

- January -

January 14th - The Dakota Wars, by David Gray
At Heartwood (Crosby) 1:30 to 3:30 pm

The Dakota War, often known in the past as the Sioux Uprising, is arguably the single largest event in Minnesota history. It is actually an event of national import, whose consequences are engulfed and often buried by the seminal event in American history, the American Civil War. It was the single largest mass killing of American citizens prior to 9/11. It saw both the largest mass execution in US history as well as the largest mass commutation in US history. The consequences for the sovereign Dakota nation were irreparable. Yet this event, in our popular media like PBS and other sources, generally fail to give a detailed rendering of what happened in Minnesota in 1862. Even now a detailed understanding of this Minnesota tragedy is important to understanding our state and its people. Come join us as we struggle to come to terms with the Dakota War of 1862.

David Gray teaches Minnesota and US History at Central Lakes College. He has also taught Civics in Crosby-Ironton High School. He is particularly interested in The Civil War.

- February -

February 11th - Recent Developments in the Generation of Electricity in Minnesota,
by Sarah Cron.
At Heartwood (Crosby) 1:30 to 3:30 pm

In Minnesota, past legislative actions have played a major role in directing the way electrical power is generated and delivered to customers. For example, Title II of the Power Plant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 provided that no new baseload electric power plant could be constructed or operated without the capacity to use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source. Currently, Minnesota's governor announced in 2019 a plan to make Minnesota's electricity entirely free from fossil fuels by 2050. Cron will discuss the benefits and the unintended consequences of a "carbon free" Minnesota and how it will impact the energy market, the energy producers, and the end consumer.

Sarah Cron is the CEO at Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative and has been there 19 years. She has a B.S. from University of Wisconsin-Superior.

**GREAT DECISIONS:
Climate Change and the Global Order**
*Monday, February 17th at Heartwood (Crosby)
11:30 am-1:30 pm*

- March -

March 10th - Lincoln's Children, by Bill Green
At Heartwood (Crosby) from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Frederick Douglass said to the white attendees who gathered for the 1876 dedication ceremony of the Emancipation Memorial in Washington, D.C., "You are the children of Lincoln... But we [referring to African Americans] are at best his step-children." In other words, Douglass was saying that whites not only enjoyed a privilege that they had not endeavored to fully share with their black friends, but they did not see black people as equal to themselves. Within a matter of months, the "children" elected Rutherford B. Hayes to be President of the United States. His first act was to pull the federal troops out of the South, effectively ending the period often referred to as reconstruction. With that, America witnessed the increase of anti-black violence and terror, all on the "children's" watch. In the end, they abandoned the very people they had once fought to emancipate and enfranchise. He will discuss whether Minnesota's "children" shared the attitude of their northern brethren.

Bill Green is a PhD. professor at Augsburg University, and was also superintendent of Minneapolis Public Schools. He has written several articles and books regarding civil rights and racial equality in Minnesota.

**GREAT DECISIONS:
India and Pakistan**
*Monday, March 23rd at Heartwood (Crosby)
11:30 am-1:30 pm*

- April -

APRIL 14TH - "Moving Towards Healthier Political Discussions", by King Banaian, Dean of the School of Public Affairs, Saint Cloud State University
At Heartwood (Crosby) 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Polarization, conflicts and deep divides characterize our political world. Heat often seems to conquer light. Dr. Banaian will discuss how Arnold Kling's book, The Three Languages of Politics, can help us to move beyond the divides, towards healthier political discussion.

Kling focuses on the political issues of today in the United States and shows how the different languages of the major political axes – progressive, conservative and libertarian – distort our debates. Dr. Banaian teaches techniques that will help attendees learn to speak all three languages, not just their dominant axis. We hope this program will be both informative and challenging for all those attending and with help us all think through and discuss more rationally the key political challenges of the present.

King Banaian is Dean of the School of Public Affairs. He is formerly a legislator in the House of Representatives.

**GREAT DECISIONS:
Red Sea Security**
*Monday, April 20th at Heartwood (Crosby)
11:30 am-1:30 pm*

- May -

MAY 12TH - Local History of Natives and Pioneers, by Mike North, DNR
At Heartwood (Crosby) 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Mike North, presenter, will discuss the earliest native population of the area; why and how they lived here; and what evidence remains of their existence, especially in an area bounded by the Mississippi River, Gull Lake, and the Crow Wing River. Who were the earliest non-natives to pass through or settle in the area? What is the significance of Old Crow Wing, Fort Gaines, the Agency site and Gull River Lumber Mill to the area history. How did early transportation affect the area's history? Who were some of the notable individuals of historic importance?

Michael North has worked with the Minnesota DNR for the past 20 years. He continues to research local history in the Brainerd/Crow Wing area.

ELDERQUEST: Friday May 16th and Friday May 23rd
at Heartwood from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Enjoy films featuring mature adults with their challenges and success. Come view and discuss thought-provoking themes and techniques. Registration/fee required.

Robert Yahnke, Phd. Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota will be selecting the films and leading the discussions.

**GREAT DECISIONS:
Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking**
*Monday, May 18th at Heartwood (Crosby)
11:30 am-1:30 pm*

- June -

JUNE 9, 2020 - Genghis Khan and the Mongolian Horde: And their impact on world history, especially Russia: Dr. Jon Wefald
At Heartwood (Crosby) 1:30 to 3:30 pm

How in the middle of the Dark Ages did a 17 year old boy become the first Mongol leader to unite the six warring Mongolian tribes, assemble a 200,000 man mounted army and become master of much of the known world? Genghis Khan did exactly this around 800 years ago as the Mongolian Horde under his leadership conquered the empires of China, the old Persian Empire, most of India, and much of Russia from 1240 AD to around 1500 AD. The world is still feeling the immense impact of his reign and influence which in large part explains the governance of modern Russia (as opposed to most of current-day Europe). Dr. Wefald will uncover many of the mysteries of this powerful and enigmatic man and his undeniable influence in current world affairs.

Jon Wefald holds his Ph.D. in history, is a retired Chancellor for University of Minnesota State and former President of Kansas State University.

**GREAT DECISIONS:
US Relations with the Northern Triangle of Central America**
*Monday, June 15th at Heartwood (Crosby)
11:30 am-1:30 pm*

- July -

July 14 to be determined

**GREAT DECISIONS:
China's road into Latin America**
*Monday, July 20th at Heartwood (Crosby)
11:30 am-1:30 pm*



History

We operate as a non-profit under a joint agreement with the Crosby-Ironton School District. The Program Committee is the heart of the organization. Events are planned in this committee. Members and non-members are encouraged to share ideas for events and become a member of a committee. The Membership and Marketing Committee provides publicity and semi-annual brochures for events and promotes membership. The website and Facebook are managed by volunteers through this committee. The Executive Committee sets policy and maintains finances. It is the representative body of all committees. Volunteerism is the driving force that brings programming to members and non-members in this community. Most speakers as well share their expertise gratis.

Membership fees support events with occasional grants for special series from the Minnesota Humanities Commission, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), Global Minnesota and our local Cuyuna Iron Range Heritage Network.

Support programming for older adults in the Lakes Area by becoming a member.

1 Year Single Membership	\$60.00
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Mail your check to:
Lakes Area Unlimited Learning,
P.O. Box 455
Deerwood, MN 56444.

Please include your mailing address, email, and phone number.

Membership includes participation in all regular programs for no additional charge and a reduced charge for special events. Guests may attend individual regular programs at a cost of \$5.00 per session.

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Programming and Fees include:

- **Unlimited Learning: Monthly Programs**

There are eleven monthly events January-November with 2-hour presentations on second Tuesdays. While some special events are offered without fees, non-members are always welcome for second Tuesday events for \$5.00.

- **Special Interest Groups (SIGS)**

Film Series - 2 Fridays in May

Western Political Philosophy:

2-day seminar Ruttger's

Fees vary for members/non-members

- **Great Decisions 2020**

Unlimited Learning sponsors monthly meetings starting in February 2020 based on the topics and material in Great Decisions as provided by the Foreign Policy Association. Join us in with Great Decisions, so we can discuss foreign policy and international issues in more depth than is usually possible. Put in your order for the Great Decisions publication for \$32. Sessions will start in February and are on the third Monday of the month at eleven thirty at Heartwood, going until one thirty. The first topic will be **climate change**. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Meetings occur in the Conference Center located within the Heartwood Senior Living Community, 500 Heartwood Drive, Crosby, MN.

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