

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association

February 2018





eautiful weather, Drumheart drummers, marshmallow roasting, Santa Claus and a horse drawn sleigh ride. Saturnalia was enjoyed by many. This free, neighborhood event is sponsored by the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association with additional support from Cuppa Java, Cockadoodledoo, Bryn Mawr Market and Bryn Mawr Bobby and Steve's Auto.

This was the last BMNA event of 2017. Happy New Year!





2017 Membership Recap

Te did it! We reached our 2017 membership goal in the last 48 hours of 2017. Thank you neighbors! Your contributions allow the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association to continue their positive work on your behalf. BMNA is committed to keeping you informed and engaged to strengthen our neighborhood.

Here are a few interesting facts about the 2017 Membership drive...

- 209 donations in 2017 vs 256 in 2016
- \$10,839 in 2017 vs \$12,256 in 2016
- Average contribution was up by \$4 to \$52
- Median contribution up by \$5 to \$40
- Most common contribution up by \$5 to \$40
- 60% used Paypal to contribute vs 40% sent a check
- March, April, May, November and December were months with the most donations
- \$40, \$50, and \$100 were the most popular donation amounts (\$35, \$50 and \$100 were most popular last year.)

- Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator



2018 BMNA Events

May 5-6

Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales

May 9

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting. Board Elections and Potluck Dinner

July 26

Ice Cream Scoop Off

October 11

Sip and Stroll

November 15

Bryn Mawr Harvest Dinner

December TBD

Anwatin Craft Fair

December 15

Saturnalia

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BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Wednesday, December 13, 2017 6:30-8:15 PM

Bryn Mawr Elementary (Cafeteria)

In Attendance

Board and Staff

Brian Treece - Vice President Dennis Fazio - Treasurer James Dietrich - Secretary Patty Wycoff - Neighborhood Coordinator

JoEllyn Jolstad - Bryn Mawr Bugle Editor

Susan Verrett - Area 2 Co-Rep Jessica Wiley - Area 3 Co-Rep Dennie Juillerat - Area 3 Rep Joanne Michalec - Area 4 Co-Rep Chris Etz - Area 4 Co-Rep Beth Turnbull - Area 5 Co-Rep Jay Peterson - Co Rep Area 6 Barry Schade - Area 6 Co-Rep Steve Harvey - Area 7 Rep

Guests

Lisa Goodman, City of Minneapolis Officer Buck, Minneapolis Police Department

Vice President Brian Treece called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. A quorum was present

With no agenda changes noted, Sue Verrett moved to approve. Seconded. Motion passed.

With no changes noted, the minutes for the November 2017 meeting were approved.

Councilmember Lisa Goodman gave a report on the City of Minneapolis:

Annual holiday party is Monday the 18th. Free food and parking. Starting at Starting at 4:30 until 6:30 or 7:00. Everyone is invited to attend.

An administrative variance was approved. 621 Upton needed a side yard launch and due to the shape of their lot, the approval could be done administratively.

The is a variance request for 2809 Wayzata Blvd for a rooftop patio with no indicated change of use. The approval meeting will be held December 14th.

City budget passed. Lisa voted for the budget.

Superbowl is coming up! There are a number of events for the public and small businesses.

Buses are returning to Nicollet Mall, except during Superbowl Live Experience. An autonomous driving bus will be driving on the mall as a demonstration. There is an event on January 11th for the public to discuss how security measures will be impacted including the security perimeter.

Ned Abdul has purchased the former Century Link building. There is no definite information as to expected use of the building.

Dennis Fazio presented an amended

Missing is Garden Committee final budget. After some initial discussions, it was determined to vote on the budget as is, and modify later if required. With that, Jay Peterson moved to accept the Budget for 2018. Seconded. Motion carried.

The Finance Event Planning Committee will be meeting February 1st at 8:30 to 10:00. This Committee consists of Jessica Wiley, Kevin Thompson, Brian Treece, Jay Peterson, Patty Wycoff, and Dennis Fazio. To prepare, Jessica met with Nick Cichowicz, who is the chair of NCEC, and advises the City on funding. He suspects that the City will continue CPP but there may be more accountability.

Officer Buck with the Minneapolis Police Dept (MPD) spoke briefly.

MPD has increased the number of patrols in the neighborhood in response to the increase in crime. MPD has arrested two juveniles, however no one has yet been charged.

Neighborhood Coordinator Patty Wycoff gave a report.

Craft Fair was terrific. There were 24 crafters. BMNA ended up not having to spend any money in order to support the event.

Saturnalia was a success. Good weather and plenty of turnout. More than 100 people were in attendance over the course of the evening.

JoEllyn Jolstad gave an update from the Bryn Mawr Bugle.

No edition in January as usual. Sue Verrett suggested a public service announcement reminding Bryn Mawrtians to pick up after their dogs. It is a City Ordinance,

but more importantly it's considerate

to your neighbors. Jay Peterson gave the Webmaster Report. An SSL certificate was purchased directly through the web hosting servicer. The donate button will be

Jessica Wiley gave an update on Community Projects.

addressed.

Community ideas need to be presented by the end of year for consideration. Recommendations will be reviewed in January.

Chris Etz gave an update on Safety/Traf-

The traffic sign will remain up during the winter, but may run out of battery due to cold temps and short sunshine days.

Barry Schade gave an update on SWLRT.

The Basset Creek is working towards creating an aesthetically appealing wall. The plan that the Park Board is putting together is recommending some additional screening plantings which will reduce the visibility of both the wall and the trains. The Met Council will be completing an EAW (Environmental Assessment Worksheet) in conjunction with a federal mandate.

Jessica Wiley discussed the Northside Park Board Planning.

A session was held at Utepils to discuss what the community envisions for Bryn Mawr Meadows. A follow up meeting Tuesday the 19th at 6:00 at Sparks, which is open to the public. A design meeting to pull together the initial designs will occur in February.

With no further new business, James Dietrich made a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 6:30 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary School, Cafeteria

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In Attendance

Board and Staff

Kevin Thompson - President Brian Treece - Vice President Dennis Fazio - Treasurer James Dietrich - Secretary Patty Wycoff - Neighborhood Coor-JoEllyn Jolstad - Bryn Mawr Bugle Dave Holets - Area 1 Lynda Shaheen - Area 2 Dennie Juillerat - Area 3 Jessica Wiley - Area 3 Christopher Etz - Area 4 Beth Turnbull - Area 5 Vita Ditter - Area 6 Steve Harvey - Area 7

Lisa Goodman - City Council Person and Bryn Mawr resident, Area 5 Peggy Sue Imihy - City of Minneapolis

Raymond Dehn – State Representa-

Officer D.R. Mattsson – Minneapolis Police Department

A quorum was present.

President Kevin Thompson called the meeting to Order and Introductions 6:31.

With no additions, the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Last months meeting minutes mistakenly included Dennie Juillerat. With the removal of Dennie's name from the list of attendees, motion carried.

Councilperson Lisa Goodman provided an update from the City.

2809 N. Wayzata Blvd's rooftop patio was approved.

The owners of Sparks are partnering with the City and a private bank to renovate Sparks.

Lunch with Lisa will occur January 31st, the Wednesday before the Superbowl. The topic will be commercial sex trafficking, specifically around major events. The City is

partnering with several agencies and organizations, including YouthLink, the Minneapolis Police Department and Hennepin County, aiming to stop the sex trafficking of girls and women in Minneapolis.

The City will be reviewing all the activities occurring for the Superbowl, as well as an update on street closure. Two meetings will occur at January 11th at Westminster at 7:00 and 7:30 to discuss all things Super-

The Minneapolis Comp Plan public meeting will occur January 23rd at Plymouth Church.

The list of committee assignments was published. Lisa serves on 4 committees include economic & business development, workforce development, and affordable housing, and inspections & licensing. Lisa will also be taking on an appointment to the municipal building commission, which includes the City Hall itself.

Treasurer Dennis Fazio reviewed BMNA budget and actual spending for 2017.

The full budget is posted on BMNA.org. BMNA follows a cash accounting system, accounting for cash as it comes in or goes out. BMNA realized a net loss of approximately \$33,000 in 2017 and currently has about \$85,000 in reserves. Dennis Fazio moved to accept the report. Seconded. Motion passed.

Jessica Wiley and Dennis Fazio sought the advice of Robin Thompson on how other neighborhood associations handled operations. Robin has extensive experience in neighborhood associations in Minneapolis. He was very complimentary of BMNA operations.

Neighborhood Coordinator Patty Wycoff gave membership update.

BMNA met its membership goal, with a significant number of donations in the last 2 months of the year. BMNA received anonymous feedback that a suggested donation of \$40 was perhaps too high.

Membership to the BMNA is and has always been free for all neighbors. BMNA received donations in 2017 ranging from \$10 to \$250 dollars through mostly digital activities. After some discussion, the decision was made to try a combination of online and print mailing.

Bugle Editor JoEllyn Jolstad gave an update on the Bugle.

The next edition of the Bugle is in February. No Board members have signed up to write an article on 2018 Mike Brennan has sent in the first article of a planned series.

Lynda Shaheen give a report on the **Schools Committee.**

With a budget of \$2000, the community space in the lobby of Anwatin was successfully furnished. Nicknamed "The Nest," it has been set aside as a safe, comfortable

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If the great trees of Bryn Mawr could talk, I bet they could easily pronounce "Kal-itow-ski."

Jim Kalitowski R E A L T O R He's been around your block.



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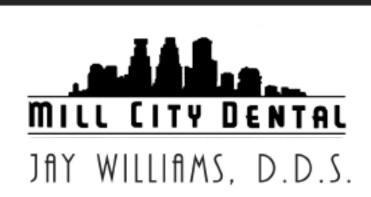
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From the Editor

Toften reflect on how much I appreciate our proximity to downtown. This week I was concerned that we would be overrun with out-of-town football fans, but instead we were treated to a bounty of "free" fun.

Last Friday night I met up with a couple college friends who were in town. We were all coming from other things and thought it would be a blast to end our night hanging out downtown. With all the Super Bowl activities were going on, I should have walked or taken the bus. But knowing we would be short on time, I drove.

When I got to the Dayton's ramp on 8th Street, I was greeted by a \$30 Event Parking sign! Downtown was crazy so there was no trolling around for a meter. I ended up in the public section of the Target ramp which had its regular hourly parking rates in place.

Security everywhere was tight. There were 2-3 police on every corner, trying to keep the throngs of people from being mowed down by frustrated divers. K-9s and their handlers were highly visible and there were bag checks at every venue. The security guard in the Target store looked exhausted!

It was already past nine when we finally connected so we knew we

would only get to a few exhibits before they closed. Since we were already there and one of my friends works for Target, we decided to hit up the Bullseye Lodge.

We queued up outside what I think was the old Young Quinlan building. It was a chic open space that is typically only open to Target employees. After we went through security and got our access credentials (complete with barcode linked to email addresses). We were given free hot cocoa and they took our pictures and printed them on marshmallows. In the outside plaza there was an ice bar, curling and bubble hockey. At The End Zone MVP, they recorded a pretty adorable video of us celebrating a football catch. When I got home, they had emailed that video to me and that was fun surprise.

Most things shut down for the night at 10. But there were still lots of things to explore. We caught the end of the NFL Live show, saw a couple ice sculptures and took advantage of many photo ops complete with overhead space heaters.

When I got home I knew I had to go back! Sometime this week I will be taking the bus to see the Kitten Bowl, Prince's shoe display and maybe take in some Ipso Facto.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, Editor

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Bugle Notes

Area 2

ynda Shaheen was awarded the Honorary Commodore Award by the Minneapolis Aquatennial Ambassador Organization. Lynda Shaheen has spent over a decade volunteering in the Minneapolis Public Schools at Bryn Mawr Elementary School and Anwatin Middle School. She has volunteered in the class room, been an active member of the PTA, Parents of Anwatin Students (PASS), and site teams at both schools, where she has actively supported fund raising, events, and parent communication.

Through her church, she organizes volunteers for the Sheridan Story which provides 175 food packages to students at Bryn Mawr and Anwatin every week. Most recently she has become involved in the Principal search for Southwest High School and the Southwest baseball booster club.

In addition to her service at MPS, she volunteers as an area representative in the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association, where she helped form a schools committee and is the present chair of the committee.

Thank you for your dedication to our schools and our community.





Area 3

annah Gordon is studying at Pontifical Catholic University in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for the spring semester. She is a junior at UW-Madison studying Environmental Science. Her parents, Mary Jo George and Rod Gordon, will visit her in June.



Area 4

eegan Johnson has graduated from UW-Madison with a degree in Environmental Engineering. He completed an internship with US Geology Survey and will begin his career with them. Proud parents are Alisa Eland and Kevin Johnson of Area 4.

Minneapolis Audubon Society Monthly Events

Friday, February 9, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

THE MARVELOUS MARSH - Dr. Bob Starkey Join the Minneapolis Audubon Society for food and fun at the Bryant Square Neighborhood Center, 31st & Bryant Avenue S, just one block south of Lake Street, easily accessible via the #4 bus, which runs every 15 minutes! For more information call 763-533-8381.

Women-centered **Cooperative Workspace Opens in Area 2**

ModernWell caters to women who want to inspire and be inspired by others

women centered innovative cooperative workspace with a focus on wellness and creativity opened its doors on January

"I am grateful to bring Modern-Well to the women of the Twin Cities and beyond, and to offer an inspiring space for them to work, create, connect, and renew," says founder Julie Burton. "All under one roof, members are able to hold a meeting with a colleague, client, or committee members; meet a friend for a cup of coffee or tea; listen to an inspiring speaker; take a yoga class or get a massage; or simply get out of the house or office to work on the novel they've always wanted to write."

ModernWell serves as a safe space for women to work independently or collaboratively. This new space is located just west of downtown, off of Highway 394 and Penn Avenue in the Bryn Mawr neighborhood. Burton is leasing the standalone 5,200 square-foot building that was recently occupied by Baby Grand at 2909 South Wayzata Boulevard.

ModernWell features private office spaces, designated desks, conference and consult rooms, designated quiet workspace, a podcast room, a yoga studio, a massage room, and a private wellness and relaxation room where naptime is not only permitted - it's encouraged!

Members will also have access to speaker series, a writing studio, yoga and Pilates classes, as well as wellness and professional development seminars scheduled throughout the year.

Memberships start at \$185 month. Please visit modernwell.co for more information.



February 2, 1996

Low -32°, high -17° in Twin Cities, both records and the coldest I've recorded since starting Almanac observations in 1975. A low of -60° was recorded in Tower, MN.

February 11, 2014 Last of 17 consecutive nights below zero during the so-called "polar vortex" winter. Melting ice in the arctic changes the path of the jet stream, with unpredictable consequences. One of the possibilities is a straight southward shot of polar air. Before global warming, the jet stream was more predictably

February 12, 2005 Flock of robins on the wing over Upton Avenue. A few robins over-winter here near springs of water (especially recently) but large flocks mean migratory robins have arrived. This is very early for them; they usually show up in the first half of March.

February 28, 1981 Chipmunks out for the first time.

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BMNA Craft Fair at Taste of Anwatin

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- BMNA Schools Committee



Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Membership - 2018

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Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - February 2018

All meetings are open - everyone is welcome. Neighbors are urged to attend and participate in meetings and activities of special interest to them. Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association and its committees meet at Bryn Mawr Elementary School during the school year, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Family Gym Night, 6-8 PM, little gym at Bryn Mawr Elementary	2	Luminary Loppet, 3 Lake of the Isles and Uptown
4	5	6	7	Family Gym Night, 68 8 PM, little gym at Bryn Mawr Elemen- tary	9	10
11	12	13	BMNA monthly meeting, 6:30 pm, Bryn Mawr Elementary cafeteria	Family Gym Night, 45 8 PM, little gym at Bryn Mawr Elemen- tary	16	School Choice 17 Request deadline for Minneapolis Public Schools
18	Presidents Day Holiday	20	21	Family Gym Night, 22 8 PM, little gym at Bryn Mawr Elemen- tary	23	24
25	26	27	28			

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Up North

by Mike Brennan, Area 3

ope, I don't have a cabin "Up North." What I have these days is a greater curiosity about North Minneapolis and an inkling that maybe I should share where that curiosity has led me.

Last Spring, I joined the Minneapolis Park Board's Community Action Committee ("CAC") for North Minneapolis. The Committee is charged with making recommendations to the Park Board about a Master Plan for North Minneapolis parks, which includes Bryn Mawr Meadows (forgive the geographical smudge). I have to admit; I didn't know much about North Minneapolis. To be honest, I still don't. To be really honest, it was a place you just didn't go.

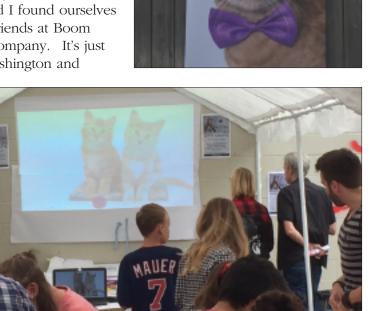
Then I joined the CAC, and I was going to North Minneapolis with some frequency. I saw wide open fields and parks, modern libraries, crazy fun looking water slides, and neighborhoods that looked a lot like mine. I thought maybe I should write regularly about going Up North.

Let me start this series with something accessible and close to our hearts: beer. Well, beer and cats and cat videos. On a beautiful mid-September day, my wife, two sons (don't judge!), and I found ourselves with family and friends at Boom Island Brewing Company. It's just East of I-94 at Washington and

Broadway. The advertising said come drink beer, while you pet cats and watch cat videos. It was packed. The good staff at FelineRescue.org in St. Paul had hit a home run. The brewery has great indoor and outdoor space, good beer, and all the hipsters you could hope to find in Northeast, but it's a little getaway in North. I'll definitely go back.

Boom Island is just the start. As the CAC begins to put together the design recommendations for North Minneapolis (or so) parks, I will indulge a growing curiosity about all that North Minneapolis holds, and I'll share that back to Bryn Mawr. Please feel free to share ideas and restaurant recommendations with me!





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space for students before and after classes.

Jessica Wiley gave an update on the winter nature camp. Even though it was quite chilly, the event was successful and attendance was excellent. They were successful in being recognized as a 5013c nonprofit to start a nature pre-school.

Community Projects Committee will be meeting on January 22nd. The Committee will wade through the huge number of suggestions to identify the potential community projects to tackle in 2018.

Neighborhood Coordinator Patty Wycoff is planning a slight modification of the Neighborhood Garden Tour to include hardscaping and happy spaces, including potentially urban farmers and bee keepers. This will expand the interest within and outside of the neighborhood and is expected to increase attendance.

Vida Ditter gave the update from ROC.

The owner of EXL Laboratories building was not prepared to reveal plans for that space until March. The new distillery Royal Foundry just approval for their liquor license and are waiting for permits to come through. David Wellington will talk about plans for Leaf properties at the meeting Tuesday the 16th.

Kevin Thompson updated the group on the forthcoming LRT.

Since some of the screening for the train tracks will need to be on park property, that will be included in the redesign of Bryn Mawr Meadows.

Representative Raymond Dehn spoke briefly.

Reminder, session starts February 20th. A townhall meeting will occur on or before February 20th to talk about some of the issues expected in the next session.

February 6th is the night before Precinct Caucuses. Caucus locations can be found on either the GOP or DFL websites.

Officer Mattsson from Minneapolis Police Department spoke briefly.

There is no new information on the two juveniles who were arrested.

With nothing further, Jessica Wiley moved to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:35

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 6:30 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary School, Cafeteria

The BMNA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by the BMNA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting our neighborhood coordinator at organizer@BMNA.org at least five days before our event.







This Parks History was published in the December 1992 Bugle. There is no indication of who wrote it. A longer history of Cedar Lake is posted under the Cedar Lake Parkway Bridge over the railroad.

If you have historic information or photos that you would like to share with the Bugle, please email Kevina Munnich at kmunnich@gmail.com.

Parks History

The Beginning

In 1856, with a population of 1,555, the Town of Minneapolis was incorporated. In 1857, one year before New York City had its first park, Edward Murphy donated three and one-third acres of land to the town for that purpose.

Minneapolis and the Village of St. Anthony merged in 1872 to form one city with a population of 21,014. Both municipalities had been active in trying to develop public parks where people could gather to listen to music, celebrate holidays, or simply escape for a while.

By the 1880s a movement was sweeping the U.S. which advocated public parks in densely populated areas as a necessity to people's well being. In 1882 the city council began to provide funds for the purchase of land and a year later an election and a legislative act established the Minneapolis system of parks and a board of park commissioners. The population was then more than 96,000.

Charles M. Loring

Charles Loring, along with a group of other wealthy Minneapolis residents, led the fight for a system of public parks in Minneapolis.

Loring had lived in Minneapolis for 20 years when he was appointed the first president of the newly formed park commission. He became known as "the father of the Minneapolis parks system."

Cedar Lake

During the 1870s Cedar Lake was the regional hot spot for boating and fishing parties. An octagon-shaped hotel called the Oak Grove House was on the southwest side, while Stetson's Cedar Lake Park resort graced the eastern shore.

By 1908, when the park board began buying up the land around the lake, all of the red cedars (for which the lake was named) had died or had been cut down. One of the park boards first projects for Cedar Lake was to restore the trees.

At the end of 1911, the first of a series of dredging contracts was let. Coarse gravel made the work slow and difficult. In 1914, work was begun on a canal that could connect Brownie and Cedar. In 1917, navigation between the four lakes became a reality--Brownie, Cedar, Isles, and Calhoun were now linked.

The dredging and digging had taken six years. The dredging had cost \$46,417.48, and the canal to Brownie had cost \$6,452.55.

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remodeled, or who have homes well-preserved in their architectural eras, the Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour is looking for you. The tour's mission is to show what can be done with existing city housing stock, and give ideas for neighborhood-sensitive expansion and new building.

"People who attend the tour are looking for ideas on how to remodel or expand their homes," said Tour coordinator Margo Ashmore. "Homeowners on the tour enjoy fabulous feedback and find it's also a great promotion for their neighborhoods."

Contractors often help staff the homes, and homeowners ask family and friends to contribute a few hours hosting. "A good support network makes it fun. It's a great incentive to finish up the last few little projects," Ashmore said. "Recruit help at fall and winter gatherings, and identify clusters of homes to call special attention."

Contractors and other vendors may nominate homes they have worked on, and are encouraged to call for more information about sponsorship. Green, energy efficient, and historically-sensitive remodels and expansions get special notice among the 50 homes. It is not necessary to have remodeled the whole house.

Toward a self-guided tour weekend April 28-29, 2018, organizers are recruiting host homes now. For information, call Margo Ashmore at 612-867-4874 or submit a nomination through

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Bryn Mawr Moms on the Search for Good Books & Food

The Latehomecomer By Kao Kalia Yang

uthor Kao Kalia Yang was born in 1980 in the Ban Vinai Refugee Camp in Thailand. Her extended family eventually settled in St. Paul, where she graduated from St. Paul's Harding High School, and later Carleton College, and Columbia University. Yang was the 2017 Minnesota Book Award Winner in Creative Nonfiction/Memoir. Kalia's accomplishments belie her family's struggles during their harrowing escape from massacre at the hands of the Pathet Lao in the mountains of Laos. Her parents, beloved grandmother, aunts, uncles, and cousins, then lived for seven years in the dire conditions of Thai refugee camps, finally relocating and adjusting to a new life in the United States.

Kalia's family's sense of who they are, their connection to their roots the roots of the land and of ancestors - sustained them as they struggled to survive while constantly being uprooted. Kalia is grounded in the stories of where she comes from. "From the day that she was born, she was taught that she was Hmong by the adults around her. As a baby learning to talk, she was often asked "What are you?" and the right answer was always "I am Hmong." Through their grandmother's stories, they held Hmong culture in their hearts. Kalia's family became Americans with a deep understanding of both who they were, and who they were becoming.

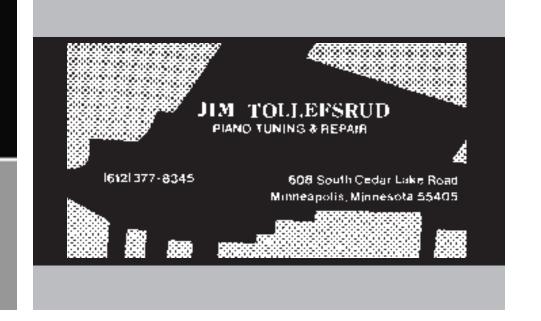
The first three chapters of her powerful memoir describe the breathtaking beauty and spirituality of the mountains of Laos where her parents and ancestors lived. Through her beautiful writing, through her stream of consciousness, she brings her readers to understand her family's journey.

In lyrical prose, she describes how their lives became an agonizing story of survival when the government declared war on the Hmong, and the Pathet Lao military hunted down those who had supported American troops during the Vietnam war, and the "secret war" in Laos.

For those who lived in St. Paul in the 1990's, her stories of growing up in the McDonough housing project and attending St. Paul public schools will bring back vivid memories of a city adapting to the immigration from Southeast Asia that was taking place. Uneven writing in the later chapters was a distraction, but her passionate connection with her culture, and particularly her love of her grandmother's wisdom through her stories, comes through.

While reading this memoir, our book club members, none of whom are Hmong, had vivid recollections of interacting with Hmong families. When our children started kindergarten at Bryn Mawr Elementary in the early 1990's, nearly forty percent of their classmates were the children of Hmong refugees. During our book club discussion, we relived the birthday parties, soccer games, Family Fun Nights, PTO meetings, and science and history day projects, with our children's classmates and parents who were Hmong. Those interactions brought new understandings, and misunderstandings; both reminding us of how interaction with a different culture enriched the lives of our children and our families. Kalia's story brought a deeper understanding to that experience.

What the Moms are reading now: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann



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School Requests are due Saturday, February 17, 2018

PreK-8: schoolchoice.mpls.k12.mn.us
Grades 9-12: highschoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us

Learn More About Our Community Schools

Bryn Mawr Community School (PreK-5)

brynmawr.mpls.k12.mn.us

Bryn Mawr Community School Principal, Kristi Ward, held an open house on Friday, January 26 and gave several tours to prospective families. Tours are planned on Fridays, February 2 & 16.

Call 612-668-2500 to arrange a tour.

Anwatin Middle School (6-8) International Baccalaureate & Spanish Dual Immersion

anwatin.mpls.k12.mn.us

Tours are planned at 9:30am on Tuesday, February 6 and 13.

Visit the school website to sign up or call 612-668-2450 for more information.

Visits include a greeting by school administration, a short informational program, and guided tour. Anwatin Student Ambassadors offer a student-led tour just for students at the same time as the parent/guardian tour.

Share Your Talents With the Community!

Anwatin Community Education is seeking instructors for Adult Enrichment and ACCESS (Adults with special abilities). Call 612-668-2478 or email Daniel.Burgos@mpls.k12.mn.us to propose a class.



Community Education

Registration for Winter Session begins January 3rd. Visit www.mplscommunityed.com to register and see classes.





Youth & Schools

Family Open Gym Nights

ome in out of the cold. We have secured the small gym (larger gym unavailable)
Thursdays from January 11-March 15th. In order to accommodate all and ensure everyone's safety, each week the gym will be open for either big kids 7+ OR littler kids (6 and under) each week. See Bugle calendar or watch for announcements on nextdoor.com.

Feb 1 - little kids

Feb 8 - big kids

Feb 15 - little kids

Feb 22 - big kids

Some equipment is provided by the BMNA but feel free to bring your own. In addition we will need help with opening and closing the gym. For big kid nights please contact Steve Lish at

Steve.Lish@mpls.k12.mn.us and little kids night Kate Olson at Kateandmatt.olson@gmail.com

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Minneapolis Kids School-age Childcare (at Bryn Mawr School) 612-668-3890 mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us/

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256 Upton Avenue South 612-668-2450 anwatin.mpls.k12.mn.us

Anwatin Community Education 612-668-2478 www.mplscommunityed.com

Winter Community Education Classes at Anwatin

Breakfast Breads

1 Monday, Feb. 5, 6:30-8:00 PM

You'll want to rise and shine with these delicious breads to start your morning! Explore techniques that work as you prepare popular morning treats and make your kitchen smell great. Instructor collects a \$7 food supply fee. \$19

Guitar: Acoustic 1

5 Mondays, Feb. 5-Mar. 5, 6:30-7:45pm Learn chords, scales and basic guitar techniques so you can start playing your favorite songs. Bring an acoustic guitar and a pick. \$35

Spanish Lessons for Teachers

5 Mondays, Feb. 5-Mar. 5, 4:15-5:15pm All four modalities of language will be practiced: verbal, written, reading and auditory Spanish opportunities. Students from the Spanish Immersion program will be invited to team up with teachers for one on one speaking activities. \$45

Yoga: Gentle 1

5 Wednesdays, Feb. 7-Mar. 7, 6:30-7:45pm

Learn gentle yoga sequences that will strengthen major muscle groups, increase respiratory function, release tension and relax your mind and body. Must be able to comfortably transition from standing to seated position. Wear comfortable clothes, and refrain from eating

before class. Bring your own yoga mat. \$45

Essential Guide to Buying Your Home

Monday, Feb. 12, 6:30-9:00pm

Want to negotiate the best deal on your home? Learn how to access government grants, obtain first time buyer programs, avoid the lemons and save thousands. Instructor will walk you through step by step the best process for going about maximizing your money and having the lifestyle you want. \$25

Quinoa

Monday Feb. 26, 6:30-8:00pm

Find out what the fuss is about. Once you taste quinoa, a gluten-free complete protein, you'll understand. Receive outstanding recipes for salads, desserts, breads and more, all incorporating quinoa. Instructor collects a \$10 food supply fee. \$19

Scones

Monday, Mar. 12, 6:30-8:00pm

Enjoy delicious scones starting from a simple recipe and discover daring additions to make your scones come alive. These crispy, flaky treats will be a delicious addition to your lineup of go-to quick breads. \$19

Registration begins January 3, 2018 at mplscommunityed.com or call 612-668-2478.

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Age	Sun-Thurs	Fri-Sat
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12-14	10:00 pm	11:00 pm
15-17	11:00 pm	12:00 pm

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Connecting Communities Across Borders

here were plenty of reasons to be excited about a Project SUCCESS trip to Mexico in December: escaping the Minnesota winter for a week, practicing my Spanish language skills, immersing myself in another culture, attending the CIMMA environmental conference... But, for me, nothing was as meaningful as sharing the experience with ten amazing students from Anwatin Middle School. I was excited to get to know them as individuals, hear their stories, and for us to share in this great opportunity.

Our journey started with a bright and early meeting at the airport. The students arrived one by one, luggage and passports in hand. They had been selected for the trip based on their Spanish language skills and interest in S.T.E.M. fields. For several students it was their first time out of the country, and for others, it was even their first time on a plane.

Day One: Mexico City

We began with a day in Mexico City exploring the famous Templo Mayor and learning the history of the ancient Aztecs, before driving south to the state of Morelos for the CIMMA environmental conference. The conference would last three days, and then we would return for one final dinner in Mexico City before coming home. Our students – the first Minnesotan students to ever attend CIMMA — would branch out, meet new people, practice their Spanish in an immersive setting, and participate in an exciting, international environmental conference.

We quickly began to bond and become a team on our first day exploring Mexico City together. The students had tons of questions and were learning how to order meals in Spanish.

Day Two: On to Cuernavaca! On Sunday we drove to Cuernavaca. There was time for a quick dip in the pool before the main event of the day: reunion dinner with families of our students. Four of the ten students on our trip had family, (cousins, uncles and aunts, grandparents, brothers and sisters and a father) who lived in the state of Morelos. Part of the reasoning behind our trip was a close connection and relationship between the sister cities of Minneapolis and Cuernavaca. Many Mexican students who go to school in Minneapolis are from the relatively small state of Morelos. Project SUCCESS has built a unique and strong connection to Cuernavaca through many previous visits to Cuernavaca: [link to previous blog posts]. Each trip to Mexico helps us further build our intercultural competencies and a better understanding of these students' life experiences.

The night was amazing. There were reunions all around as we

shared a delicious meal together. It was such a wonderful sight to see our students reunited with family that they hadn't seen in years, and in a few cases, meeting family for the first time. There were hugs, smiles and plenty of laughs. Again: people making connections with one another. Our reunion lasted well after the plates had been cleared.

Day Three: Settling in at CIMMA
Our next day was very exciting
because it was the start of the main
reason for our trip to Mexico —
attending the CIMMA conference. As
we pulled up, we were surrounded
by students and teachers who
would become our neighbors for
the next three days, including ten
Mexican students who had a special
connection to Minneapolis.

These ten students were either born in, or lived in Minnesota for part of their lives. One had even attended Anwatin Middle School for a year. We brought backpacks with us as a gift to our newly made friends. We made our first connections at the conference, and we had barely stepped out of our van.

After we checked in, the students were put into groups. It was an exciting time as our students were, for the first time, separated from each other and immersed into an experience that necessitated meeting new people and sometimes speaking Spanish exclusively. They were each in a group with roughly 15 other students who were attending the conference from different schools all over Mexico. That night was full of field games that helped make connections between people from all different walks of life.

Day Four: Immersed in CIMMA
On our full day at the CIMMA
conference, the student groups
adventured through a beautiful park.
There were grassy areas, plenty of
wooded forest, and a river running
through the middle of the park.
Throughout the day I was able to
walk from group to group and
watch as our students interacted
with the nature and environment
around them.

They learned about mushrooms, plants and herbs in their natural



habitat, reptiles and insects indigenous to Mexico, and how we all can better take care of our planet. Through it all, they were making friends and having life experiences with peers they hadn't known a day before. The late afternoon was spent swapping the day's stories of excitement and friendship.

That night we celebrated our comradery with an evening filled with dancing. Time like this was integral throughout the trip. It allowed us to truly experience a different culture: the music, the food, the games and activities. All of this contributed to a more full understanding of our new friends and their daily life in Mexico. We danced the night away, and as they say, dance is a universal language.

Day Five: Lasting Connections
The conference ended the next
day with each group reflecting on
what we had learned over the
course of our time together. Each
group created a poster outlining all
of the new experiences and lessons
about how we can better care for
our environment and planet. It
helped us realize that when we
recycle, put efforts into renewable
energy, or clean up our lakes and
rivers, it helps not only us, but
develops a global good that helps

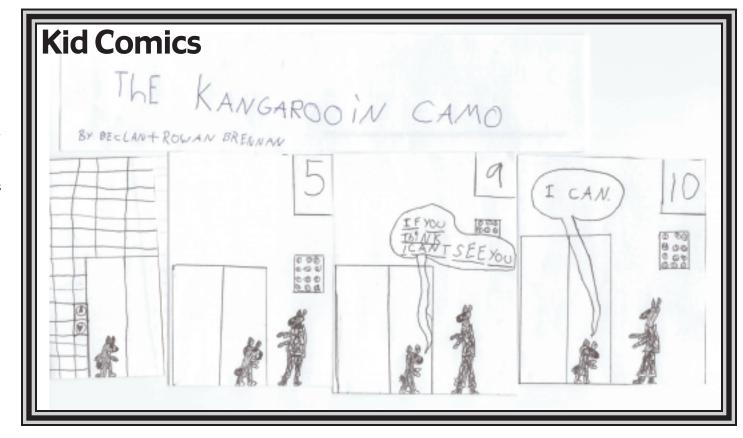


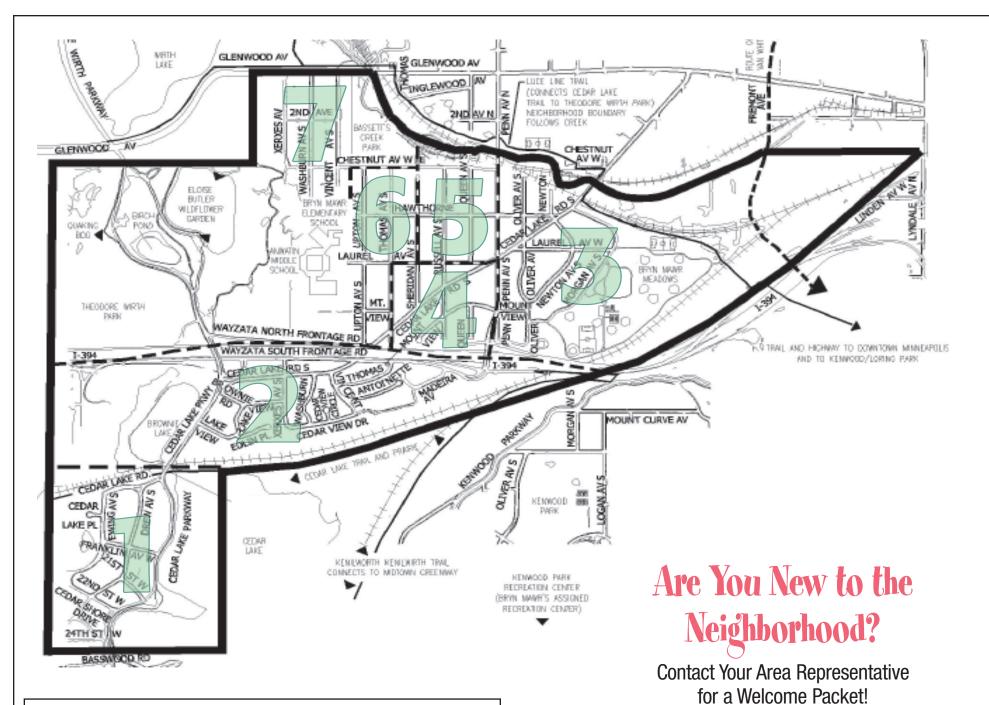
those in Mexico and all around the world.

As we returned to Mexico City, and the rest of the way back to Minnesota, the students all shared favorite memories, things they had learned — both about the environment and about living in a global age — and each student talked about how they could not wait to go back next year.

I had the exact same feelings. When you have an amazing opportunity to experience another culture and truly immerse yourself in the lives of others, it really does enrich every aspect of your life and makes it that much harder to want to return to your daily life. However, that is exactly why experiences like these are so important. It allows us to spread what we have learned and share these experiences and life lessons further and widen our own circles, to an entirely different, and yet closely connected, community.

Annick Dall, Project SUCCESS





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