



# THE GILLESPIE GAZETTE

CONNECTING MEMBERS WITH THE COMMUNITY AND EACH OTHER

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

### The Gillespie Center Launches a New Website to Better Serve the Community

We are excited to announce the launch of the brand new website for the Gillespie Center—a fresh, user-friendly online space designed to connect our community more easily with the programs, services, and events that define who we are.

The updated website makes it easier than ever for visitors to explore what's happening at the Gillespie Center. With a clean layout, intuitive navigation, and mobile-friendly design, you can now quickly find the information you need—whether you're looking for details about our latest events, enrolling in one of our many community programs, or learning more about the services we offer.

One of the key goals in launching this new website was to ensure that it reflects the vibrant, welcoming spirit of the Gillespie Center while providing an up-to-date digital hub for our community. Visitors can now stay informed with regular updates, news, and announcements posted right on the homepage.

Whether you're a longtime member or discovering us for the first time, the new Gillespie Center website is your go-to resource for staying current and connected. We invite you to explore the site, share it with friends, and check back often as we continue to grow and serve.

Cheers!

Rhonda Nelson, Director

[www.gillespiecenter.org](http://www.gillespiecenter.org)

### **Congratulations to Board Member Eric von Holtz!**

We are proud to celebrate Eric von Holtz, who recently graduated summa cum laude from Mound Westonka High School with a 3.97 GPA. A dedicated student, Eric earned honors such as the AP Scholar with Distinction and the MWHS Distinguished Student Award.

Eric served on our Board of Directors for two years as the Westonka High School representative, bringing thoughtful leadership and a strong student voice to our organization.

Eric was also actively involved in school life—president of the Future Medical Professionals Club, co-founder of the Unified Club for special education, and captain of the football and wrestling teams. This coming year, Eric will complete Basic and Advanced Training with the Army National Guard as a Network Communications Systems Specialist. The following year, he will attend the University of Minnesota to major in Developmental Psychology, Psychology, and Pre-Med with the goal of becoming a psychologist.

We wish Eric all the best in his service, schooling, and future career. Eric, we know you'll do great things! We are proud to have you serve on our Board!





## PHOTO CLUB

The Photo Club meets at the Gillespie Center the first Tuesday every month at 10:00 am. Each consecutive Tuesday during the month is a planned photo outing in the local area to an event, museum, or point of interest. We welcome all who are interested in photography and all skill levels to join us. We will enjoy sharing our next photo adventure with you.

Join us on Saturday, July 19

## Spirit of the Lakes Festival

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

### Cornhole Tournament & Family Fun Day

Call or stop in to sign up for the Cornhole Tournament.

\$25 per team to enter.

Volunteers Needed! This will be a fun community event but we need you! If you would like to help Please contact

Rhonda at 952-472-6501



Intro to Square  
Dancing for Beginners  
is held on Mondays  
at 7:00 p.m.  
on July 7, 14, 21, 28



## Coffee and Conversation with the Director

Have a new idea for a Club, Excursion or an Event? Have feedback on the Center? Or if you just want to chat about the weather... Please join Rhonda for coffee and conversation the 1st Tuesday of every month. Upcoming Dates: July 1, Aug 5, Sept 2

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Karen Delorenzo
Vice President:	Betty Carlson
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Board Directors:

- Wendy Gasca
- Colleen Hendricks
- Vicki Innes
- Claudia Lacy, City of Minnetrista representative
- Cindy Palm
- Sherri Pugh, City of Mound representative
- Eric Von Holtz, High School representative
- Rhonda Nelson, Gillespie Center Director

## Gillespie Singers Show Choir

From September to May the choir practices at the Gillespie Center on 3 Thursdays in one month and performs on 3 Thursdays in the next month. If you're interested in the group, please contact Evelin, 952-472-2105, before coming to a practice. There are no tryouts. There are no practices in July and August. September practices are Sept. 11, 18, 25 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM.



### **OVER 50 & FIT | MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 8:30 A.M.**

Wake up and stretch! Invigorating low impact exercise and stretching to a variety of music. Cost \$6 for a lifetime membership

### **SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS | MONDAYS AT 10:0 A.M. (JULY ONLY)**

This engaging course covers greetings, practical phrases, numbers, family food, hobbies and more. Ideal for newcomers; no prior Spanish experience required.

### **CARDS AND GAMES | MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND FRIDAYS**

Canasta - Mondays at 9 a.m.  
Cribbage - Mondays at 1 p.m.  
Bridge - Wednesdays at 1 p.m.  
Mahjong - Thursdays at 10 a.m.  
Rummikub - Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.  
500 Cards - Fridays at 1 p.m.

### **PHOTO CLUB | TUESDAY AT 10 A.M.**

Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 AM to plan photo shoots, photography education, and speakers. New Members Welcome!

### **ART GROUP | TUESDAYS AT 9:30 A.M.**

### **BALANCE YOGA | TUESDAYS AT 10 A.M.**

### **STRENGTH AND CARDIO | WEDNESDAY AT 11:30 A.M.**

The class is focused on helping you get and stay strong... preparing the body for everyday activities. By combining strength and cardio in this non-competitive class, you will improve muscle strength, balance, flexibility, plus heart and brain health

### **GILLESPIE CENTER QUILTERS AND CRAFTERS | THURSDAYS AT 9 A.M**

### **UKULELE CLUB | THURSDAYS 1:30 P.M. (NEW TIME)**

If you would like more information, contact Margaret Holste at 612-201-6020

### **GILLESPIE CENTER MEN'S SHED | THURSDAYS AT 10 A.M.**

Get out of the house and come spend time with the guys  
Call Phil Johnson at 952-239-0965 for more information

### **WALKING CLUB | FRIDAYS AT 10 A.M.**

# BREAKFAST

Thursdays 8:00 – 10:00 AM

**\$10**

MENU:

1. The Gillespie Special (2 eggs your way, choice of meat, hashbrowns and toast)

– OR –

2. Weekly Feature:

- July 3 – No Hot Breakfast due to Holiday...Join us for donuts & coffee!
- July 10 – Cinnamon French Toast with choice of meat
- July 17 – Breakfast Bagel Sandwich with Fresh Fruit
- July 24 – Veggie & Cheese Egg Bake with Toast
- July 31 – Pancakes with Bacon or Sausage

Includes coffee. OJ and milk are available for 50 cents.

Sign up at the Front Desk or call 952-472-6501.



Get a Discount on your Auto Insurance!

Get 10% off your auto insurance for 3 years and take the 55+ Defensive Driving Course, offered at the Gillespie Center by St. Cloud State.

Classes are from 9:00 – 12:30.

July 15

Sept 23

Nov 18

Call To register 1-888-234-1294 or visit [www.driverdiscountprogram.com](http://www.driverdiscountprogram.com)

**\$10**

Join us for Lunch!

Sign up at the Front Desk

July 2– Cheeseburgers on the grill, Baked Beans, & Watermelon

July 9 – Baked Pork Chops, Potato, Veggie & Dessert

July 16 – Hawaiian Chicken Salad, Roll Dessert (Country Jam)

July 23 – French Dip Sandwich, Side & Dessert

July 30 – Chef Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert

The Center will be closed on July 4



**Thank you** to all that came out to support our Culver's Community Share Night Fundraiser!

Special thanks to our wonderful volunteers: Colleen Hendricks, Dorothy Hallin, Joy Grundeen, Lonnie Nelson, Pat Scherber & Mike and Cindy Palm.



Doug will highlight the state's unique and treasured cabins-- a vintage Fredenberg Lake compound near Duluth; the celebrated mom-and-pop Fairyland Cabins of Detroit Lakes; a cabin situated on top of a pontoon in Rose Lake. His presentation will illuminate the rewards of the cabin life: "the pleasures of fishing, daydreaming, sunset watching and star counting, the leisure to take stock of one's life without the surround-sound noise of the new wired century. In a cabin retreat," he writes, "pleasure overcomes duty for a little while."



**Join us...  
for a beautiful cruise on  
Lake Minnetonka**

# AL & ALMA'S CRUISES

**BOARDING BEGINS AT 11:15 AM**  
**CRUISE 11:30 - 1:00 PM**

LUNCH: Ham & Turkey Croissant Sandwich, Chips, Carrots, Cookie

**\$25**



## 2025 Cruise Dates

- ✓ June 23
- ✓ June 30
- ✓ July 21
- ✓ July 28
- ✓ August 4
- ✓ August 11

***Payment required to reserve your spot.  
Get your tickets now...selling fast!***

# Want to Learn Spanish?

We will have a 4-week Spanish for Beginners Class in July.

Mondays 10:00 – 11:00 AM

July 7, 14, 21, 28

FREE

Sign up at the Front Desk or call 952-472-6501



The Gillespie Center Men's Shed is a group of men who meet every Thursday at 10:00 am at The Gillespie Center. They do a wide variety of activities that members themselves decide on. These include going on local tours, listening to guest speakers, light community service projects, along with plenty of just hanging out together" to swap tall tales. Please join us!

- July Meeting dates: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31



## RENT THE GILLESPIE

The Gillespie Center is the perfect location for gatherings of many kinds...

- Birthday, anniversary, graduation and holiday parties
- Baby and bridal showers
- Weddings
- Family or class reunions
- Business meetings
- Celebration of life
- Fundraisers
- Banquets
- And more



To find out more and check availability contact Shelly at [rentals@gillespiecenter.org](mailto:rentals@gillespiecenter.org)

\*Gillespie Center members receive a 10% discount on room rental charges.



**Sparkling Feet will be at the Gillespie Center on the second Wednesday of every month from 9:15 AM – 3:00 PM.**

Sparkling Feet is a nurse-owned company that helps people take care of their feet and toenails. Call 952-204-9406 for an appointment for a foot assessment and pedicure. Cost is \$55.

Upcoming Dates: July 9, August 13, September 10

FREE eye glass services,  
including cleanings,  
adjustments  
and small repairs!



**2nd Wednesday of the month**  
**11:00 – 1:00**

July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10

Offered by Brianna, Founding  
Optician at Framed Reverie

### TECH HELP

We will offer technology help on  
**Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from**  
**8:00 – 10:00 AM**  
by appointment only.

Please bring the device that  
you need assistance with.

Please call 952-472-6501  
to make appointment  
or register at the front desk.



## Re/Max Member Benefits Program

Kristin and John Beise, our local realtors, will donate 15% of their commission to the Gillespie Center for every home purchased or sold using their services.

Please call for more information or pick up a brochure at the Gillespie Center!

It's a win/win for you and the Center!



**Happy Birthday to the following Members...**  
**We wish you all the best in the year to come!**

Jan Price 7/1  
 Sally Muller 7/2  
 Gordon Overbo 7/3  
 Bernard Badtke 7/4  
 Janet Christophersen 7/4  
 Rhonda Nelson 7/4  
 Aleda Jacobson 7/5  
 Pat Scherber 7/5  
 Betty Carlson 7/6  
 Wendy Gasca 7/6  
 Jon Lynott 7/6  
 Judy Burdick 7/7  
 David Holste 7/9  
 John Bessesen 7/9  
 Barbara Dunn 7/11  
 Ken Pausche 7/11  
 Shirley Evans 7/12



Pete Meyer 7/18  
 Rolf Bates 7/18  
 Beverly Mierzejewski 7/19  
 Greg Sletten 7/19  
 Lewis Anderson 7/20  
 Jon Wright 7/21  
 Lou Ann Fasching 7/26  
 GiGi Brecht 7/27  
 Sandra Feriancek 7/29  
 James Linoy 7/31

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 Yes, we have carry-out and drive-up service.



Sound Hearing Instruments  
 At the Gillespie Center  
 every Tuesday & Thursday 9 am - 4 pm  
 Dr. Joe Neve, Au.D., Audiologist, provides Hearing Tests, Hearing Aids and Service  
 For appointments, call (952) 522-2139.  
[www.soundhearinginc.com](http://www.soundhearinginc.com)





# Free Seminars

**Doug Ohman is presenting his bestselling book, "Escape to the Lake, Minnesota Cabins" July 9 at 11:00 AM**

Doug will highlight the state's unique and treasured cabins - a vintage Fredenberg Lake compound near Duluth; the celebrated mom-and-pop Fairyland Cabins of Detroit Lakes; a cabin situated on top of a pontoon in Rose Lake. His presentation will illuminate the rewards of the cabin life: "the pleasures of fishing, daydreaming, sunset watching and star counting, the leisure to take stock of one's life without the surround-sound noise of the new wired century. Doug is a renowned author, photographer, historian, and acclaimed public speaker.

**Aging Matters: Video & Discussion Series, Sponsored by Men's Shed  
Bi-weekly on Thursdays at 10:00 AM**

June 19 - "Loneliness and Isolation"

July 3 - "Second Acts"

July 17 - "Healthy Aging"

July 31 - "Economics of Aging"

## Medicare Seminars

Coming in September! Watch the August newsletter for details

**Dementia/Memory Screening  
Thursday, September 18 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

Ridgeview Medical will be onsite to conduct memory screening tests. Appointments are 10 minutes in length.

Must sign up, appointments are on a first come, first serve basis.

Join us for an evening of entertainment and fun!

**Friday, August 15**

**7:00 - 11:00 PM**

## The Arcades Band

"THE ARCADES" are a Minnesota based, family-friendly cover band that plays all the top dance tunes of the '50's, '60's. From Elvis Presley and The Everly Brothers, to Buddy Holly and Roy Orbison.

For more information: <https://arcadesband.com>



**Tickets \$20 in advance \$25  
at the door**

Includes appetizers  
Cash bar available





## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Annual memberships at The Gillespie Center help support the day-to-day operations.

Call the Center to become a member or renew your membership. Check the mailing label on this newsletter to find the expiration date of your membership. Business sponsorships are also available.



We are looking for the following positions:

- Kitchen/Dining Room Helpers
- Event Set up & Tear down
- Dishwasher

Please call Rhonda at 952-472-6502 or stop by the front desk if interested.



## Thank you to our donors in June:

- Gillespie Bridge Club
- Gillespie Square Dancers
- City of Mound
- Northwest Tonka Lions
- Karen DeLorenzo
- Auburn Meadows, on behalf of the Gillespie Singers

## Congratulations to our Sweepstakes Winners in June!

Week 1 Winner – Ty Stevens  
 Week 2 Winner – Steve Matheson  
 Week 3 Winner – Sue Lynott  
 Week 4 Winner – Mark Schmidt  
 Quarter 2 Winner - Mike Palm



## THE GILLESPIE CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND

The Gillespie Center Endowment Fund was established to maintain consistent financial support now and in the future. The principal from the Endowment Fund will continue to grow, in perpetuity, to help fund Gillespie Center programs and services for many years to come. The interest earned each year is used to fund current programs and service needs.

Making a gift to the fund provides assurance that your wishes are respected and your gift(s) can have a permanent, positive impact on the well-being of current and future older adults.

Gifts to this fund may be current, pledged, or planned gifts including cash, real estate, stocks, memorials, trust, and insurance benefits.

*Make your donation even more special. Make a gift in honor or memory of a friend, family member, or other loved one. You can also celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other special event.*

# JOIN FOR AN EXCURSION



Friday, August 8 | Plymouth Playhouse,  
"Church Basement Ladies"



Cost is \$72 which includes lunch, show and transportation.  
bus departs at 12:15 pm, lunch at 1:00 pm, show at 2:00 PM.

A hilarious musical comedy. The church basement kitchen throughout much of America is often the heart and soul of any church. In Church Basement Ladies we meet the pastor, three kitchen cooks and one daughter who run the kitchen and care for the congregation by preparing and serving the food. Like any great kitchen, problems are solved here as well. We see the four women handle a Lutefisk dinner, a funeral, an Easter fundraiser, and a wedding.

Wednesday, August 6 | St. Paul Saints vs Iowa Cubs

Cost is \$50, which includes the game ticket and transportation.  
Van departs at 11:45 AM, Game starts at 1:07 PM.



Thursday, August 21 | MINNESOTA TWINS vs A'S (Athletics)

Cost is \$46, which includes the game ticket and transportation.  
Bus departs at 11:00, Game starts at 12:10 PM.



# Excursions Continued



## Friday, September 12 | MILL CITY MUSEUM

Cost is \$29 and includes the museum ticket and transportation. Lunch available on-site at Bushel and Peck Restaurant – Lunch not included. Must sign up by August 29.

Mill City Museum offers an engaging mix of history, hands-on activities, and stunning views. Explore flour milling machines, design cereal boxes, and trace wheat's journey from farm to table. The Flour Tower elevator ride immerses you in the mill's past with sights, sounds, and stories of its workers. Don't miss the rooftop's panoramic views or atmospheric Ruin Courtyard. Lunch is not included in price.

## Thursday, October 23 | SIDEKICK THEATER: "Fireflies" A Riotous Comedy and Touching Love Story by Robin Hawdon

Bus departs at 10:45 AM, Lunch at 11:30 AM, Show at 1:00 PM.  
Cost is \$70 which includes Lunch, Show and Transportation.



Retired schoolteacher Eleanor Bannister lives a quiet life alone in tiny Groverdel, Texas, set in her routines and secure in her position as the town's most respected woman — until a hole in her roof draws the attention of Abel Brown, a smooth-talking drifter intent on renovating Eleanor's house, and possibly her life. Can the unexpected sparks of late-life romance be trusted, or is there truth in the gossip that Abel isn't all that he seems to be? Either way, the whole town is talking. "A charming love story that will warm your heart." — BroadwayWorld.

Did you know that you can get FREE Medicare Counseling?  
The Gillespie Center offers in-person appointments on the  
2nd Thursday of each month.

To make an in-person appointment go to  
<https://trellisconnects.org> and select:

- “Get Help”
- “Help with Medicare”
- Scroll down until you see “Make an in-person appointment”
- Click on the drop down (down arrow) and Select:  
“Gillespie Center”



Or call the Senior Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433. The  
Senior Linkage Line is an independent agency & not  
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