Barbie at 651-260-0005 or [johnbarbie@hotmail.com](mailto:johnbarbie@hotmail.com), or Jennifer Herman at [jennifer.herman7@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.herman7@gmail.com) for more information.

## East Side Elders presents Elder Cafe: Irish Storytelling

**Thursday, March 9, from noon to 2:00 p.m.** at First Lutheran Church, 463 Maria Avenue, St. Paul. East Side Elders presents *Elder Cafe: Irish Storytelling*.

John Dingley's singing, acting, stories, and humor have been a mainstay in the Twin Cities Celtic Community. A native Welshman, John is a member of the Na Fianna Irish Theatre Company. A noted storyteller and singer, he can be seen performing his one-man show, *John Dingley and the Biggest Pack of Lies You Ever heard*.

Call 651-683-2326 to make a reservation or to request a ride. Elder Cafe cannot guarantee a meal without a reservation. Admission is free for seniors age 60 and over; all other guests are invited to make a suggested donation of \$10.00. This event is presented in partnership between East Side Elders and First Lutheran Church of Dayton's Bluff.

## Become a Lifeguard!

Ramsey County Parks & Recreation is hiring lifeguards for the 2017 season. Positions available at Battle Creek Waterworks water park and the county's five guarded swimming beaches. All positions are full-time throughout the aquatics season, beginning Saturday, June 10. Submit a Lifeguard Interest Form online at <https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/departments/economic-growth-and-community-investment/parks-recreation/lifeguard-interest-form>. Recreation staff will then follow up on the next steps. Interest forms are due by **April 15**.

Ramsey County lifeguards must be certified prior to employment. Parks & Recreation is offering a three-day certification course this winter for applicants who do not hold a current certification. Courses run **from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the following sessions: March 17-19, March 31-April 2, and April 21-23**. Class fee is \$100. Completion of the course does not guarantee employment with Ramsey County.

## Mounds Park United Methodist Church

1049 Euclid Street (corner of Earl and Euclid); 651-774-8736

**Mounds Park United Methodist on Facebook**

On March 7, Mounds Park Church, founded in 1857, turns 160! Mounds Park United Methodist Church is a multicultural neighborhood congregation located at 1049 Euclid Street in Dayton's Bluff. **Sunday worship starts at 10:30 a.m.** March is also the start of The Lenten season – why not use this season to explore and connect your spirituality? Bring your questions and openly explore your faith within a community of respect and openness.

**Weekly in March:** *After-School Program for area youth*, sponsored by McVay Youth Partnership of Hamline University. This is an after-school program for all community youth grades 5-12 at Mounds Park Church from **3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** of each week offering cooking classes, games, homework help, field trips, and help learning English. Contact Jane Krentz at (612) 581-6978 for more information.

**Wednesday, March 29:** Beginning at **noon**, *Community Friendship gathering with hot lunch*. Enjoy a hot lunch of ham and corned beef, cooked cabbage, potatoes, onions, and carrots, dark bread, and dessert. Following the meal, local musician and comedian, Shawn Sweeny will provide a wonderful musical experience guaranteed to touch your heart and tickle your funny bone. This is a community gathering – ALL are invited to come; the focus is on persons age 55 and over. A donation of \$8.00 is suggested.

**Mounds Park Church is launching a new faith-based community non-profit called Dayton's Bluff Community Services.** This new non-profit corporation will engage in activities to further the service of Mounds Park United Methodist Church within the Dayton's Bluff community and other communities of East Saint Paul. It will also collaborate and coordinate with area organizations that have the similar purpose of serving the community. Some of the services include Urban Cross, programs supporting area children and youth, community gatherings, support of area public schools, cross-cultural events, food and housing support, and service to seniors.

## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

*Steve Gustafson  
Minnesota FoodShare*

The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign is gearing up to help replenish food shelves across the state during the month of March. Some 300 local food shelves across Minnesota depend on this effort to help meet hunger needs in their communities.

Historically, March has been identified by food shelf and other hunger relief workers as a critical time of year. Donations are typically way down following the holidays and hunger remains persistent. Ironically, while the economy overall has been improving, the number of hungry neighbors among us remains stubbornly high. Minnesota FoodShare reports that the number of elderly in Minnesota who are seeking hunger relief has nearly doubled since 2009. Curt Peterson, Interim President and CEO of Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC), says "hunger and access to sufficient amounts of healthy food continue to be concerns in many communities. Food shelves across the state had more than 3 million visits in 2016, making it six years running that we've hit that troubling benchmark."

The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign encourages individuals, businesses, faith communities, civic organizations,

schools, and other groups to support their local food shelf during the month of March. People can connect with their local food shelf or they may register with Minnesota FoodShare to become an official March Campaign partner in collecting food and donations on behalf of their local food shelf. Information and registration is available on the Minnesota FoodShare website at [www.mnfoodshare.org](http://www.mnfoodshare.org).

"Even if you aren't able to organize to support your local food shelf, you can make a difference by making a donation directly to Minnesota FoodShare" says Peterson. "Funds raised during the March Campaign will be distributed to participating food shelves. Cash is most valuable to food shelves because they can purchase exactly what their community needs and they can get about \$4 worth of groceries for every \$1 they spend."

The 2017 March Campaign kicks off during the week of February 27 and runs through March 31, 2017. To learn more about the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, sign up to participate, or make a donation, visit [www.mnfoodshare.org](http://www.mnfoodshare.org).

Minnesota FoodShare has been fighting hunger in Minnesota through local community action since 1982. A program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC), Minnesota FoodShare mobilizes communities to raise food and funds for 300 partnering food shelves and works year-round to advocate on behalf of the hungry.

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## Tempests in Teapots at the East Side Freedom Library

*Peter Rachleff  
East Side Freedom Library*

In these challenging times, art adds significantly to the inspiration we all need: from handmade signs, hats, and puppets at rallies to the creative videos and songs that emerge daily, artists fuel our conversations and add texture to our analyses and actions.

The East Side Freedom Library (ESFL) has been planning an arts learning event for organizations and the general public since early Fall of 2016. This interactive project is called *Tempests in Teapots: Tea and Talk in the Library*. Public events are scheduled for **March 3, 11, and 18**.

**March 4 through March 17**, this project will be available and free for use as a staff issues retreat, for mission development, relationship building, or as an organizational tool.

*Tempests in Teapots* puts resources at your disposal for new listening and learning opportunities including the functional and beautiful pottery of local activist, Freedom Rider, and potter,

Claire O'Connor, and the makings of tea to sip as you listen and talk; the Popular Education Collection of Larry Olds, beloved educator in the popular education tradition, who passed away in Fall 2016 and gave his personal archive to ESFL; the rocking chairs of ESFL, a gesture to the Highlander Research & Education Center in Tennessee – chairs to support you as you stir up "tempests in teapots," using pop-ed question sequences we provide or any organizational-development questions you might bring along.

This is a new way – a *cultural work way* – to deepen conversations about democracy, endurance, respite, and more. You and your comrades can come for two hours in a kind of "retreat" – drink tea, talk tempests – and bring back to your work and your daily life new ideas, modes of speaking, and plans for action – *and it's free. Just book your time and arrive. It's all here.*

Intrigued? Call Peter Rachleff at 651-230-3294 or email ESFL at [info@eastsidefreedomlibrary.org](mailto:info@eastsidefreedomlibrary.org) for more information and to book your time. Peter can help you to craft your *Tempests in Teapots* experience. You're welcome here!

Visit [eastsidefreedomlibrary.org](http://eastsidefreedomlibrary.org) for more information on this and other events at the ESFL.

## Mississippi Market — New Store on the Block

*Mark Gallagher  
Associate Editor*

Thirteen different Twin City food cooperatives, bakeries, and restaurants started within a two-year span in the 1970s, and all were customer-owned. The first co-op to wear the Mississippi Market name started in 1979, at St. Clair and Pascal. There are now three Mississippi Market co-operatives in St. Paul. The newest store is on the East Side of St. Paul, which opened in September of 2015.

"We are very locally focused on serving St. Paul residents, neighbors, visitors, and people who work here," said Matt Frank, Communication Specialist who works in the Mississippi Market at Selby and Dale, "but we do work cooperatively with the other food co-ops in the Twin Cities." The third store is on West Seventh Street, which is close to 494 and the MSP International Airport.

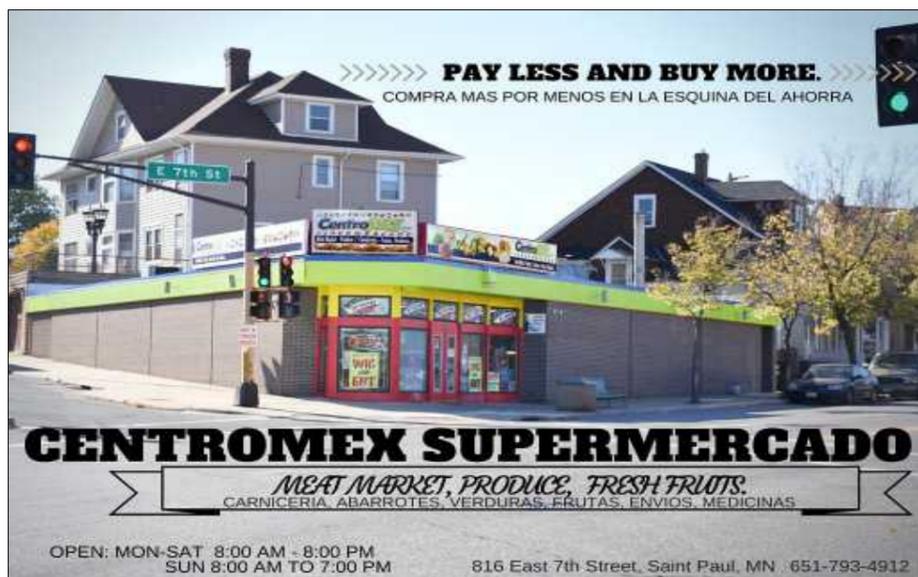
"The cooperative movement really took off in the U.S. in the late 1960s and early 1970s," said Katie Marty, Education Events Specialist, who also works in the Mississippi Market at Selby and Dale, "but it was going on decades before that. Part of what was going on at

the time was what really spurred on this natural foods cooperative movement. We have had different waves of when the cooperative business has really popped up — like in the early 1900s, when folks started to move to the cities."

"The East Side store is part of the Mississippi Market brand," said Frank. "The main administrative offices are at Selby and Dale, but we oversee all three stores from here. We are all in the same business, so we all have the same mission, which is 'Creating positive change in our immediate community by influencing the production, distribution, and enjoyment of food.' That is our overall goal."

"If you are a member, you can shop at any of the three Mississippi Markets," said Marty. "We're all the same cooperative. It's just depends what is most convenient to you — the customer/member. You can become a member by paying \$90.00 for a lifetime membership. We also have payment plans, and if you are on any government assistance program, it's only \$12.00 to become a lifetime member. With that program, which is called our LIME (Limited Income Membership Entry) program, you get 10 percent off every time you shop. It's a way to make that healthy food accessible and affordable for everyone."

*See "Market," continued on page 5.*



Karin DuPaul

The newest Mississippi Market location at 740 East Seventh Street in Dayton's Bluff.

## Swede Hollow now on view at the American Swedish Institute

Karin DuPaul  
Forum Staff

In January, the American Swedish Institute (ASI) hosted a panel discussion titled *2017: Migration: Identity and Belonging*. Speakers told their stories about coming to America and making it their home and the people who work to solve refugee issues.

Panelists were Kao Kalia Yang, a writer, public speaker, and teacher who is the author of *The Latecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir*; author, Ola Larsmo, who wrote the book *Swede Hollow*; Fred de Sam Lazaro, a correspondent for *PBS NewsHour* and executive director of the Under-Told Stories Project at University of Saint Thomas; Larry Yungk, the Senior Resettlement Officer for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in

Washington DC; and Tea Rozman-Clark, who worked in refugee camps in the war-torn former Yugoslavia 20 years ago and co-founded Green Card Voices.

On Saturday morning, January 21, 2017, the ASI hosted a two-hour discussion about *Swede Hollow* with Ola Larsmo. The discussion was about his book, *Swede Hollow*, and many aspects of life in Swede Hollow, the village that was home to immigrants from Sweden and later Italian, then Mexican Americans, and today is Swede Hollow Park. Many Swedish speaking people in the United States are purchasing the book and reading it. It is quite popular in Sweden, as well. There is a lot of interest in having the book translated into English for people who do not read or speak Swedish.

Larsmo's book is the inspiration behind ASI's new exhibit, *Swede Hollow*, on view at the ASI (located at 2600 Park Avenue, Minneapolis) until **March 5, 2017**. Visit [www.asimn.org](http://www.asimn.org) for details or call 612-871-4907.

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Karin DuPaul

Pictured from left to right are Ann Millikan, who recently produced a popular opera on life in *Swede Hollow* titled *Swede Hollow*, which was featured at the East Side Freedom Library; Marilyn McGriff, Friends of Swede Hollow member and author of the new novel *Caught in the Lye*, about a murder in a Swedish community; Rita Larsmo Brandstatter, a teacher as well as Ola's wife and partner in his work; and prominent Swedish writer Ola Larsmo, who wrote the documentary fiction book *Swede Hollow*.

## Dayton's Bluff Library hosts open house for Library Go

Emily Ganzel  
Saint Paul Public Library

On **Wednesday, March 22, 2017**, the Dayton's Bluff branch of the Saint Paul Public Library will be hosting an open house to highlight the benefits of Library Go, a virtual library card that offers all students attending Saint Paul Public Schools free, secure access to the library's materials and resources. The open house runs from **5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at the Dayton's Bluff library, located at 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul.

Library staff will be on hand to explain how Library Go works and to answer any questions students, parents, or

teachers might have about how to check out materials or use the on-line resources.

In particular, students will be encouraged to explore the free music downloads and ebooks they can check out without accruing fines, as well as the databases and other resources available for research and other school projects.

**About the Dayton's Bluff Library** - The Dayton's Bluff library is one of 12 neighborhood branches of the Saint Paul Public Library, which also includes the George Latimer Central Library and the Bookmobile. The Saint Paul Public Library connects people in Saint Paul with the imperative and the joy of learning through a lifetime. Saint Paul residents can enjoy free access to technology, books, movies, music, classes, and more. Visit us in the neighborhood or online at [sppl.org](http://sppl.org).

Emily Ganzel can be reached at [emily.ganzel@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:emily.ganzel@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

## Senator Hawj joins the 'Day without Immigrants' protest

Amelia Cerling Hennes  
Acting Communications Director,  
Minnesota Senate

Senator Fong Hawj (DFL- St. Paul) stood alongside his immigrant friends, family, and constituents on Thursday in solidarity with the 'Day without Immigrants' boycott. Many businesses and restaurants throughout St. Paul and Minneapolis joined in on the boycott by closing their doors in support of employees and a protest against President

Trump's immigration ban and his proposal to build a wall. Sen. Hawj released the following statement about Thursday's protest.

"I am proud to be an immigrant, and I tell all of my constituents to be proud of their backgrounds and experiences. Diversity is the strength of our nation and continues to make East St. Paul a wonderful place to call home. Today's boycott happening all across our country and state is sending a powerful message. Immigrant aggregate income, or buying power in Minnesota is \$7.2 billion. Immigrants built this country, and they continue to shape and add value everywhere they live, work, and create businesses. There is no place in Minnesota for President Trump's hateful rhetoric."

## New partnership aims to ease barriers and increase teacher diversity

Poh Lin Khoo  
Metropolitan State University

An ongoing effort by Metropolitan State University and other groups to increase teacher diversity in Minnesota saw fruition with the signing of an agreement that will ease barriers of entry for prospective teachers of color and place them at work in ISD 279, Osseo Area Schools.

Currently, nearly 30 percent of students in Minnesota schools are students of color and American Indian students, yet 4 percent of their teachers are of color or American Indian. The gap is even wider in many Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota schools with a majority of students of color and American Indian students.

This partnership enables UED pre-service teachers access to priority placement

at Osseo Area Schools for student teaching and priority consideration for hire in Osseo's paraprofessional and teaching positions. Once hired as paraprofessionals, eligible UED students can access Osseo's career ladder for prospective teachers. The career ladder includes benefits such as paid leave of absence during a student teaching assignment in Osseo Area Schools, first consideration for hire in licensed teaching positions, and up to two additional years of seniority upon achieving continuing contract status.

"This is a substantive departure from the traditional student teaching model that puts teacher candidates through 13 to 15 weeks of unpaid labor and deters many pre-service teachers of color and American Indian pre-service teachers from becoming licensed teachers. Teacher candidates of color and American Indian teacher candidates often do not have the ability to forgo paid work in order to complete student teaching," says René Antrop-González, dean of the School of Urban Education at Metropolitan State University.

## MOUNDS PARK BARBER STYLISTS



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**Designing Your Life author  
Dave Evans to speak at  
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After years as a successful tech executive at Apple and Electronic Arts, Dave Evans came to realize that his real mission in life was to help others find theirs. He now teaches Life Design at Stanford University and is the co-author of *Designing Your Life*. Evans' lectures are transformative for both college students and executives, inspiring them to view life not as a problem that needs to be solved, but as a creative adventure.

A leading expert on life design, Evans will address the Metropolitan State University community at **9:00 a.m., on Friday, March 10**, in the Founders Hall Auditorium, Saint Paul Campus, 700 East 7th Street, Saint Paul. Evans will speak about ideas he and co-author Bill Burnett cover in their book *Designing Your Life: How to Build a Well-Lived, and Joyful Life*. The event is sponsored by the Career Center at Metropolitan State. The talk will be followed by a book signing

from **10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** The event is open to the public, although seating is limited.

The book, *Designing Your Life*, discusses "design thinking," an approach to problem solving through creative and collaborative doing, and building toward solutions for problems that aren't well-defined. Evans has found that this practice applies very effectively to the problems of life design and helping one find their way from the present reality into a desired future – an unknown future full of variables we don't control or understand.

Evans' inspiration comes from his own self-described incredibly frustrating experience trying to figure his life out in college and getting very little useful help. He met Bill Burnett in 2007 and they immediately recognized the usefulness of teaching life way-finding using design-thinking. As a public speaker, Evans helps his audience to effectively better reframe what it is they are after and better build their way forward to it.

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"I think the Mississippi Market on the East Side of St. Paul has been accepted into the community really well," said Frank. "The original store that opened in 1979 was a community effort. Initially it was local residents who started the store. The same thing was true of the Mississippi Market on the East Side. There was a group of East Side residents who came together collectively and decided that they wanted to open up a food cooperative on the East Side of St. Paul. I think technically that area of the city is considered a 'food desert' under the USDA, so there wasn't a major grocery store in that area within so many miles."

Being a food desert also meant there wasn't easy access to healthy foods, so residents of the East Side pooled their resources and started discussions with each other about how to start a food cooperative. In 2010, they started a group called the Gateway Food Initiative. Then within the next two years, they got in touch with Mississippi Market, and since they opened in 2015, the store has gotten busier month after month.

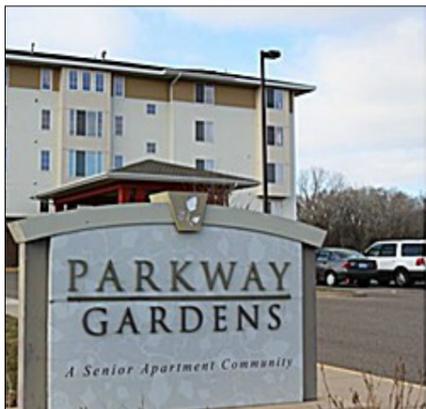
"There were discussions about partnering with us," said Marty, "and they started to dive into the details of up front costs, financing, and the re-

sources that were required to start a food co-op. We already have two stores, so we were large enough when they were looking at a financial solution and a neighborhood solution — Mississippi Market was a natural fit."

One of the core principles of the co-op movement is education, so it is very important to pass on their knowledge via classes at two of the Mississippi Markets. "We have classes at our West Seventh Street and our East Seventh Street stores," said Marty. "They are beautiful classrooms with projectors and full kitchens for cooking. We have between 10 and 15 classes a month, plus some smaller events like yoga classes, and we just had a film screening this week."

Prices are the same at all three Mississippi Markets, but there are products that seem to have a place in their own unique neighborhoods, and there are a few things that sell better at a certain store. "It is a little less expensive if we can buy for all three stores at once," said Frank, "but each store does have a little autonomy, and we usually work with the same vendors."

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**About the Event:** The 5th Annual CABARET! Will be held on Friday, March 3rd in the Historic Mounds Theatre located at 1029 Hudson Road from 7:30 pm to 11 pm. There will be a wonderful mix of dancing, singing, music, comedy and poetry. It is a celebration of talent with East Side roots.

**Tickets:** Tickets for the CABARET! are only \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. To buy your tickets on line go to [www.moundstheatre.org](http://www.moundstheatre.org) or contact Karin DuPaul at 651-776-0550 or [karindupaul@comcast.net](mailto:karindupaul@comcast.net) Don't miss this! This celebration of talent – with East Side roots we welcome acts of all kinds!



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## History Walk: The Women of Dayton's Bluff

Steve Trimble  
Forum Historian

In honor of Women's History Month, the Forum is pleased to present a walking tour highlighting the women of Dayton's Bluff.

This tour is only a small sampling of the rich history of the women of Dayton's Bluff. It is limited to the area's Historic District, so it should only take two or three hours to walk and less if you bike or drive. It begins at the Swede Hollow Cafe but since it is a loop, you can start anywhere you'd like.

If you would like to lead a tour for others in the future, please feel free to do so.

**725 East Seventh Street: Swede Hollow Café.** The Swede Hollow Cafe was founded in 1996 by two Dayton's Bluff women – Sandi Younkin and Carol Carey. Its creation was part of the community effort to buy and restore the Victorian Stutzmann Block that had become a neighborhood eyesore. The unique restaurant, now under new ownership, has become a popular community gathering place.

*To continue the tour, head left on Seventh Street. When you reach Greenbrier, take a left.*

**753 East Seventh Street: The Old Protestant Home.** The history of the large institution on your right as you walk up Greenbrier goes back to 1869 when a group of 12 women of the Presbyterian Church began to help house St. Paul's destitute women and children. They started the "Home For the Friendless" in nearby Railroad Island and in 1917 moved into the old Mayall homestead on the corner of East Seventh and Maple Streets. As the years passed, they found that they were caring for more elderly folks and built a new structure, later making additions.

Thankfully, in 1935, the name of the 39 single rooms was changed to the Protestant Home and the term "inmate" was changed to "resident." Initially people could buy a life membership to the home for \$1,000. It has undergone several recent changes, was one of the Cerenity Homes for Senior Citizens, and recently became Dellwood Gardens Assisted Living.

*Continue to Margaret Street. To your left is the site of the Hamm's Mansion. On the right is the home of neighborhood philanthropist, Karin DuPaul.*

**Greenbrier and Margaret Streets: The Hamm Mansion.** Louise Hamm was a classic behind-the-scenes leader at the famous Hamm's Brewery, which made its century-long appearance in 1865.



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The Theodore Hamm residence, located at 671 Greenbrier Street, circa 1888.

Although initially inexperienced in the field, she became an excellent business woman, managing the storeroom and keeping the books for the two plants. Some of her efforts were linked with food. Louise planned and prepared the noon meals for the workers. She also operated a boarding house for single male employees. With all that cooking, she finally came up with the idea of starting the Hamm's Beer Garden, which became a longtime attraction. Her story can be found in a recent book entitled *Louise's Legacy: Hamm Family Stories* by Moira Harris.

**668 Greenbrier Street: Home of Karin DuPaul.** Karin DuPaul was born in South Dakota and moved with her family to St. Paul, graduating from Wilson High School. In 1977, she and her husband Rich bought the old William Hamm house on Greenbrier and she has since become an expert on the history of the Hamm family and their brewery.

DuPaul was a long-time community organizer for

the Dayton's Bluff Community Council. She was instrumental in saving the land for the Upper Swede Hollow Park, and in working with other groups to develop the larger Swede Hollow Park. She also founded the Upper Swede Hollow Neighborhood Association. Among other things, Karin was a founder of the East Side Elders, and is a long-time board member of the Dayton's Bluff District Forum newspaper. She is still active, sponsoring the annual Swede Hollow Art Fair and the annual Cabaret at the Historic Mounds Theatre.

*To continue the tour, head right on Margaret Street until you reach Hope Street.*

**732 Margaret Street: The Hilda Defiel House.** This house was built for the Defiel family in 1890. Henry Defiel was the eldest son of a German immigrant who had made his fortune dealing in ice. The business was called the People's Ice Company.

His wife Hilda was very active in the women's culture of Dayton's Bluff and she was a major participant in what was then called the club movement. For instance, the December, 1928 issue of the *East Side Journal* said that Mrs. Defiel gave a talk to the women of the Dayton's Bluff Study Club. The lecture was "The Origins of Christmas Legends and Customs of Different People."

*To continue the tour, take a right on Hope Street and cross over to East Seventh Street.*

**796 East Seventh Street: See Vang Thao Office.** See Vang Thao has her law office in the Chadang Building. Both she and her husband, Xoua Thao, are pioneer Hmong professionals in the growing Hmong community in St. Paul. See was born in Laos and came to St. Paul via Rhode Island, where she did most of her growing up. She graduated from Brown University and went on to attend Suffolk Law School in Boston. She came to Minnesota and became one of the first Hmong women to pass the state's bar exam, being admitted into practice in 1995.

See credits her father with the inspiration that led her to become an attorney. He always stressed that getting the education he was denied was the way to get ahead in America. As a result, all of his six children got a good education and four of them became attorneys. See saw this profession as a way to help the people of the community to build better lives for themselves.

*Continue along East Seventh Street.*

**797 East Seventh Street: The Cervantes Room in the CLUES Building.** Across the street where you stand is the Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) building. When the Cervantes family came to Minnesota in the 1940s as Mexican immigrant farm workers, they settled on St. Paul's West Side. When the river flats were developed away in the 1960s, they settled on the East Side on Maria Avenue.

Maria de Carmen Cervantes was a very religious Catholic who emphasized education as the key to advancement. She never graduated from high school, but her dream was to see that her children did. In fact, all seven of them received degrees from Macalester College.

In January, 2000, CLUES dedicated the Cervantes Room in her name. They wished to honor the philosophy of a widowed mother of seven children who proved that you can succeed in spite of difficult situations and to acknowledge her struggle and strength of belief. If you go inside, you can see an oil painting of Maria on the second story.

*To continue the tour, head right on Sinnen Street until you reach East Sixth Street.*

**399 Sinnen Street: The Lieb House Site.** For 92 years, Flossie Lieb lived across the street from Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the house her parents homesteaded in 1904. The third of seven children, she was born and died at 399 Sinnen Street. She never married and never moved. Flossie made no secret out of the fact that she never graduated from the 8th grade. Instead she went to work at the nearby Klinkerfues Manufacturing making overalls and other work clothing. She made forty cents a week and gave thirty to her mother leaving her ten cents for spending money. She retired after 30 years of service at the age of 44.

According to her great niece, she loved card shopping, watching Wheel of Fortune, prune rolls, getting mail, listening to WCCO radio, visits from her nieces and nephews, onion rings, getting her hair done, perfume, and decorating for any holiday. She always wore a dress and nylons even on the hottest Minnesota day. Flossie never missed anyone's birthday and had to call to make sure the mail really did arrive on time.

*To continue the tour, continue to East Sixth Street and take a look at the church to your left.*

**840 East Sixth Street: Sacred Heart Catholic Church.** A great many women contributed to the progress of the local German-American Catholic Church. Among them was Sister M. Theonilla, a member of the order School Sisters of Notre Dame. She came to Dayton's Bluff on November 21, 1882, and started teaching at the new school the next day. At the time, there were 86 students. She remained at the school for 45 years until she left for the mother house in August, 1928.



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Sister Giovanni, founder of the Guadalupe Area Project, pictured in 1972.

Another notable nun who was at Sacred Heart for a time was Sister Giovanni, who joined the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1935. After teaching for a time at Sacred Heart, she left the East Side and went to the West Side to serve at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church school. "Sister G." as she was called was most well known for starting the Guadalupe Area Project (GAP) to work with Latino youth, which is still running.

*To continue the tour, take a right on East Sixth Street and go down the hill.*

**778 East Sixth Street: The Siebold House.** The successful Siebold sisters lived at 778 East Sixth Street with their family starting in the 1880s. Jennie became a registered nurse and during World War I, enlisted in the Navy Nurse Corps. She was later employed at the Miller Hospital Clinic and eventually taught at the University of Minnesota where, for a time, she was head of the nursing team. A Jennie Siebold scholarship is still awarded at the University.

Meta Siebold became a teacher and spent most of her career at Phalen Elementary School. She became well known for writing two music books for youngsters – *Happy Songs for Happy Children*, and *More Happy Songs for Happy Children*, which were published by a respected New York company.

**761-783 East Sixth Street: "Keller Row."** In 1889, Annice E. Keller had the eight homes, now known as Keller row, built on the East Sixth Street side of their property. There has been some speculation that they were meant to be dwellings for her eight children, but more likely a widow's investment during a housing boom of large middle class homes being built in the area. The architect chosen to design the homes was Edwin S. Radcliffe. The land was part of the large early homestead that had been owned by Keller and her husband, John. Her obituary said "SHE WAS A PIONEER... The ranks of St. Paul's old settlers suffered another loss yesterday by the death of Mrs. Annice E. Keller, which occurred at 6 a.m. at her residence on Eichenwald Street, after a protracted illness of several months. Mrs. Keller was fifty-five years of age, and has made St. Paul her home since 1856... Mrs. Keller leaves eight children, five sons and three daughters. Her death will be mourned by a wide circle of loving friends."

*To continue the tour, take a right at Maple Street and go to the middle of the block.*

**397 Maple Street: Catherine Piccolo House.** Catherine Filippi Piccolo was picked to participate in the Manhattan Project, where she oversaw the handling of secret documents for several years.

Catherine grew up in a small town in northern Minnesota. She attended Officer Candidate school during World War II, and by the time she was in her twenties, she was heading up the team of Women Army Core (WACs) who handled the classified material for the Manhattan Project that developed the atomic bomb.

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The scientists and the crew of WACs were among the few who knew what was going on. "You've got to remember that this was the best kept secret of the war," she once said. After leaving the service, Piccolo married, came to St. Paul, and worked for 3M and other companies. She was the business manager at Hill-Murray High School for eight years, and was elected to the St. Paul School Board for two terms. She served on the St. Paul Civil Service Commission and the St. Paul Planning Commission.

*To continue the tour, return to East Sixth Street and cross over to East Fifth Street where you will take a right.*

**741 East Fifth: Ruth Smith House.** Day care centers are not just a modern invention. In 1930, Miss Ruth Alice Smith opened a playground for preschool and kindergarten children in her back yard at 741 East Fifth Street. The paper described it as a combination outdoor nursery and playground "where mothers can leave their children for an entire afternoon" on all days except Sunday from 12:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

**732 East Fifth: Mary Colter House.** Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter was born in Pennsylvania. Her family moved around quite a bit and ended up in Minnesota. For a time, she lived at 732 East Fifth Street. Colter graduated from Central High School and later attended the California School of Design. While there, she apprenticed in an architect's office. Colter returned to Minnesota and taught drawing at Mechanic Arts High School for 15 years. She was a leading participant in the local Arts and Crafts movement.

Colter became a renowned decorator and architect in the Southwest United States. She was one of only a few women architects in the country. Colter preferred rustic elements such as rocks and sandstone, integrated Native American designs into her work, and often insisted on Hopi artisans for her works around the Grand Canyon. Four of her Grand Canyon buildings were protected in a Mary Jane Colter National Historic Landmark District dedicated in 1987.

*To continue the tour, head down Fifth Street and take a left on Bates Avenue.*

**Northwest corner of Bates Avenue and Fourth Streets: Sage Holben Home.** Sage Holben is one of those people who always work to make the community a better place. As a profession, she has been a librarian most recently at Metropolitan State University until her retirement. She has been on the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and a board member of the Dayton's Bluff District Forum newspaper for which she frequently writes articles. She helps neighbors and spends time making cookies and other treats for the neighborhood children. In warm weather, she invites people to view movies on the front porch. Besides community work, Sage is often involved in politics and supports anti-war and equity groups. She attended the recent women's march in Washington, D. C.

*To continue the tour, keep heading down Bates Avenue till you get to Conway Street.*

**705 East Third: African Delight Foods.** African Delight Foods is a catering business that is one of several groups sharing the Kitchen on the Bluff. Florence McGill is a caterer who specializes in Liberian and other West African cuisines. She grew up in Liberia. When she came to Minnesota, she initially switched her eating habits and embraced easy to prepare American food. But as a young woman, she began to return to her African roots.

It was hard to find the needed ingredients, but as the local Liberian community grew, gardens and small farms provided what Florence desired. She started her catering business in 2012, and offers such items as cassava leaves, jollof rice, Liberian pepper soup, sweet Liberian rice bread, and ginger beer – Liberia's favorite non-alcoholic beverage, as well as packets of spices and herbs.

*To continue the tour, cross Third Street and continue on Bates Avenue.*

**275 Bates Avenue: Joan Davis House.** Born Josephine Davis in 1912, she became a well known radio and television figure. Her family lived for many years at 275 Bates Avenue, and Joan entered Mechanic Arts High School in 1926. She was on the academic honors list, part of the debate team, and was an excellent musician. She loved being a performer starting as a girl and had a career that spanned vaudeville, film, radio, and television. She is best remembered for the 1950s television comedy *I Married Joan*.

Joan Davis has two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. One was for her contribution to the motion picture industry and the other for her radio work.

*Continue the tour along Bates Avenue.*

**262 Bates Avenue: Dayton's Bluff Elementary School.** Scores of women were the force behind most elementary school education for many decades. When they are remembered, one of the names that always comes is that of Miss Laura Hand. She was the principal of what was then called Van Buren from 1893 until 1917.



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**Laura Hand, principal of Van Buren Elementary School, circa 1908.**

Miss Hand was said to have been especially interested in art and bought many beautiful prints in Europe that she gave to the school. She bought the first Victrola (an early record player) to treat the students to music and an electric lantern (early slide projector) that showed a collection of a thousand slides.

She also introduced home economics and manual training classes. According to a short history of Van Buren, "Miss Hand felt that the girls should have fine Irish Linen and beautiful silver" when they entertained their mothers at the school luncheons given by the home economics classes. The silver "was engraved with the initials V. B. The boys from the Manual Training classes made the chest to hold this linen and silver which we have always treasured and used only on special occasions."

*Continue on Bates Avenue, then take a right on Surrey Avenue and head down the hill.*

**697 Surrey Avenue: Sharon Anderson House.** This is the home of Sharon Anderson, who was probably called a "political maverick" before Sarah Palin ever got out of elementary school. She looks after her part of the neighborhood and often comments on local matters and concerns. She has frequently run for political office and a few years ago made a sizable showing in a statewide attorney general primary election. She has recently run to become the first woman mayor of St. Paul. You can tell if she is running for an office if you spot a small wooden white lawn sign that says "Vote for Sharon Anderson" in red lettering.

*Continue on Surrey Avenue and take a right at Maria Avenue.*

**267 Maria Avenue: The Scheffer House.** The Scheffer family lived in this house in the early years of the Twentieth Century. Two of the daughters were cultural workers in the neighborhood. Ilma Scheffer and her sister were dancing teachers who gave lessons at their residence and at various local sites, such as the Dayton's Bluff Commercial Club. Later on, Ilma became well known for her downtown restaurant, appropriately dubbed "Café Ilma."

**Dayton Place and Maria Avenue: Maria Bates Dayton Home.** If you go down what looks like an alley between the Eagle's Club and a house, you will get to an empty lot at the edge of the bluff. You will be standing on the site of Maria Dayton's Home. Maria Bates married Lyman Dayton back East and they arrived in Minnesota in 1849. Maria is first mentioned in the records as taking care of people ill with cholera

who arrived with them on their steamship.

The Daytons built their "suburban residence" above today's Mounds Boulevard in 1854. When the land was platted, Maria and Bates Streets were named after her. Maria was a major figure in the fledgling First Baptist Church. Lyman died in the early 1860s and she soon married their gardener, a man almost thirty years younger than she was. They moved to Dayton, Minnesota and Maria lived at least into her late eighties. Next time you walk or drive down Maria or Bates Avenues, you might want to remember this pioneer woman.

*To continue the tour, keep walking on Maria Avenue.*

**Northeast corner of Maria and Third: Children's Garden.** The Children's Garden is one of several plots that were started by the Community Design Center – now known as Urban Roots. Ruth Murphy was the executive director of the organization in 1996, when the food and environmental programs were started. They have engaged thousands of East Side youth in education, training, and work projects that provide service to the community by developing leadership, improving health and the environment.

Large numbers of diverse young women have taken part in the initiatives and over the years most of the staff have been female. The current leaders of Urban Roots are primarily women. Lori Arnold, the current Executive Director, started with the group in 2016. Summer Badawi is the Market Garden Program Manager and has been with Urban Roots since 2012. She is in charge of the garden you're looking at and heads up the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) in case you are interested in buying fresh vegetables when the summer finally arrives.

**348 Maria Avenue: The Miller Building.** An 1884 issue of the *Pioneer Press* noted that Catherine Miller had constructed a four-story grocery store and flats. Unfortunately, at least for now, little is currently known about her.

**700 East Seventh Street: St. John's Hospital and Metropolitan State University.** The history of St. John's Hospital is filled with stories of women. One of them was Madgdelana Rau, who was hired in 1911 to be its first Superintendent – a job that ended up lasting 42 years. In addition, a small training school for nurses was established and the first class of ten was graduated in 1914. When a new hospital was completed in 1915, the former Willius house was then used as a nurses quarters.

Metropolitan State University, which came to the site in the 1980s, has had four women presidents. The first was Reatha Clark King who was president from 1977 to 1988. Raised in an African American family in the south, she earned a PhD in chemistry and taught before going into educational administration. She later went on to become a vice-president of the General Mills Company.

There have been many Metro State teachers and staff that could be mentioned. One of them was Sharon Rice Vaughan who, in 1972, became a co-founder of Women's Advocates. The group started as a phone helpline. Two years later, Sharon and others bought a property that was the first women's shelter in the country. She began teaching at Metro State in 1985, and created the University's community violence prevention program.

*Continue on Maria Avenue until you reach East Seventh Street.*

**680 East Seventh Street: Carbone's Pizzeria.** Alfonso and Antoinette Carbone came to St. Paul from Italy and started a small grocery/confection shop with "near beer" during Prohibition. When her husband died in 1954, Antoinette, living at 698 East Fourth Street, gathered traditional recipes from the south of Italy and with the help of her children, opened what is considered to be St. Paul's first pizzeria at 680 East Seventh Street. Nana, as she was known, died in 1974, but her family took over and the business prospered and expanded. Carbone's is still in family hands and remains as a chain with 30 locations in Minnesota and a few in Wisconsin and Montana.

*Your women's history walk is now completed. Cross back over East Seventh Street at the stop light, turn right, and return up the hill to the starting point.*

We hope you enjoyed the tour and learned a lot. If I forgot anyone that you think should be included, please let me know.

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# View from the bus

Sage Holben  
Forum Staff

Bus #4, aka Winona LaDuke (one of 18 chartered buses tagged with names of prominent Minnesota women) left Saint Paul early Friday, January 20. The expected 17 hour trip to Washington, D.C. would further unite the 53 seatmates.

On arriving the next morning at Garfield Park, our officially designated Minnesota buses drop off/departure point, I gave away the extra signs I had made, keeping *'Hear Me! See Me! I am NOT going away!'*

Throng of people who had come in by car, train, or plane sought others to walk as a group, representing Minnesota, we joined Senator Amy Klobuchar's huddle and walked toward the Mall, high on our group dynamics. On Independence Avenue, the numbers grew by the hundreds. I stopped at the curb in front of the Botanical Conservatory to view the scene behind me.

I gasped, awed by the visual of hundreds of people, shoulder to shoulder, filling the sidewalks and streets; hundreds more melting in from the parkways and side streets. 'Celebratory' came to mind. Displaying my sign, I felt elated...part of a worldwide celebration of what we, as women with our allies could do. We were making a promise, a commitment.

A man stopped in front of me, pen and notebook in hand, asked my name, home, why I was there, and what I thought. "It's personal...sounds so selfish, but it feels personal, as if this is all for me!" I was crying. Alone but not alone. Women of all ages came up, high-fived and hugged, saying, "I hear you, I see you, I'm with you!" "This is for you!" I told each.

A group of twenty-somethings danced by, clapping and chanting, "We see you; We hear you...! Hi, Minnesota!"

Even now, my throat catches at the visual. It's selfish sounding, perhaps, but it was as if after all these years of fighting for social justice; nearly being fired for requesting a raise; fighting bullying at work; having to get my (ex-) husband's 'permission' for a tubal ligation; this day, this march...all these thousands of people were here for me. As women of all ages came up to me I would say "This march is for you!" And they would nod solemnly, sometimes with tears. As if they, and their work, and their lives were finally being acknowledged.

Creative, dimensional forms of the uterus and Trump's face mixed with pink "pussy hats" and signs identifying individuals' political and justice issues: reproductive rights, clean water, recognition of indigenous people, Black Lives Matter, LGBTQ, immigrant rights, were everywhere. The stream of people did not end. I stood there for three hours. Never at any other demonstration have I seen the level of eye contact and people reading and acknowledging others' faces as was evident that day. Elation, relief of pain, understanding; faces and spirits were open, receiving, sharing, and giving.

As in other cities around the world, there was never really a Women's March in D.C. The numbers swelled beyond imagination – no space to move, yet no one seemed to mind. Michael, in New York City, forwarded photos from his mother in Chicago and his own photos and report from NYC. It was a rally, a gathering, a celebration. Even with all the 'identity politics' that some considered fragmenting, the sense of being one body, of one purpose, was overwhelming.

Returning to Garfield Park, I stopped at a coffee shop to gather my thoughts. Shortly after I ordered, the staff locked all but one door in order to limit customers – the cafe had run out of food! Wonderful for many restaurants, a welcomed, common problem this day. D.C. had opened its arms to embrace nearly a million participants... restaurants welcomed non-customers to use their restrooms; waiting 30 minutes to an hour and a

half was not unusual...just another opportunity to make a new acquaintance of a stranger!

An older woman and her two adult daughters, all from New Jersey, asked to join me. I asked what, in their march experience, they were taking home with them and what would they do with their energy. "Run for office" Veronica readily announced. I briefed her on Wellstone Action and the training they made available. Her sister offered that New York City offers similar training. We shared our stories and wished each other the best.

As soon as they left, Lana and Emma, sophomores at Columbia University and Barnard College; and Rali, a high school sophomore, asked to join me. Their enthusiasm was limitless, and they had very definite goals as they evaluated their day's experience. They left, only to return later, asking for a quick session in how to organize and how to connect with people in a sustainable, meaningful way. The last to join me was a grandmother, mother, and a high school aged son. On their minds: inter-generational learning; generations listening to each other, working with each other.

'Unity' and 'personal' were two words I heard repeatedly. They make quite a statement when one considers the millions of people gathering around the world, to say 'we are watching; we will resist; we will protest; we will act.' Women and their allies are identifying where they will direct their passions, their money, their time, and their energies. Some will run for public office. I have no doubt that all will make a difference in another person's life.

Looking for a way to direct your energy or wondering what actions to take? Attend *Organizing is Local...After the Women's March on Washington*, on **Saturday, March 11, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.**

This event is free and open to all with limited seating. Text Sage Holben at 651-528-0662 for information.

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Perlyn Sackler of New Jersey keeps tabs on what's happening in Dayton's Bluff while visiting Washington, D.C. to participate in the Women's March.

Several readers sent us pictures of themselves reading our newspaper on their travels. If you'd like to do the same, please email photos to [editor@daytonsbluff.org](mailto:editor@daytonsbluff.org).

**Contest: Where in Dayton's Bluff?**  
Email [editor@daytonsbluff.org](mailto:editor@daytonsbluff.org) with the location of the neighborhood curiosity pictured at right for a chance to win some great prizes from local businesses. The reader who submits the first correct entry will be notified and the winner will be announced in the April *Forum*.  
Congratulations to **Amber Manthey**, winner of February's contest with her correct guess of the location in the photo: Mounds Park United Methodist Church.

