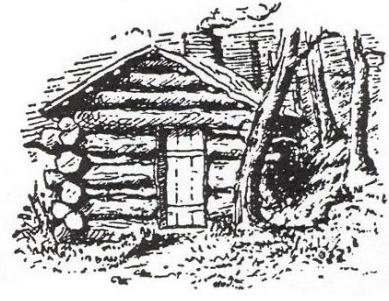


# JUNIOR PIONEERS

OF NEW ULM AND VICINITY



*The Junior Pioneers purpose is to "keep green the memory of the early pioneers who settled New Ulm and the vicinity; and to preserve as much as possible the usages and customs, language and ideals of the early settlers..."*

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## *Winter Social*

### Junior Pioneers Winter Social

Green Mill Restaurant,

2101 South Broadway, New Ulm

Friday, February 23rd

5:15 Social Hour – 6:00 Dinner and Program

Cost: \$30 per person



Many local benefactors supported New Ulm's first hospital, St. Alexander's, which opened in 1883 to fill the medical needs identified after the devastating cyclone of 1881. The hospital grew with at least five additions over the next twenty years. When a completely new building opened in 1913, the name was changed to Loretto Hospital, a name made fitting by the presence of a religious shrine on the site, the Way of the Cross. Founded by

Fr. Alexander Berghold and later owned and operated by the sisters of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, Loretto Hospital appealed especially to Catholics in the community. Union Hospital opened in 1915 and offered local citizens another choice for where to receive their care. Dan Groebner will talk about Loretto Hospital at the Junior Pioneers meeting February 23. Many historical photographs will show the buildings and grounds and the people who worked and lived there during the era from 1883 to 1978.



### *Junior Pioneers 2018 Winter Social*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Tickets(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

***Reservations are Due by Tuesday, February 20th***

*Payments can be made at the door, but reservations are required prior to February 20th*

*You can also send checks to: Junior Pioneers, PO Box 22, New Ulm, MN 56073 or email [juniorpioneers@nutelecom.net](mailto:juniorpioneers@nutelecom.net)  
Questions? Reservations: Lisa Besemer at 766-1991 (leave message) or [lisabesemer@newulmtel.net](mailto:lisabesemer@newulmtel.net)*

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Or, Junior Pioneer Parks Blog: <http://juniorpioneerpark.wordpress.com>



## **\*Deceased Members**

Marlene Domeier

## **\*New Members**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Christine Gerv	Kretsch
George Downs	Pfaender
Judith Schoeneberger	Brandt/Wendtland
Laurie Lewandowski	Brandt/Wendtland
Emily Potter	Erd/Geiler
Tyler Mack	Mack
Paul Schanus	Tauer

## **\* Memorials and Donations**

### **In memory of Marge Saffert**

Willard & Sondra Kuester

Gerald & Charlene Dannheim

If we have forgotten or miss-credited anyone concerning; Memorials, Donations, Deceased Members or New Members, please notify the President Lori Otis at 507.359.2320 or any Board Member and we will correct it.

## **Dates to Remember**

Summer Picnic: Thursday, June 21st at Junior Pioneer Park

Annual Meeting: Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

*More info will come later!*

## **Park Report** by Lori Otis, JP President/ Park Manager

In part, the Articles of Incorporation of the Junior Pioneers state: "Its general purpose shall be to unite its members as a social and benevolent society: to aid and assist in the beautifying of New Ulm: to establish and maintain parks:"

I am humbled and proud of our membership when called upon in our efforts to finish the park gate and fence.

We received donations from across the United States, contributions from members who have never been in our park, many in memory of their loved ones who have passed, some in honor of brothers and sisters and family. Your commitment and contributions to this organization and its efforts are the very backbone that makes this organization a pillar of our community. We reached our recent goal to finish what we had started. I thank all of you, our membership, our board of directors, and an impressive crew who have supported me in a vision, and helping along the way.

The Junior Pioneers purchased the park in 1923. "Hunters Rest, landmark of pioneer days and the scene of many a happy outdoor gatherings in times gone by, will be preserved in its idyllic natural beauty for posterity, to accommodate people who want to enjoy a day or an afternoon in the open, away from the humdrum of the everyday life" enthused the Review (April 23, 1923)

We are not finished with our beautiful 4.5-acre park. We continue to remove and eradicate Buckthorn, and we look forward to additional improvements, plans, and care for Junior Pioneer Park.

## **Park Donations Received (since annual meeting):**

Larry Mack	
Marlene Domeier	
Robert Ranweiler	In memory of Alex and Josephine Ranweiler
George Glotzbach	In Memory of John Adams, JP Park Custodian
Gerald Dannheim	
Terry Sveine	
Daniel and Mary Groebner	
Andy Biebl	
Frank Brust	
Ellen Kruschke	In memory of Armie and Myra Kruschke
Sharon Schamber	
Vernon Mack	
Tom and Kathleen Berg	
Bob and Cheryl Beussman	
Rob and Barb Saffert	
Gary Wiltscheck	
Jamie Windhorn	
Susan Kolbinger	
Lisa Besemer	In memory of her Father, David Besemer
Gordon and Ruth Palmer	In memory of Alois Palmer
Kathleen Backer	In memory of Calvin Backer
Ruth McCrea Simpson	In memory of her daughter, Bobbi
Anonymous Donor	In honor to all the people who have worked to restore park
Jenni and Jan Backstrom	In memory of her sister, Bobbi McCrea
Andrea Danforth	In memory of Calvin Backer and Bruce Fenske
Matt and Jody Boisen	In memory of the Ochs Family of Milford Township
Sandra Fenske	In memory of Harold and Bruce Fenske
Margaret Dietz	In memory of Meile/Neumann Family
Brian Gramentz	In memory of Donna Gramentz
James E. Sturm	In memory of Monica and Bernard Jr. Sturm
Mark and Gail Furth	
Pam Lynn	
Thomas Hurley	
Dave and Linda Weldy	
Donna Wicherski	In memory of Wallace Wicherski
Sarah Hurley	In honor of Jim, Tom, Peter, Paul and Patrick Hurley
Kathie Bierbaum	

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### **Time to pay your 2018 Annual Membership fees**

Single Membership	\$20 ____
Joint Dues ( <i>Husband &amp; Wife both qualify for membership</i> )	\$30 ____
Surviving Spouse	\$20 ____

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## Submitted Story

Thank you to Gerald Gulden and Daniel Groebner for their submission of this article. If you would like to submit a historical or family story, please do so by emailing it to Lisa Besemer at [lisabesemer@newulmtel.net](mailto:lisabesemer@newulmtel.net).

# The Gulden Family Crest

by Gerald D. Gulden and Daniel T. Groebner, MD



Family Crest on the wall of Arnold and Gretchen Gulden's home.



This picture better represents the colors in the translated text.

Picture of the Gulden Family Crest of Nick Gulden.

This story began just before and because of my 74th birthday in 2016. By email I invited my sister Mary and brother Denny (now departed) and their spouses to come for a noon lunch birthday party. Acceptable birthday presents were homemade cards with a family picture from our childhood city of New Ulm, MN. No presents allowed. I thanked them for following that directive.

Each made a card with my early boyhood pictures. Also, Denny reworked a photo that I had taken of the family crest that adorned Arnold and Gretchen Gulden's wall [Gretchen, nee Bierbaum, was a Junior Pioneer board member]; Arnold was first cousin to our father, Dennis A. My brother, Denny, straightened my skewed original and framed it. I was wondering out loud to my brother and brother-in-law, Daniel Groebner, as to whether this was an actual family crest or one of those made-up ones. (Dan is Mary's husband.) He mentioned that back in the 1990s he had talked to Arnold and Gretchen about the picture. He had received a black and white crest from them, together with a citation of the crest in German. The citation said the crest had been given to Leonhard Gulden in 1668.

We have no proof that the Gulden Family Crest belongs to our German counterparts. We know Arnold and Gretchen received the material from the Gulden clan in Aixheim, Baden-Württemberg, Germany, but we don't know exactly if Leonhard Gulden was related to anyone in our line.

Finding documentation of the conferring of a crest to Leonhard Gulden in 1668 printed in a book published in Austria in 1877 made me more confident of the crest's authenticity.

On the same wall as the crest at Arnold and Gretchen's home was a picture of the Gulden family tree in color, received from relatives in Germany. On the tree there are three items pictured: the family tree, a church and the family crest with no year or name. Therefore, someone in the family knew that a crest did exist.

The family tree shows a broken limb in 1845, showing that Maria (Grathwohl) Gulden, whose husband Dionysus had died, brought her eight children to *Amerika*. Of the many names on that family tree there is no Leonhard. I have found a relative with that name who lived in northern Minnesota. So, I ask the question, when was this tree developed? I looked at all the birth and death dates of the people listed. I determined that this tree was developed around 1980, as the third Gulden from the top on the tree trunk, had a third wife who died in 1980. No dates were listed after that time.

I noticed another item on the tree, the crest. It has a bold green portion on the bottom, not evident in the crest on the wall, but similar to the description of the colors above. At my request, Arnold and Gretchen's son Nick took a new close-up shot of the crest pictured on the first page.

People sometimes wonder how I stay interested in my family's history; here is just one of those reasons!

Dan studied the German for a while and eventually translated it, and his results can be seen on the next page. Dan said, "I have two pages of notes I took in researching the translation. The most interesting part was trying to translate the word *Bodenständigkeit*. We had a doctor temporarily working for us in the emergency room at about that time. He was a native of Germany. He told me the word literally means the 'act of standing on the earth.' In English, a good word for it is 'stability.' I prepared the translation earlier and I used the word permanency. I like stability better."

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