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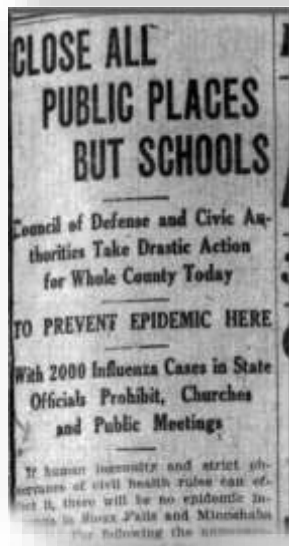
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PANDEMIC: LESSONS FROM THE PAST

BY DAVID BRECHTELSBAUER, M.D.



In 1918-19 the world experienced a pandemic of influenza. It was a world-wide problem, but not all areas were equally impacted.

The first influenza case in Philadelphia was reported August 27; ten days later the mortality rate had doubled from the baseline rate. On September 28 Philadelphia hosted a parade to promote the sale of war bonds. The event was attended by 200,000 people with the crowds packed together along the 2-mile parade route. The death rate abruptly climbed beginning the next day and by mid-October reached 250 deaths per 100,000 Philadelphians over the baseline rate. Public health interventions were put in

place October 3, but had minimal impact. Hospitals (and mortuaries) were not prepared to handle this surge of deaths.

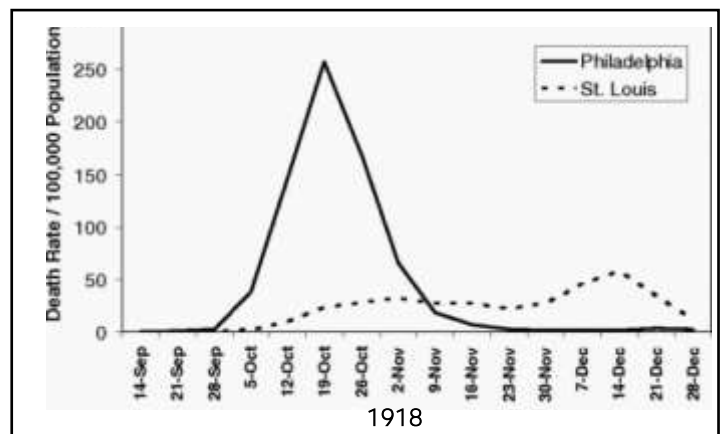
In contrast, the first influenza case in St. Louis was reported September 23; the mortality rate over baseline had doubled by Oct 7 and public health interventions were initiated the next day. The excess mortality rate in St. Louis was 30 deaths per 100,000.

Public health interventions included closing of schools, banning large gatherings, and use of masks. We now know the masks were not effective.

In 2020 Sioux Falls, under the threat of the coronavirus, Mayor Paul TenHaken

declared a public health emergency existed and limits were placed on large gatherings. South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem declared a state wide emergency the next day, perhaps stimulated by the front page editorial in the Argus Leader. Implementing restrictions on large gatherings, temporarily recommendations for school closure are now in place.

The Argus editorial spills over to page A-5, where perhaps the most significant point is made: **“And if some of these restrictions are later viewed as an overreaction, they can also be seen as a success.”** An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Preventative interventions are also a ton of work.



Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

From the President,
Ron Sauby



What interesting times we live in! We are all part of history in the making with the event of Covid-19. To provide you reading material is the current History Pages.

The MCHS Board made a wise decision to postpone the March *History Talk* and April Annual Banquet. The Palisades History presentation by Susan Hoskins, Director of the Pipestone County Museum, which is being sponsored by CorTrust Bank will be rescheduled for the fall.

The annual business meeting and banquet with Keynote speaker Jim Woster, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sioux Falls is tentatively planned for June 18.

Obviously the rest of our History Talk programs for the spring is subject to change pending on the status of the Covid-19 virus. We will keep you posted by email. If you are not receiving MCHS email notices, take the time to send your email address to info@minnehahahistory.org.

Currently the May *History Talk* on history of hot air ballooning in South Dakota and Sioux Falls by Orv Olivier, sponsored by Raven is as scheduled for May 21.

The Board wishes all good health and to be safe from the virus.

KIDS NEED KIWANIS—SIOUX FALLS KIWANIS CLUB SERVING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN FOR 100 YEARS BY RICK LINGBERG



Two natives of Detroit, Michigan had an idea one day in 1914. They wanted to develop a group that

was unlike any other organization to provide an opportunity for men to experience new ideals in human relationships. For a \$5 membership fee, qualified individuals were able to join the organization initially known as the Supreme Lodge of Benevolent Order of Brothers (BOB). Not caring for the acronym BOB and with the help of a local historian they later adopted a new name based on an Indian phrase “NunKeewan-is” meaning *We Trade* that would ultimately become known as Kiwanis.

Kiwanis Arrives in Sioux Falls

By April 1920, the Kiwanis idea had arrived in Sioux Falls and the first club was formed with 100 members.

Officially named the Kiwanis Club of Sioux Falls, it first met at the Cataract Hotel in downtown Sioux Falls and became known as the Downtown Kiwanis Club.

Helping Children at Need

Early on, a special concern for the needs of children took root with Kiwanis. Throughout its first century Sioux Falls Kiwanis has retained the focus of raising funds and providing endless hours of volunteer efforts for the needs of children and their families.

Pancake House at the Sioux Empire Fair

Many fundraising programs were developed and engaged throughout the years. In the early 1980’s the Kiwanis Club felt they needed to create a new major fund-raising activity. Many

ideas were considered, but the one that seemed to have the most potential was selected based on the success of the Huron, South Dakota Kiwanis of developing a pancake house at the State Fair. A building was constructed on the grounds of the Sioux Empire Fair and in 1982 was open for business during Fair Week.

The initial years saw modest fund-raising success, but in 1988 a sponsorship program was created that really catapulted the efforts. Over the last 38 years the Kiwanis Pancake House project has raised over \$1,000,000 to support dozens of local area organizations that provide critical services to children and their families.

International Efforts

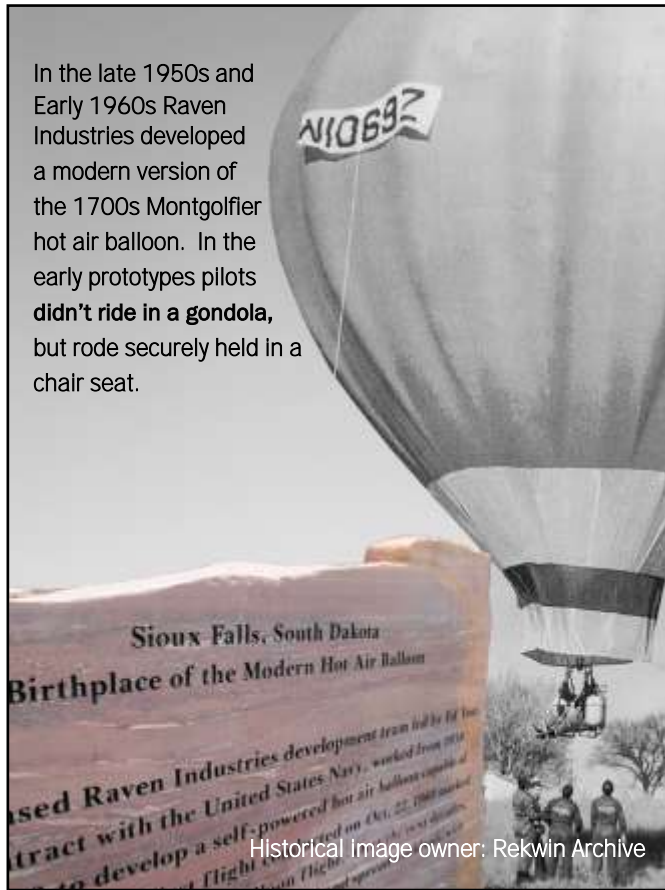
In the 1990’s Sioux Falls Kiwanis joined Kiwanis International and UNICEF to successfully help eliminate iodine deficiencies throughout the world. More recently, the Kiwanis Clubs of Sioux Falls again joined the international partnership to eliminate neonatal and maternal tetanus through vaccination, thus purging the disease from women and children in dozens of countries world-wide.

Changing the World One Child at a Time

For 100 years it has been the belief of the Sioux Falls Kiwanis Club that it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults. To the men and women of Kiwanis there is nothing more important to our future than assuring that all children have an opportunity to achieve and grow. The Sioux Falls Kiwanis Club pledges its continued efforts for the next 100 years.



HISTORICAL MARKERS IN MINNEHAHA COUNTY



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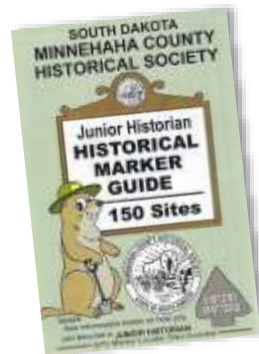
This marker can be found in Tuthill Park in Sioux Falls near the often used take-off site for local hot air balloonist. It's inscription reads: *Sioux Falls*

based Raven Industries development team led by Ed Yost, under contract with the United States Navy, worked from 1958 through 1960 to

develop a self-powered hot air balloon capable of sustained flight. The first flight conducted on October 22, 1960 marked the beginning of a new era of balloon flight. Over the next decades, the sport of hot air ballooning developed and spread world-wide with Raven leading the way.

The scheduled May History Talk will feature noted balloonist and historian Orv Olivier who will discuss the development of hot air ballooning in South Dakota and Sioux Falls.

The talk will be sponsored by Raven Industries.



Upcoming History Talks

Postponed Elusive Palisades; the Evolution of an Early Dakota Territory Community

At Old Courthouse Museum. Presented by Susan Hoskins, Executive Director of Pipestone County Museum.

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Postponed Annual Meeting & Banquet

At Old Courthouse Museum. Jim Woster Keynote Speaker.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sioux Falls

May 17 South Dakota and Sioux Falls' Rich History in Ballooning

Presented by Orv Olivier noted hot air balloonist and historian.

Sponsored by Raven Industries

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- Marvin Maniford
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ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 18

Due to the potential health concerns regarding the **coronavirus** MCHS's Annual Meeting has been postponed. June 18 has been set as a possible future date based on developments.

Sponsored by the Sioux Falls Kiwanis Club, community leader and public speaker, Jim Woster will be the key-note speaker to be held at the Old Courthouse Museum.



More on this in the May History Pages newsletter.

MAY HISTORY TALK SOUTH DAKOTA'S AND SIOUX FALLS RICH HISTORY IN BALLOONING

Accomplished hot air balloonist and historian, Orv Olivier will present **May's History Talk** titled: South Dakota and Sioux Falls' Rich History in Ballooning.



Orv Olivier

Join us: Thursday,
May 21, at the Old
Courthouse Museum.

Social time at 6:30 PM
and program starts at 7.

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