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Volunteers are still needed to sketch a masthead for the top of the July and September Newsletters! Call the editor (525-0103) if you or someone you know would be willing to provide a drawing.

Our Apologies for an Error in the March Newsletter: The name one of the volunteers for the Planning Commission opening is **Chris Gilley** not Kris Giles.

North Shore Community School

Spring Community Celebration. Friday, May 14th at 6pm in our NSCS to honor a special "elder", Director Phil Carlson (traditionally NSCS honors community elders at the Spring Community Celebration). Phil will be retiring from the position of School Director. We are especially grateful for his leadership over the past two years since our charter school was initiated. For details see the article by Rich Sill in this *Newsletter*. Many activities are planned for this special event. Coffee and punch will be available. The public is invited. Watch for more information. **Attend and show your support.**

Grandparent's Day. Friday, May 14th is also a special day for Grandparents of current K-3 students at our North Shore Community School.

NSCS Board meets the 3rd Tuesday each month at 6:30pm in the school library. Requests for items to be placed on the agenda must be made in the Administrative Office 3 days prior to the meeting.

Township Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief.

Our Township thanks to Officers **Steve Peterson, Tom Wick** and Chief **Shawn Padden**.

Those who park and fish on the Scenic Drive are urged to lock their vehicle to avoid theft of items from the vehicle.

Our Police Department maintains an **email Crime Alert** service (it is also on our web site). To receive notices send email address to PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org.

If you have **information about suspicious or illegal activities** in your neighborhood, you can send an email to

our Police (license plates and descriptions are helpful). This may aid our officers in their investigations. However, for emergencies, call **911**.

Thanks to Jerry Simmons for 7 years of service as Chief of our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department.

Jerry has worked hard to improve our ISO rating (and thus lower your homeowner insurance rates). The ISO rating is pending.

During his tenure as Chief, the Department has upgraded firefighting and emergency equipment including improved communication, state of the art defibulator, infrared fire-search camera, a rescue vehicle and the large water tanker needed to help address ISO rating requirements. Fire response has improved as has the Department's professionalism and morale. A fire reserve was instituted, the number of trained volunteers has increased to nearly the full complement of active members, and efforts were made to productively integrate fire and emergency first responders

He has made a significant contribution to our community's safety. Jerry will continue as a firefighter with the Department. Thank you, Jerry.

The History Corner: A Tribute

Rich Sill

Phil Carlson knows a day will arrive this June when he will drive up Ryan Road on the way to his job as director of North Shore Community School for the very last time. "It will be a bittersweet day for me, but I also know it is a day that must come". Talked out of retirement two years ago Phil took over the directorship of a school that he was already well familiar with. "I know at my age they didn't hire me for my energy, my guess is they hired me because they thought of me as family." Thinking he would first come on as a temporary consultant for just a few months, his tenure has now lasted two years. "I wasn't involved for very long before that same old feeling for North Shore got a hold of me, so it didn't take much arm twisting to get me to stay. It's hardly considered a job when you love something so much." But now he feels

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it is time to retire for good and turn over the helm to someone new. Part of that comes from the fact that Phil feels he is leaving North Shore in very good hands. "This is the most enthusiastic staff I have ever worked with and it is a most remarkable place to work. I know this school will be here for years to come."

In some respects returning to North Shore for Phil was like coming home for a second time. Born in French River, Phil attended Bloomingdale School in his early years and graduated from Clover Valley High School. His senior class consisted of only 13 students. Phil played football, basketball and track, graduating in 1956. After high school he went on to UMD where in 1962 he received his teaching certificate. In that same year he married his childhood sweetheart, Diane MacLean, the little girl he had first met 16 years earlier when he asked if he could join her in a sandbox she was playing in, something, that up until that time, Phil had never seen. After marriage Phil and Diane moved to the cities where Phil got a job teaching in St. Paul while Diane acquired work in the Minneapolis school system. "We found ourselves living in the cities but our hearts were still back in French River-Clover Valley", Phil explained. After three years of spending nearly every weekend driving back "home" they left the cities and moved permanently back north in 1965.

Phil was hired almost immediately as a 5th grade teacher at North Shore, the school that had just a year or so before replaced Bloomingdale as the community elementary. After about ten years of teaching, Phil became North Shore Elementary School's principal, a position he held until his "first" retirement, which occurred in 1994. Over his nearly forty years of involvement with the school Phil has developed a deep reservoir of experiences with which to spin his seemingly endless array of stories. Whether it is of a goat running between classrooms, pulling intercom wires with Ken Hendrickson through the labyrinth of tunnels underneath the school, hacking out the original nature trail with an axe and chainsaw, or of the travails of buses stuck in the "frost boils" of spring, the delight and joy that comes over Phil's face and the laughter that accompanies his storytelling are the most obvious indications of a career and a life very well lived.

In at least a few cases the students who now walk the halls of North Shore are the children of the children of the children Phil first taught 40 years ago -- a reality that he is clearly aware of but one that has seemed not to have dimmed any of his enthusiasm. "Mentally I don't feel any different. The same feelings are there that I have always had. The only difference is that I look in the mirror everyday, and my gosh, its not the same person I see who began here forty years ago." We stood together for a while talking in the outer office before he looked at me and said, "Say, if you've got a second I would like to show you something. He walked me outside the front doors of the school and then pointed in the direction of the flagpole. "You see that round ball that sits at the very top of the pole, what do you think that is?", I looked up to the silver globe Phil referred to, turned to him and shook my head.

"Well," he went on, "there are things around here that one

needs to know but they are not the type of things that are ever going to be written down anywhere. They only get passed on if the person who knows tells someone else." Phil turned my direction back to the pole and as he started to speak a smile began to creep across his face, "From down here that decoration sure looks nice, but you know, it is really nothing more than the metal float from a toilet tank that someone stuck up there. Before I left here I just wanted to make sure somebody knew that." And with that Phil turned and walked back into the school that will surely miss him as much as he will miss it.

Storm Water Planning

Jeff Cook, Supervisor

In 2003, our *Township* was included on a Federal List for Storm Water Planning (MS-4). The main objective for the mandate from the MPCA is to keep our waters as clean as possible by holding local governments responsible for their waters. To help implement good standards, the MPCA has six program elements that we need to include in our *Storm Water Plan*.

1. Public Education and Outreach

2. Public Participation/Involvement
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Runoff Control
5. Post Construction Runoff Control
6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping

What we plan to do for the first of these six elements is described below.

Education. This *Newsletter* is part of our Township storm water education program. To let you know that water quality is a very important issue and our township is being held responsible for keeping our waters clean.

The Planning Commission has been asked to include information on stormwater management in a handout they will give to everyone who obtains a building permit. The handout will have information that will help keep our surface and underground waters clean.

We belong to a regional storm water committee that is dedicated to developing educational information for the Western Lake Superior watershed area. We need to have a yearly public hearing on our storm water plan with public comment.

In addition, I will bring this important subject up during various Town meetings. It is imperative that our citizens know how serious and important this mandated storm water plan is.

In future *Newsletters*, the other Plan elements will be explained further concerning what is to be expected of us.

The Homesteaders

Helen Hendrickson

May 5th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall, Homestead Road – Robert Robbins will provide entertainment on the keyboard..

June 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Lori Peters from Telephone Equipment Distribution Program will provide an informative discussion.

July 7th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall, Program to be announced.

Everyone is welcome. For information, call 525-4154

Township Business Listing Update

If you have a business, home-based or otherwise, we need to hear from you so your business can be listed in next month's *Newsletter* insert and on the Township web site. The purpose is to acknowledge the Township business community, make it better known and appreciated by residents, and to encourage residents to buy from local businesses. We have a list that is approaching 100 Township businesses but it has been a couple of years since it was updated. Please check to see if your business is listed (call or see the Town web site).

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Barry Lampi, Fire Chief

Our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department conducted its regular election for fire officials. Elected were: Fire Chief **Barry Lampi**, Assistant Chief **Bill Cox**, 1st Captain **Kip Brown**, 2nd Captain **Bob Engleson**, and 3rd Captain **Neal Myrdal**. Elected organizational officers were: President **Dan Nieman**, Secretary **Sherry Rovig**, Treasurer **Ann Cox**. Bylaws of the Fire Department are being updated.

Our thanks to outgoing Fire Chief **Jerry Simmons**, the new officers, and to other members of our Volunteer Department: **Jody Anderson, Chris Campbell, Keith Darsow, Jason Dorgan, Pat Farley, Dean Godding, Bill Hartman, Will Hartman, Pat Halverson, Ray Leppala, Paulette MacIntosh, Jeff Scully, and Don Walli.**

Annual Meeting Report

(Summarized from a draft. Minutes will be officially acted upon at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting.)

Mark Helmer was voted to be the moderator for this Annual Meeting. The 2003 minutes were approved and a motion was made to change our bank of deposit from Wells Fargo to Lake Bank (passed). Duluth News Tribune remains as our official newspaper of publication and official posting places continue to be the Town Hall, Scenic Café, South Recycling Center, Fire Hall #1 and North Shore Community Center.

After discussion, the **Town budget** for 2005 was approved with two additions. Residents initiated a request for an added \$7,000 to increase Police Officer time (we currently pay for 160 hours per month). Residents also added \$10,000 to the General Township budget specifically for lawn mowing and snow plowing at our Community Center. Other Department budgets were unchanged. A final item was included to replace a State 5% retroactive cut in our 2003 and 2004 budgets. The total 2005 budget as amended and approved by residents is \$272,027.64. For comparison, our 2004 budget is \$265,812, and \$308,645 for 2003.

Note that the official meeting time for the Board was changed to 7:00pm from 7:30pm (still the 2nd Thursday).

A continuation of this 2004 Annual Meeting, if needed, was set for August 10th at 8pm. **The 2005 Annual Meeting will be held on March 8th, 2005 at 8:15pm.**

Seth Levanen introduced a petition opposing the draft zoning ordinance and calling for a referendum to choose between adopting St Louis County's ordinance and the draft ordinance. Town Attorney Tim Strom clarified the

legal ordinance adoption process and the Town Board's role. No action was taken.

In the past, the Town Board had the Planning Commission interview and recommend replacements to the Commission. Bruce Lindberg moved that candidates for vacancies in the Planning Commission be interviewed and appointed by the Town Board. Motion passed.

Election results were announced. A record 528 ballots were cast for two Board of Supervisor positions. Steve Dahl (467), Corlis West (348), Dennis Bruckelmyer (172) and 8 other write-ins totaling 29 votes.

Township Calendar

See updates on www.duluthtownship.org

-----May 2004-----

- May 4, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church lower level.
- May 5, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- May 5, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- May 11 and 12th Town Hall Office will be closed.
- May 12, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** maintenance
- May 13**, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- May 14, Fri 6pm Spring Community Celebration**, North Shore Community School.
Honoring Phil Carlson. Public Invited!
- May 18, Tue, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- May 18, Tue, 7pm Planning Commission work meeting
- May 19, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training
- May 27**, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- May 31, Mon. 11am Township Memorial Service**, Township Cemetery, Old North Shore Road

-----June 2004-----

- June 1, Tue, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church lower level.
- June 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- June 2, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- June 9, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** maintenance
- June 10**, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- June 15, Tue, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
- June 16, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training
- June 23, **Deadline** for news for the July *Newsletter*
- June 24**, Thu, 7:00 **Planning Commission**, Town Hall.

-----July 2004-----

- July 6, Tue, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church lower level.
- July 7, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet Town Hall
- July 7, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- July 8**, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- July 14, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** maintenance
- July 20, Tue, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- July 21, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training
- July 22**, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall



Ernest Anderson on his farm on East Flynn Road in the early 1940's. Picture contributed by Carol Leppala

NSCS Library Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to help out at our North Shore Community School's Library, please contact Barb Jackson or Lauri Twining (525-0332). They can provide additional details. Several volunteers are needed.

Zoning Ordinance Update

At its regular March 25th meeting, the Planning Commission agreed to a series of weekly working meetings in April to go over resident comments and make changes in the draft zoning ordinance. These meetings were posted and open to the public. Once revisions are made based on these comments, a final proposed ordinance will be prepared for public information events and a Public Hearing.

The Planning Commission thanks all who took the time to review the draft document and provide written comments. Our community can be proud of the large number of people (well over 100) who have come out to help update our zoning document over the past 3 years. Public comments have been very useful, ranging from detailed editorial notes to oversights to proposed changes. In addition to these, there were some general comments regarding the draft ordinance and support of the draft was split, about 33 favored and 30 did not favor the draft ordinance. In some cases comments arose from misunderstandings which have led to clarifications in the edited document.

The final proposed ordinance should be clearer and better, reflecting our community's *Comprehensive Plan*, adopted earlier, and the principles and compromises agreed to by our resident Steering Committee.

As soon as the final proposed ordinance is completed, the Planning Commission will send out a separate Newsletter updating everyone on the changes made to the draft, reasons for making changes, announcements of upcoming Open Houses, and the date for the Public Hearing.

Summary of Town Board Meetings

(Official minutes are available at the Town Hall and on our Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org).

NOTE that Board meeting time is now 7pm, not 7:30pm.

March 13th meeting. Scheduled as a Board of Canvas and Board Reorganization meeting. Supervisors present: Bruce Aho and Jeff Cook plus newly elected Supervisors Steve Dahl, and Corlis West. No meeting was held due to

lack of a quorum (Dahl and West weren't eligible to vote until the Board of Canvas met and that required three other Board members).

April 8th meeting. Supervisors present: Bruce Aho, Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl, George Sundstrom, and Corlis West, with Town Clerk Ann Cox, Treasurer Janet Johansen, Attorney Tim Strom and Planning Commission Secretary Caroline Marino, plus an audience of 14. **Corlis West was elected Chair and Steve Dahl, Vice Chair.** Chair Bruce Aho then turned over the gavel to Corlis West. **Supervisor duties** were decided upon and these are listed on the back page of this *Newsletter*.

Minutes for February were approved and audience concerns from Bill Aho and Bruce Lindberg were entered under the appropriate area of the agenda. Supervisor Sundstrom reported that preliminary **Audit** results look very fine. An adjusted budget was approved.

The **Treasurer** reported income of \$17,354.13, expenses \$31,640.05, an ending balance of \$228,957.09.

Department reports were presented. Chief Padden reported 98 **Police** events for February and March. In response to Bill Aho's question, no proposal has yet been discussed concerning the added police time for 2005 that residents requested and approved at the March Town Annual Meeting.

Incoming **Fire** Chief Barry Lampi announced election results (see article) and indicated optimism for our improved ISO rating but we are still waiting for a response.

Supervisor Dahl reported on the **Community Center.** A proposal for a solar energy demonstration unit was discussed but tabled. Coordinating requests for community activities at the Community Center will be investigated.

Town Attorney Tim Strom addressed several **legal** matters.

Joining a proposed interagency storm water group to help handle federally mandated education on required Storm Water management was not approved. Township expense and other items need to be clarified.

A revised *North Shore Management Board* joint powers agreement will be presented to our Board.

Issues the State Fire Marshall raised about NSCS have been resolved. One request was for a Township "Certificate of Occupancy" which our Township does not issue because we do not have a building code (we do have a land use zoning ordinance and issue building permits).

The Attorney assured Bill Aho that our citizen's vote at the Annual Town Meeting was legal. They voted up to \$10,000 for snowplowing and mowing at our *Community Center.* Our *Community Center* is valued at \$2-3 million (plus, most agree NSCS is a valuable asset, hard won by the work of many citizens and worth continued care and attention); the Township is not allowed to make a gift to the school; the *Charter School Board* gets funding from the State from which it pays rent to the Township; our Township voted to put this lease money into a capital fund for future repairs and improvement to our property; it is not unusual for good tenants, like our NSCS, to renegotiate some terms of the lease (the lease runs from June to June); the *NSCS Board* proposed an \$18,000 rent increase when the temporary classrooms were installed last summer – approval of this proposed increase is pending with the State where the delayed

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Fire Marshall Report held up final State approval); finally, it is also not unusual for landlords to assume snow and mowing costs as part of the property upkeep.

The Attorney has responded to a letter from Bruce Lindberg about zoning.

The **Planning Commission** reported that written comments have been organized and working meetings have discussed them and are attempting to find a middle ground. Among overall comments 33 were in favor of the draft and 30 did not favor the draft. The Board moved to interview the two applicants for the Planning Commission, as requested by the Town Annual Meeting, at a special meeting on April 21st.

Janet Green reported that Commissioner Miriam plans to come up to review the **North Shore Trail** regarding opening it to ATV's. The Commission would be willing to meet with the Board to discuss the issue (part of the trail goes through the north part of our Township). Steve Dahl made a motion to send a letter of invitation (failed 4-1).

The liquor license renewal for *New Scenic Café* was approved.

April 21st Special Meeting. Supervisors present: Bruce Aho, Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl, George Sundstrom, and Corlis West. This was a special meeting to interview the two candidates for the Planning Commission vacancy, Chris Gilley and Seth Levanen. Seth Levanen was chosen in a 3-2 secret ballot by the Board.

The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday) May. 13th, June 10th, July 8th, 7:00pm in the Town Hall. Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

(Official minutes are available at the Town Hall)

March 25th meeting. Members present: Chair Sue Lawson, Toni Fladmark, Adam Hendrickson, and Janet McTavish, and Dave Miller. Several were in the audience. Elections were held: Sue Lawson and Dave Miller were elected co-chairs. Dave Miller was elected as Commission representative to the Board of Adjustment.

Since the Zoning Administrator was on vacation, there was no Administrator report. The process of reviewing comments was discussed. Decisions will be made by consensus if possible, then by majority vote. Handouts by Dave Miller, organizing comments and relevant data, were adopted as a useful tool in discussing issues. Draft work sessions to go over written comments were set for April 1, 6, 12 and 29.

The need for enforcement of the ordinance on the currently non-conforming Barthell sign was discussed but deferred until the Zoning Administrator could be present. Cindy wrote a CAP grant for planned educational materials but it did not get submitted and will be submitted in the next grant round.

Next Planning Commission meetings: (4th Thursday) May 27th, June 24th, July 22nd 7:30pm, Town Hall. Residents are invited to attend these public meetings.

Meet the New Nature Trail at North Shore

Renee Igo

Beginning May 4th the North Shore Community School Nature Trail would like to give you a guided tour—without a guide. During the past several months, I have developed a set of interpretive signs for the Nature Trail. I wrote descriptions of unique flora and fauna at each of the 30 sign sites and then constructed permanent signs. These signs will enable you to find out all you ever wanted to know about the Nature Trail—on your own. Check out this winter/spring set and later in the season you can discover the summer/fall-themed descriptions.

I did this project for my Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest honor in Cadette Girl Scouts. So come take a hike and enjoy the new Nature Trail signs, check out the South loop, and learn something new. Everybody is welcome on the trail.

Renee Igo, Cadette Girl Scout Troop #61, is a Freshman at Marshall School and an Alum of North Shore Elementary, Class of '01

Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District

Mary Ann Sironen

Spring weather has allowed construction to continue in earnest on the D/NSSD sewer project. The system is being completed from west to east with the portion between the Lester River and the Ryan Road scheduled to be activated early this summer while work continues from the Ryan Road eastward to the Lake County line.

Several crews of *Frontier Pipeline*, the contractor for the lateral lines, are installing grinder pumps and lines to individual homes while *S.J.Lewis*, the contractor for the main line, is returning to finish restoration of the areas disturbed by that construction. *Agate Electric* is working ahead of *Frontier* to put in the electrical connections needed for the grinder pumps.

Property owners are urged to complete the easement forms they have received or will soon be receiving in the mail that allows construction work to be done on their property. In addition, everyone also needs to make arrangements with Jeff Cook for inspection of their buildings for inflow and infiltration (I&I). These things need to be done as soon as possible so construction can proceed efficiently. If the inspections are not complete by the time the system becomes active, an additional daily fee will be added to individual bills.

The Board, engineers and contractors are doing everything they can to get the work done efficiently with as little disruption to properties and traffic as possible. However, this is a big project and we realize that everyone is dealing with some level of inconvenience... not the least of which is the mud!

Eric Appelwick of *Northeast Technical Services (624-8042)* as well as the Board members remains available for your questions or comments. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated! Board minutes and other information are available on the DNSSD web site – www.dnssd.org

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Township Recycling Centers

North site – Town Hall, **Bob Abrahamson** staffs the center *Tuesday 2-6pm and Saturday 8-12noon.*

South site – McQuade & Scenic Hwy, **Caroline Marino** staffs the center *Tues 7:00-11:00, Thurs 3:00-7:00, and Sat 8:00-noon. (Phone: 525-4592)*
(Leave items only when Recycling Centers are open.)

Events Calendar

Spring Community Celebration, May 14

In the past, North Shore Community School has honored three community elders at its Spring Community Celebration. This year's Spring Community Celebration will be May 14. NSCS will honor one special "elder," Phil Carlson. Many activities are being planned for this special event. Watch for more information. All are invited to attend.

Grandparents Day May 14

May 14 at North Shore Community School is also Grandparents Day! Volunteers who know how to use digital cameras are being sought. To volunteer for this wonderful event, please contact the school office.

Last day of school June 8

News from the Chairman:

Enrollment reaches year 5 goal, additional teacher hired for 04-05

The NSCS Board is excited by the early enrollment numbers that have come in for the 2004-05 school year. Total student count for next fall is at 242; up from the current enrollment of 221.

A few openings are left in some of the grades, with several grades at the maximum, and a few prospective students on our waiting list. Coincidentally, 242 is the number of students forecast in the initial business plan for the fifth year of operation, so from that perspective NSCS is two years ahead of plan.

The plan, to accommodate that student growth, and yet maintain a healthy student/teacher ratio, the Board planned to add one classroom teacher each year until NSCS can feature two class sections at each grade level.

The Board is pleased to announce the hire of

Anne Wiszowaty as our newest team member. Anne will teach the second section of grade 2.

Approximately 120 applications were received for the posted position. The quality of the seven applicants actually interviewed for the job was remarkable, making the ultimate selection of the "best of the best" very difficult for the Personnel selection committee.



Anne Wiszowaty

Anne has experience in our school, having substituted at NSCS these past two years. She

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Fourth graders sleep with the dinosaurs

On March 4, NSCS fourth graders, their teachers—Anne Ferrari and Toni LaBonne, and several chaperones boarded two coach buses and headed for a fun-filled adventure in St. Paul.

Their first stop was the State Capitol Building where they were introduced to Senators Yvonne Prettner-Solon and Tom Bakk, and Representative Dave Dill. There, the children learned how state government officials work for us. Fourth grader, Ann Sivertson said, "I really liked the State Capitol. It was so fascinating. I never knew it looked so much like the White House!"

The group's next stop was the Science Museum of Minnesota. At the museum, the fourth graders were treated

to dinner, a 3-D movie, scientific workshops, interesting exhibits and a movie about Lewis & Clark at the Omnimax Theatre. After a very long day, the kids snuggled into their sleeping bags and slept among the dinosaurs!

The next morning they learned more about these dinosaurs during a fascinating presentation which included recent slides from a research group of Americans in Madagascar. According to fourth grader Sam Strom, "The dinosaur talk was grand!"

The children were respectful, responsible, and grateful for this wonderful opportunity! Anthony Lotti said, "I think this was my favorite trip yet." Lason Long added, "I hope we can go again!"

The entire trip was funded through a grant which NSCS received from Flint Hills Resources.

-Ann Ferrari



NSCS Fourth graders and their teachers pose with MN Representative Dave Dill and Senator Tom Bakk at the State Capitol.

Chairman's news, cont.

has a keen understanding and commitment to the culture and mission of NSCS. We know she will serve the school, and especially her class of students well. Anne lives in Two Harbors with her husband, Brian.

A Search Committee comprised of seven Board members and Phil Carlson have been working through a list of applicants for the important job of Director/Principal. Within the next week the group will be interviewing six finalist candidates for the job.

The shoes that Mr. Carlson leaves to be filled are big. He has done an incredible job of building a team of professionals and of setting standards that have contributed to NSCS' early success. He will be missed tremendously, but we're pleased to have him on board to help make the transition to his successor a smooth and successful one. We hope to introduce you to the new Director by way of a future letter, and in person, in the near future.

-Phil Strom, Board Chair

PTA funds support NSCS education

Throughout the school year, the North Shore Community School PTA is at work raising dollars to support education at NSCS. Yet, does anyone realize what those funds support?

The PTA's budget for the 2003-04 school year was \$6,900, a large sum, yet that was one attained through this year's fundraising events.

From those dollars, funds are used to pay for lyceum programs such as a puppeteer, the zoo mobile and an acrobat that introduce the students to activities outside the classroom. Each classroom also receives an allotment to help with field trips. The library and greenhouse receive dollars to fund necessary expenses that may not be met by other means.

The PTA funds appreciation events for the

bus patrol students who help keep children safe each day, refreshments for grandparents day and the Community Celebration, apples and candy for children at the Holiday Program, support for the Fall Community BBQ and gift certificates for reading month.

PTA dollars are also used to replace and upgrade recreation and playground equipment, to fund the Junior Great Books program, Winter Frolic activities and the annual end of school fun day.

Thanks to all who volunteer time and efforts to make the PTA fundraisers so successful. Without volunteers and community support of these fundraisers, these events would not happen and these educational enhancements would not be available for all students.

-Janis Kivela Hooley

NSCS Endowment funds educational programs for students, thanks supporters

The NSCS Endowment Fund Board would like to say congratulations and thank you to Phil Strom.

Strom, NSCS board chair, was the recipient of the 2003 Bobby Piper Award from US Bancorp Piper Jaffray. The Bobby Piper Award recognizes employees of US Bancorp Piper Jaffray for their contributions to the community. Strom, who was honored for his efforts with NSCS, received \$1000 as part of this recognition and gifted the monies to the NSCS Endowment Fund. Thank you from all of us.

The Board would also like to announce the presentation of its first grant monies. These grants were made possible with the wonderful contributions received to date. The interest earned from the contributions totaled \$1,100. The Board voted to award three grants.

The Wolf Ridge Environmental Education Partnership for K-6, submitted by BJ Kohlstedt, was awarded \$900. For the past year, a Wolf Ridge post graduate student has worked with students and teachers to develop and model outdoor environmental activities. Funds from this grant provide a match for an additional grant sought from the MN Office of

Environmental Assistance to fund a two-day a week program. Funds will be used for activities, curriculum development and to pay a stipend for a Wolf Ridge environmental educator.

The Insects and Butterflies Science Center was awarded a \$100 grant. Submitted by Sheri Camper and Candice Nordli, this program will fund the purchase of books, posters, videos and puzzles that will enhance the students' knowledge about insects and support their current science curriculum.

A third grant of \$100 will help fund a sixth grade and NSCS alumni canoe trip down the Brule River. Nate Schilling is coordinating the trip to explore local history and enrich the students experiences in education.

In an effort to raise funds and awareness, the Endowment Board is creating a new cookbook, called **Recipes from our Roots**. Students and community members who would like to participate with the cookbook can help by submitting any favorite family recipes to the school by May 14. Forms are available in the office or from any Endowment Fund Board member.

-Wendy Anderson



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The public is invited to attend Board Meetings scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the NSCS Library. Agenda items need to be submitted to the office 3 days in advance.

For more information, call NSCS at 525-0663.

