NBAHS Over 80s Harvest Dinner to be Held October 12

The public is invited to the New Brighton Area Historical Society’s (NBAHS) Seventeenth Annual “Over 80s” Harvest Dinner which will be held Sunday, October 12, at 1:00 PM at the Eagles Club, 563 Old Highway 8 in New Brighton.

The Society will honor residents aged eighty years and over in the 55112 zip code area with a turkey dinner (price: $5) catered by the New Brighton Eagles Auxiliary. The price of the dinner for the public and other residents under the age of 80 will be $8. City officials and the New Brighton Ambassadors Royal Family have been invited. Entertainment will be provided by Jack Canfield and his “4 Plus” Band.

Reservations are necessary. Please call 651-633-4070 before October 5th for reservations.

Photos in this newsletter provided by Bonny and David Fleming
New Website for NBAHS
www.newbrightonhistory.com

NBAHS has a new updated website. Because our former software was no longer supported by Apple, it was necessary to look at new software.

We are now using Sandvox, which allows us to have a counter for the number of guest accessing the website. The address is still the same.

To the right is the home page of the new website.

We invite you to go online to view our pages, including new photos of our events.

As of last week, we had 684 hits on the new website.
New Brighton Area Historical Society welcomes new members:
Doug Anderson, Scott Carlson, David Peterson, new life member, Val Johnson.
Thanks for being a part of our organization!

Views of the New Brighton History Center

TAKEN IN THE WINTER AND THE SUMMER

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY NBAHS MEMBER DOUG ANDERSON

New Brighton History Center
WE WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE NBAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS: DAVID PETERSON & VAL JOHNSON

**WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER DAVID PETERSON**

David and his family (Dennis and Janet Peterson) moved to New Brighton from St. Francis in 1972 when he was 8 years old, and he finished growing up here. He went to grade school at New Brighton Elementary, middle school at Johanna and Highview, and high school at Irondale, where he graduated in 1982.

He studied archaeology at the University of Minnesota and went in to work in cultural resource management (evaluating archaeological sites and historic standing structures) for a firm in Minneapolis and his own company in Robbinsdale.

David moved to Chicago in 1996 and completed a Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of Chicago. He lived in Idaho from 2008 to 2013 and while teaching at Idaho State University, where he still teaches online.

He, his wife Maureen, and children (Joe, 16, and Nina, 8) returned to St. Paul in 2013 and live in the Merriam Park neighborhood.

Besides Minnesota, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Idaho, David has done archaeological research in Russia, Armenia, Kazakhstan, and conducted laboratory research of ancient metalwork and other artifacts.

David also teaches an archaeological field school every two years in the Sawtooth National Forest (Idaho).

More about what David has done can be found at: https://chicago.academia.edu/DavidPeterson.

**WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER VAL JOHNSON**

Val is a lifelong resident of New Brighton—well almost. Her family moved here when she was four. She grew up in what was once known as “Bel Air Park” which is now the neighborhood south of Bel Air School. Val attended school at St. John the Baptist, Highview Junior High and is a graduate of Irondale Senior High. After high school she earned her degree in business management from St. Catherine University in St. Paul.

During high school and college, Val managed the A&W Restaurant that is now Barley John’s. After college she began her career in restaurant equipment sales at Superior Products located in what is now the Habitat for Humanity Resource Store.

During her career she also worked at Sysco Minnesota in Mounds View for 19 years, International Dairy Queen and finally Buffalo Wild Wings corporate offices.

After leaving her 35 years in the hospitality industry she co-founder H2O for Life. She currently owns her own business, Roundabout Ventures and works to help non-profits raise funds for their clean water and sanitation projects in developing nations.

Val has two grown children, Joe and Dan Blumberg. She is a member of the New Brighton/Mounds View Rotary Club.

Her very favorite time of year is in early August when New Brighton celebrates Stockyard Days. She is a member of the NBAHS because she feels that New Brighton has given so much to her that it is her time to thank New Brighton residents for their great city, rich history and quality of life.
NBAHS 17TH ANNUAL RHUBARB FEST RECAP

New Brighton Area Historical Society celebrated its 17th annual Rhubarb Fest on Sunday, June 1, at which about 250 guests were served rhubarb desserts with ice cream. The Society also sold rhubarb jam, plants, cookbooks, and stalks. The Society thanks the Nathes of Riverside Farms for again allowing us to pull rhubarb, and Jeanne Hunn of Keys Restaurant and NBAHS Board members for providing delicious rhubarb desserts.

The New Brighton History Center was filled with guests at the Rhubarb Fest.

2014 New Brighton Ambassadors helped out.

Rhubarb stalks sold at the Rhubarb Fest had been pulled the day before. Pictured to the left are the loyal helpers pulling rhubarb.
The New Brighton Area Historical Society Board of Directors has set as its goal that the caboose interior renovation be completed by spring, 2015. We continue to fundraise for this project, and thank new board members Val Johnson and David Peterson for their expertise in this effort. We are determined to complete this project, but again appeal for your help. In addition to purchasing materials to complete the project, we also need workers to help out. If you can lend a hand, please contact Wayne Searles at (651) 636-9066, Jerry Laumeyer at (651) 633-7127, or Ron Cota at (651) 633-2984.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to cover caboose interior renovation. Donations can be sent to and will be welcomed by NBAHS, PO Box 120624, New Brighton, MN 55112.

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Enclosed is my donation to the NBAHS $__________

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