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. Karin DuPaul can be reached at karindupaul@comcast.net.

A night at the CABARET!
Andrew Stohler
Metropolitan State University

Don’t forget to mark Friday, March 3, on your calendar for the 5th Annual Art in the Hollow fundraiser, CABARET! A night of live entertainment, fun, drinks, and free food catered by family-owned Yanasso 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 8th 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 Sliwias at 763-913-4382 or email romisliwias@gmail.com. Reserve your seat now online at www.moundsatre.org. For more information call Karin DuPaul at 651-776-0550.

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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.

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@daytonsbuff.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 or call 651-776-0550 for more information.

Families, 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 karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550 for more information and the meeting’s location.

Dayton’s Bluff District 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. 7th Street). Call 651-776-0550 or email editor@ daytonsfbluff.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.

These meetings are on Wednesdays, 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

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

Ain 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. Su personal biligüe 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.

March at the Dayton’s Bluff Library

Join the Dayton’s Bluff Library for the following events taking place in March: English Conversation Circle; Saturday SNAP, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 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 book club meets the first Wednesday of the month to share thoughts about selected books. Books and a light dinner are provided. For more information, or call 651-793-1699.

For more information about these and other events check spl.org or call 651-793-1699. The Dayton’s Bluff Library shares its home with Metropolitan State University at 645 East 7th Street.

March at the East Side Freedom Library

Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m., the East Side Freedom Library (ESFL) will host author and activist Steve Earley, a longtime participant in the labor movement, to discuss his new book, Refinery Town: Big Oil, Big Money, and the Reawakening 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.

Friday, March 10, the ESFL invites you to enjoy a screening of the film Sarafina! a South African musical by Mbongeni Ngema depicting students involved in the Soweto Riots, in opposition to apartheid.

The March film is part of the Storytelling through Film & Series, a partnership between the ESFL and A Greener Read used bookstore. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. with music by guitar player Ramon Perez at 506 Ken¬nedy Road, St. Paul, followed by the film screening at 8:00 p.m., at the ESFL.

March 23 - April 8, ESFL will host Carly 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@eastsidefree- domlibrary.org, or visit 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.

The class is eight weeks long and includes basic 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 located in East Side 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 4th 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/DQB871. 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 651-260-0065 or johnbarbie@hotmail.com, or Jennifer Herman at 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. A space to share stories, memories, stories of riddles, and humor have been a mainstay in the Twin Cities Celtic Community. A native Welshman, John is a member of the Saint Paul Irish Children’s Ensemble. 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 with East Side Elders and First Lutheran Church of Dayton’s Bluff.

Become a Lifeguard!

Ramsey County Parks & Recreation is hiring lifeguards for the 2017 sea- son. Positions available are at the Battle Creek Waterworks water park and the county’s guarded swimming pools. All positions are full-time throughout the aquatics season, beginning Saturday, June 10. Submit a Life¬guard Interest Form online at https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/departments/economic-development-and-community-investment/parks-recre¬ation/lifeguard-interest-form. Recreation staff will then follow up on the empty positions. Interested 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 ap¬plicants who do not hold a current cer¬ tification. 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 Ram¬sey 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 McCVay 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 Steve Gustafson will provide a musical variety 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.

Mississippi Market — New Store on the Block
Mark Gallagher
Associate Editor

Thirtyseven 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 cooperatives in St. Paul. The newest store is on the East Side of St. Paul, which opened in September 2015.

“We are very locally focused on serving St. Paul residents, neighbors, visitors, and people who work here,” said Mark Frank, Communication Specialist who works in the Mississippi Market at Selby and Dale, “but we do work cooperatively with 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 late1960s 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 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.”

See “Market,” continued on page 5.

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 poet, 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 organization(al)-development questions you might bring along.

This is a new way – a cultural work way – to deepen conversations about democracy, endurance, resist, 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 651-232-3586 or email 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 for more information on this and other events at the ESFL.

35th Annual Minnesota Foodshare March Campaign
Steve Gustafson
Minnesota Foodshare

The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign is geared 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 “hungry and access to sufficient amounts of healthy food continue to be concerns in 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 and collecting food donations on behalf of their local food shelf. Information and registration is available on the Minnesota FoodShare website at 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. “Donations 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 at least 4 dollars of worth of groceries for every $1 they spend.”

The 2017 March Campaign kicks off during the week of February 26 and ends 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.

Minnesota FoodShare has been fighting hunger in Minnesota through local community organizing 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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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: 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 Latehomecomer: 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 St. Thomas; Larry Yungk, the Senior Retention 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 other languages 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.asim.org for details or call 612-871-4907.

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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 regional community libraries within the Saint Paul Public Library, which also includes the George Latimer Central Library and the Bookmobile. The Saint Paul Public Library community 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 ppl.org.

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Senator Hawj joins the ‘Day without Immigrants’ protest

Amelia Cerling Hennes
Acting Communications Director, Minnesota Senate

Senator Foung 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 Minnesota 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 every-where they live, work, and create businesses. There is no place in Minnesota for President Trump’s hateful rhetoric.”

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New partnership aims to ease barriers and increase teacher diversity

Poh Lin Koh
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.
Designing Your Life author
Dave Evans to speak at Metropolitan State

Poh Lin Khaus
Metropolitan State University

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 on Fri­er  Center  at  Metropolitan  State.  The Life.

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and executives, inspiring them to view transformative for both college students

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 re-frame what it is they are after and better build their way forward to it.

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Rep. Sheldon Johnson invites you to:

THE FIFTH ANNUAL CABARET!

Friday, March 3rd - 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The location: The Historic Mounds Theatre - 1029 Hudson Road.

Fundraiser: The CABARET is a fundraiser for the 8th annual Art in the Hollow, the art festival in Swede Hollow Park which will be Saturday, June 3, 2017. The CABARET! and Art in the Hollow are programs of Friends of Swede Hollow, a nonprofit organization that works on restoring and protecting the park, celebrating Swede Hollow history, and hosting events honoring Swede Hollow Park and the neighborhood.

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. Buy your tickets on line or contact Karin DuPaul at 651-776-0550 or kardindupaul@comcast.net. Don’t miss this! This celebration of talent — with East Side roots we welcome acts of all kinds!
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 Community Center and 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.

728 Eichenwald Street: Swede Hollow Café. The Swede Hollow Café 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 Stuartman 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 Hospital. At its peak in the 1890s, there was a large group of single women who, 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 part of the Ceremony house business women, and recently became DewDoll 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 be-mother-of-two-sons-of-the-Depression-generation. Louise never married and spent her life caring for her mother and her younger sister. At age 15, she left school in order to support her family's furniture manufacturing making overalls and other work clothing.

Although initially inexperienced in the field, she became a skilled seamstress. In 1925, the family purchased a small furniture store on your right and kept the books for the two plants. Some of her efforts were linked with food. Louise was a dedicated home economics teacher at St. Paul's. She was born in 1895 in Los Angeles and was known for her love of cooking. She finally came up with a plan that worked and was eventually rewarded with a successful business. In 1926, she opened an all-woman catering business, which became a longtime attraction. 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 also a former president of the 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 Club Society. The lecture was "The Origins of Christmas Legacies and Customs of Different People."

To continue the tour, take a right on Hope Street and continue to East Sixth Street.

796 East Sixth Street: See Vang Thao Office. See Vang Thao has her law office in the Chadading Building. Both she and her husband, Xoua Thao, are from Hmong ancestry and worked to help the 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 the University of Minnesota in Boulder. She then came to Minneapolis and became one of the first Hmong women to pass the state's bar exam, being admitted into practice in 1997. She 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 college education and all 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 Sixth 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.

Maria de Cervantes Cervantes was a very religious Catholic who emphasized education as the key to advancement. She never graduated from the large institution that her high school dream was to see that her children did. In fact, all 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 Sixth 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. Her parents' homestead that had been in the family since 1890. The third of seven children, she was born and died at 399 Sinnen Street. She never married and never moved. Flossie made no secret of the fact that she never graduated from the 8th grade. She steadfastly went to work at the nearby Klinkerfleis Manufacturing making overalls and other work clothing. She made forty cents a week and gave thirty to her minister and $1 to the church. She had thirty cents left in her pocket.

She retired after 30 years of service at the age of 44. According to her great niece, she loved card playing, listening to WCCO radio, visits from her nieces, and taking a look at the church to your left.

To continue the tour, you can start anywhere you'd like.

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.

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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. Theosylla, 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.

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 school, she came to the East Side in 1937 to work with 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 Sixth Street and go down the hill.

778 East Sixth Street: The Siebel House. The successful Siebel 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 Siebel scholarship is still awarded at the University.

Meta Siebel 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 the International Series of Secular Music as "Sister G." as she was called.

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

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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 eating was the best kept secret of the war," one lady 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-Mur- ray 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.

605 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 R: Colter Home. Mary Eliza- 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 ap- prenticed in an architect’s office. Colter returned to Minneapolis and worked drawing at Dynamic 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 those women 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. The house at 732 East R was the home of 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 supports local businesses for the community and helps her neighbors. In warm weather, she invites people to view movies on the front porch. Besides collecting furniture, she also started a company 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.

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 McGuiill 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. She is a young woman, she began to return to her African roots.

It was hard to find the needed ingredients, but the local African American community groups setting up farms provided what Florence desired. She started her catering business in 2012, and offers such items as cas- sava leaves, jollof rice, Liberian pepper soup, sweet potato cakes – Liberian, & "Anu" which is a favorite non-alcoholic beverage, as well as packets of spices and herbs.

To continue the tour, cross Third Street and contin- ue on Bates Avenue.

275 Bates Avenue: Joan Davis House. Born Josephine Davis in 1912, she became a well known ra- dio and television figure. Her family lived for many years in the Bates area and entered the seventh form at Dynamic Arts High School in 1926. She was on the academic honors list, part of the debate team, and was an excel- lent 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 pic- ture 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 up is that of Miss Laura Hand. She was the princi- pal of what was then called Van Buren from 1915 until 1917.

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

Miss Hand was said to have been especially interest- ed in art and bought many beautiful prints in Europe that she gave to the school. She bought the first Victoria- la (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 spe- cial occasions."

Continue on Bates Avenue, then take a right on Sur- rey Avenue and head down the hill.

697 Surrey Avenue: Sharon Anderson House. This is the home of Sharon Anderson, who was proba- bly called a “political Maverick” before Sarah Palin ever got out of elementary school. She has recently become to be the first woman mayor of St. Paul. You can tell if she is running for an office if you ever 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 Marie Avenue.

María Avenue: The Scheffer House. The Scheffer family lived in this house in the early years of the Twentieth Century. Two of the daughters were cul- tural workers in the neighborhood. Ilma Scheffer and her sister Pauline were famous cooks who gave lession at their home and at various local sites, such as the Dayton’s Buff Commercial Club. Later on, Ilma be- came well known for her downtown restaurant, appro- priately dubbed “Café Ilma.”

Dayton Place and Maria Avenue: Maria Bates Dayton Home. If you go down what looks like an alleyway 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 ar- rived 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 Dayton’s 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, Minne- sota and Maria died in 1914.

Next time you walk or drive down Maria or Bates Aves, you might want to remember this pioneer wom- an.

To continue the tour, keep walking on Maria Avenue.

Northeast corner of Maria Avenue and Third: Child- ren’s Garden. The Children’s Garden is one of several plots that were started by the Community Design Cen- ter – now known as Urban Roots. Ruth Holben 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 nurse graduates was in 1914. When a new hospital was completed in 1915, the former Willis 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. Razed in an African American family and became an administrator, she earned two degrees before going into educational administration. She later went on to become a vice-president of the General Mills Foundation.

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 Metropolitan’s Advocates. Advocates is an African American community helpline. Two years later, Sharon and others bought a property that was the first women’s shelter in the coun- try. She began teaching at Metro State in 1985, and created the University’s community violence preven- tion program.

Continue on Maria Avenue until you reach East Sev- enth Street.

680 East Seventh Street: Carbone’s Pizzeria. Al- fonso and Antoninette Carbone came to St. Paul from Italy and started a small grocery/confection shop with the help of their family. When they arrived during Prohibition, Alfonso had 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 consid- ered to be one of the first pizzerias in Minnesota. A few blocks away at 680 East Seventh Street, Nana, as she was known, died in 1974, but her family took over and the business prospered and ex- panded. Carbone’s is still in family hands and remains as a chain with 36 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 on Royall Street, then 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 e-mail us.

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View from the bus

Sage Holben
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Bus #4, aka Winona LaDuke (one of 18 chartered buses tagged with names of prominent Minnesota wom-
en) left Saint Paul early Friday, January 20. The expect-
ed 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/dep-
ture point. I gave away the extra signs I had made, keeping ‘Hear Me! See Me! I am NOT going away’!

Throngs 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 dynam-
ic. 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 mak-
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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 cele-
bration. 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 café had run out of food! Wonderful for many restau-

 sentencing, perhaps, but it was as if after all these years of fighting for social justice; nearly being fired for re-
questing 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 month is for you!” And they would nod solemnly, sometimes with tears. As if they, and their
work, and their lives were finally being acknowl-
edged.

Creative, dimensional forms of the uterus and Trump’s face mixed with “ pussy hats” and signs identifying individuals’ political and justice issues: re-
productive rights, clean water, recognition of indige-

nous 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 giv-
ing.

As I entered the Conservatory to view the scene behind me, I was crying. Alone

and chanting, “Hear Me! See Me! I am NOT going away”!

As soon as they left, Lana and Emma, sophomores at a high school, stopped, asked me to join them. Their enthusi-

asm 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 orga-

nize 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: in-
ter-generational learning; generations listening to each other, working with each other.

‘Us’ and ‘personal’ were two words I heard repeat-
edly. 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 wonder-

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 seat-

ings. Text Sage Holben at 651-528-0662 for information. Sage Holben can be reached at editor@daytons-

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