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Field Trip Celebrates the Year-End



Wednesday, June 13

Cost : \$52.00 includes Theater ticket, lunch and bus

Bus leaves from Eagles Club at 10:30 AM

People not taking the bus should arrive at the Old Log by 11:30

Taking reservations beginning April 17th at the MRTI meeting

For questions, call Denny Lander 612-926-8478

Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, *"Guys and Dolls"* is an oddball romantic comedy. Gambler, Nathan Detroit, tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for fourteen years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson, for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown, as a result. *"Guys and Dolls"* takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City, but eventually everyone



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Spring Program Schedule



April 17 - "Meet Minneapolis"
A Tourist & Resident
Information Center



May 15 — MPS Washburn
students will present
excerpts from "Hairspray"



June Field trip - June 13
"Guys and Dolls" at the Old
Log Theater



Gayle Marko, our new MRTI President, was born and raised in North Minneapolis. A product of Minneapolis Public Schools, she attended John Hay, Lincoln and North High School. Armed with a Bachelor's degree in Nursery-Kindergarten-Primary Education and a Master of Education from the University of Minnesota, she began teaching in

Minneapolis Public Schools. For the next 38 years, she taught Minneapolis students in Kindergarten, 1st Grade and Title I, retiring in 2000.

In 1980, while still teaching, Gayle began volunteering at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, where she manned the reception desk from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Although her hours have changed, she is still a regular volunteer at Abbott. She used her summer vacations to travel extensively throughout the United States. Gayle took many bus tours

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Bill of Fare

April- Hamburger on a Bun

May- Chicken breast stuffed with
broccoli & cheese

As always, a vegetarian option is available; just let your caller know or contact Gayle Marko. No other options are possible. Phone callers record both names and phone numbers for reservations which will be checked off at the ticket table. No-shows will be billed for the cost of the luncheon.

If you have **NOT** been called by **Monday, a week before the luncheon**, and you wish to attend, please call **Gayle Marko** to make a reservation: **952-920-1395**.

Interested in political activity?

Retired Teachers Council 59 (RTC 59)

Soup, Salad & Substance Luncheons

April 24, May 22, 2018 11:30 am

MFT Local 59 Office, 67 8th Avenue NE, Mpls

In our spare time.....

How MRTI members spend their Summer (or Winter) vacations

A Trip to the Spam Museum

Looking for a jaunt – a chance to do something you’ve probably heard about but never done? How about a trip to the Spam Museum in Austin, Minnesota? Really? A museum devoted to Spam? Yup, you’ve got it! Last fall, on our annual father-son trip (it used to be on motorcycles but not anymore),



Chris and I decided to include a stop at the Spam Museum to find out what it was all about. It’s located in downtown Austin- very easy to find – anyone can direct you. Or you can always look it up on the Internet. Guided tours go on continually, are well done and offer a lot of the history and details of this amazing food.



Spam has quite a history, from feeding our troops during WWII to its current world-wide

popularity – more so in some other countries than in the US. There are several rooms with exhibits to explore and, of course, free samples. If you decide to take some home, there are 17 varieties from which to choose.

So, the seed is sown. Head on down I 35 to Austin – it’s only about an hour and a half from the Twin Cities – and then you can brag to all your friends & family about your trip to the Spam Museum. And don’t forget, Spam can make a different and unexpected gift!



- Bob Ryder

Sport fishing in Florida



Denny Lander, vacationing in Florida, sent us this photo of himself and friend Dave showing off “My one and only Amberjack - about 50+ pounds.” Wow!

Busy & Active Retirement



MRTI members didn’t let Winter stand in their way. They cruised through Scandinavia, to Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Boston and through the Panama Canal.

Land-based trips took in Tucson, Florida, Iceland, Carmel, India, North Carolina Azalea Festival, Palm Springs, Escondido, New York City, Hawaii and Mexico.

Special activities included a Retreat at St. John’s Abbey, Dancing in Puerto Vallarta and being a UN “Status of Women” Conference delegate from Minnesota.

Spring & Summer plans include: Gardening; Time at the Cabin or lake home; Touring London, Wales & Ireland with the Sonomento Singers; Bird watching; Attending weddings & family reunions;

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MRTI Grants Benefit Students at Lake Harriet Lower Campus

All five classrooms of third graders were provided with presentation boards and Playdough to complete their Wax Museum and Ancient Civilizations research projects. The children research their subjects, prepare, rehearse, and refine their presentations, and celebrate their learning with other students, family, and community. They need to blend a variety of skills as they creatively develop their projects, and they enjoy sharing their accomplishments with others. All 530 children, grades K-3, now have access to an expanded Markerspace Library, which allows them to create, invent, tinker, explore and discover using a variety of materials. MRTI funds provided them with a set of OSMOs that attach to iPads provided by their

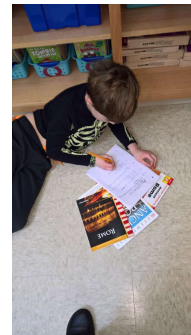


Two children working on their final projects for Ancient Civilizations. One is making a scrapbook & the other made a game.



Using OSMOs

PTA. The OSMOs allow even the youngest students to improve literacy, math, drawing, problem solving, and critical thinking skills. The informal play atmosphere encourages creativity and builds self confidence as learning unfolds.

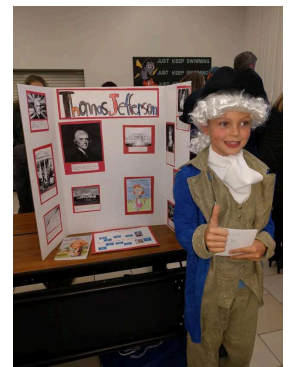
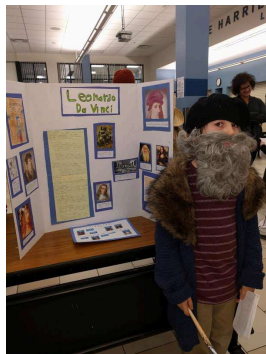
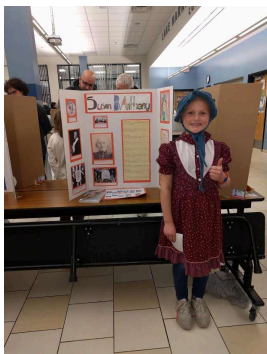


Studying ancient civilizations



One of the children builds a model with materials from our grant.

The LHLS Wax Museum



MRTI Grants Work At Windom

In May, 2017, Joanne Lambrecht visited Windom Open Elementary School to see our MRTI grants in action.



Students at Windom experience an academically challenging learning environment which brings children from two language groups together to learn from each other. Ideally, fifty

percent of the students in the classroom are English speakers and fifty percent are Spanish speakers. The goal of the program is for both groups to become bilingual and biliterate, to gain cross-



cultural competency and to become prepared for a globally interdependent world. Math Specialist, Toni



Dingman, graciously escorted Joanne to several rooms where math games and aquarium supplies which had been purchased with MRTI grant funds were in use.



-Text and photos by Joanne Lambrecht

Spare Time, cont.

Working on home projects; Concerts at Como Park & events around the Twin Cities; Painting the deck; Playing golf; Camping along the Rio Grande; Watercolor painting; Quilting; Family camping trips; Reading; Hiking and attending the World Federation of Rose Societies Conference in Denmark.



Our members will be scattered to the four winds, taking trips to: South Dakota; Tennessee; Europe; Indiana; Santa Barbara; Canada; Madeline Island; Wisconsin; an East



Coast History tour; a Riverboat trip from St. Petersburg to Moscow; San Diego and the national DeSoto Convention in Missouri. We should have a lot of interesting stories to share when we come back together in the Fall!

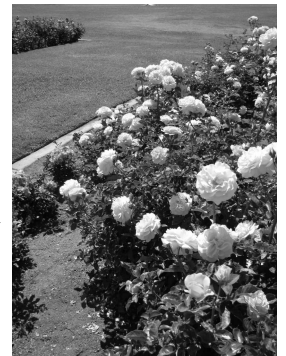


See you in September!



*Chateau de Villandry
Loire Valley, France*

The kiss of the sun
for pardon,
The song of the birds for
mirth,
One is nearer God's heart
in a garden
Than anywhere else on
earth.



■ Help fund the efforts to preserve our
■ Pensions! Contribute to the Committee
■ of Thirteen!
■ Donations may be sent to:
■ Committee of Thirteen
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Spotlight on Gayle, cont.

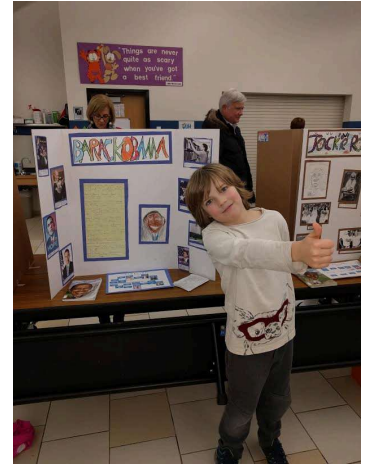
and especially enjoyed taking riverboat cruises with American Cruise Line - something she plans to do again after knee surgery this summer.

Chuck Dorniden introduced Gayle to MRTI. She really enjoys serving on the Board, having done so since 2006. On the Budget, Hospitality and Telephone Committees, she also served as President from 2008-2009. She says that MRTI is lucky that we have Board members who concern themselves with investing our money and protecting our pensions.

Gayle has one sister, who lives with her husband in Ocala, Florida and one niece, who just moved with her husband and Great Niece from Los Angeles to Phoenix, Arizona. Her Great Niece will attend Wellesley College in the Fall, where she has been granted early admission.

Thanks for all you do for MRTI, Gayle!

The Wax Museum, cont.



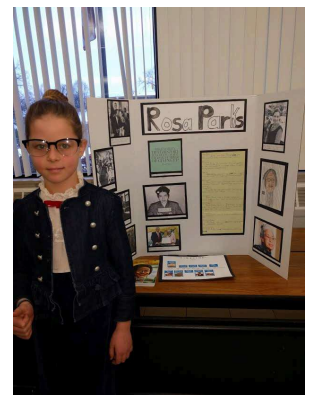
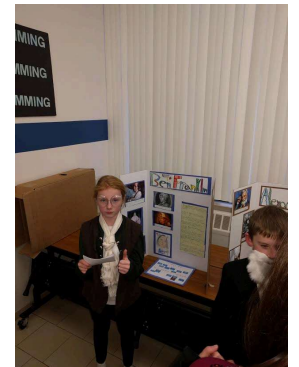
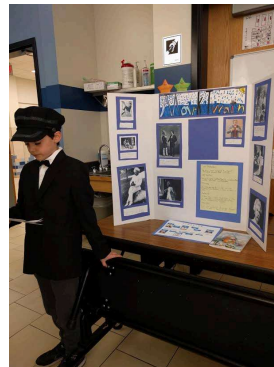
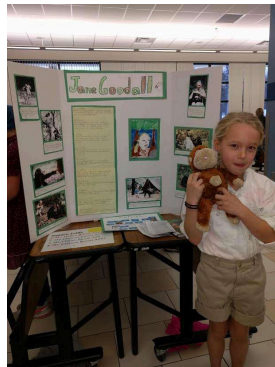
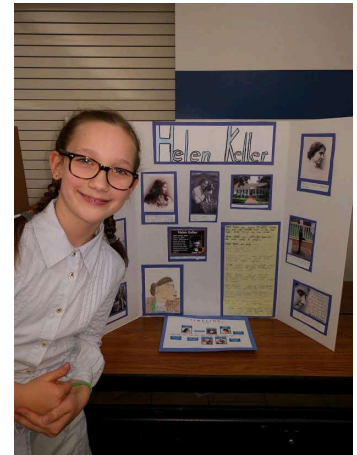
Field Trip cont.

ends up right where they belong. Considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, "Guys and Dolls" ran for 1,200 performances when it opened on Broadway in 1950. It received nearly unanimous positive reviews from critics and won a bevy of awards.

The Old Log is one of the longest continuously running theatre companies in the nation, featuring contemporary musical theatre and plays.

As the Northwest's first professional theatre, The Old Log, originally a summer stock company, opened in 1940 in a log stable. That season, thirteen shows were presented in thirteen weeks. During the next two decades the Old Log Theatre established a loyal following and received widespread critical acclaim for its area premieres of such classic plays as *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *The Glass Menagerie*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *The Time of Your Life* and *Look Homeward Angel*. In 1960 a new theater was built adjacent to the original theatre and the operation became year-round. The Old Log has had a substantial impact on the Twin Cities theater scene, establishing a reputation for quality productions and featuring many fine actors and actresses who have come from around the country and gone on to famous careers in New York and Hollywood, including such notable names as Nick Nolte, Lon Anderson, Lois Nettleton and Steve Zahn.

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Are you a lifelong learner who is passionate about trying new things and sharing unique experiences with curious people of all ages? The Bakken Museum wants YOU to be one of our awesome volunteers!

As a volunteer, you get the chance to see the museum in a new light as you guide our guests on a one-of-a-kind learning adventure through exhibits, beautiful architecture, and fun activities designed to get your brain moving.

All museum volunteers are trained by our staff on how to lead guided tours and the history (and mysteries) of the museum. Your energy and love of learning can help to encourage both children and adults to pursue their passions and make the world a better place!

Learn more at thebakken.org/volunteer.

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**Have you renewed your MRTI membership for 2018?
It's not too late!**

Your \$20 dues will provide you with:

- the 2018 Yearbook
- the MRTI Newsletter - 3 times each year
- the opportunity to share our monthly luncheons, excellent programs and special events
- access to our MRTI website
- the chance to stay connected to our wonderful profession, reconnect with colleagues and make new friends.

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Did You Know...

MRTI contributes to many programs that support Minneapolis children? Your dues support annual contributions to:

- The Assistance League
- Mary's Place
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Minneapolis
- Jeremiah Program
- Harriet Tubman Center
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Twin Cities
- St. Joseph's Home for Children
- People Serving People
- Minneapolis Recreation Development

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If you have moved within the past year, you should probably contact TRA (info@MinnesotaTRA.org or 800-657-3669) to give them your new address, insuring that you get your MRTI membership materials in a timely manner.



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Plenty of free parking!