



HISTORIC SAINT PAUL PRESENTS



TRIVIA NIGHT

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RAMSEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



About Historic Saint Paul

Historic Saint Paul is a nonprofit working to **strengthen Saint Paul neighborhoods by preserving and promoting their cultural heritage and character**. We have been around more than twenty years.

We work in partnership with private property owners, community organizations, and public agencies to leverage Saint Paul's cultural and historic resources as assets in economic development and community building initiatives.

About Ramsey County Historical Society

The Ramsey County Historical Society's vision is to innovate, lead, and partner in preserving the knowledge of our community, delivering inspiring history programming, and incorporating local history education. Our mission of *preserving our past, informing our present, inspiring our future* guides this vision.

You'll learn more about us throughout the evening. Enjoy!

Round 1

1. Where was the Ramsey County Historical Society's first meeting held?

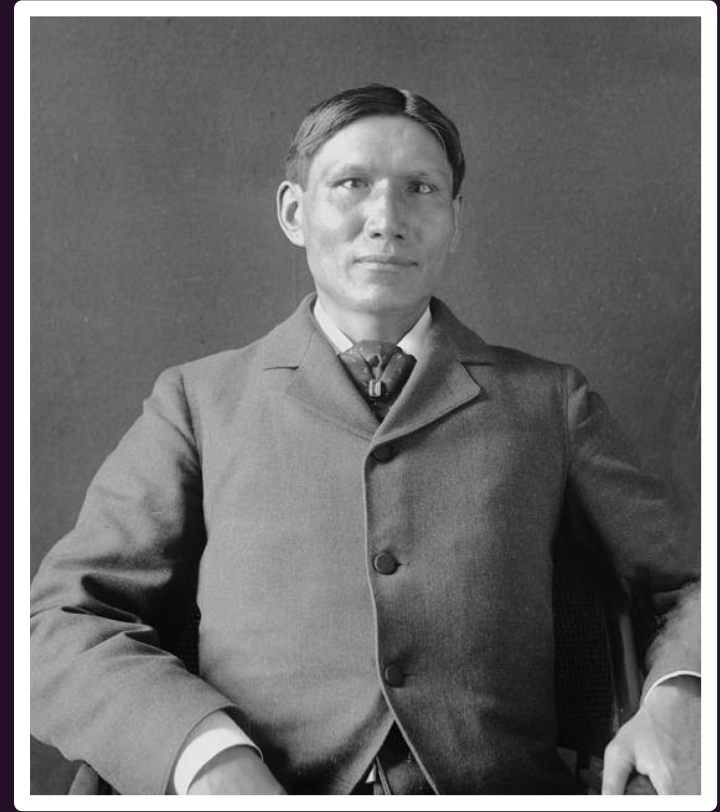
- A. Gibbs Farm
- B. Saint Paul Hotel
- C. Landmark Center
- D. St. Anthony Park Branch Library



Gibbs Farm (not necessarily the answer...).
Courtesy of Ramsey County Historical Society.

2. For which is Charles Eastman known?

- A. He was present at the Dakota War of 1862.
- B. He was the great-grandson of *Mahpiya wicasta* (Cloud Man), the great Dakota leader who knew Jane Gibbs.
- C. He was the first Dakota medical doctor.
- D. He married author Elaine Goodale.
- E. He is an author of children's books himself.
- F. His depictions of Dakota lifeways during the nineteenth century have kept his books at the forefront of teaching institutions.
- G. He was a doctor at Pine Ridge during the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890.



Ohiyesa or Charles Alex Eastman, (1897).
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3. In what year did the YWCA open a branch of the International Institute of Minnesota in St. Paul?

- A. 1917
- B. 1918
- C. 1919
- D. 1920



One-year anniversary of IIMN.
Courtesy of International Institute of Minnesota.

4. As a follow-up, in what year did Olga Zoltai pioneer the refugee resettlement program at the International Institute of Minnesota?

- A. 1965
- B. 1975
- C. 1980
- D. 1990



Olga Zoltai and two of her children, Peter and Kitty, at the Institute's Festival of Nations.

Courtesy of Zoltai/Gogins Family Collection.

5. Municipal Architect and Sterling Club Founder Clarence “Cap” Wigington served as club president when?

- A. In 1921, when he presented designs for the original clubhouse.
- B. In 1926, upon completing the clubhouse.
- C. In 1961, as the last founder elected to the position.
- D. In 1962, when he presented designs for the new clubhouse.

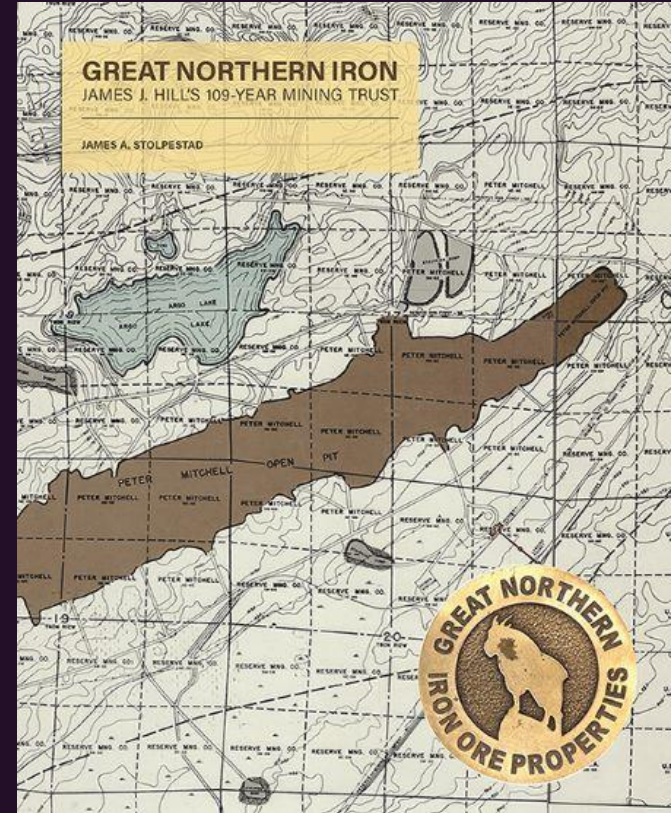


Cap Wigington and founding members.
Courtesy of the Sterling Club Archives.

6. Jim Stolpestad writes about taconite, a low-grade ore replacement in his book *Great Northern Iron: James J. Hill's 109-Year Mining Trust*. Which of the following is similar in size to a taconite pellet?

- A. Golf ball
- B. Squash ball
- C. Cricket ball
- D. Shooter marble

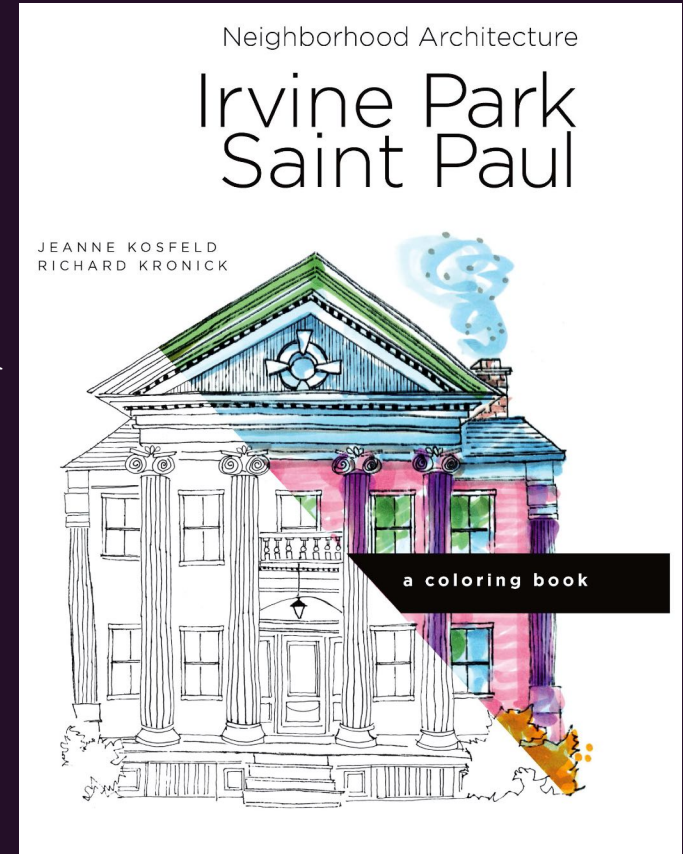
BONUS: Which university developed taconite technology?



Courtesy of Jim Stolpestad and Ramsey County Historical Society.

7. In 2021, RCHS will publish *Neighborhood Architecture: Irvine Park, Saint Paul*, a coloring book by Jeanne Kosfeld and Dick Kronick, featuring homes from the historic neighborhood. **Name the achievement that Justus Ohage, the original owner of the Justus and Augusta Ohage house in Irvine Park, accomplished in 1886.**

- A. Elected to US House of Representatives.
- B. Performed the first successful gallbladder surgery.
- C. Was the first male member of the Schubert Club.
- D. Invented the first snow-clearing machine.



Courtesy of Jeanne Kosfeld.

8. This month, Paul Nelson and his team of historians are launching an RCHS podcast series, *March of the Governors*, featuring the men who have served in the state's highest office. Here's a question: **The Minnesota Legislature passed a woman suffrage amendment to the state constitution, but it was vetoed by Governor Horace Austin (even though he claimed to FAVOR votes for women.) This occurred in what year?**

- A. 1870
- B. 1880
- C. 1900
- D. 1910



Check your answers

Let's see how
you did...

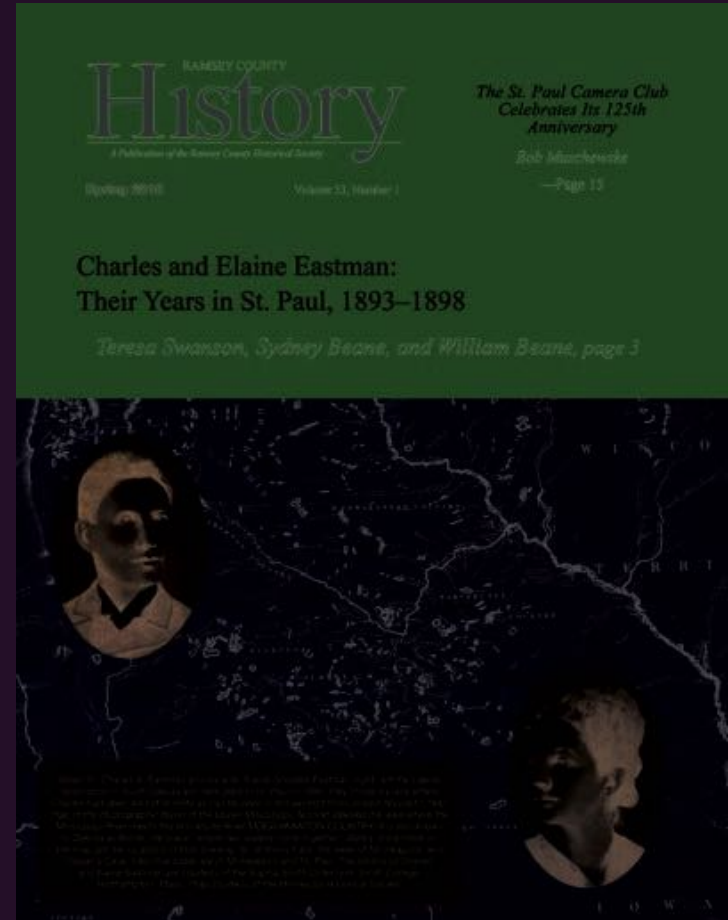
1. The first RCHS meeting was held on Sunday, April 24, 1949, at the **(D) St. Anthony Park Branch Library**. Attendees focused on preserving the Jane and Heman Gibbs Farm in Falcon Heights, which the Gibbs family acquired in 1849. Today, Gibbs Farm tells the family's story and, with the assistance of a Dakota Advisory Council, also interprets Dakota culture and lifeways, as Jane Gibbs and the Dakota people of Heyate Otunwe (Cloud Man Village) shared a remarkable relationship. Gibbs Farm serves 15,000 students annually.



History courtesy of Mollie Spillman.

2. Charles Eastman was ALL OF THESE.

Born in 1858, Eastman (*Ohiyesa*) survived the Dakota War of 1862 and fled to Canada, where he was raised in the traditional Dakota way. Subsequently educated in the white world, in 1890, Dr. Eastman was appointed government physician at Pine Ridge Agency where he met author Elaine Goodale. Prior to their marriage, US troops massacred hundreds of Dakota at Wounded Knee, which profoundly affected both of them. The couple relocated to St. Paul in 1893. This story, written by Teresa Swanson, Syd Beane, and William Beane, is one of this year's nominees for the Virginia B. Kunz award for best *RCH* article in 2018 -2019.



History courtesy of authors Teresa Swanson, Syd Beane, and William Beane.

3. The International Institute opened at 584 Rice Street in St. Paul on (C) **December 12, 1919**, to serve foreign-born residents and new immigrants arriving after World War I. The organization offered English and citizenship classes, interpreters, home visits, and referrals for services. Now located on Como Avenue, IIMN continues to serve immigrants, refugees, and asylees who settle in Ramsey County. Krista Finstad Hanson wrote about the Institute in our Spring 2018 issue. She and Kitty Gogins, who wrote a related story about her family's immigrant experience and their association with the organization, are nominees for this year's Virginia B. Kunz award.



History courtesy of Krista Finstad Hanson.

4. While the International Institute helped refugees and immigrants for years, it wasn't until the passage of the Indochinese Refugee Assistance Program in **(B) 1975** that the Institute began its Refugee Resettlement Program. The Vietnam War had ended , and 125,000 Vietnamese, who feared reprisals by the Communist party for their work with Americans, were seeking asylum. The legislation supported their entry. Mrs. Zoltai (Kitty Gogins's mother) contacted local sponsors and used the federal funds to hire a Vietnamese caseworker. Since 1975, the Institute has resettled over 23,000 refugees.



Nga Truitner, first Vietnamese caseworker.
Courtesy of International Institute of Minnesota.
History courtesy of Kitty Gogins.

5. “Cap” Wigington was the last founder to serve as president in (C) 1961. He designed and built the original clubhouse, and presented plans for the new building in 1962. The Sterling Club welcomed visiting dignitaries, gathered for formal balls, and enjoyed time together celebrating individual and collective accomplishments. But they also had an additional purpose: mobilizing against discrimination and creating community cohesion through engagement. This story by author Jeremiah E. Ellis is the third nominee for this year’s Virginia B. Kunz award.



*Courtesy of the Sterling Club Archives.
History courtesy of Jeremiah E. Ellis.*

6. Edward W. Davis with the **University of Minnesota** is known as the “father” of taconite. He experimented with the waste rock and created taconite pellets from finely ground, powdery concentrate mixed with clay-like bentonite rolled into **(D) marble-sized balls** and heated to 2,350 degrees Fahrenheit . The pellets are strong enough to be shipped without breaking apart. Mr. Stolpestad’s book is the newest of nearly twenty books published by and available at RCHS.



Drill bit in taconite rock.
Image and history courtesy of Jim Stolpestad.

7. This house was built in 1889 in the German Rundbogen or round-arch style. Architect Emil Ulrici designed it for Dr. Justus Ohage and his wife, Augusta. Prior to the home's completion, Ohage, a surgeon, performed the **(B) first successful gallbladder operation** in the US at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The unique, local coloring book will be available in the spring, with two additional books planned for now, including one featuring the Rondo neighborhood and another highlighting a section of Summit Avenue.

59 Irvine Park
Justus and Augusta Ohage House



*History and image courtesy of Jeanne Kosfeld and
Richard Kronick.*

8. The answer is **(A) 1870**. The event was full of ironies. The amendment passed in the legislature because legislators were confident the voters (all men) would reject it. Governor Austin vetoed the bill although he had no power to veto constitutional amendments, but his veto was not challenged in the courts. He vetoed it on the grounds that the proposal allowed women to vote on it, though their votes would be counted separately.

Tune in to this podcast series at www.rchs.com to learn more about gubernatorial history in our state.



Governor Horace Austin.
*From Wikimedia Commons.
History courtesy of Paul Nelson.*

Questions,
Comments,
& Intermission

Round 2

9. What is the original name of the suffrage organization started by Nellie Francis and other African American women in St. Paul in 1914?

- A. Alpha Suffrage Club
- B. Everywoman Progressive Council
- C. Everywoman Suffrage Club
- D. Votes for Everywoman



Original artwork by Jennifer Soriano.
Courtesy of Ramsey County Historical Society.

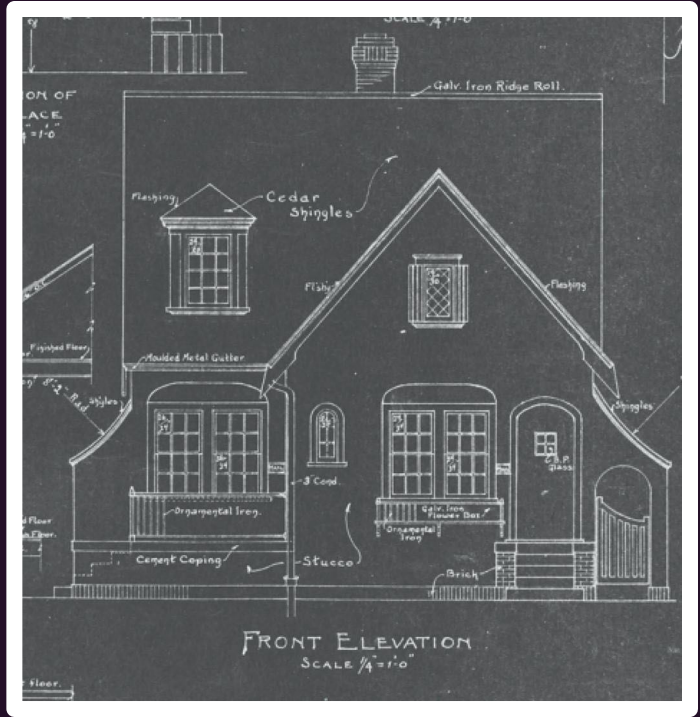
10. Voter turnout in the 2020 elections was astronomically high throughout the country, but Minnesota has been able to boast about its consistently high voter turnout for years, thanks to this Minnesota secretary of state:

- A. Mary Kiffmeyer
- B. Joan Anderson Growe
- C. Virginia Paul Holm
- D. H. H. Chesterman



11. What RCHS article won the Minnesota Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians David Stanley Gebhard Award?

- A. “The Tazewell: 100 Years in the Life of a St. Paul Apartment.”
- B. “How St. Paul’s Federal Courts Building and Post Office Became Today’s Landmark Center.”
- C. “Another Siberia, Unfit for Human Habitation: Saint Paul’s Super Ice Palaces 1886, 1887, 1888.”
- D. “Emma F. Brunson: The First Woman Registered as an Architect in Minnesota.”



Courtesy of Ramsey County Historical Society.

12. What Winter Carnival photographer's collection can be found at the RCHS Mary Livingston Griggs & Mary Griggs Burke Research Center?

- A. Everett Kroeger
- B. Kenneth M. Wright
- C. Mark M. Hurd
- D. Truman W. Ingersoll



Winter Carnival Images (1940 and 1941).
Courtesy of Ramsey County Historical Society.

13. RCHS depends on volunteers to help in all departments. How many volunteer hours were logged in 2019-2020 in the RCHS publishing department alone?

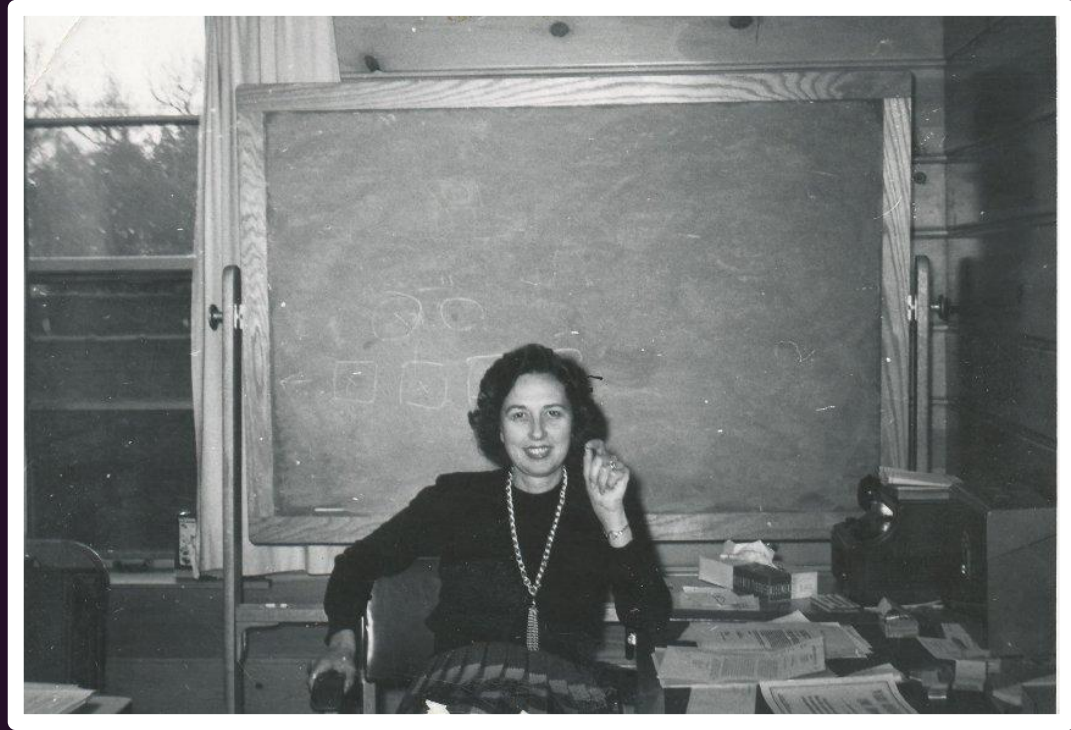
- A. Over 500
- B. Over 1,000
- C. Over 1,500
- D. Over 2,000



Alice Todd Tisdale, founding member of RCHS and volunteer, seen here at Gibbs Farm in 1954.
Courtesy of Ramsey County Historical Society.

14. How many editors have worked on *Ramsey County History* magazine since 1964?

- A. Two
- B. Three
- C. Five
- D. Six



Virginia B. Kunz, the first editor of *Ramsey County History*.
Courtesy of Ramsey County Historical Society.

15. Every two years, three judges select the best article in *Ramsey County History*. **Which statement is completely true of this year's committee?**

- A. Readus Fletcher II grew up in Rondo, was once on stage at the Howdy Doody show, and produced *Tellstar News*.
- B. St. Paul-born Clarence White is a former teamster, a typewriter poet, and associate director of the East Side Freedom Library.
- C. Sue Zumberge grew up in Ramsey County, owns Subtext Books, and has read 107 books during the pandemic.



Readus Fletcher II., Clarence White,
and Sue Zumberge.

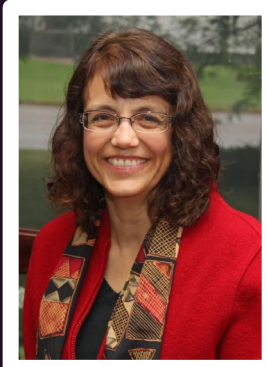
16. Of the three Kunz Award nominee groups, the winner is/winners are?

A.



Teresa Swanson, Syd Beane, and William Beane

B.



Krista Finstad Hanson
and Kitty Gogins

C.



Jeremiah E. Ellis

Check your answers

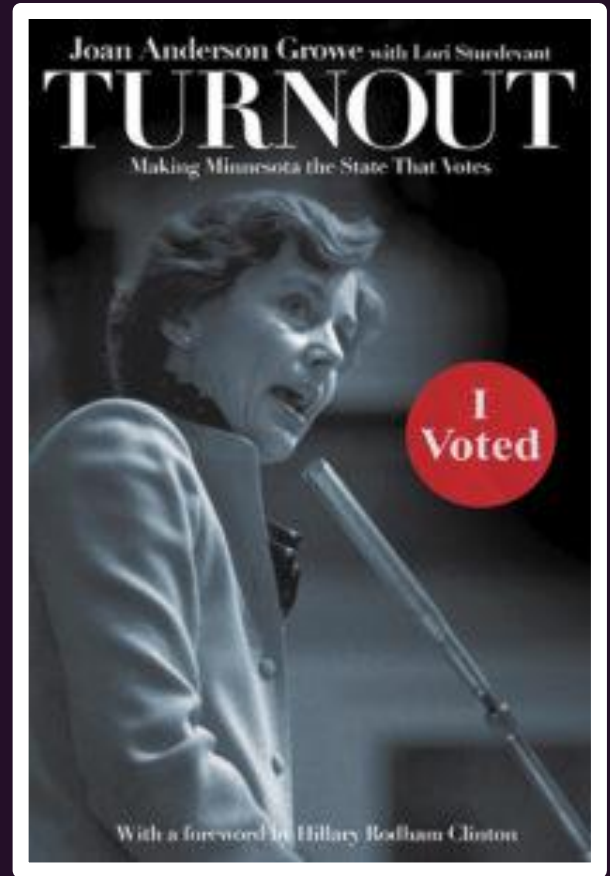
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you did...

9. The story of St. Paul's Black suffrage organization, (C) **Everywoman Suffrage Club**, is told in “Votes for Everywoman: Nellie Griswold Francis, the Women of Rondo and their Suffrage Crusade” by Leetta M. Douglas. The club changed its name to Everywoman Progressive Council after the passage of the nineteenth amendment. Francis's story, as well as the stories of twelve other Minnesota women who worked for suffrage, can be found in the RCHS exhibition “Persistence: Continuing the Struggle for Suffrage and Equality, 1848-2020.” The exhibit opened online in October.



Suffragist Theresa Peyton. Artwork by Klaire A. Lockheart. *History courtesy of Leetta M. Douglas and Mollie Spillman.*

10. (B) **Joan Anderson Growe** served twenty-four years as secretary of state and advocates for reliable elections and convenient voting. She worked to secure Election Day registration beginning in 1974 as a Minnesota norm, brought new technology into elections administration, and promoted motor voter registration. She and journalist Lori Sturdevant wrote *Turnout: Making Minnesota the State That Votes*. They'll participate in an online RCHS History Revealed program December 3 in partnership with the East Side Freedom Library. RCHS partners with ESFL, Roseville Library, and Waldmann Brewery & Wurstery to provide history programming in Ramsey County.



Courtesy of Joan Anderson Growe, Lori Sturdevant, and Robyn Priestley.

11. Diane Trout-Oertel's article (D) **“Emma F. Brunson: The First Woman Registered as an Architect in Minnesota”** tells the story of a young woman who, in 1921, became the first female architect in the state credentialed by the Minnesota Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors. Registration in hand, Brunson designed nearly twenty homes in St. Paul between 1924 and 1940 that reflect the warm character and practical floor plans that were trademarks of the architect's designs.



Emma Brunson (left) and author Diane Trout-Oertel.
Courtesy of newspapers.com and Diane Trout-Oertel.

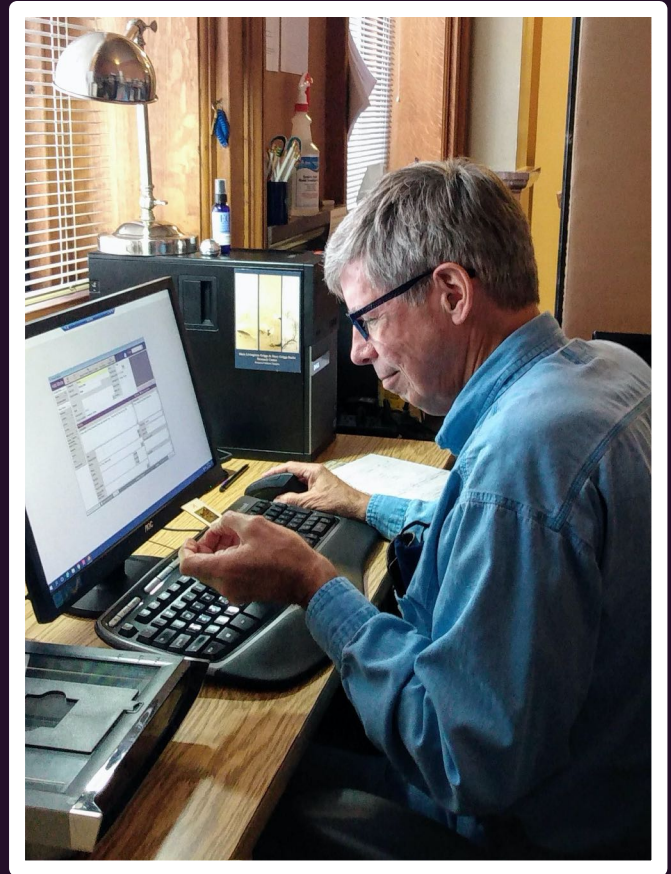
12. **(B) Kenneth M. Wright** served in the photographic division of the Army Air Service in WWI. He bought out Bert L. Brown in 1926 and became the president of Northwestern Photographic Studio and, later, Kenneth M. Wright Studios. His photographs of Winter Carnival events number nearly 2,000 prints from 1939-1963. The RCHS Research Center opened in 2010 and houses collections documenting the history of Ramsey County. Collections include over 35,000 photographs and negatives, 2,600 books, hundreds of plats and atlases, and the St. Paul Building Permit Collection (1883-1975) of nearly 500,000 records. In 2016, the center was renamed the Mary Livingston Griggs & Mary Griggs Burke Research Center following a million dollar endowment gift.



Kenneth M. Wright (1895-1964).
Courtesy of Minneapolis Star, June 2, 1964.
History courtesy of Molly Spillman.

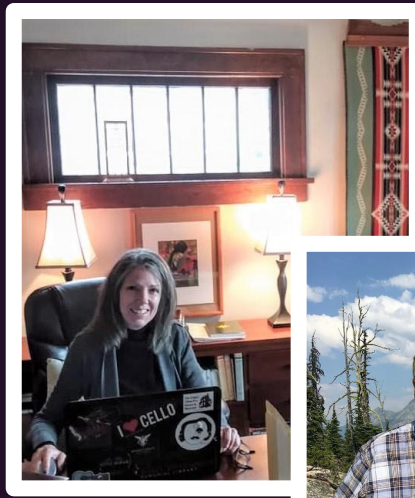
13. We love and depend on our volunteers, including historians, writers, editorial board members, manuscript and book reviewers, photographers, image scanners, podcasters, and judges. Last year, volunteers spent a recorded **(C) 1736.25 hours** helping in the publishing department alone. We are grateful.

This is also a good time to give a shout out to Wendy Holdman, our amazing and patient magazine designer, and Kelley Frain and his team at Modern Printing. Thank you!



Current volunteer Bruce Toskey.
Courtesy of Ramsey County Historical Society.

14. Meredith Cummings, who joined RCHS in 2019, is just the **(B) third editor** of *Ramsey County History*. John Lindley, was the second, working from 2006 to 2018 when he retired. His predecessor was Virginia B. Kunz, who served as editor from 1964 until her unexpected death in 2006. Upon her passing, RCHS established the Virginia B. Kunz Fund, which provides money for the Virginia B. Kunz Award, presented every other year to the author of the best article published in the magazine.



Meredith Cummings, John Lindley, and Virginia Kunz.
Courtesy of Ramsey County Historical Society.

15. (A) **Readus Fletcher** grew up in Rondo and had a seat at the Howdy Doody Show. Most of the children were terrified of the clown. Readus produced *Tellstar News* and worked for the City of St. Paul for forty years. **Clarence White** is a literary talent, works closely with Peter Ratcliffe and Beth Cleary at the beloved East Side Freedom Library, and advocates for social justice. He grew up in St. Cloud. **Sue Zumberge** grew up in the Midwest, spent twenty years in Montana, and came to St. Paul in 2008. She is the owner of Subtext Books and has read 107 books during the pandemic. We're grateful for their time and insight in choosing this year's winner. To learn more about these three, visit the Virginia B. Kunz award page on our website.



Peanut Gallery on set of the
Howdy Doody show in 1940s.
Image in the public domain.
Florence and Readus Fletcher.
Courtesy of Readus Fletcher II.

16. And the winner is . . . not ready to give you the answer yet . . .



Teresa Swanson, Syd Beane, and William Beane



Krista Finstad Hanson
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A Century of the Sterling Club*
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Congratulations!

“The reason all three are important at this time is that they address narratives from the past that are still relevant and being discussed today. By presenting the three together, we can better understand the issues we are facing now – stolen lands and mistreatment of Native Americans, stolen people and mistreatment of African Americans, and the untold stories of immigrants and how their struggles and diversity have made Minnesota stronger. All three articles and all six authors should be recognized together in parallel.”

Congratulations again!

Tonight's trivia winner(s) receive a
complimentary copy of Jim Stolpestad's book
Great Northern Iron and copies of
Ramsey County History
featuring the three winning articles.

Winner(s), please stay online a minute. Our editor will private
message you to get shipping information!

Questions, comments?

Stick around
afterward to visit!

Thank you to our questions contributors . . .

And thanks to you for joining us!

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